

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: JANUARY 24, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS CONOVER
DICKINSON
BRUNO
THOMAS
MERLINO
WILD

OTHERS PRESENT:

KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DEAN MOORE, DIRECTOR, PARKS, RECREATION & RAILROAD
KRISTEN WILDE, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR, UP YONDA FARM
THOMAS SZABO, SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING COMPLIANCE OFFICER
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS LEGGETT
MAGOWAN
STROUGH
WILD
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR BRAYMER

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the January 24, 2023 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>

Mr. Conover called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson and Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the minutes of the last Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the Parks, Recreation & Railroad; Solid Waste & Recycling; and DPW agendas were distributed to those in attendance, copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

The Committee commenced with a review of the Parks, Recreation & Railroad agenda, which included the following requests:

1. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$6,300 to reflect receipt of donations from the Pearsall Foundation, Common Roots Foundation and the Lewis Global Village Charitable Trust.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson and Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. To authorize a new contract with Andrew Precetti (*Glamp ADK, LLC*) in the lump sum amount of \$27,750 for use of the Warren County Fairgrounds over the term commencing June 7, 2023 and terminating September 17, 2023.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Conover called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson and Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

3. To ratify the actions taken in submission of a grant application, and authorizing agreement with the NY State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for the Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquaria grant program for funding in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 (\$15,000/4 years) to supplement the natural heritage educational programming.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Merlino to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Conover called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr.*

Dickinson and Ms. Braymer absent) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Dickinson entered the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

A review of the Discussion Items section of the agenda commenced with the following:

1. Spring Zing returns to Warren County Fish Hatchery: Review of agenda attachment.
2. Occ Tax - Town of Bolton: Appreciation to Town of Bolton for the Occupancy Tax donation made to Up Yonda Farm for Summer Series programs.

There being no further Parks, Recreation & Railroad business to discuss, Committee commenced with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items portion of the Solid Waste & Recycling agenda, which included the following requests:

1. To authorize submission of a grant application, and any subsequent agreement, to NYS DEC Household Hazardous Waste program in an amount not to exceed \$10,544.25 (50% total 2022 reimbursable costs) for a term commencing upon execution and terminating upon completion.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Merlino to approve the request as presented; following discussion and upon suggestion from Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, Messrs. Thomas and Merlino amended their motions to provide the same authority for the next five years. Mr. Conover called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. Ratifying submission of a grant application, and authorizing any subsequent grant agreement, to the Environmental Protection Agency for a total amount not to exceed \$1,700,000 (100% EPA funding) to support the recycling program for a term commencing upon execution and terminating upon completion.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Dickinson to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Conover called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

A review of the Discussion Items commenced with the following:

1. Organics Management Plan - Update.

There being no further Solid Waste & Recycling business to discuss, Committee commenced with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items portion of the Department of Public Works agenda, which included the following requests:

1. To fill the position of Sign Maintenance Supervisor, *Grade 17, Base Annual Salary \$56,356*, due to retirement.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Conover called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer 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 fill the position of HEO #9, *Grade 10, Base Annual Salary \$47,667*.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Conover called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer 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.*

3. To fill the position of Highway Construction Supervisor I #4, *Grade 12, Base Annual Salary \$48,983*.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer 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.*

4. To fill the position of MEO (M) #4, *Grade 9, Base Annual Salary \$46,090*, due to promotion.
5. To fill the position of MEO (M) #7, *Grade 9, Base Annual Salary \$46,090*, due to resignation.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the requests as outlined above and refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *Copies of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position forms are on file with the minutes.*

6. To fill the position of MEO (L) #6, *Grade 7, Base Annual Salary \$43,187*, due to promotion.
7. To fill the position of MEO (L) #13, *Grade 7, Base Annual Salary \$43,187*, due to resignation.
8. To fill the position of MEO (L) #33, *Grade 7, Base Annual Salary \$43,187*, due to promotion.

Motion was made by Mr. Merlino and seconded by Mr. Dickinson to approve the requests as presented; following discussion, Mr. Conover called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the requests as outlined above and refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *Copies of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position forms are on file with the minutes.*

9. To transfer of funds in the amount of \$38,808.65 from Budget Code D.5112.8346 280, *Co Roads, 2022 CR#46 Atateka Drive*, to Budget Code D.5112 8345 280, *Co Roads, 2022 CR#53 Watering Tub Road*, to cover requested increases in CR 53 Road Project.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

10. To amend the existing grant with NYSDOT in an amount not to exceed \$11,799,906 to add construction funding for PIN 1761.47, *Quaker Road (CR 47 & 70) Pavement Preservation*, in the Town of Queensbury (H404).
11. To amend the contract with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. in an amount not to exceed an increase of \$1,439,184 to include Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for PIN 1761.47, *Quaker Road (CR 47 & CR 70) Pavement Preservation*, in the Town of Queensbury (H404).
12. To increase Capital Project No. H404, *Quaker Road (CR47/CR70) Pavement Preservation*, in the Town of Queensbury, in the amount of \$11,799,906.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the requests as presented; following discussion, Mr. Conover called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the requests as outlined above and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the February 17th Board meeting for Items 10 and 11; Item 12 was referred to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

13. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$267.55 to reflect insurance recovery payment for stop sign repair.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

A review of the Discussion Items commenced with the following being addressed:

1. Bridge Projects.
2. Old State Route 9.
3. Warrensburg School District connection to County Sewer Force Main.

Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, apprised the Committee of his nomination to serve as Second Vice President of the New York State County Highway Superintendents Association, adding this would lead to successive annual appointments as First Vice President and President. He advised this appointment would require him to attend five major events which would have no impact on his duties as Superintendent of Public Works.

Discussion ensued with regard to the New York State CDL drivers salary and the impact that had on the County and Towns shortage of CDL drivers.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mr. Magowan who commended Mr. Hajos on his nomination.

Mr. Conover informed a resolution was necessary authorizing Mr. Hajos to serve as Second Vice President of the New York State County Highway Superintendents Association, as well as any subsequent appointment which may occur as a result of this position.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer absent*) and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board meeting.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mr. Leggett who inquired about the snow and ice removal reimbursement to Towns.

Mr. Dickinson exited the meeting at 10:31 a.m. and re-entered the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to the shortage of CDL drivers.

There being no further business to come before the Public Works Committee, on motion made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer absent*), Mr. Conover adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board