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COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES – DECEMBER 10, 2024 DEBRA J. CODY, CHAIR

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Knapp, Dr. Kelly, Mr. Brown, Ms. Hernandez
ALSO ATTENDING: Chairman Burtis, also see attached list

Chair Cody called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. and the previous meeting's minutes were approved.

1. TRANSPORTATION: Marty Voss, Commissioner; Penny Donahue, Accountant 2
a. Authorizing the County Executive to Enter into a Five Year Agreement with the State of New York for Snow and Ice Control on State Highways for the 2024-2029 Seasons (\$4,717,185)

- Item 1b. (missing resolution number) builds off of item 1a.
- County DOT plows state highways; state pays the county to do it; this is a 5 year extension
- NYS reimbursing for labor, materials and supplies; this allows DOT to increase the amount
- State Comptroller requires a reauthorization once every 5 years
- County has to come back to the Legislature every year for authorization once the dollar amount is known
- NYS Comptroller wants to show these are legitimate agreements between the municipality and the state

Questions/Comments from the Committee:

- Any changes from previous years?
 - Yes, adjusted titles/labor rates in 2022/2023 budget
 - Upgraded everyone in snow operations by 2 paygrades
 - Using state titles (same as NYSDOT and Thruway Auth.)
 - Entry level is no longer a grade 5, now a grade 7
 - Translates into contracts with state, so county will be reimbursed at the proper labor rate
 - Price of salt and fuel fluctuates with the market, but can predict labor rates
 - Know what increases (to wages) are because of collective bargaining agreement, which is baked into contract
- Is there still a severity factor built in?
 - Have not had severity factor since 2019
 - Better to get a direct cost reimbursement
- This contract renews the same, and the county can increase the costs
 - Yes
- Are the contract rates the same with every county?
 - Yes; do not have latitude to change it
 - 5 years is good; locked in and modifications are budgetary
- What is the balance of state roads that county plows vs county roads that the state plows?
 - ~800 miles of county highway plus over 200 miles for the state (Rt. 31, 11, 80, 20)
 - Parse off ~360 to towns/villages, which are neighborhood streets/smaller roads
 - Works out to be better than break even for the county
 - Towns/villages pay more than the county, and the county pays more than the state
 - Hours of work and overtime are greater in the opposite direction; it is a balancing act

- State is doing 690, 81, 481, and Onondaga County is still largest operation in the region
- During a storm fully staffed, county has ~60 trucks, and state has 25
- City is comparable, but totally different challenges

A motion was made by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Dr. Kelly, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

b. Authorizing the County Executive to Amend a Five Year Agreement with the State of New York for Snow and Ice Control on State Highways for the 2024-2029 Seasons to Increase the 2024-2025 Season Estimate and Amending the 2025 County Budget Accordingly (\$831,998)

- Take estimated base amount plus the increase, the difference is not equal to \$831K
- This is an amendment for the current 2024-2025 budget year
- Because of labor rates and material costs, have to increase appropriation amount that DOT can bill the state for
- Have to increase the amount in the account to cover costs of worst case scenario, but not sure will have that
- Not asking for full amount, which was over a million dollars; scaled back to 80% which is \$831,998
- Will cover labor cost considering a typical winter (~100” of snow)
- If in January/February it gets bad, will come back to ask for more money
- If any money is not spent, it is an appropriation, so it will not affect the budget
- In 2025, budgeted for state contract for snow and ice at \$3.4M, based on previous contract
- State approached with 5 year extension after October, when the 2025 budget was passed
- Looking to increase the \$3.4M to roughly \$4.2M, 80% of the total amount of contract amount of \$5.3M
- In the case of a “snowmageddon”, county will be able to be paid by the state for the remainder of the \$5.3M

Questions/Comments from the Committee:

- Does the \$831,998 come out of fund balance?
 - It will be reimbursed from NYS, it is NYS revenue
 - It is not local dollars; anticipation of what NYS will reimburse for the snow season

A motion was made by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Ms. Hernandez, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

c. Authorizing the Sale of Surplus County Property Consisting of a Portion of Kinne Street, C.R. NO. 71, in the Town of Dewitt to Roger E. Salle and the Concomitant Discontinuance and Removal Thereof from the County Road System (\$6,000)

- Owner of adjacent business is the only one that has access to this county owned piece of property
- Business owner (Roger E. Salle, Brown Carbonic) would like to purchase this land to expand the parking lot
- State had leftover land after building 298, and gave it to the county; found it when handling a drainage issue
- Agreed on price based on real estate process

Law:

- Surplus land is on a dead-end portion of Kinne; gravel, unused portion of County property

A motion was made by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DEBBIE KAMINSKI, Assistant Clerk
Onondaga County Legislature

ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE: COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2024

NAME (Please Print)	DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
Darcie Lesniak	Leg
Melissa Riss	DOT
Brianne Danaher	DOT/Fin Ops
Ben Yaus	Law
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Don Romeo	Leg.
Tim Beebe	Leg.