

**GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**June 21, 2022**

Present: Ian Gilbert, Chair; Richard Chartrand, Vice-Chair; Phil Hathway; and Josh Leviker. Legislator Andrea Moroughan had been excused.

Others present: Legislators Larry Dolhof, Jeffrey Nellenback, Lisa Virkler and Tom Osborne; County Manager Ryan Piche; County Attorney Joan McNichol; Treasurer Eric Virkler; Human Resources Director Caitlyn Smith; and Information Technology Director Conner Biolsi.

Committee Chair, Legislator Gilbert, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Legislator Chartrand made a motion to approve the May 17, 2022 committee meeting minutes, seconded by Legislator Leviker and carried.

**Update on all Capital Projects – Ryan Piche, County Manager**

Ryan Piche began by explaining that there are many projects going on, not just the projects that required the \$50 million dollar bond but also projects from 2021 that are wrapping up. The Solid Waste upgrade project is 99% completed with only a few punch list items that need to be completed. The pictures he shared showed that now trucks can drive through the building and unload the garbage, then our solid waste staff use equipment to push it over the side into a trailer which can be hooked to a tractor and hauled away. The entrance to the facility was also adjusted to more of a perpendicular entrance.

Ryan shared pictures of the New Highway Garage that showed the Wash Bay walls, and foundation being complete, the excavation of the site for the main building and the cold storage building. The New Maintenance Garage is moving along quickly and should be completed by the end of summer. The Glenfield Elementary Renovation is moving along with the estimated move date of August 1<sup>st</sup>. The data wiring has been completed and new walls have been erected to divide different sections of the building.

Singing Waters Bathhouse project is well underway with the foundation being completed, electrical conduit is being run, water lines being run, and the septic tank being buried. The hope is that it will be opening in September. Lewis County Health System project is moving along nicely. A live stream can be viewed through the hospital website. The DMV and Board of Election Renovation/Addition project is being designed with the bid to go out in mid-August with the start date for this fall.

Public Safety Building HVAC replacement project kicked off in the winter of 2021 and should be completed by the winter of 2022. The 1.2-million-dollar contract was awarded to Empire Northeast with the project kick-off scheduled for Wednesday at

11:00 a.m. up in the Public Safety Building Conference Room. The idea is to start in the Administration suites this summer and then end with the Jail in February 2023. The Air Handling Unit is on order. The inmates will likely need to be boarded out during the final portion of the project.

Some additional projects that are planned for 2022 are the Radio System Phase II upgrade which is grant funded in the amount of 1.4 million dollars; the Courthouse Heated Sidewalk which should begin in August at a cost of \$162,000.00; Greig Road Box Culvert project scheduled for July at a price of \$420,000.00; and the Solid Waste Scale House project which will be discussed further today at a price of \$485,784.00.

The following dockets were reviewed:

1. Adopting Local Law No. 3-2022 “The Amended Local Law Regulating and Permitting Special Events on County Roads, Trails Or Other County Property and On Any Town Roads and Property Where The Town Has Opted In”.  
AYE   4              NAY   0
  
2. Awarding Bid and Authorizing an Agreement with J. Arthur Sealcoating & Contracting for Snow Plowing Services at the Nine (9) 911 Tower Sites for the 2022-2023 Snow Season at a cost of 29,150.00.  
AYE   4              NAY   0
  
3. Awarding Bid and Authorizing an Agreement with J. Arthur Sealcoating & Contracting for Snow Plowing and Sanding of the Lewis County-Jefferson Community College Education Center Parking Lot for the 2022-2023 Snow Season at a cost of \$9,200.00.  
AYE   4              NAY   0
  
4. Authorizing Agreement between the County of Lewis and Climate Control Mechanical of NY, LLC for Annual Inspections and Maintenance Services at the Glenfield School Complex from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 at a year 1 cost of \$10,560.00 and year 2 cost of \$10,876.80.  
AYE   4              NAY   0
  
5. Authorizing Agreement between the County of Lewis and Core Climate Systems for Service Work Associated with the DDC System at the Glenfield School Complex from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$9,120.00 for both years.  
AYE   4              NAY   0
  
6. Awarding the Bid and Authorizing Agreement with Tuscarora Construction Co., Inc. for Lewis County Highway Department’s Box Culvert Replacement Project – CR 40 over Tannery Creek at a cost of \$408,710.00.  
AYE   4              NAY   0

7. Transferring \$40,000.00 from regular contingency to the Probation Department accounts for Raise the Age expenses related to youth detention costs. *Ryan Piche explained that every year the budget has had \$20,000 for Raise the Age expenses but fortunately the county has not had to expend any funds in the past. This year is the first year that the county has needed it and because the youth is in a detention facility below Syracuse at around \$800 per day it was not enough which is why a transfer of fund is needed. The youth will be turning 18 shortly and then will no longer be the responsibility of the County.*

AYE   4              NAY   0  

8. Authorizing Agreement between the County of Lewis and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC to Lease Space on the Montague 911 Tower and Site for a payment to the county of \$2,200.00 for the initial testing and if they choose to commence with a 5-year lease term it will be for a payment of \$2,200.00 per month to the county. *In response to Legislator Hathway, it was clarified that half of the money will go to the landowner and the other half to the county in the general fund.*

AYE   4              NAY   0  

9. Awarding Bid and Authorizing Agreement between the County of Lewis and Continental Construction, LLC, for the Scale House Project in the amount of \$485,784.00. *Ryan Piche shared a slide that showed the background of this project. The Original budget estimate on August 18, 2020 was \$142,500 for the Solid Waste Scale House project. The low bid received on March 17, 2021 was \$318,000 but was rejected due to the high price. The Engineer revised the design documents to help reduce the costs. The low bid received on May 26, 2022 was \$485,784. Although this isn't what anyone was hoping for as it is higher than the bid a year ago it is within our budget. The current Solid Waste fund balance is \$700,000 and the remaining balance of the General Fund loan is \$149,623. The bid of \$485,784 will leave a final Solid Waste Fund balance of \$364,623. Legislator Hathway stated that he was wrong when he thought it couldn't get any worse from the first bid opening a year ago but now, he questions if it will get any better. He felt that the county should move forward with the current low bid. The Scale House project will not really save any money but will help with efficiency. Legislator Leviker thought the bids were competitive and although materials might eventually come down prevailing wage will likely only go up. Legislator Gilbert thought the county should move forward with the current low bid because in 6 months to a year it could be worse. In response to Legislator Chartrand, it was clarified that the loan from the General Fund would be paid back from Solid Waste over time. The consensus was to move forward with this project.*

AYE   4              NAY   0  

10. Authorizing Grant of Easement to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation at the County's Highway Garage Property on Route 812 and East Road as a Result of the County's Facilities Improvement Project.

AYE 4      NAY 0

There being no other business to come before the committee, Legislator Chartrand made a motion to adjourn at 1:25 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hathway and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board