

MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 8:30 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Chatfield and Spickerman and Fiscal Assistant Ken Blake, via Zoom: Supervisors Kolczynski, Verno, Emmel, Jacobs, Groat, Eygnor and Miller, Public Works Superintendent Kevin Rooney, Deputy Superintendent Scott Kolczynski and Soil and Water Conservation District Director Lindsey Gerstenslager.

Supervisors approved minutes from the March 3rd Committee meeting.

The monthly activities report for Weights and Measures was distributed with the agenda. During March a total of 35 establishments were visited, over 100 devices were inspected and 55 lots were package checked. Four audit inspections, one full inspection and four re-inspections on price scanning were conducted.

Mrs. Gerstenslager updated members on the following projects:

- The District has been working with the County's Emergency Management Office to complete the Hazard Mitigation Plan update for natural resources in Wayne County.
- The 2021 Annual Forever Green Tree Sale sold out a week before the end of the sale; over 165 customers purchased 15,000 trees, shrubs, ground cover and perennial plant packs. This year, pollinator seed packs were sold as well.
- The Fish Sale is currently going on. Information for landowners regarding managing ponds on their property can be found at: <https://waynecountynysoilandwater.org/product-category/fish-sale/>
- Three farm projects are underway to support water quality and climate resiliency including two barnyards for nutrient controls and a pasture rotational grazing system for soil health.
- The Aquatic Vegetative Control Program is looking to hire one more crew member. Due to funding restrictions, staff will work a 32-hour workweek Monday-Thursday for 16 weeks to be able to manage all 27 areas of the five waterbodies.
- Ag Drainage completed the first project along Ryder Road; there are 12 projects on the list for this year.
- REDI projects for Port Bay and Blind Sodus Bay have reached 60% of design and have received comments. The Port Bay consulting team is reviewing the comments and working with the US Coast Guard on re-orientation of the Port Bay Channel. Blind Sodus Bay project teams are meeting on Friday to review projects together and discuss the tie-in for both pieces.

The following transmittals were presented for the Public Works Department:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with DBI Services for roadside spraying for a price not to exceed \$8,166. Approved 5-0.

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--Authorization to declare two Sheriff's vehicles surplus and sell at auction. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to create 2021 highway projects totaling \$705,000. Projects include Lincoln Road, Atlantic Avenue, North Geneva Road, Woods Road and Kenyon Road. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign agreements with the Towns of Marion, Savannah and Williamson for roadside mowing. The Towns are paid \$250 per mile for three mowings during the season. Mr. Kolczynski said the Town of Savannah is trying this out and will determine if the price is worth the additional work for his crews. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to award the generator project bid for the Social Services Building to Joe Tavano Electric for \$181,500. Mr. Rooney noted the large difference in bid prices. This company has done work for the County in the past. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to accept the proposal for operation of a food concession stand at Sodus Point Park submitted by Wayne County Action Program. This Agency will pay the County \$750 to operate the concession stand this season with a three percent increase a year for the next two years of operation. Approved 5-0.

Mr. Rooney Updated members on the following:

- Crescent Beach REDI Project: The design team is preparing the final design. The project will go out to bid to get a firm pricing prior to signing an agreement with the State. The County must provide proof of site control prior to receiving a contract. Construction will begin in late summer or early fall of this year, if no delays occur. Mr. Rooney participated in a conference call yesterday with the project consultant and several property-owners to review the proposed plan. Easements are needed from all property-owners along this waterfront. Construction cannot start until all easements are obtained.
- 9 Pearl Street Renovation Project: Scott Kolczynski stated abatement for Phase I of this project is complete. Contractors are now on hold waiting for unanticipated work to be done to shore-up two walls. Mr. Kolczynski estimates the price of the two steel beams needed for the repair to be \$20,000. Once pricing is received, he will forward the change order request to Chairman Chatfield and County Administrator House.
- ATVs on Wolcott Trail: Mr. Rooney showed a map of a County trail between Red Creek and Wolcott that is utilized during the winter by snowmobile clubs and in the nice weather by walkers and bicycle riders. The County was requested to allow ATVs on this trail in non-winter months. They propose forming an official ATV Club and having a written contract with the County for use and maintenance of the trail. County Attorney Dan Connors came into the meeting stating the existing County's Parks Law does not allow for motorized vehicles on the trail; except on official snowmobile trails in the winter. Mr. Kolczynski noted an ATV trail was sanctioned in Savannah; it started out good, but ended up not being maintained. Mr. Verno questioned if motorized vehicles would be a hindrance to farmers along the trail. Ms. Gerstenslager noted Lewis County has a set of

developed rules and regulations for allowing ATVs on their trails. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed the Committee did not favor any change in the County Parks Law that would allow for motorized vehicles on County trails.

- Trail Corridor in Marion: A map of the area was shown. An individual with property on both side of the trail requested he be allowed to purchase a 100-foot section of the corridor that bisects the County's trail. Mr. Rooney said he was not in favor of selling of parts of the trail. At this time, this trail corridor from the Hamlet of Marion to Hydesville Road in Palmyra, is totally County owned.
- Palmyra Glamping Site: The Canal Corporation has proposed a small camping area on a piece of State land adjacent to the canal at Erie Canal Aqueduct Park. The site would allow for tents and have restrooms and facilities to shower. Mr. Connors noted at this time overnight parking is not allowed in County Parks. Mr. Miller stated several issues will need to be worked out regarding this proposal. The State is targeting boaters, hikers and bikers to use the site. Mr. Blake questioned the liability to the County. Mr. Connors said this and other issues will have to be worked out the with the State.
- Staffing: A Department organizational chart was displayed. Mr. Rooney reviewed current staff vacancies and the need to find individuals with CDL licenses. The work required of the Department will not be done unless vacant positions are filled. Vacancies exist in the Parks Department, there is a Cleaner position vacancy, a Clerk is out on an extended leave and many seasonal positions remain unfilled.
- CHIPS Rollover Funds: Mr. Rooney received notification yesterday that the transportation section of the State budget passed with a 20% increase in CHIPS funding. He is concerned with the additional funding, as he does not have the staff to perform additional work this year. Projects are more costly if they are done by an outside contractor. CHIPs funds can be used for the purchase of highway equipment with a life expectance of at least 10 years. Mr. Rooney said he will have a transmittal prepared for next month's meeting to purchase approximately \$250,000 worth of highway equipment with CHIPs funds.

Mr. Connors reviewed with the Committee an e-mail request the Chairman of the Board received from the Pultneyville Yacht Club to provide \$2,500 in matching funds for an Empire State Development Grant they want to apply for. A stipulation of the grant is to obtain a municipal contribution. The Town of Williamson was asked to make this contribution and refused. Mr. Connors said there are legal impediments if the County agrees to this contribution. Public funds cannot be utilized for private interest; those receiving the benefits of this project would be the Pultneyville Yacht Club, a private organization. Mr. Connors said he sent the individual who made the request for funding a copy of the legal opinion regarding their request.

Supervisors were informed Mud Mills Road Bridge in Arcadia was closed on Friday. This New York Bridge Project will be complete within 90 days.

Mr. Groat requested a copy of the information regarding the County's roadside spraying contractor.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5th at 8:30 a.m.