

INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 29, 2008

Present: Committee: Chm. Beardsley, Legislators Brewer, Doyle, Lockwood, Potter, and Vasho
Excused: Leg. Brown
Department Heads: County Administrator Phil Church, Superintendent of Highways Kurt Ospelt, B&G Superintendent Joe Taormina, Director of Solid Waste Programs Frank Visser, Purchasing Director Fred Maxon, Planning Director Dave Turner
Staff: Clerk of the Legislature Ted Jerrett
Guests: Legislature Chm. Leemann, Legislators Kastler, Ospelt, Proud, Sorbello, Beckwith and Gearsbeck Oswego County ATV Club President Steve Cronk and SWCD District Forester Joe Chairvolotti

1. **Minutes** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Chairman Beardsley.
Upon motion by Leg. Brewer and seconded by Leg. Lockwood the minutes of March 25, 2008 were unanimously approved.

2. **Purchasing Bid Report**
BID 6-08 Hastings Transfer Station The Purchasing Office is awaiting an opinion by the County Ethics Board before making a recommendation to award the contract.

BID 5-08 Landfill Gas Project

Upon Motion by Leg. Potter, seconded by Leg. Doyle, and contingent upon DEC issues being resolved, the recommendation to award the General Construction Contract to Casella Construction of Mendon VT and the Electrical Contract to Knapp Electric of Auburn, NY for the Landfill Gas Project was unanimously accepted.

BID 8-08 Natural Gas for Asphalt Plant

Upon Motion by Leg. Brewer and seconded by Leg. Doyle, the Purchasing Director's recommendation that the County continue its Natural Gas Contract with National Fuel Resources, Inc. was unanimously accepted.

RFP #3-08 Auction Services (Heavy Equipment)

Upon Motion by Leg. Doyle and seconded by Leg. Brewer, the Purchasing Director's recommendation to award the 2008 heavy equipment auction contract to Roy Teitsworth Inc. was unanimously accepted.

Upon Motion by Leg. Doyle and seconded by Leg. Brewer, the Committee unanimously recommended that any revenue from the Equipment Auction be returned to the Equipment Reserve Account.

RFP 5-08 Airport Restaurant. Director Maxon reported that no proposals were received.

3. **Buildings and Grounds - CP 142** Superintendent Taormina requested a transfer of \$75,000 from CR 21 Buildings and renovations to CP 142 to complete the renovations and relocation of the County Clerk's, Treasurer's and Real Property Tax Offices.

Upon Motion Leg. Brewer, seconded by Leg. Potter, the request was approved with only Leg. Vasho opposing.

Superintendent Taormina requested transferring the remaining \$118,434.40 from completed capital project#116-DSS Roof Repair to CP 139 Pulaski Courthouse for roof repair.

Upon Motion by Leg. Vasho, seconded by Leg. Doyle, the request was unanimously supported.

4. **Highway - CP 170 – Airport Water Line** Superintendent Ospelt requested the creation of CP 170 – Airport Water Line with a transfer of \$60,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance.

Upon Motion by Leg. Doyle, seconded by Leg. Lockwood, the request was unanimously supported.

Leg. Proud requested that the ¼ Midget Track, located on Airport property, be included in any plans to receive public water. Superintendent Ospelt and Administrator Church agreed to look into it.

Legends Softball Complex - Superintendent Ospelt reported that, upon request, he had investigated the cost to the County of assisting with paving plans at the Legends Softball Complex. He estimated a cost of about \$45,000 if the County did the paving and about \$13,000 if the County just provided the blacktop material. Superintendent Ospelt was asked if he was recommending one option over the other. Supt. Ospelt stated that he is not making any recommendation, but simply providing the estimates that were requested of him. County

Administrator Church noted that, per the County Attorney, the City of Oswego is responsible for all such maintenance at the Complex.

Upon Motion by Leg. Vasho, seconded by Leg. Lockwood the Infrastructure Committee unanimously recommended that no action be taken regarding the paving request.

ATV Club Request Superintendent Ospelt handed out copies of a request by the Oswego County ATV Club for permission to use portions of County roads to connect some expanded trails. The portions requested are Co. Rte. 48 from Hasto Drive to Co. Rte. 22 and Co. Rte. 28 from Dowley St. to Co. Rte. 22 in the Town of Albion and Co. Rte. 13 from McKibben Rd. to Wart Rd. in the Town of Boylston. Superintendent Ospelt stated that his department will take some exact measurements of distances regarding the request and will present more details to the Committee in the near future.

Lease Renewal – Hojack Line Trail Administrator Church on the lease renewal proposed for the Hojack Line Trail. He noted the only changes on the agreement are the dates and signatures.

Upon Motion by Leg. Brewer, seconded by Leg. Vasho, the proposed lease renewal for the Hojack Line Trail was unanimously supported.

Leg. Sorbello requested support for the reactivation of an Airport Advisory Board to promote progress at the Oswego County Airport. Chairman Beardsley requested that the proposal be “fleshed-out” with more specifics and returned to the Committee on the May Agenda.

5. **Solid Waste – CP 124, Landfill Gas Improvement** – DSW Director Frank Visser requested approval to transfer \$200,227 from two completed Capital Projects (ERF Floor repair \$66,017 and Boiler Tube Replacement \$134,210) to CP 124, Landfill Gas Improvement.

Upon Motion by Leg. Potter, seconded by Leg. Brewer the request was unanimously supported.

CP 154 Transfer Station Rehabilitation Director Frank Visser requested approval to transfer \$200,000 from the Solid Waste 2007 Unappropriated Fund Balance to CP 154 Transfer Station Rehabilitation to make much needed upgrades and repairs.

Upon Motion by Leg. Doyle, seconded by Leg. Vasho, the request was unanimously supported.

Part-Time and Temporary Positions DSW Director Visser requested permission to transfer \$24,320 from the Solid Waste Unappropriated Fund Balance to fund one temporary employee for 20 weeks, saving more than his salary (\$16,000) in avoided overtime costs and two seasonal workers at \$8,320 to help during renovations at Hastings Transfer Station and maintain adequate staffing while regular employees take their vacations.

Upon Motion by Leg. Doyle, seconded by Leg. Lockwood, the request was unanimously supported.

“Snowbird Stickers” Legs. Doyle and Kastler inquired as to the creation of a new Solid Waste Sticker intended for seasonal residents. Legs. Proud, Ospelt and Vasho cautioned that such a change would involve a significant expense to the county taxpayers and that it seems the targeted population already has reasonable options under the current system.

6. **SWCD Report** District Forester Joe Chairvolotti reported on the Rathburn Road Reforestation ATV Trail saying that Army Corps, EPA, and DEC seem to be OK with trail. He noted that none of them declared jurisdiction in the matter. Mr. Chairvolotti also advised that a “turn around” may be necessary and advisable. Joe Chairvolotti also reported a planned harvest of 100 acres of County reforestation in Williamstown this year.

7. **Great Pumpkin Festival** – It was reported that the City of Oswego submitted its annual request to use the County’s Oneida Street Court House parking lot during this year’s “Great Pumpkin Festival”.

Upon Motion by Leg. Vasho, seconded by Leg. Brewer, the request was unanimously supported

Leg. Chairman Leemann advised that the May Committee Agenda will likely include a request from the Fair Association.

Adjournment At 11: 22 A.M. **Upon Motion** by Leg. Vasho, seconded by Leg. Brewer, unanimously adjourned.