

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
February 18, 2020

Present: Legislators Jerry King, Andrea Moroughan, Ian Gilbert, Richard Chartrand, and Ron Burns.

Others: Legislators Larry Dolhof, Greg Kulzer, Phil Hathway, Randy LaChausse; County Manager Ryan Piche; Treasurer Eric Virkler; County Attorney Joan McNichol; Human Resources Director Caitlyn Smith.

Committee Chairman Legislator King called the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Legislator Dolhof addressed the audience present and explained that the board only meets twice a month so the issue of the 2nd Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance will not be resolved quickly and there will not be a decision by the March board meeting. This is truly a state issue, not a county issue and it came about when Democrats took control of the Assembly. If you want the laws repealed take the fight to Albany and get out and vote for a Republican Governor.

There will be an Ad Hoc committee formed to address the 2nd Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance which will be made up of Legislators LaChausse, Gilbert, King, Osborne, Dolhof and the County Attorney Joan McNichol. This committee will keep in touch with the leaders of the SASO group. The audience was encouraged to stay and learn the committee process but there will be no further discussion on the subject until the Ad Hoc committee has met and done research into the topic.

Legislator Dolhof responded to questions from the audience that if they have a representative that would be interested in joining the Ad Hoc committee it will be taken into consideration and there has not been any decision made yet on whether the solution will just be a resolution of support. The Legislators have all taken an oath to uphold the Constitution and need to abide by that.

County Attorney Joan McNichol asked that any research that has been done and verified would be greatly appreciated and could be emailed to Legislator Dolhof. She went on to explain that her job is to protect the county and Legislators from liability issues. Legislator Dolhof thanked the audience for coming and showing their support for this issue.

Legislator Burns made a motion to approve the 1/21/2020 committee meeting minutes, seconded by Legislator Chartrand and carried.

The following dockets were reviewed:

1. Adopting Local Law (Intro. No. 2 – 2020) “Regulating and Permitting Special Events on County Roads, Trails or other County Property”
YEA: 5 NAY: 0

2. Resolution authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement between the County of Lewis and the Town of Osceola for the Lewis County Codes Department to be designated as the Town’s Enforcement Officer to administer and enforce the Town’s Local Law No. 1-2016 known as

the “Recreational Camping Vehicle Law” for the term of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 and shall automatically renew for additional one year terms unless either party notifies the other in writing of their intent to terminate the agreement. *Ryan explained that the Town of Osceola is just trying to tighten up their jurisdiction and clean things up. Ward Dailey clarified that this law is specific to recreational campers.*

YEA: 5 NAY: 0

Legislator Chartrand briefly explained to the audience that the dockets that were being read are just being discussed at the committee level and then moved forward for the full board approval and adoption.

3. Resolution to transfer funds from Capital Equipment into Buildings & Grounds accounts in the amount of \$43,890.62 for the purchase of a Bobcat Snowblower with bucket and Ferris lawnmower, which was in the 2020 Capital Plan.

YEA: 5 NAY: 0

4. Resolution approving the contract with the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department to provide annual training services for county staff and county buildings at a cost of \$2,000.00, for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

YEA: 5 NAY: 0

5. Resolution authorizing an agreement between the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Planning Department, with New York State Department of Transportation to accept the \$980,078.00 in MEP funds for the Lewis County Transportation System; to authorize the Planning Department to commence the process of purchasing 5 buses, 5 Wi-Fi modems, 1 fare box vault, 8 fare boxes with GDS System, and 6 bus stop shelters by issuing appropriate RFP’s; to authorize Planning Department to apply for available ATC funds, not to exceed \$46,298.94 to be used to cover any price increases for the above listed purchases which are not covered by the MEP grant funds; to appropriate \$980,078.00 of MEP funds in the Bus Operations accounts. *Ryan congratulated the whole Planning Department for their outstanding effort on being chosen for this grant funding.*

YEA: 5 NAY: 0

6. Resolution to appropriate funds from the Capital Equipment fund and the Trail Maintenance Fund to Recreational Trails and Trail Maintenance accounts for the purchase of a Ford F250 truck at a cost of \$32,239.11. *Jackie confirmed this was state bid price and that this is replacing the Dodge 1500 which is not big enough for hauling things. She also stated that the Dodge will be auctioned off, not traded in.*

