

STEBEN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Monday, September 11, 2023

10:05 a.m.

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

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Robert V. Nichols, Chair Steven P. Maio	Frederick G. Potter, Vice Chair Nicholas D. Pelham	Wendy Lozo
STAFF:	Jack K. Wheeler Brenda Scotchmer Todd Housel Jennifer DeMonstoy	Christopher Brewer Steve Orcutt Lisa Tracy	Jennifer Prossick Eric Rose Nate Alderman
LEGISLATORS:	Scott J. Van Etten K. Michael Hanna John V. Malter	Kelly H. Fitzpatrick James Kuhl Gary D. Swackhamer	Carol A. Ferratella Hilda T. Lando Paul E. Van Caesele
OTHERS:	Mary Perham Joe Tobia		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Nichols called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and asked Mr. Maio to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 7, 2023, MEETING MADE BY MR. PELHAM. SECONDED BY MR. POTTER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

III. HIGHWAY

A. *Budget Transfer* – Mr. Rose requested authorization to transfer \$3,000 from the Striping Pavement account and \$1,000 from the Consultants-Professionals account and appropriate to Minor Equipment. He noted that additional equipment needs to be purchased for the Caton and Mt. Washington shops. These include metal detectors and IT racks.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TRANSFER \$3,000 FROM THE STRIPING PAVEMENT ACCOUNT AND \$1,000 FROM THE CONSULTANTS-PROFESSIONALS ACCOUNT AND APPROPRIATE THE TOTAL OF \$4,000 TO MINOR EQUIPMENT MADE BY MR. POTTER. SECONDED BY MR. PELHAM. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

B. *Disposal of Surplus Detour Signs* – Mr. Rose stated they have surplus detour signs that were used on the CR 88 bridge project. Some of these signs advertised local businesses, and some of those businesses would like to have the signs. After speaking with the Purchasing Director, he is requesting authorization to put these up for auction. We originally paid \$11 on average for the signs and they were received through a shared-services agreement with another county that has a sign shop. Ms. Prossick explained since the signs were purchased using taxpayer dollars, you cannot gift them. This is something that we have done in the past.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PUT THE SURPLUS DETOUR SIGNS FROM THE CR 88 BRIDGE PROJECT UP FOR AUCTION MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MR. POTTER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

C. *Plows*– Mr. Rose requested authorization to add three Western Star plows for supervisor pickup trucks to the Major Equipment List. We have money available in the budget and the total amount for the three plows is \$21,836.28.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AMEND THE HIGHWAY MAJOR EQUIPMENT LIST TO INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF THREE WESTERN STAR PLOWS FOR SUPERVISOR PICKUP TRUCKS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$21,836.28 MADE BY MR. PELHAM. SECONDED BY MR. POTTER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Mr. Malter asked are these being put onto leased vehicles? Mr. Wheeler replied yes and that will add value to those trucks. Mr. Nichols asked can we take the plows off at the end of the truck lease? Mr. Rose replied we can, or we could return the leased vehicles with the plows attached.

Mr. Rose stated as part of adding these plows to the Major Equipment list, he also requested authorization to transfer \$21,836.28 from the Vehicle Lease Chargeback line to Major Equipment.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TRANSFER \$21,836.28 FROM THE VEHICLE LEASE CHARGEBACK LINE TO THE HIGHWAY MAJOR EQUIPMENT LINE FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE WESTERN STAR PLOWS MADE BY MR. PELHAM. SECONDED BY MR. POTTER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

IV. BIDS

A. *Heavy Duty Ten-Wheel Truck(s)* – Mr. Rose noted that Fleet Maintenance Inc. was declared a non-responsive bidder as their bid did not meet the spec requirements. He recommended awarding the bid to Dimmick Group Peterbilt/Utica for the purchase of two automatic transmission trucks for a total cost of \$621,674.00 and the purchase of two standard transmission trucks for a total cost of \$599,328.00. Mr. Housel stated this will bring us up to 8 new trucks; 6 standard and 2 automatic.

MOTION: DECLARING FLEET MAINTENANCE, INC. A NON-RESPONSIVE BIDDER AND AWARDING THE BID FOR HEAVY DUTY TEN-WHEEL TRUCK(S) TO DIMMICK GROUP PETERBILT/UTICA AS FOLLOWS: TWO AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION TRUCKS (EVEREST PARTS) FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$621,674.00 AND TWO STANDARD TRANSMISSION TRUCKS (EVEREST PARTS) FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$599,328.00 MADE BY MR. POTTER. SECONDED BY MR. PELHAM. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

B. *Portland Cement Concrete; Heated*

MOTION: AWARDING THE BID FOR PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE; HEATED TO THE LOW BIDDER, HEIDELBERG MATERIALS NORTHEAST-NY, LLC FOR \$200.00 PER CUBIC YARD HEATED WITH A \$5.00 PER CUBIC YARD DEDUCTION FOR UNHEATED CONCRETE MADE BY MR. PELHAM. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

C. *Sale of Scrap Steel* – Mr. Rose recommended awarding to Swarthout for \$137.00 per ton. He commented that if we were to start trucking the scrap steel, the price he was quoted over the phone would be \$250.00 per ton. If we did that we would have to utilize some of our steel body trucks. This bid award is for pickup and travel. Mr. Van Etten commented he would rebid and include an option to truck to them. Mr. Maio asked would you get more bidders if you did that? Mr. Horton asked could you do a bid for both options? Mr. Rose replied we have approximately 470 tons of scrap steel.

MOTION: REJECTING THE BID FOR THE SALE OF SCRAP STEEL AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PURCHASING DIRECTOR, TO REBID WITH AN OPTION FOR THE COUNTY TO TRUCK TO THE FACILITY MADE BY MR. POTTER. SECONDED BY MRS. LOZO.

Mr. Malter asked Mr. Rose to provide a breakdown of what the County cost for manpower and equipment would be versus the potential difference in price.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. *Update on Prattsburgh, Mt. Washington and Curtis Highway Shops* – Mr. Rose stated everything with these projects is going as planned. We anticipate being in all of the shops by the end of November at the latest. Mr. Van Etten asked what about the project budget? Mr. Rose replied we are within budget other than the additional items that have been approved. Mr. Wheeler stated there are two or three change orders under \$10,000 coming, which he can approve, and we will still be within our budget. Mr. Nichols stated he is impressed and that is good for a project of this size. Mr. Wheeler stated we have had very good contractors to work with.

B. *Steve Catherman* – Mrs. Ferratella commented there was an article in *The Leader* recognizing Steve Catherman for all of his accomplishments with the bridge program.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. PELHAM. SECONDED BY MR. POTTER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

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

Monday, October 2, 2023

9:30 a.m.

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

NO LATER THAN NOON

Monday, September 25, 2023