

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

March 2, 2022

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

Others Present: G. Barnes, D. Bigelow, T. Boyde, B. Budinger, J. Burdick, A. Carrow, K. Dirlam,
G. Hanchett, B. Harris, J. Henry, C. Knapp, T. Linn, J. Ricci, J. Ricketts-Swales, B. Riehle, D. Root,
T. Ross, D. Scholes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Public Works Committee Vice-Chairman Kevin "Fred"
Demick at 1:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Rumfelt, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried to approve
the minutes of February 2, 2022.

HIGHWAY

Request to Fill Heavy Motor Equipment Operator II

Public Works Superintendent Justin Henry requested approval to fill one Heavy Motor Equipment
Operator II (HMEO II), (AFSCME Bargaining Unit, Grade: 14, Step: Base to 7), and all subsequent
positions including from the outside due to a retirement in the Department of Public Works. This position
is responsible for the operation of heavy equipment such as gradall, grader, and crane. The annual
salary is estimated to be between \$39,673.09 and \$48,398.06, with benefits estimated to be between
\$15,500.78 and \$18,909.12. 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 Curran, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Resolution Approving Higgins Creek Road, Town of Hume, B.I.N. 2214820 Local Bridge #20-17

Mr. Henry requested a resolution approving County/Town Bridge Share Agreement, authorized
under the County/Town Bridge Cost Share Program- Resolution No. 65-95

Higgins Creek Road, Town of Hume, B.I.N. 2214820, Local Bridge #20-17

Estimated Cost:	\$350,000
Total County Share 85%	\$297,500
Total Town Share 15%	\$ 52,500

FISCAL IMPACT: Already in the 2022 Budget Capital Project H5976

The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Curran,
and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Resolution Approving Watson Road, Town of Ward, B.I.N. 2215040 Local Bridge #25-03

Mr. Henry requested a resolution approving County/Town Bridge Share Agreement, authorized
under the County/Town Bridge Cost Share Program- Resolution No. 65-95

Watson Road, Town of Ward, B.I.N. 2215040, Local Bridge #25-03

Estimated Cost:	\$350,000
Total County Share 85%	\$297,500

Total Town Share 15% \$ 52,500

FISCAL IMPACT: Already in the 2022 Budget Capital Project H5975

The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Rumpfelt, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Request for Contingency Funds to Pave Public Safety Complex Parking Lot

The Department of Public Works requested a resolution approving contingency funds to pave the jail parking lot. This project is recommended by the Superintendent and has County Administrator approval. Contingency funds should be transferred as follows:

From: A1990.429 Contingency \$80,000
To: A3152.412 Public Safety Bldgs & Grounds-Repairs to Real Prop. \$80,000

In addition, Public Works would like permission to award the overlay project to low bidder, Spallina Materials. Please note that the amount requested is higher than the bid to account for asphalt price adjustments realized since the bids were received.

FISCAL IMPACT: **\$80,000**

Legislator Healy asked when the parking lot was last paved. Mr. Henry stated that it had not been paved since initial construction in 2006. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Cyr, seconded by Legislator Rumpfelt, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Request to Award Bids for Bridge Decks

Mr. Henry requested a resolution to award the bids for bridge decks as follows:

Pre-stressed Concrete Bridge Superstructures and Guiderail Systems
Bid Opening Results
February 17, 2022

Contractor	LB #09-09 Total Bid	LB #20-17 Total Bid	LB #25-03 Total Bid
L.C. Whitford Materials Co., Inc	\$139,500	\$206,600	\$107,800

*L.C.Whitford Materials Co, Inc. was the sole bidder. County Engineer reviewed bid.

The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Rumpfelt, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried.

