

PUBLIC WORKS
MAY 4, 2015

Present: Dan Banach, Sarah Purdy, Doug Paddock, Gary Montgomery, Margaret Dunn, Elden Morrison, Bonnie Percy, Jim Multer, Bill Holgate, Tim Dennis, Leslie Church, Lee Sackett, Mark Morris, Bob Clark, Jim Smith, Connie Hayes, Joe Reed, Scott Falvey, Craig Prior

Minutes of the April 6, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

Dan and Margaret will do the audit this month.

County Attorney - Scott Falvey

Scott reviewed Bridges and Highway Law. Scott explained where there is a bridge on a county road, the county has to maintain that bridge. The county does not have the duty to maintain any other bridges. There are certain examples where the county could end up maintaining these other bridges. An example would be if there was a joint venture between the county and a town building a bridge, the county can decide that once it's built it will take over the maintenance of it. Another example, there are provisions in the Highway Law that will allow a county to essentially condemn a bridge for public safety reasons. If the county condemns the bridge they would have to maintain the bridge if it was 25 feet or over, if it was under 25 feet the town would have to maintain it. The third way a county could end up taking over the maintenance and repair responsibility of a bridge, there is a provision in the highway law that allows a county to take over a town bridge that 25 feet or more for no reason. This would be done through a resolution upon the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent.

Scott reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. These are bridges that the county normally would not have to maintain. The County is saying we want to maintain these bridges they are 25 feet or over and we are exercising our right to do that under the law. These bridges are already being maintained by the county.

Going forward if the County chooses to take over a bridge, they can do so by passing a resolution. If the county wants to issue polices as to future bridges that they may take over, now might be a good time to think about that. Dave has talked with Scott regarding this and Scott's thoughts would be, is the county saying if any bridge is constructed in the further and it is done according to these specs that we are going to accept it or are we just saying here's the policy we are not even going to consider a bridge that doesn't meet these qualification but still leave it up to the county by not committing to taking over every bridge. The Committee approved.

- Authorize Take Over Of Certain Bridges In Yates County

Scott reviewed the following resolution. The next resolution to adopt local law 2-15 repealing local law 1-2000. The 2000 law was taking over bridges under 25 feet, so by repealing this law the county no longer has an obligation to take care of any bridge that is under 25 feet. Going forward the county doesn't have a blanket obligation to take care of any town bridge just because it happens to be 25 feet or over.

- Adopt Local Law No. 2-15 Entitled A Local Law Repealing Local Law 1-2000 Maintenance Of Bridges By Yates County.

The Committee approved.

Household Hazardous Waste Day – Connie Hayes

Connie reported Schuyler has contacted her regarding the next household hazardous waste day. The date has been set for September 19th from 9 to noon at the same location. As information is firmed up Connie will report more.

Connie explained that Schuyler County has asked if there might be additional funding available. Connie stated that there is \$2,500 in the budget but she would like to keep \$500 for advertising and questioned if an additional \$1,000 could be found. Connie was asked to get the information from last year's participation and report back next month.

Buildings and Grounds – Joe Reed

Joe reported he has been contacted by the Yates Concert Series to use the courtyard starting June 24th and every Wednesday until August 12th for the concerts. The Committee approved.

Joe reported Cliff Boyce, Director of Weights & Measures, submitted his monthly report and asked if the Committee is comfortable with the layout or would they like additional information. The consensus of the Committee was the format is fine.

Joe reported the bids for roof replacement at the Highway facility have been placed and are due May 26th. Dave and Joe will have recommendations at the June meeting.

Joe reported the quarterly sprinkler test was done in April.

Highway Department – Dave Hartman

Dave could not attend the meeting, Craig reported in Dave's absence.

Craig reported the Italy Turnpike Project is expected to be done at the end of this month.

Craig reported the contractor will be in next Monday to start milling, and the asphalt contractor is expected in June.

Craig questioned if the Committee wanted Dave to check into leasing vs buy. The consensus of the Committee was to have an analysis done for vehicles and equipment on the cost of leasing vs buying. The interest rates for leasing/buy would need to be compared against the rate for a bond anticipation note.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45p.m.