

# Public Works & Capital Projects Committee

## Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** April 9, 2015, 6:15 PM  
**LOCATION:** Karen L. Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, COB, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman Fabiano  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Nettie Tomshaw  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Dean Fabiano, Peter Loughran, Lynn Archer, Manna Jo Greene, Kevin Roberts  
**EXCUSED:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Susan Plonski Commissioner DPW, Brian Cunningham Deputy Commissioner DPW, Joe Whittaker Field Operations Mgr. Highways & Bridges DPW, Tammy Popowick Deputy Commissioner of Finance DPW, Chris White Planning Dept., Kenneth Crannell Deputy County Executive

Chairman Fabiano called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

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**Motion No. 1** Resolved to Approve Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2015  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Kevin Roberts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Peter Loughran  
**Discussion:** None  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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### RESOLUTIONS

**Motion No. 2** Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 137  
**Text of Motion:** Establishing Capital Project No. 450 – Large Culvert Inspection Program – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Kevin Roberts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lynn Archer

**Discussion:** Chairman Fabiano provided the committee with an overview of this resolution requiring bonding. The intent of the project is to inspect, evaluate and rate the larger sized culvert structures. Ulster County currently lists 149 larger sized culverts ranging from 5-20 feet long. The culvert inspections will include field measurements, photos and general condition ratings. Committee members Greene and Roberts qualified cycle of evaluations, in house manpower vs. cost savings. Evaluations occur approx. every ten years. In 2003 the county staffed 6-8 people in the engineering dept., whereas over time staffing has been reduced thus determining it was more cost effective for the county to out- source than maintain additional staff and pay benefits. MS4 requirements doesn't apply to large culverts. Legislator Greene prefers work be done in house when possible. Leg. Roberts also qualified the project could come in under the estimated \$200K, and for the purpose solely to identify the condition of each culvert.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 3** Resolve To Approve Resolution No. 139

**Text of Motion:** Establishing Capital Project No. 451 – To Provide For Design and Right-of-Way Incidental Work For the “Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4” Project and Amending The 2015 – 2020 Capital Program – Department Of Planning

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Peter Loughran for discussion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Legislator Lynn Archer

**Discussion:** Chairman Fabiano noted the Economic Dev. Committee passed this resolution earlier in the week. Chris White provided an overview, whereas the county was awarded TAP funding for 80% of the costs for the project, and also received a federal aid local project agreement for funding reimbursement for the engineering design and the right-of-way incidental work for the project. The county met with the DOT last year with the goal to connect the Hudson Valley rail trail to New Paltz, and to the Wallkill Valley rail trail. The DOT suggested the county apply for the TAP grant which awarded the county \$1.6 million dollars. These funds will extend the Hudson Valley rail trail from 3.6 to 5.5 miles. The town is working on a .7 mile extension, and the county is undertaking a 1.2 mile extension. When completed, it will close the gap to within 3 miles of the Wallkill Valley rail trail. There are also on-going discussions with the DOT to continue the final 3 miles. As with any DOT funding you pay the money up front and then are reimbursed. This resolution is for engineering design and right-of-way incidental work – title research. \$175K Federal, \$35K County share, Requires Bonding

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Manna Jo Greene, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Legislator Kevin Roberts  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 4** Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 141

**Text of Motion:** Authorizing The Implementation And Funding In The First Instance 100% Of The Federal – Aid Eligible Costs Of A Transportation Federal – Aid Project (Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4), And Appropriating Funds Therefore – Department Of Planning

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Dean Fabiano

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Peter Loughran

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 5** Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 148

**Text of Motion:** Establishing Capital Project No. 452 – Perrine’s Bridge Abutment Restoration - Amending The 2015 – 2020 Capital Improvement Program – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Peter Loughran made the motion for discussion and amendment

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lynn Archer seconded the motion for discussion and amendment

**Discussion:** Legislator Archer noted the project started out at \$155K, last year increased to \$240K, and today adds an additional \$110K. Although Leg. Archer respects the bridge historical value; she expressed reluctance dedicating increased funding to the overall project at this point in time, noting it’s a non-operational bridge that isn’t connected to a trail. Committee discussion ensued and concluded tourism is very important to the county – thus repair the structure and if there is enough funding, continue with the value added park enhancements. Legislator Greene impressed upon the committee and public works employees in attendance that this project is the perfect candidate for Parks and Preservation Recreation grant funding. A Bond Resolution will be required.