YEA: 5 NAY: 0

7. Resolution authorizing a renewal agreement between the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Sheriff’s Department and 911 Emergency Operations Unit, with Frontier Communications of America, Inc. to provide updated equipment licensing, maintenance and support services for the current Emergency 911 telephone system for a term of January 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$40,383.47

YEA: 5 NAY: 0

8. Resolution authorizing and approving the Emergency Communications System Agreement as proffered by the 911 Operations Coordinator and County Attorney, with the Lowville Academy Central School District and South Lewis Central School District for radio user access to the Lewis County Interoperable Communications System for a period of five years from the execution of agreement with automatic five year renewal periods. *Legislator King explained that now that the radio system has most all of the kinks worked out it is ready to allow other entities to use it for better communications. This is similar to the access that the snowmobile clubs have. The programming is covered under the grant funding and the equipment has to be purchased by the entity. Other schools are satisfied with their current vendor and do not need to utilize this system.*

YEA: 5 NAY: 0

Motions:

1. Legislator Chartrand made a motion to authorize Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Matt O'Connor to put out an RFP for impound yard project at the Public Safety Building, seconded by Legislator Burns. The Undersheriff McIntosh explained that the side of the building where there were drainage issues had a trench dug to divert the water to a drainage area. The impound yard is being placed on the opposite side of the Public Safety Building and shouldn't have any issued with drainage. Matt O'Connor handed out diagram of what the impound yard would look like and also a topographical map of the PSB. The impound yard will be about 50 yards from the creek and will tie into the existing fence around the old tower. There was discussion about vehicles leaking fluids and Undersheriff McIntosh assured the committee that vehicles are not towed if they are leaking fluids and if any vehicle appeared to be leaking anything there would be a tarp put underneath. They would also be checked periodically to make sure nothing is leaking. Matt O'Connor stated that the RFP calls for road fabric to be put down and then 1 foot of stone on top so if there is any type of leak it can be addressed properly. On average there will be about 10 vehicles that get stored there over the course of a year. There was concern that the old tower should come down prior to the construction of the impound yard but Matt O'Connor said it wouldn't be in the way and it could possibly be needed in the future. Undersheriff McIntosh closed by stating that the NYS Corrections has told the Sheriff's Department that the current situation for impounded cars is not acceptable any longer and an impound yard is needed to rectify the situation. The motion was then carried.
2. Legislator Burns made a motion to award bids for sand, gravel, crushed stone and concrete based on project location in accordance with the tabulation of all bids prepared by the Highway Superintendent and placed on file with the Clerk of the Board, for the period 4/1/2020 to 3/31/2021, seconded by Legislator Moroughan and carried.
3. Legislator Moroughan made a motion to award the low bid for crushing of stone to Lyndaker Excavating in the amount of \$4.00 per Ton for the period 4/1/2020 to 3/31/2021, seconded by Legislator Chartrand and carried.

4. Legislator Burns made a motion to award the low bid for Highway and Solid Waste Department uniform services to Unifirst for a term of 36 months, seconded by Legislator Gilbert and carried.
5. Legislator Chartrand made a motion to authorize Sheriff Carpinelli to fill a full-time Jail Nurse, effective immediately, seconded by Legislator Burns and carried.
6. Legislator Moroughan made a motion to authorize Solid Waste Director Kip Turck to fill a full-time Principal Account Clerk due to retirement effective immediately, seconded by Legislator Burns and carried.
7. Legislator Chartrand made a motion to fill full-time Planning Director position due to resignation, effective immediately, seconded by Legislator Burns and carried.

Legislator King called for a 5 minute recess before going into Attorney Client privilege session regarding a local law. Ryan quickly let the committee know that Barton & Loguidice will be meeting at the Solid Waste facility on Friday, February 20th at 10:00 a.m. to go over the site review and all Legislators are welcome to attend. At 1:49 p.m. Legislator Burns made a motion to enter into Attorney Client privilege session, seconded by Legislator Chartrand and carried.

At 2:28 p.m. Legislator Chartrand made a motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Legislator Gilbert and with no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board