

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 2020

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Skellie, Campbell, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Shaw, Ferguson, Wilson

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Rozell

SUPERVISORS: Hall, Henke, Losaw, O'Brien, Hogan, Clary, Griffith

Debra Prehoda, Clerk

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Al Nolette, County Treasurer

Deborah Donohue, Supt. Public Works

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

1. Call to Order
2. Accept Minutes – October 27, 2020
3. Department Reports/Requests:
 - A. Department of Public Works
 - 1) Auction List
 - 2) Marchiselli Agreements
 - 3) Shared Services – Local Government Efficiency Grants – Barn Construction
 - 4) Plow Truck Purchase for 2021 Budget
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment

Chairman Skellie called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. via teleconference.

A motion to accept the minutes of the October 27, 2020 meeting was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – Deborah Donohue, Superintendent of Public Works, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Auction List, attached. – One additional item to add to the auction list: 2000 Chevy Blazer – frame failure. The repair costs listed on the handout do not include the purchase price. The Derrick truck does not work, boom settles and it needs a new bucket. The lowboy was replaced this summer but they fixed the old lowboy to carry light loads and have found it to be very beneficial to have an extra trailer and would like to keep it in their inventory; no objections from committee.
- Marchiselli agreement for the Shushan Bridge providing \$16,973 towards right-of-way acquisition. The County would be responsible for 20% of that amount if Marchiselli funds did not come through or the 5% county share. A motion to authorize signature of Marchiselli agreement was moved by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Ferguson. Discussion. The right-of-way is needed because when they went out to the constructability of the project they realized that they need to move some of the utilities. These are temporary easements. We are causing the utilities to relocate due to our construction. It will probably also be a lay down construction area. The motion to authorize signature of Marchiselli agreement was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson and adopted.
- Shared Services – Local Government Efficiency Grant – Superintendent had emailed the feasibility study on the barns to Supervisors. Asked if it was possible to start moving forward looking into what we have for options on barn replacements in particular Middle Falls and Fort Ann because they are the ones that are in the worst shape. She is looking at possibly co-locating with another municipality and that is beneficial for grant opportunities. There are very feasible places to partner in both Easton/Greenwich area and Fort Ann area. Mrs. Fedler recommends starting to look at a plan and be ready when grant opportunities come up. Kingsbury moved into a new highway barn in 2014 which cost \$1.6M including site work and

engineering and Fort Edward recently built at a cost of \$2.4M. Mr. Campbell likes the idea of planning and at least have an idea of the type of structure, how many bays and doors on both ends. Supervisor Shaw, Town of Easton and Supervisor Hall, Town of Fort Ann, are both interested in partnering with the County. Barn replacement cost estimates were included in the capital plan. Mr. Campbell stated this puts the DPW shop on the back burner. The Superintendent is going to start conversations with the interested parties and find sites that are feasible and report back to the committee on the progress. From the discussion today, Chairman Skellie stated the Superintendent should go ahead with looking at barn options.

- Plow Truck Purchase for 2021 Budget – The truck price increases in January and unknown how much. If DPW places an order by December 10th we get the price that it is now. Purchasing ahead of time has been done in the past. The Treasurer stated the 2020 budget and the 2021 budgets would be amended to move the purchase into this year's budget. The money would not actually be spent until probably this time next year. A motion to move this request to amend the budget to allow for the purchase of 2021 plow trucks in 2020 was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Backfill Highway Worker II – Resignation – A motion approve backfill, Highway Worker II, due to a resignation and forward to the Personnel Committee for consideration was moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Fedler and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 A.M.

Debra Prehoda, Clerk
Washington County Board of Supervisors

Auction list 11/30/2020

04057 – 2004 IH 7600 – 227,000 miles (engine, excessive blow by)

Repair cost to date : \$222, 500.83. Original purchase price \$125,897.00

Runs & drives

06044 – 2006 IH 7600 – 191,650 miles

Repair cost to date: \$278,169.87. Original purchase price \$143,985

92040 – 1992 Freightliner – Built in 2016 (miles unknown, odometer not working when purchased, we repaired it) (first Army truck)

Repair cost to date \$38,628.00. Original build price - \$64,000

98149 – 1998 Bridge washing trailer - Purchased used from Sewer Dept. \$3500.00.

Repair cost to date: \$22,544.41 (replaced 2020 with truck mounted unit)

89194 – 1989 IH Derrick Truck – Original cost (Army Surplus) \$6000.00

Repair/certification cost to date \$15,022.6