

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
August 3, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Public Works Committee Chairman Dwight Fanton at 1:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Committee Chairman Dwight Fanton.

Roll Call: D. Fanton, K. Demick, G. Barnes, P. Curran, A. Cyr, D. Healy, J. Rumfelt, P. Stockin

Other Attendees: T. Boyde, B. Budinger, J. Burdick, A. Carrow, G. Hanchett, B. Harris, S. Havey, C. Knapp, T. Linn, J. Ricci, J. Ricketts-Swales, B. Riehle, T. Ross, D. Scholes, T. Windus

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Legislator Demick, seconded by Legislator Rumfelt, and carried out to approve the minutes of July 6, 2022.

Appointment of Thomas H. Windus as County Superintendent of Public Works

County Administrator Carissa Knapp requested a resolution to appoint Thomas H. Windus as County Superintendent of Public Works for a term of four years. The annual salary of the County Superintendent of Public Works shall be \$130,000, and a resolution is also requested to amend the Section IV Salary to reflect that salary. Committee Chairman Fanton thanked Mr. Windus for stepping up and that he looked forward to working with him. Ms. Knapp thanked Mr. Windus and Mr. Scholes for working well together in the interim, and that they have done a great job. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Rumfelt, seconded by Legislator Demick, and carried. **Refer to Personnel**

Bridge Update

Mr. Windus gave an update for several local bridge projects as follows:

- Local Bridge 20-17 Higgins Creek Road in the Town of Hume - completed the South abutment, moving to the North abutment this week, scheduled completion by end of September
- Madison Street Bridge in the Town of Wellsville – redesign will now be a rehabilitation design due to limited funds, still planning to send it out for bid this Winter
- Pine Street Bridge in the Town of Alfred – NYSDOT is waiting for the County to give them the go-ahead for bidding, current engineer's estimated construction cost is \$3.1 million with only \$2.5 million of available funds
- North Main Street Bridge in the Town of Andover – moving forward with the design, but waiting to hold a public hearing
- County Route 26 Bridge in the Town of Belfast – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) agreed that it is an emergency and will allow a two-part approach to move the demolition up front, planning to start demolition before Winter

Legislator Barnes asked why the bid for the Madison Street Bridge was stopped. Mr. Windus explained that the contractor brought up concerns with the design. Mr. Windus stated that the design had gone to the DOT in Albany who then determined that the design was inappropriate for that road. Mr. Windus explained that the design was for a road used on a limited basis, but that 1,100 vehicles travel that road on average each day. Mr. Windus stated that they should never have been allowed to use that abutment system. Mr. Windus stated that they are looking at alternatives with different abutment systems, but since there are limited funds, they are looking to rehab the current abutment system.

Legislator Healy asked for a breakdown of the funding. Mr. Windus stated that funding is broken down between 80 percent Federal funds, 15 percent State funds, and 5 percent local funds.

Road Work

Mr. Windus stated that paving on County Routes 13, 13A, 13B, 13C, and 14 were completed. Mr. Windus stated that they also completed paving and signage at the intersection of County Route 3 and 36 with the new alignment and traffic patterns and that he brought pictures to show how it turned out. Mr. Windus stated that chip sealing had been completed on County Routes 2B, 19, 27B, and 43. Mr. Windus stated that the paving of County Routes 5, 5A, and 5C are scheduled for later this month.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Department of Public Works Acting Superintended Dean Scholes stated that they are holding the 23rd annual Household Hazardous Waste Day on September 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Landfill. Mr. Scholes stated that pre-registration is required and that Allegany County residents should contact Tim Palmiter at the Landfill office at 585-268-7282 to register.

PaintCare Program

Mr. Scholes stated that they are partnering with PaintCare Program for Household Hazardous Waste Day this year. Mr. Scholes explained that PaintCare Program is a non-profit organization that helps recycle residential paint products nationwide. Committee Chairman Fanton asked if residents can bring paint that they are not using to this event at no charge. Mr. Windus replied, "correct."

New Transfer Station Schedule

Mr. Scholes reminded everyone that they will be going to a new transfer station schedule beginning September 1, 2022. Mr. Scholes explained that the Bolivar and Canaseraga transfer stations will have an extra day, and the Alfred transfer station will lose a day. Mr. Scholes stated that the traffic and tonnage counts warranted this change and that there will be a total of 21 days of service, rather than 20 days of service for transfer stations to be open to the public. Mr. Scholes stated that the new schedule will be available on the website.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Update

Mr. Scholes requested a resolution to renew an agreement with Labella. Mr. Scholes stated that for \$3,300, Labella will update the old SWPPP and look into alternative stormwater collection options, with one of those options being to get the ponds away from County Route 48. Mr. Scholes also stated that Labella also performs the post-water quality sampling of the site. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Cyr, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Town of Friendship-Sanitary Sewer SEQR

Mr. Scholes stated that the Town of Friendship is planning to upgrade its wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Scholes requested a resolution approving the Town of Friendship as the lead sponsor for the sanitary sewer SEQR process. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Permission to Bid Sand/Salt Hauling

Mr. Windus requested permission to bid on the sand/salt hauling for the year. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Demick, seconded by Legislator Cyr, and carried.