SOLID WASTE

Request for Public Hearing for Purchase of 2023 Kenworth T800

The Department of Public Works requested a resolution setting a date for a Public Hearing for the purpose of establishing an appropriation of funds for the purchase of a 2023 Kenworth T800 day cab tractor for use at the landfill:

Appropriate funds from:
A883.0000 - Solid Waste Reserve Fund \$158,000

Appropriate funds to:
A8160.204 – Solid Waste Motor Vehicles \$158,000

Committee Vice Chairman Demick asked County Treasurer Terri Ross to explain the reason for the public hearing. Ms. Ross explained that when the landfill was established, a reserve account was set up to be used for expenses of the landfill. Ms. Ross explained that there is also an account set up for use of the landfill closure, but we do not want to use those funds for this truck purchase. Ms. Ross also explained that it was necessary to order the truck and do not anticipate it coming until the end of the year. Legislator Healy asked if this truck would fit into the Enterprise Lease Agreement. Ms. Ross replied, "no." The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Rumfelt, seconded by Legislator Cyr, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Request to Fill Maintenance Supervisor

Public Works Superintendent Justin Henry requested approval to fill one Maintenance Supervisor, (PEF Bargaining Unit, Grade: 7), and all subsequent positions including from the outside in 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. The position will have direct supervision over Building Maintenance Mechanics, Assistants, Janitors, Cleaners, and Ground workers. The annual salary is estimated to be \$47,194.42, with benefits estimated to be \$18,438.86. This position is funded with 100 percent County funds and is included in the 2022 Budget. Legislator Healy noted that all of the requests had been reviewed and approved by the Department Head, Personnel Officer, and County Administrator. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Rumfelt, seconded by Legislator Cyr, and carried.

Refer to Ways and Means

Request to Fill Building Maintenance Mechanic

Public Works Superintendent Justin Henry requested approval to fill one Building Maintenance Mechanic, (AFSCME Bargaining Unit, Grade: 15, Step: Base to 7), and all subsequent positions including from the outside in the Department of Public Works. This position performs a variety of building maintenance and repair tasks at a skilled nature such as: repairs to plumbing, electrical wiring, mechanical equipment and machinery, refrigeration, air conditioning, kitchen equipment, boilers, pumps, compressors, and other jobs as needed to meet the goals of the department. The annual salary is estimated to be between \$40,907.78 and \$50,996.73, with benefits estimated to be between \$15,982.67 and \$19,924.42. 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 Cyr, seconded by Legislator Rumfelt, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Old Business

CR 26 Bridge Update

Mr. Henry stated that since Governor Kathy Hochul released \$8.6 million for the County Route 26 Bridge replacement over the Genesee River in Belfast, DPW has been working with the NYSDOT Regions 6, and the initial project proposal has been completed. Mr. Henry stated that they should be able to have a resolution to present with an agreement for the State and Local shares in the near future. Legislator Healy asked if this funding was 100 percent State funds. Mr. Henry replied that the funding at this point is from Federal funds. Mr. Henry stated that the initial project proposal is what sets the

estimated time-frame, and he anticipates once the agreement has been approved, construction should begin at the end of 2023 or early 2024. Legislator Harris stated that the Governor's press release stated that the funding would be a combination of State, Federal, and local funds. Mr. Henry stated that it will be like a typical LDSA project which is a combination of Federal, State, and Local funding with approximately 5 percent local costs. County Treasurer Terri Ross pointed out that she has reached out to our Senator for the breakdown of the funds, but she has not received a response at this point. Ms. Ross stated that in the past, a bridge like this usually will see a 5-10 percent match in funding.

