

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

February 2, 2022

Members Present: D. Fanton, K. Demick, G. Barnes, P. Curran, D. Healy, J. Rumpfelt, P. Stockin
(Absent: A. Cyr)

Others Present: T. Boyde, B. Budinger, J. Burdick, A. Carrow, J. Carter, G. Hanchett, B. Harris, S. Havey, J. Henry, K. Hooker, C. Knapp, T. Linn, J. Luckey, S. Pullen, J. Ricci, J. Ricketts-Swales, D. Riehle, D. Root, T. Ross, D. Scholes, T. Shaw

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Public Works Committee Chairman Dwight Fanton at 1:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Rumpfelt, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried to approve the minutes of January 5, 2022.

HIGHWAY

Capital Request for Local Bridge 25-03 in the Town of Ward

Public Works Superintendent Justin Henry requested a Capital Project be established for the Watson Road, Town of Ward, B.I.N. 2215040, Local Bridge #25-03 as follows:

Appropriate to:	H5975.200	\$350,000
	Ward Town Bridge #25-03 Watson Road	
Funding will come from		
	H5120.200 Maintenance of Bridges	\$350,000
Record Town Share from above Project:		
From:	H5120.2300.00	\$ 52,500
	Revenues – Intergovernmental Charges	
To:	H5975.2300.00 Local Town Share	\$ 52,500
Record County Share from above Project:		
From:	H5120.5031.00	\$297,500
	Revenues – Interfund from General A	
To:	H5975.5031.00 County Share	\$297,500

The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Demick, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Capital Request for Local Bridge 20-17 in the Town of Hume

Mr. Henry requested a Capital Project be established for the Higgins Creek Rd, Town of Hume, B.I.N. 2214820, Local Bridge #20-17 as follows:

Appropriate to:	H5976.200	\$350,000
	Hume Town Bridge #20-17 Higgins Creek	

Funding will come from

H5120.200 Maintenance of Bridges \$350,000

Record Town Share from above Project:

From: H5120.2300.00 \$ 52,500

Revenues – Intergovernmental Charges

To: H5976.2300.00 Local Town Share \$ 52,500

Record County Share from above Project:

From: H5120.5031.00 \$297,500

Revenues – Interfund from General A

To: H5976.5031.00 County Share \$297,500

The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Curran, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Capital Request for Local Bridge 09-09 Replacement in the Town of Birdsall

Mr. Henry requested a Capital Project be established for replacement of Local Bridge 09-09, B.I.N. 3330050, on County Road 16, in the Town of Birdsall as follows:

Appropriate to:H5978.200 \$300,000

Birdsall Co #LB 09-09 CR 16

Funding will come from

H5120.200 Maintenance of Bridges \$300,000

Record County Share from above Project:

From: H5120.5031.00 \$300,000

Revenues – Interfund from General A

To: H5978.5031.00 County Share \$300,000

The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Curran, seconded by Legislator Rumfelt, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Capital Request for Local Culvert 26-05 Replacement in the Town of Belfast

Mr. Henry requested a Capital Project be established for Local Culvert 26-05 Replacement in the Town of Belfast as follows:

Appropriate to:H5979.200 \$400,000

Belfast Co #LC 26-05 CR 26

Funding will come from

H5120.200 Maintenance of Bridges \$400,000

Record County Share from above Project:

From: H5120.5031.00 \$400,000

Revenues – Interfund from General A

To: H5979.5031.00 County Share \$400,000

The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Demick, seconded by Legislator Rumpfelt, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Capital Request for Local Culvert 16-26 Replacement in the Town of Angelica

Mr. Henry requested a Capital Project be established for Local Culvert 16-26 Replacement in the Town of Angelica as follows:

Appropriate to:H5977.200		\$400,000
Angelica Co #LC 16-26 CR 16		
Funding will come from		
H5120.200	Maintenance of Bridges	\$400,000
Record County Share from above Project:		
From: H5120.5031.00		\$400,000
Revenues – Interfund from General A		
To: H5977.5031.00	County Share	\$400,000

The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Demick, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Request to Repeal Resolution #30-22 Bridge Replacement

