

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
July 21, 2020

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

Others present: Legislators Larry Dolhof, Greg Kulzer, Phil Hathway, Randy LaChausse, and Tom Osborne; County Manager Ryan Piche; Treasurer Eric Virkler; County Attorney Joan McNichol; Human Resources Director Caitlyn Smith; and media representative Nick Altmire.

Committee Chairman Legislator King called the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Legislator Burns made a motion to approve the 6/16/2020 committee meeting minutes, seconded by Legislator Gilbert and carried.

The following dockets were reviewed:

1. Resolution authorizing a renewal agreement with J. Arthur Sealcoating & Contracting to provide snow plowing and sanding services for the Fall/Winter 2020-Winter/Spring 2021 snow season for the Lewis County-JCC Education Center on the East Road.

YEA 5 NAY 0

2. Resolution authorizing an agreement between the County of Lewis and NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to accept the award of \$10,000.00 for the Lewis County Emergency Management Department under the FY2020 EMPG-S program for COVID-19 related activities. *Treasurer Eric Virkler asked permission from the Committee to add in language on the resolution to include appropriating the money into the Emergency Management account lines therefore eliminating another resolution later. The Committee agreed.*

YEA 5 NAY 0

3. Resolution to transfer funds in the County Road accounts to reflect changes in this year's projects and funding sources given the COVID-19 pandemic.

YEA 5 NAY 0

4. Resolution authorizing an Extension/Modification agreement between the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Sheriff and the Harrisville Central School District to provide for a Deputy Sheriff to serve as the School Resource Officer for the period commencing on or about September 8, 2020 through June 30, 2021 at a cost of \$59,200 payable by the Harrisville Central School District to the County. *Discussion followed with the question being raised of how non-school days are handled, Ryan responded that the salary funding for those days is in the Sheriff's budget and they work for the county. Legislator King pointed out that last year there was overtime incurred by the SRO for working at athletic events and after school activities. He would like to see the language in the contract reflect that any overtime incurred during the 180 school days would be billed to the school and it would be their responsibility. Legislator Burns made a motion to include language to that affect in the contract for the 2020/2021 school year to state that any overtime incurred during the 180 day school year would be the sole responsibility of the*

school and that the county would bill them, seconded by Legislator Moroughan and carried. Legislator Gilbert asked what happened when school shut down for Covid this past Spring, Ryan responded that the SRO worked for the county however the schools still paid their full 180-day school year salary. Ryan went on to explain the reasons the Harrisville Central School contract amount is more than South Lewis Central School is because South Lewis had a 5-year grant that they were using to fund the position.

YEA 5 NAY 0

5. Resolution authorizing an addendum to extend the term of the agreement for a School Resource Officer for the period on or about September 8, 2020 through June 30, 2021 between the County of Lewis, on behalf of the Sheriff's Department and the Board of Education of South Lewis Central School District in consideration of South Lewis paying the sum of \$58,673 to the County. *Legislator King noted that the same language as discussed for Harrisville Central School would be included in the South Lewis Central School contract.*

YEA 5 NAY 0

6. Resolution awarding the bid to and authorizing an agreement with MJDNY LLC dba Docteur Environmental to provide Diesel Fuel System Replacement services at the highway garage building in accordance with the specifications set for in the RFP, at a cost of \$441,900.00 with said project to be completed by November 30, 2020. *Legislator King explained that the deducts were not taken. The project will move forward using the 10,000-gallon tanks because each tank then has a 1,000-gallon reserve/overflow.*

YEA 5 NAY 0

7. Adopting Local Law No. 5-2020 "A Local Law Regulating and Permitting Special Events on County Roads, Trails or Other County Property".

YEA 5 NAY 0

8. Resolution awarding the bid and authorizing an agreement with Deveines Enterprises, LLC to provide driveway/access road repair at five (5) identified 911 Tower sites in accordance with the specifications set forth in the RFP at a cost of \$45,750.00 with said project to be completed prior to winter 2020. *County Attorney Joan McNichol informed the committee that the resolution language would be adjusted as this bidder was not the lowest but both Building & Grounds Supervisor Matt O'Connor and County Manager Ryan Piche felt that because Deveines Enterprises, LLC was the vendor who is hired to plow the 911 Tower Site driveways that he would have the best understanding of how and where they needed repair.*

YEA 5 NAY 0

Legislator King discussed the 3 junkyard properties (Rouscher, Morchek, and Farr) that are still in violation and strongly suggested to the committee that all three properties get cleaned up before the end of the year. The committee was in unanimous agreement. Legislator Chartrand asked what their previous deadline was, Joan responded that Rouscher and Morchek had until May 31st and Farr had until July 15th. Joan said that Farr is being dealt with through the Supreme Court. Legislator King asked Ryan to begin the process of getting quotes from haulers or putting an RFP together so a contract can be awarded and things can be taken care of before the winter

weather. When asked, Highway Superintendent Warren Shaw said that his crew is currently very busy but if necessary, he could try and assist with clean-up.

Legislator Dolhof suggested that at next month's committee meeting there be a resolution or policy put together that would direct that a portion of the foreclosure money from the tax auction be put into a separate account to fund these types of clean-ups. There was discussion about a fund that was already set up for Environmental issues on properties which causes them not to be able to complete the tax foreclosure process. Legislator Kulzer suggested auctioning some of the older and valuable vehicles on these properties to help offset the costs of cleanup. Joan stated that the initial clean-up will only be for the trash, debris and buildings. The second phase, if things are not then addressed by the property owner, could be to go through the courts to take possession of their personal property and remove that as well however that would be a much more difficult process.

At 1:27 p.m. Legislator Chartrand made a motion to enter Attorney Client Privilege session regarding the DA's Diversion Program after a 5-minute recess, seconded by Legislator Burns and carried. Legislator Gilbert asked to be excused due to conflict.

At 2:22 p.m. Legislator Burns made a motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Legislator Chartrand and carried.

Legislator King asked For Cheryl Lalonde to join the meeting for discussion on a contract amendment with EF Johnson regarding the 911 Radio system. Cheryl explained that there is a dead zone on the backside of Gomer Hill which is frequently traveled by snowmobiles during the winter. She is asking the Committee to increase the cost of the most recent approved contract with EF Johnson to add two frequency pairs to cover the dead zone. She suggested it would be better to do it now because they are already going to be up here to move things into Phase 2 which would reduce the travel costs. The Frequency pair used will only be at 100 feet on the Gomer Hill Tower, so it will not interfere with anything else. Legislator King asked why the VHF wouldn't work and Cheryl explained that there isn't a VHF radio on the snowmobile trails. The committee agreed to amend the contract to include an additional \$60,000 which will be covered by Grant Funding. Legislator King asked that this be a resolution at the August Board meeting.

At 2:49 p.m. Legislator Chartrand made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Burns and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board