New Business

CR 15 Bridge Replacement (Town of Allen) Award Recognition

Mr. Henry stated that they received a well-deserved APWA 2021 Award of Merit from the Executive Board of the WNY Branch of the American Public Works Association regarding the management of the County Road 15 Bridge replacement project. Mr. Henry stated that the design, management, and construction was 100 percent by Allegany County forces. Mr. Henry stated that the total cost for the replacement was approximately \$600,000, and was funded 100 percent by Allegany County. Mr. Henry stated that the actual cost at project completion was \$582,250 for a savings of nearly \$78,000 on the project. Mr. Henry stated that his gratitude goes out to Allegany County Engineer Thomas Windus, and he also recognized the following for their efforts with the project:

- Bridge Crew Foreman Wayne Enders
- Crane Operator Rick Bearing
- Heavy Motor Equipment Operator II Josh Schutt
- Heavy Motor Equipment Operator I Ryan Slocum
- Heavy Motor Equipment Operator I Eric Coleman

Mr. Henry also took a moment to acknowledge all of the individuals that aided with the completion of this project. Mr. Henry also acknowledged the participation of Benjamin Beardsley, as he is not part of the DPW, but was instrumental with putting the application together. Mr. Henry stated that Mr. Beardsley is overdue for recognition for the multiple times he has dedicated his own time helping the County take advantage of opportunities to the benefit of Allegany County. Mr. Henry brought a display board with various photos of the project as well as the complete application and proposal process, and asked the Board members to please take a look. Legislator Cyr thanked Mr. Henry for all of the efforts by everyone involved with the CR 15 Bridge Replacement project.

Good of the Order

Legislator Healy stated that he had previously shared a magazine article with the Public Works Committee regarding alternatives to traditional bridge construction, and wondered if anyone had a chance to review the article. Mr. Henry stated that he had read the article, that this is on his radar, but has not had an opportunity to make any requests from the railroads. Legislator Healy stated that the idea could certainly be used for smaller bridges. Mr. Henry stated that it could create a significant savings. Legislator Healy stated that the article claims a savings of approximately 60 percent.

2022-2023 Executive Budget Transportation Overview

Committee Vice Chairman Kevin "Fred" Demick stated that the budget review for 2022-2023 will be coming up on April 1 and this will be the first time in quite some time that there has been a 5-year plan from the Executive Budget for local highway funds to include: CHIPS, Pave NY, Bridge NY, and a new POP "Pave our Potholes." Legislator Demick stated that it is nice to see some of these increases, as we will probably not see any of this infrastructure funding at our levels, and this is one way that Allegany County may receive some of this funding. Legislator Demick stated that there will be many talks at the upcoming NYSAC conference where the Transportation Committee is looking for increases over the next five years above and beyond the Executive Budget, and we will also send a resolution for an increase.

Legislator Demick encouraged the Board to mention this to any State Legislative members should they have the opportunity to do so. Ms. Debra Bigelow stated that she was looking at the Bridge NY chart and wondered if all the money that was designated for culverts in 2021 was spent. Mr. Henry stated that the money had not necessarily been spent, that it has been allocated through the Bridge NY program awards. Ms. Bigelow asked if the funds have already been used up. Mr. Henry replied that the projects are still in the early phases. Ms. Bigelow stated that the numbers are shocking. Mr. Henry stated that the funding is doled out by a type of lotter system for lack of a better term. Legislator Demick stated that it generally takes 2-3 years for everything to come together through the State process, and everything costs more because of that State process as compared to the local process, that there are hoops to jump through but the money is still available. Ms. Bigelow stated that there is a huge gap from when the money was awarded. Mr. Henry stated that it definitely demonstrates the need for the funding, and one of the reasons they are looking at doubling the allocation funds. Mr. Henry referenced the second attachment that was distributed and pointed out that the Executive Proposal shows the 2022-2027 request from both New York State County Highway Superintendents Association and the Town Superintendents Association combined. Legislator Demick stated that there is Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR) funding that is not always included up-front, and this is the first time it appears in the Budget prior to advocating for it. Legislator Demick stated this is a plus, because they are finally realizing that 85 percent of our local roads and bridges are deficient. Mr. Henry stated that if the Executive Budget goes through, it would equate to approximately 47 percent of increased funding on top of the increase received last year.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m. following a motion made by Legislator Rumfelt, seconded by Legislator Cyr, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Linn, Confidential Secretary
Allegany County Board of Legislators