The Department of Public Works requested a resolution to repeal Resolution No. 30-22 as the wrong project number was inadvertently used. The new resolution should reflect the correct information as shown below, approving Supplemental Agreement #2 with the NYSDOT for the replacement of Bridge BIN 2255160, Madison Street over WNY & PA Railroad, Village of Wellsville. These funds cover the cost of Construction/Inspection phase funding. The following adjustment shall be made to the 2022 Budget to appropriate the Federal, State and Town Aid. The County share has been previously appropriated but will be reduced by \$ 18,432 for this project for a total county share of \$92,990. Transfer to be moved to the Equipment Capital.

Budget Adjustment as follows:

Appropriation:

H 5965.200	Wellsville, Madison Street Bridge	\$1,661,315	
H 5197.200	Highway Equipment & Capital Outlays	\$ 18,432	\$ 1,679,747

Revenue:

H 5965.2300.00	Wlsv, Madison St. Bridge-Town Revenue	\$ 13,157	
H 5965.3097.00	Wlsv, Madison St. Bridge-State Revenue	\$ 263,146	
H 5965.4097.00	Wlsv, Madison St. Bridge-Federal Revenue	\$1,403,444	\$ 1,679,747

Journal required to move dollars/cash to reduce county share and deposit to equipment capital:

H 5965.200	Wellsville, Madison Street Bridge	\$ (18,432)
H 5197.200	Highway Equipment & Capital Outlays	\$ 18,432

Reference resolution 141-18 for original appropriation of design phase funding and resolutions 183-18 and 299-20 for additional County funding.

Legislator Barnes asked what the time table would be to complete the project. Mr. Henry stated that the bid had gone out with Twin Tier Constructors returning the lowest bid. Mr. Henry explained

that Twin Tier Constructors had not set an end date, but he anticipates the project will be completed by the end of the year. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Rumpfelt, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Request to Fill Janitor and all Subsequent Positions

Mr. Henry requested approval to fill one full-time Janitor (AFSCME Bargaining Unit, Grade: 9), and all subsequent positions that may become vacant as a result of filling within the Department of Public Works. This position is responsible for the daily cleaning of the Courthouse Complex and minor maintenance of equipment. The annual salary is estimated to be between \$34,185.79 and \$40,331.75, with benefits estimated to be between \$13,356.39 and \$15,757.61. This position is funded with 100 percent County funds and is included in the 2022 Budget. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Rumpfelt, seconded by Legislator Demick, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Request to Fill Cleaner and all Subsequent Positions

Mr. Henry requested approval to fill one full-time Cleaner (AFSCME Bargaining Unit, Grade: 5), and all subsequent positions that may become vacant as a result of filling within the Department of Public Works. This position is responsible for the daily cleaning of the out-buildings owned and operated by the County. The annual salary is estimated to be between \$31,041.19 and \$35,938.45, with benefits estimated to be between \$12,127.79 and \$14,041.15. This position is funded with 100 percent County funds and is included in the 2022 Budget. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Rumpfelt, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Request to Create and Fill Temporary Maintenance Supervisor

Mr. Henry requested to create and fill one full-time Maintenance Supervisor (PEF Bargaining Unit, Grade: 7), and all subsequent positions that may become vacant as a result of filling within the Department of Public Works. This position is responsible for the supervision and technical work involving responsibility of the efficient and economical maintenance and cleaning of a number of County buildings and surrounding grounds. This position has direct supervision over building maintenance mechanics, assistants, janitors, cleaners, and ground workers. The annual salary is estimated to be between \$47,194.42 and \$65,327.99, with benefits estimated to be between \$18,438.86 and \$25,523.65. This position is funded with 100 percent County funds and is included in the 2022 Budget. Mr. Henry explained that the purpose for the temporary position was to facilitate an approximately two-month period for the current supervisor to provide training. County Administrator Carissa Knapp stated that she understood that the temporary position would go away once the current supervisor retired. Mr. Henry replied, yes. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Rumpfelt, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Prepare Resolution & Refer to Ways and Means to Fill**

