

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2015

The Public Works and Transportation Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Monday, August 10, 2015 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: M. Pasquale (Chair), S. Baker, G. Baldwin, K. Bernhardsen, M. Whalen (voting representative for J. Garnar)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: R. Heebner, A. Martin, C. Dziedzic, S. Glose, R. O'Donnell, Legislature; J. Bernardo, County Exec's Office; M. Kalka, J. Knebel, OMB; D. Hickling, Aviation; D. Schofield, L. Boulton, DPW; F. Evangelisti, Planning; G. Kilmer, Transit; P. Schiraldi, B. Cappellett, P. Hull, ATU-1145; V. Giarratano, CCE

The Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:17 PM. Mr. Baker made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Bernhardsen.

The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#1 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – FARMERS MARKET CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Evangelisti stated that the County's share is actually from several sources of funding (i.e. the County, IDA, grants, etc.) but is shown as being paid out of one entity for practical purposes. Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#2 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CAPITAL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF SEVEN TRANSIT BUSES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Kilmer stated that Transit is seeking approved to receive seven buses from CDTA at no cost. Several BC Transit buses have been flagged by the FTA and no longer useable. Though the CDTA buses are older they are still in good shape.

Answering a question from Mr. Whalen, Mr. Kilmer stated that BC Transit replaced seven buses last year and has funding to replace three or four more buses this year. However, going into the future, he is unsure of where the funding will come for more new buses.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#9 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – AIRPORT RENTAL CAR FACILITY PROJECT

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – AIRPORT WILDLIFE HAZARD ASSESSMENT PROJECT

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION'S NORTH APRON REHABILITATION PROJECT

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MCFARLAND JOHNSON FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION FOR 2014-2015

Mr. Hickling stated that this was a no cost, time only extension to complete the work under this contract.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNERSTONE ENVIRONMENTAL FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR 2015-2016

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH BROOME COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR WETLAND MONITORING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR 2010-2014

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION FUNDS FOR THE BROOME COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#31 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE OF THE FEDERAL AID PROGRAM (SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT No. 1) ELIGIBLE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#34 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR 2015-2016

Mr. Kilmer stated that this Resolution is an addition to the regular contract with BU and this agreement provides for a direct bus route from BU to SUNY Broome for those in the BU Advantage Program.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Following the Resolutions, Ms. Boulton stated that normally the Committee would approve a consultant shortlist for the DPW Building Code Term Contract, but the County only received one response to the RFQ that was sent out. Under the Charter and Code the Committee is required to shortlist and interview no less than three firms. With only one response the County Attorney's Office was consulted.

At the request of the County Attorney, Mr. Pasquale directed two questions to the Engineering Division. If DPW extended the RFQ period, would they anticipate more responses and the firm that did respond to the RFQ, are they able and qualified to handle the scope of work the term contract requires? Ms. Boulton stated that she didn't believe more responses would be

forthcoming if the RFQ period was extended and the firm that responded to the RFQ is Hulbert Engineering and Land Surveying who currently holds the contract and has done outstanding work.

At the request of Ms. Boulton, Mr. Baker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, to forgo the shortlist and interview process for the DPW Building Code Term Contract and to select Hulbert Engineering and Land Surveying for said contract.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Following action on the DPW Building Code Term Contract, the Committee went at ease at 4:38 PM in order for the Committee to undertake the consultant interviews for the DPW Environmental Engineering Term Contract.

The Committee reconvened at 6:20 PM following the consultant interviews. After discussion, Mr. Baker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baldwin to select O'Brien & Gere and rank the firms as follows:

1. O'Brien & Gere
2. Keystone Associates
3. M.J. Engineering & Land Surveying

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Baldwin. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.