

STEBEN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Monday, February 2, 2026

9:30 a.m.

*Legislative Chambers, 3rd Floor, Annex Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Nicholas D. Pelham, Chair Shannon Logsdon	Paul E. Van Caesele, Vice Chair Michael Volino	Justin Eberlin
STAFF:	Jack K. Wheeler Curtis Warner Michele Kuhn Steve Orcutt Mitch Alger	Christopher Brewer Rochelle Casselbury Eric Rose Lisa Tracy Stacy Housworth	Tim Rosell Lisa Rodbourn Todd Housel Billy Jefferds
LEGISLATORS:	Kelly H. Fitzpatrick Robert V. Nichols Scott J. Van Etten	K. Michael Hanna Frederick G. Potter	Jeffrey P. Horton Joseph Tobia
OTHERS:	Eddie Van Stine, Communications Specialist		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pelham called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2026, MEETING MADE BY MR. VAN CAESELEE. SECONDED BY MRS. LOGSDON. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

III. HIGHWAY

A. *Authorization to Transfer \$151,411.26 to Future Bridge Projects from Smith Hill Bridge Project*

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TRANSFER \$151,411.26 FROM THE SMITH HILL BRIDGE PROJECT TO FUTURE BRIDGE PROJECTS MADE BY MR. VAN CAESELEE. SECONDED BY MRS. LOGSDON. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.
Resolution Required

B. *Authorization to Transfer \$1,276,103.04 to Road Improvement Unassigned from Road Project Funds*

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TRANSFER \$1,276,103.04 FROM ROAD PROJECT FUNDS TO ROAD IMPROVEMENT UNASSIGNED MADE BY MR. VAN CAESELEE. SECONDED BY MRS. LOGSDON. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.
Resolution Required.

C. *Authorization to Transfer \$50,000 to Spill Prevention Control Capital from Various Capital Projects with Surplus Funds*

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TRANSFER \$50,000 FROM VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS WITH SURPLUS FUNDS TO THE SPILL PREVENTION CONTROL CAPITAL PROJECT MADE BY MR. VAN CAESELEE. SECONDED BY MRS. LOGSDON. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

D. *Authorizing Shared Services Agreement for Hauling Equipment*

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE HAULING OF EQUIPMENT MADE BY MR. VAN CAESELEE. SECONDED BY MRS. LOGSDON. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

E. *Authorizing Agreement with C&S Engineers, Inc. – Construction Inspection Services for CR4 Bridge Project*

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH C&S ENGINEERS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE CR 4 BRIDGE PROJECT FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$425,000 MADE BY MR. VOLINO. SECONDED BY MR. EBERLIN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

IV. **LANDFILL**

A. *2026 Recycling Events* – Mr. Rose stated they sent out the proposed flyer for the schedule of recycling events. They have tentative dates and locations for the Household Hazardous Waste collection events. If the committee is in agreement, he would recommend keeping this event at the Bath and Erwin locations and discontinuing the event at Wayland and possibly Hornell. The cost to hold this event in Wayland is \$17,000 and the last time we did it there was in 2023 with 45 participants. The cost to hold this event in Hornell is \$21,000 and the last time we did it there was in 2024 with 84 participants. The events held in 2025 at Bath had 95 participants and Erwin had 121 participants.

Mr. Wheeler commented if you wanted to continue to hold the event in three locations, you could keep Hornell. Mr. Van Caeselee asked will this go to the Full Legislature? Mr. Wheeler stated no, this is under the committee’s authority, however, you could ask that it be brought before the Full Legislature. Mr. Volino stated he agrees with dropping Wayland and keeping Hornell. Mr. Van Caeselee stated he would agree to remove Wayland for now.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO HOLD THE 2026 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT AT THE BATH LANDFILL, ERWIN TRANSFER STATION AND HORNELL TRANSFER STATION MADE BY MR. VAN CAESELEE. SECONDED BY MR. VOLINO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

B. *Authorizing Roadside Cleanup Weeks* – Mr. Rose requested authorization to hold the annual roadside cleanup weeks and waive the tipping fees for local municipalities for debris and tires collected during the annual cleanup. Municipalities are allowed to dispose of 20 tons of garbage and 10 tons of passenger tires.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO HOLD THE ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEANUP WEEKS AND WAIVE THE TIPPING FEES FOR LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES FOR DEBRIS AND TIRES COLLECTED DURING THIS EVENT MADE BY MRS. LOGSDON. SECONDED BY MR. VOLINO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (LEGISLATOR VAN CAESELEE ABSENT FOR VOTE)

C. *Authorizing Tip Fee Change for Tire Dollar Days* – Mr. Rose stated they have scheduled the annual Tire Dollar Days for the week of July 13th – July 18th at the Bath Landfill. During this time, he requested authorization to reduce the \$3.00 per tire fee for passenger tires up to 20” to \$1.00 per tire. He noted last year they recycled 14,337. The total cost to recycle was \$57,747.20, but the actual County cost was \$43,410.20.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO MODIFY THE TIP FEES FOR PASSENGER TIRES UP TO 20" FROM \$3.00 PER TIRE TO \$1.00 PER TIRE DURING THE ANNUAL TIRE DOLLAR DAYS WEEK BEING HELD THE WEEK OF JULY 13TH – JULY 18TH AT THE BATH LANDFILL MADE BY MRS. LOGSDON. SECONDED BY MR. VOLINO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (LEGISLATOR VAN CAESEELE ABSENT FOR VOTE)

D. *Authorization to Purchase Two Walking Floor Trailers from National Cooperative (HGAC)*

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PURCHASE TWO WALKING FLOOR TRAILERS FROM NATIONAL COOPERATIVE (HGAC) FOR A COST OF \$140,538.54 EACH MADE BY MRS. LOGSDON. SECONDED BY MR. EBERLIN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (LEGISLATOR VAN CAESEELE ABSENT FOR VOTE)

E. *Cell Construction Discussion* – Mr. Rose requested authorization to go out to bid for the construction of Cell 6A. He provided a cash flow review and stated that he would like to look at the potential to increase the gate rate from \$52.00 per ton to \$60.00 per ton. Even at this rate, we would still be below the state average. If the committee approves, he recommends the increase be effective January 1, 2027, and that would represent an increase of 15 percent. Mr. Rose stated increasing the gate rate to \$60.00 per ton may affect some of our garbage flow.