Old Business

Mr. Henry gave an update on the 08-07 bridge over the Genesee River on County Route 26. Mr. Henry explained that in early January 2022, County forces noticed movement in the western abutment of the bridge. Mr. Henry stated that working with NYSDOT, it was determined that the best course of action was to post a 12-ton weight limit, perform soil borings on site, and install new monitoring points to be able to determine further movement. Mr. Henry explained that this morning, County forces were onsite installing the new monitoring points, and they observed further deterioration of the western abutment. Mr. Henry stated that the County has determined for the safety of the traveling public, this bridge must be closed and has been closed at this time. Mr. Henry explained that since the last Committee meeting, he has had discussions with NYSDOT and received verbal commitment of roughly \$1.8 million toward this project, but at this point in time, they are still

determining exactly what needs to be done and what the estimated cost will be. Mr. Henry stated that they will continue to work with NYSDOT and seek whatever funding they can. Legislator Healy asked for clarification of the possible NYSDOT funding. Mr. Henry explained that it is the typical funding that the County would receive for an SDA project which comes from the same pot as the Federal and State funded projects, and this is the amount that is available at this time. Legislator Healy asked if they had any idea what the total cost of the project will be. Mr. Henry explained they will not know until the final determination is made with what is causing all of the issues. Legislator Healy asked what the length of the detour will be. Mr. Henry explained that they have not had time to post any detours since learning about the situation that morning. Legislator Healy stated that several Legislators were at the County Fire Advisory Board meeting last week, and that there was concern about the distance that everyone, including Emergency Services and local businesses, would have to travel to go around the bridge. Mr. Henry explained that they will post the detours the best they can, and that they are working with all Emergency Services, and that Jeff Luckey has been in communication with everyone involved. County Administrator Carissa Knapp stated that there is a plan in place with both Fire and EMS, and 911 has also updated their records to show that the bridge is out. Mr. Henry stated that Fire, EMS, School Districts, and BOCES also have a plan. Legislator Healy asked if they would be hearing more about this in Public Safety Committee that day. Ms. Knapp replied that she is unsure if Public Safety Committee is addressing it today, but that 911 had previously addressed it, and had maps drawn in anticipation of the planned closure. Ms. Knapp stated that Mr. Luckey passed on information that morning that Fire and EMS have also made plans, and they are ready for this. Mr. Henry explained that this situation just popped up this morning, and Public Safety has not had a lot of time to digest what has happened, but that he will be at Public Safety Committee to answer any questions. Legislator Barnes asked for the age of the bridge. Mr. Henry stated that the bridge was constructed in 1974. Legislator Barnes asked if they were aware that this bridge was a problem before this year. Mr. Henry stated that it has been on the County radar for over a year, and that at the last Public Works Committee meeting, he reported that this bridge had been brought up for the Bridge New York funding for 2021 that they did not receive. Mr. Henry stated that it was November or December of 2020 when they first realized the bridge was having some issues, and they brought in another engineering firm that would perform the evaluations needed to get the information for the submission for the Bridge New York funding. Mr. Henry explained that the issues with the abutment were not realized until January 2022. Ms. Knapp stated that it is fair to say there has been a rapidly changing condition that may not have existed a few months prior. Mr. Henry explained that current circumstances will require additional costs of an engineering firm, County forces, and NYSDOT which performs yearly inspections on the sites. Ms. Knapp stated that the problem with detours is the number of bridges across the Genesee River North of the Expressway. Mr. Henry stated that North of Interstate 86, there are approximately five bridge crossings, with four being County and one Town. Mr. Henry stated that the Town bridge is open, and two of the four County bridges are open. Legislator Barnes asked if this project would push back other projects on the docket today. Mr. Henry explained they will not know until they obtain all of the information for what is truly needed, including evaluating what can be done quickly by internal forces, and what will need to be done with State or Federal money which takes more time. Chairman Philip Stockin stated that this is a critical bridge, and that Belfast Central School will need to go all the way down to the expressway in Angelica and back up to go South. Chairman Stockin stated that if they want to go North, they have to go North of Caneadea across that bridge, and then wind all the way back in to the hills to get back down. Chairman Stockin explained that the bridge is used by the Belfast plows and the Town of Caneadea plows to get to the back side of the river because of the other bridges being closed. This bridge is used constantly by very important things and we have to somehow get this done as fast as possible. Mr. Henry stated that the County has worked with all the Towns involved and has a plan for plowing. Legislator Rumfelt asked if there was a possibility for an onsite detour. Mr. Henry stated that with it being the Genesee River, he could run the numbers, but it would be extremely costly. Mr. Henry explained that in the past they would use old bridge panels to construct temporary detours, but they do not have anything that can span the Genesee River.

