

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: JUNE 22, 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: CONOVER
HOGAN
DICKINSON
THOMAS
BRUNO
GERAGHTY

OTHERS PRESENT:

KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
TIM BENWAY, DIRECTOR, PARKS, RECREATION & RAILROAD
RACHEL E. SEEBER, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
ROBERT TERWILLIGER, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR MERLINO

SUPERVISORS BEATY
BRAYMER
DRISCOLL
LEGETT
MAGOWAN
STROUGH
WILD

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOANNE CONLEY, DIRECTOR, TOURISM DEPARTMENT
LEISA GRANT, PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK, TOURISM DEPARTMENT
KRISTIN HANIFIN, DEVELOPMENT/EVENT COORDINATOR, TOURISM DEPARTMENT
ROBERT BLAIS, MAYOR, VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE
KEITH LANFEAR, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE
REPRESENTING ICE CASTLES:
JARED HENNINGSSEN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
KYLE STANDIFIRD, VICE PRESIDENT OF EVENTS
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
MOLLY GANOTES, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the June 22, 2021 meeting of the Public Works Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Note: As per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1: "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed". All of the Committee members were physically present.

Mr. Conover called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 10:52 a.m.

Prior to commencing the agenda review, Mr. Conover called for a motion to approve the minutes of the prior Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board. The necessary motion was made by Ms. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously.

Commencing the review of the Parks, Recreation & Railroad agenda, Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, presented the following requests:

1. To fill the vacant position of Building Maintenance Worker #8, *Grade 7, Base Annual Salary \$33,600*, due to promotion.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and forward same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. A copy of the *Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position form* is on file with the minutes.

2. To extend the existing contract with the South Warren Snowmobile Club Inc. and the City of Glens Falls to provide licensing use of trails in the City of Glens Falls and trail development and maintenance for the term commencing July 1, 2021 and terminating June 30, 2022.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 16th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

3. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$3,600 to reflect receipt of funds donated by the Lewis Trust.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

4. To authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$543.01 from Budget Code A899.00, *Reserve, County Railroad Repair*, to Budget Code A.7113 413, *Railroad, Repair and Maint-Bldg/Property*, to cover the cost of a well pump at the Thurman Station.

A discussion ensued during which Mr. Conover directed Mr. Hajos to work with Mr. Thomas on developing a plan to present at the next Committee meeting to set aside some funding for general railroad maintenance, with minimal costs, such as this occurrence, without requiring further approval from the Committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

5. To amend fee schedule for Up Yonda Environmental Education Center to include the addition of virtual and outreach programs as outlined in the agenda attachment.

A brief discussion ensued, following which a motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 16th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Moving on to the Referral/Pending Item relating to the County-owned Railroad property that the Town of Johnsbury had expressed an interest in acquiring, Ms. Hogan informed she was awaiting the results of a survey the Town had completed on the property late last week before making a decision.

Discussion was held relative to an email distributed to the full Board regarding the status of the STB (*Surface Transportation Board*) Railroad abandonment proceeding, during which an update on the proceedings was provided by the Acting County Attorney, indicating that the STB was holding off until a determination was made as to whether the Trustee of the bankruptcy could sell the rights for use of the tracks to the north of the North Creek Station as an asset.

Proceeding to the review of the Public Works agenda, Mr. Hajos presented the following requests:

1. To authorize the Superintendent of Public Works to proceed with Eminent Domain procedures (if necessary) for Capital Project H386, *CR 7 Over Halfway Creek Bridge Replacement*, without the need to hold a separate public meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 16th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. To increase Capital Project H390, *County Bridge & Culvert Projects*, in the amount of \$260,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward

same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

3. To fill the vacant position of MEO (M) #14, *Grade 9, Base Annual Salary \$36,214*, due to promotion.
4. To fill the vacant position of MEO (M) #23, *Grade 9, Base Annual Salary \$36,214*, due to promotion.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously to approve agenda Items 3 and 4 as outlined above and refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *Copies of the Notices of Intent to Fill Vacant Position forms are on file with the minutes.*

5. To authorize agreements with various municipalities for 2022 roadway maintenance (snow and ice removal) including a category for equipment improvement.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 16th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

6. To amend the existing grant agreement with the NYS DOT (*New York State Department of Transportation*) to include Supplemental Agreement No. 4 for Capital Project H322, *Palisades Road over Brant Lake Inlet Bridge (CR 26)*, in the amount of \$2,705,337 for a term commencing upon execution by both parties and terminating upon completion of the work.
7. To increase Capital Project H396, *East River Drive (CR 16) & Call Street (CR 32) Rehabilitation*, in the amount of \$2,572,333.
8. To amend the existing contract with Greenman Pedersen, Inc. to include Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for construction support and construction inspection services for Capital Project H396, *East River Drive (CR 16) & Call Street (CR 32) Rehabilitation*, in the amount of \$244,742.
9. To authorize a new contact with the with the lowest responsible bidder for construction contract for Capital Project H396, *East River Drive (CR 16) & Call Street (CR 32) Rehabilitation*, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC 26-21) and proposal for a term commencing upon execution by both parties and terminating 60 days after issuing Notice to Proceed.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to approve agenda Items 6-9 as outlined above and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the July 16th Board meeting on Items 6, 8 and 9 and Item 7 was referred to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Proceeding to the Discussion Items portion of the agenda, updates were provided on four Federal Aid projects that work would commence on this year which included: the Palisades Road Over Brant Lake Inlet Bridge (CR 26); the Oxbow Hill Road and Moon Hill Road (CR 63) Rehabilitation and Reconstruction project; the East River Drive (CR 16) & Call Street (CR 32) Rehabilitation Project; and the CR 32 Over Bennie Brook Culvert Replacement Project. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the increasing costs of County road and bridge projects.

An update was provided on the process for the Middleton Bridge (CR 10) Over Schroon River Project and the criteria for the process to advertise the current Middleton Bridge for sale for six months and advise of the significant stipulations attached to the purchase of this bridge to restore it somewhere.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously, Mr. Conover adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist
(*as transcribed by Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board*)