Further review and debate of the resolution amends Resolution No.148 adding a third resolve to reflect the following:

*RESOLVED, the development of the park parcel as described above shall be considered a separate component of the Perrine's Bridge Abutment project, to be completed provided the entire project stays within the approved amount of \$350,000.000; and be it further*

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Peter Loughran motioned to approve the resolution as amended

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lynn Archer seconded the motion to approve the resolution as amended. All were in favor.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

**Motion No. 6** Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 150

**Text of Motion:** Establishing Capital Project No. 453 – Purchase Of Highway Equipment - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Dean Fabiano

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Peter Loughran

**Discussion:** Chairman Fabiano provided an overview listing all (11) types of equipment to be purchased totaling \$2,790,000.00. A Bond Resolution will be required.

Item Description	Qty	Unit Cost	Reason
Tandem Snow Plow w/prewet tanks	4	\$223,000.00	Vehicles 16 yrs. old
Single Axle 4WD Snow Plow	2	\$223,000.00	Vehicles 45+ yrs. old
Gradall XV 3100 IV	2	\$305,000.00	Vehicles 23 yrs. old
Compact compaction roller	3	\$60,000.00	Vehicles 19+ yrs. old
50 Ton Lowboy Trailer	1	\$65,000.00	Vehicle 25 yrs. old
Cab chassis tractor/horse	1	\$142,000.00	Vehicle 16+ yrs. old
Bobcat S750 w/attachments	1	\$67,000.00	Complete Bobcat purchase program
Vermeer BC1500 Chipper	1	\$45,000.00	Equip 21 yrs. old, very high hours
Mid-size SUV	2	\$25,000.00	Vehicles 13 yrs. old
Chevy 3500 extcab, 4x4 pickup w/8' plow	3	\$35,000.00	Vehicles 12 yrs. old
New Holland tractor mowers, boom & arm	1	\$168,000.00	Vehicle 27 yrs. old

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 7** Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 152

**Text of Motion:** Establishing Capital Project No. 454 – UCLEC Repairs And Data Center HVAC, 2015 – 2020 Capital Program – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Kevin Roberts

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Peter Loughran

**Discussion:** Brian Cunningham provided an overview of the projects and answered questions posed by Legislators Roberts and Loughran, whereas: the 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Program included a project “UCLEC Repairs & Data Center HVAC” in the amount of \$255K. There are two aspects to this project. The first is the relocation of computer servers currently at South Manor Avenue to UC Law Enforcement Center in order to create a safer data nexus point. This project will provide the air conditioning systems required to keep the data equipment cool. The current cooling system is undersized and nearing the end of its service life. The replacement system is air cooled. Second, there are (12) sliding sallyport doors at the corrections side of the Law Enforcement Center that have become worn and are failing, are no longer under warranty and are in need of replacement to maintain safety and security.

Legislator Greene expressed the need for specific energy language to be included in the bid requirements, and Legislator Archer recommended requesting a copy of the RFB when it’s posted. Brian Cunningham concurred, within reason we would want the most efficient system possible – most bang for our buck - it’s the county’s goal to purchase energy efficient equipment. A Bond Resolution will be required.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Old/New Business:**

To be addressed at the May committee meeting.

DPW provided a handout of a color coded spread sheet of the Siemens Energy Audit – 2010 Facility Improvement, depicting upgrades performed, ongoing upgrades and items included in the proposed 2015 capital program.

**Chairman Fabiano advised the committee that starting in May, the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee will meet at 6:00 PM in the Karen L. Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, C.O.B.**

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Legislator Greene and seconded by Legislator Loughran, all were in favor, and Chairman Fabiano declared the meeting duly adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Note: Complete audio content is posted on the Legislative website.

Dated the 17<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015  
Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved on: May 7, 2015