New Business

Mr. Henry explained that DPW was informed yesterday by HUNT Engineering that a geotechnical engineering study is needed before engineered drawings for the Friendship Shop project can be released for bidding.

Request for Agreement with Intertek PSI

Public Works Superintendent Justin Henry requested approval to enter into an agreement with Intertek PSI for Geotechnical Engineering Exploration and Infiltration Testing at the proposed new DPW Facility at our Friendship property located at 31 South Branch Street. The scope of work entails five (5) soil borings, two (2) infiltration tests, and preparation of a report with geotechnical recommendations for foundations. Quotes and availability were obtained from four (4) qualified firms and the results are attached for reference. Intertek PSI is the second lowest bidder but can be on site and deliver their report in half the time of the lowest bidder. The difference in cost is roughly \$800, and in our determination is worth the additional fee to move the project along in a timely matter. The estimated total cost is \$11,082. Actual costs will be billed based on soils encountered. Funding will come from the existing Capital Fund H5132 which has adequate funding at this time. DPW will continue to work with the Treasurer's Office, and if additional funding is required, DPW will bring an additional request for funds to the Committee. Legislator Healy asked if Mr. Henry had been in communication with the Town of Friendship, and their different departments in the Town Government that would be concerned with this matter. Mr. Henry stated that he personally had not been in contact, but that agents or other County employees representing them have been in contact with the Town. Legislator Healy asked if the NYSDOT had been contacted. Mr. Henry stated that they have not had any official conversations, but does have monthly meetings with their representative in Friendship. Legislator Healy stated that his concern is that the State of New York may decide to build a new State facility someplace in the neighborhood, and their might have been some sort of a combined utilization, or another facility that might be better suited. Mr. Henry stated that NYSDOT has made some considerable capital investments there including to deal with roofing, but he does not believe they are planning on going anywhere. Mr. Henry stated that in regard to shared facilities, three years ago during discussions surrounding shared services, he had an unofficial conversation and learned that nothing was available for shared services at that time, and does not see why that would have changed. Committee Chairman Dwight Fanton stated that the NYSDOT put in a new facility a few years ago in the Wellsville area. Mr. Henry stated that this facility is centrally located and cannot see that it would be in their best interests, that they have not rearranged the residencies in region six, they combined all of Steuben County and doubts they will do that again. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Demick, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Solid Waste Resident Tags

Mr. Henry stated that he was informed today that the new solid waste resident tags will not be delivered to his office until March 14, 2022. Mr. Henry stated that they are updating the County website to inform the public that they will not be able to do onsite applications for resident tags until that week, but online purchases can still be made, and tags will be mailed out that week as well. Mr. Henry stated that current solid waste tags are valid through the end of March.

Good of the Order

Legislator Healy stated that he had an opportunity to take a closer look at the Weidrick Road Bridge that had been completed for a few months ago. Legislator Healy stated that he was very impressed with the bridge, and it looks like the project turned out very well. Mr. Henry stated that they had a really good onsite construction inspector, and the local contractor L.C. Whitford, did a great job as well. Committee Chairman Dwight Fanton also stated, "kudos to L.C. Whitford for doing a great job." Legislator Barnes asked for an explanation for the three stop signs at that intersection. Mr. Henry explained that it is a 'T' intersection, and an engineering study determined that three stop signs were

necessary for safety reasons. Legislator Barnes stated that in his opinion it should be a yield sign. Mr. Henry stated that the Town can address that with the NYSDOT.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. following a motion made by Legislator Rumfelt, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Linn, Confidential Secretary
Allegany County Board of Legislators