

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Public Works & Capital Projects Committee
DATE: February 1, 2010
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor
County Office Building

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Dean Fabiano, Deputy Chairman Peter Loughran, Legislators Frank Felicello, Roy Hochberg, Jeanette Provenzano, Kevin Roberts

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Legislator James Maloney (Excused)

OTHERS ATTENDING: Legislator Michael Madsen, Legislator Jack Hayes, Deputy County Executive Marshall Beckman, Commissioner of Public Works David Sheeley, Sue Ronga, Lee Cane (LWV), Lee Ridgway (LWV)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 7:10 PM

- 1) **Resolution Draft No. 0221, February 10, 2010** - Amending The 2010 Ulster County Budget - Unexpended Funds From Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - Department Of Public Works

Motion offered by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Provenzano, All in Favor

Discussion: No Discussion

- 2) **Resolution Draft No. 0222, February 10, 2010** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With Town Of Hardenburgh For Maintenance Of County Road Numbers CR102, CR7A And CR145 - Department Of Public Works

Motion offered by Legislator Roberts, Seconded by Legislator Loughran, All in Favor

Discussion: The Committee and Chairman Fabiano discussed the above Resolution and how it benefits the County. The Town of Hardenburgh has in the past and will continue to perform normal maintenance for the full 11.7 miles. This is a 3% increase from the year 2009 agreement. The Town will furnish all labor, equipment and materials necessary to maintain such roads by plowing snow, sanding and salting, hauling sand, cutting grass and brush, cleaning culverts and ditches and patching said roads and generally keeping them in a neat and safe condition. (The cost is \$4,811.00 per mile, Summer & Winter)

- 3) **Resolution Draft No. 0223, February 10, 2010** - Establishing Capital Projects Nos. 329 - 332 For Reconstruction/Rehabilitation Of Various County Bridges - 2010 Bridge Replacement Program - Amending The 2010 Capital Project Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works

Note: This Resolution Requires A Bond Resolution.

(Coincides with the above Resolution)

Draft No. 0224 - Authorizing The Reconstruction Of Various Bridges Throughout And In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$1,050,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,050,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof - 2010 Bridge Replacement Program

Motion offered by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Hochberg, All in Favor

Discussion: Commissioner Sheeley gave a brief overview of the above Resolution. Commissioner Sheeley has prepared the 2010 Bridge Replacement Program, and it is now necessary to establish capital projects and request funding to reconstruct various County Owned Bridges and Box Culverts, and it is in this Resolution that the projects be established and funded. Legislator Hochberg asked for clarification as to some of the locations listed on the Resolution. Commissioner Sheeley gave clarification and added that if more specific information is needed, to call Ed Pine.

- 4) **Resolution Draft No. 0212, February 10, 2010** - Amending Resolution No. 125 of April 7, 2009, Related To Capital Project No. 242, Replacement Of New Paltz Road (CR 159) Over Conrail (BIN 3224270 And BIN 3224280), PIN 8755.14, An Economic Recovery Project In The Town of Lloyd, In Ulster County, To Include Language Required by the New York State Department of Transportation

Motion offered by Legislator Hochberg, Seconded by Legislator Felicello, All in Favor

Discussion: It was explained that the bold lettering in this Resolution is State Language. This Resolution is 100% reimbursable Federal dollars.

- 5) **Resolution Draft No. 0241, February 10, 2010** - Supporting Submission Of Grant Application To The New York State Department Of State For A 2009-2010 Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Project Grant - For Implementation Of Certain Shared Services

Motion offered by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Provenzano, All in Favor

Discussion: Sue Ronga addressed the Committee on the above Grant Resolution. Resolution No. 179, dated June 11, 2008 executed an agreement for 260,820 dollars to support an Ulster County-Wide Shared Services Feasibility Study & Implementation Plan. In January of 2009, a second grant application was submitted for the Automatic Vehicle Locators (AVL). The County was awarded 481,000 dollars to purchase the Automatic Vehicle Locators for different highway vehicles throughout the County. New York State has opened these grants again, pertaining to shared municipalities. Ulster County is applying for a 1,000,000.00 dollar Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Project Grant. The Grant applies to four categories, equipment, personnel, consultants, and capital improvements. The hope is that all four categories will receive monies from this grant. The Shared Services Implementation Committee, Chaired by Jonathan Drapkin of Pattern for Progress have been meeting on Tuesday mornings to implement the shared services plan for next winter. The plan is for shared services to take place in the winter, and also in the spring & summer months for light maintenance. The Towns are running into some difficulties with cost, a Consultant is being hired to work with the Towns to come up with their individual costs for shared services. This grant does not commit the Towns or the County, what it will do is show support in the submission of the grant application. If the County gets the grant then a second Resolution will come before this body to accept. This grant will give all 20 municipalities a chance to participate in sharing services if they so choose. The Towns that

participate will also be included in the AVL project. It will show when and where Town/County vehicles are sharing services. Every Town did not have to purchase the hardware and software, it was done collectively. Each Town will have an option of shared services, they can use the plowing, or light maintenance, or use both, or none. Legislator Felicello ask about the cost, and Chairman Fabiano explained that everyone would like to keep the cost per mile the same throughout the County, to keep competitiveness out of the mix. So no one Town has an edge over anyone else. The door is still open for Towns to negotiate rates. Legislator Felicello stated that the cost per mile is different from Town to Town, depending on the terrain of the road. Sue Ronga reiterated to the Committee that this is what the Committee is working on and the Consultant will work with everyone involved to come up with a plan that will be equitable to all involved.

Discussion Only / Resolution Draft No. 0238, February 10, 2010 - Authorizing Amendment of 2010 County Budget for \$90,000 - Renovations to Golden Hill Mental Health Building.

- **This resolution is for discussion only; it will be signed off on at Thursday night's Health and Human Services Committee meeting.**

Mental Health Renovation Project:

Why are renovations necessary?

- The current billing software used by UCDMH is a COBOL based program from UNICARE. As of January 1, 2010, UNICARE stopped supporting the software.
- Come April 1, 2010, the NYS Office of Mental Health is changing the structure for billing Medicaid services. Once this change becomes effective the UCDMH will not be able to bill for any services - UNICARE system will not support these changes.
- UCDMH is currently in the process of installing new billing software from Accumedic that will meet the new billing criteria. The new billing software cannot be effectively implemented because the existing work space will not support the numbers of staff who will need to work together.

What will be done to the building?

- The layout on the first floor will be changed to allow for the billing, medical records and data staff to be co-located and cross trained to perform the new duties that will result from the adoption of the new billing and electronic medical records (EMR) software.
- The lobby will be redesigned to prevent lines of clients from blocking the area and to improve client privacy talking with billing staff.
- The waiting area will be relocated to accommodate the co-location of billing, medical records and data staff.
- Minor renovations of existing spaces to add or eliminate doors and improve functionality of several areas.

What are the benefits?

- The introduction of the EMR will increase the efficiency of the Department. At this time, all medical records are reviewed manually. The new computer system will do this electronically.
- Authorizations for services from third party payers will be more efficiently tracked resulting in fewer unauthorized services delivered.
- Efficiencies will be gained through new computer system, including increased clinician productivity.
- Safer conditions in building lobby.

Note: Services have changed since 1987 and always looking for outside funding.

Motion to adjourn @ 7:45 PM

Motion offered by Legislator Hochberg, Seconded by Legislator Provenzano, All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Wilson, Senior Legislative Employee