Mr. Wheeler stated about 15 years ago the Legislature had a conversation about implementing flow control, and at that time opted not to do that. Flow control would require that any waste produced in Steuben County would stay in Steuben County. We are not in as good of a cash flow position as we were many years ago. At that time, we were able to pay cash for a couple of decades without having to bond. The last cell construction project cost us \$18 million. We are estimating the cost for the new cell will be \$17 million to \$18 million. Mr. Wheeler stated we need to generate more cash flow and with what we have been charging, we have not kept up with inflation.

Mr. Volino asked how many more cells do we have the capacity to build? Mr. Wheeler stated we have at least enough capacity for 50 years. Mr. Nichols commented we did get a permit from the State for flow control, but we did not implement it. At least we still have that option. Mr. Wheeler stated if the Legislature wanted to do that, it would require the adoption of a Local Law.

Mr. Potter commented one concern he has is that we are waiving the tip fee for the Land Bank and construction debris typically fills up the landfill quicker than normal garbage. We are not recovering the costs when we waive the tip fee for those projects. Mr. Brewer stated this is something the Land Bank is discussing. In our current grant, we do not account for the tip fee. Typically, residential demolitions generate 200 – 300 tons of debris. Going forward we will look at paying the Landfill gate rate, or we will go outside the county. In the past we have done it as an in-kind donation.

Mr. Horton asked, is there any liability with the County telling people they have to bring their garbage to us? Mr. Wheeler stated there would be an impact to your municipalities that currently truck garbage out of county as their rate would go up. Mr. Potter asked how much is hauled out of county? Mr. Orcutt stated 25,000 – 30,000 tons. Mr. Nichols commented if Casella leaves because of the increase, that will create a cash flow problem. Mr. Volino asked, do Broome and Chemung counties have flow control? Mr. Wheeler stated I don't believe so.

Mr. Van Etten stated the Landfill is an enterprise fund and we have to run it like a business. We do some things that we know we are losing money on, and we do those things to serve the public. He commented that he has no problem raising the rates. Mr. Wheeler stated we wanted to put this on your radar. He stated they are recommending that the committee issue the bid for the construction of the new cell and that will give us a true cost.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PURCHASING DIRECTOR, TO ISSUE A BID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CELL 6A AT THE LANDFILL MADE BY MRS. LOGSDON. SECONDED BY MR. VOLINO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Mr. Van Etten asked, “are we able to loan money to the Enterprise Fund? Mr. Brewer stated the General Fund can, but only for up to 12 months. Mr. Wheeler stated the other option we have discussed is approval to use the General Fund to offset some of those costs, if you choose. That would not be a loan. Ms. Fitzpatrick asked long-term, how many more cells can we build, and can that cost be built into the cash flow? Mr. Wheeler stated we have enough space to build cells for 50 years. We did not do a pro forma out that far.

V. BIDS AND CONTRACTS

A. *Closed Door Horizontal Baler*

MOTION: AWARDING THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE CLOSED DOOR HORIZONTAL BALER TO THE LOW BIDDER, REACTION DISTRIBUTING, INC. FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$105,989.00 MADE BY MRS. LOGSDON. SECONDED BY MR. VOLINO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

B. *Asphalt Concrete: FOB Plant Site Specified Purchase Quantity Range(s)*

MOTION: AWARDING THE BID FOR ASPHALT CONCRETE: FOB PLANT SITE SPECIFIED PURCHASE QUANTITY RANGE(S) TO THE FOLLOWING BIDDERS BASED ON LOCATION AND AVAILABILITY: DALRYMPLE GRAVEL & CONTRACTING, CO., INC.; DOLOMITE PRODUCTS CO., INC., D/B/A A.L. BLADES; ELMIRA ROAD MATERIALS, LLC; SPALLINA MATERIALS, INC.; AND VALLEY HOT TOP MADE BY MRS. LOGSDON. SECONDED BY MR. VOLINO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

C. *Cleaning, Washing and Sealing of Steuben County Bridges*

MOTION: AWARDING THE BID FOR THE CLEANING, WASHING AND SEALING OF STEUBEN COUNTY BRIDGES TO THE LOW BIDDER, DD&N CONTRACTING, FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$286,107.50 MADE BY MRS. LOGSDON. SECONDED BY MR. VOLINO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. *Snowstorm* – Mr. Pelham stated that he would like to commend the department for their work during the snowstorm; they did a phenomenal job. He asked what is the status of our salt? Mr. Rose stated Mr. Housel has been doing a great job working with the vendor. He also noted that during the snowstorm we did not have any safety incidents or concerns with the trucks.

B. *FEMA Projects* – Mr. Potter asked what is the status of the FEMA projects? Mr. Rose stated we are finalizing the design for Red Spring. The land acquisition for Harder and CR 129 is under Army Corp. of Engineers review. That project is estimated to be around \$4 million and that one, because it was in 2021, should be totally funded by State and Federal funds.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. VAN CAESELE. SECONDED BY MRS. LOGSDON. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Amanda L. Chapman, Deputy Clerk, Steuben County Legislature

****NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR****

Monday, March 2, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature’s Office

NO LATER THAN NOON

Monday, February 23, 2025