Road Use Agreement (Independence Solar)

The Department of Public Works requested a resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Legislators, on behalf of Allegany County, to enter into a Road Use Agreement with OYA Renewable Construction Holdings, 2, LLC, which is the owner of OYA Independence East, LLC, OYA Independence Road, LLC, and OYA Independence North, LLC, all limited liability companies, and which has an office located at 144 Front Street West, Unit 700, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2I7 Canada, for two solar projects located in the Town of Independence, Allegany County, New York, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney's Office. Allegany County shall grant OYA Renewable Construction Holdings and its companies a non-exclusive right and permission to use County roads and right-of-ways identified in the Road Use Agreement during the initial construction and installation phase of the solar projects. OYA Renewable Construction Holdings shall provide Allegany County with a bond for \$149,000, which Allegany County shall be authorized to demand payment from and against to recover any amounts due for repair to County roads and/or bridges used during the construction of the solar projects by the terms and conditions of the Road Use Agreement. The parties also agree that OYA Renewable Construction Holdings shall apply to Allegany County for another permit, and to enter into another Road Use Agreement, if necessary, for the decommissioning of the solar projects when such time arises. Legislator Demick asked if this agreement covers one or two solar farms. Mr. Windus stated that it covers both, with one of them being directly off of County Route 22 and the other one being off the town road, but that they both use the same section of County Route 22. Legislator Burdick asked if this agreement will become standard policy for future projects that will use County roads. Ms. Carrow stated that this agreement is a template that the County will be using, but it will have to be negotiated and tailored for each project. Legislator Healy asked if this agreement needed to go to the full Board for approval. Ms. Carrow stated that it will go to the full Board. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Rumpfelt, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Genesee River Kayak Portage at CR 26 Bridge

Mr. Windus explained that the County owns property on that corner, but given the condition of the bridge, they did not feel it was prudent to do any work there at this point. Mr. Windus stated that there is portage approximately 3 miles up the Genesee River off of State Route 19 at the intersection of County Route 49 just South of Caneadea with available parking. Mr. Windus stated that if they can get the demolition completed this Winter, then they would take the signage down for next Summer for people to be able to utilize that location once again.

Snow and Ice Agreements

Mr. Windus stated that the draft agreement has been reviewed by the County Attorney and that they have a meeting with the Town Highway Superintendents Association tomorrow to make sure everyone is in agreement, and by next month they will bring the agreement to the Public Works Committee for approval.

Friendship Shop Update

Mr. Windus stated that he handed out the geothermal energy option report to the Legislators. Mr. Windus stated that they have asked representatives from HUNT Engineering to be here next Wednesday for the Committee of the Whole meeting to answer any questions, and talk about what will be included in the project going forward. Mr. Windus stated that they will be meeting with a HUNT Engineer tomorrow morning and will be spending the day investigating and analyzing all of the buildings currently there to determine any issues that can be added to the cost for any renovations to existing buildings. Mr. Windus stated that the waterline survey has been completed and the design is in process.

CRANE

Mr. Windus stated that the crane has been delivered and that he brought pictures.

Renewal of Agreement with NYS Unified Court System

The Department of Public Works requested a resolution approving the SFY 2022-2023 agreement with the New York State Unified Court System to provide reimbursement for the cleaning and minor repairs of the court facilities. The yearly revenue from this agreement is approximately \$255,936 and is in the 2022 Budget. Committee Chairman Fanton asked if County Treasurer Terri Ross had reviewed this agreement. Ms. Ross stated that she had not reviewed it, but that it is the standard agreement that was done in the past. Committee Chairman Fanton asked if it includes our reimbursement number. Ms. Ross stated that it included revenue of approximately \$250,000. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Demick, seconded by Legislator Cyr, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Request to Fill Auto Partsperson

Department of Public Works Acting Superintendent Dean Scholes requested permission to fill one full-time Automotive Partsperson (AFSCME bargaining unit, Grade: 13) and all subsequent positions in the Department of Public Works. The annual salary is estimated to be between \$38,466.06 and \$46,559.76, with benefits estimated to be between \$16,786.59 and \$20,318.68. 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 Rumfelt, seconded by Legislator Demick, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Request to Fill HMEO I

Department of Public Works Acting Superintendent Dean Scholes requested permission to fill one full-time Heavy Motor Equipment Operator I (AFSCME bargaining unit, Grade: 13, Step: Base to 7) and all subsequent positions in the Department of Public Works. The annual salary is estimated to be between \$38,466.06 and \$46,559.76, with benefits estimated to be between \$16,786.59 and \$20,318.68. 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**

Mr. Scholes stated that he and Mr. Windus would like to recognize Building Maintenance Supervisor Dan Moyer for an outstanding job, that he hit the ground running, and that they are very pleased with his hard work.

Mr. Windus stated that he and Mr. Scholes would also like to recognize and thank Confidential Secretary Lea Dorrett for going above and beyond while they have been short-staffed in the office, that she has done a great job, and her efforts are greatly appreciated.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Linn, Confidential Secretary
Allegany County Board of Legislators