

MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 8:30 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Chatfield, Kolczynski, Spickerman, Verno, Emmel and Groat, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Ken Blake, Public Works Superintendent Kevin Rooney and Deputy Superintendent Scott Kolczynski.

Supervisors approved minutes from the December 2nd Committee meeting.

The agenda included a copy of the monthly Weights and Measures report. During December, the Weights and Measures Director visited 27 establishments testing over 230 devices.

Supervisors received information from the Soil and Water Conservation District Office prior to today's meeting. Funding for the 2020-2021 fourth quarter will be partially allocated as long as the District achieves set performance measures. Notice was received of funding from the State Department of Environmental Conservation for the Beaver Creek Tributary to Port Bay Project. Review of Ag Districts and Harvesting Programs is underway prior to establishing 2021 programs. The packet contained schedules for REDI Initiative Programs at Port Bay and Blind Sodus Bay. A copy of the Wayne County Soil and Water District By-Laws was also included in the packet.

The Public Works Superintendent presented the following transmittals:

--Authorization to establish 2021 building maintenance charges. A list of employee titles and hourly costs were included in the request. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to establish hourly wages for 2021 seasonal positions. A list of positions and hourly rates were included in the request. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to declare three vehicles and two pieces of equipment surplus and sold through public auction. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an indemnification agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for special hauling permits, divisible load overweight permits and/or restricted vehicle permits. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to create highway projects for 2021. The request includes \$250,000 for road surface treatment. The status of CHIPS funding in 2021 was questioned. Mr. Rooney said he will be scheduling projects throughout the year to make sure funding will be received. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to sell surplus County property to an adjacent landowner in the Town of Palmyra. The Committee reviewed a map of the property in question. The individual requesting the property will provide the County with survey documents and pay \$1,000 per acre for this unused parcel of land. Mr. Rooney stated the property can legally be sold to an adjacent property owner for fair market value. Approved 5-0

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--Authorization to accept the low bid for tree removal from Split Rite for \$1,199. The contract includes an extension if the price remains the same. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to declare the Crescent Beach REDI Project a Type 1 Action that will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. The project will involve construction on land where the depth to water is less than three feet. The project may involve construction that continues for more than one year, it may result in increased erosion and/or may be within a Coastal Erosion Hazard Area. This environmental action reviewed the impacts the project could have on surface water, flooding, plants and animals, aesthetic resources, historic and archaeological resources, open space, recreation, noise, odor and light. Mr. Rooney stated the County cannot submit for payment on a REDI Project until a SEQR document, that involved a lot of engineering and environmental review, is complete. The County will also have to provide cost estimates that consultants have provided on the project to the State and documentation that shows the County is responsible for the project before reimbursements will be issued. Mr. Rooney said he will make a request for project funding once this document is approved. A copy of the environmental impact study was included with the agenda. Approved 5-0.

Supervisor Kolczynski questioned if the County would be opening their parks and beaches this year. Mr. House said the County will wait for the Governor's directive on the issue. He believes if the Coronavirus continues as it is, County parks and beaches will not be opened. Mr. Verno noted the County will still need to have some staff to keep County parks clean.

Scott Kolczynski said modifications to 30 Church Street are nearing completion. The District Attorney's Office will be relocating to that space later this month.

Supervisors were informed bids have been let for 9 Pearl Street first floor renovations and will be opened on the 21st of the month.

Supervisor Kolczynski noted difficulty the Town of Savannah is having in hiring CDL operators for plowing snow. He questioned if County staff could be utilized to assist the Town as needed. Mr. Rooney stated there are Union regulations that must be followed for this action to occur. Mr. Verno questioned if a contract could be established between towns and the County to share these services. Mr. Rooney said he would review this issue with the Human Resource Office and his staff.

Supervisor Kolczynski questioned if the County would have grounds to sue the State for not sending 20% of municipality's 2020 appropriation for road projects. He named the many organizations the County pays membership dues to, questioning if any group is considering a class action lawsuit against the State. Mr. House noted the State is holding Federal Medicaid funds that were meant for counties.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3rd at 8:30 a.m.