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COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES – JULY 16, 2024 DEBRA J. CODY, CHAIR

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Knapp, Dr. Kelly, Mr. Brown, Ms. Hernandez
ALSO ATTENDING: Mr. Romeo, 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. **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:** Archie Wixson, Commissioner
 - a. **Amending the 2024 County Budget to Make Funds Available to Support Renovations to the Onondaga County Supreme Court Law Library (\$400,000)**

PURPOSE: *Renovations to Law Library in the County Courthouse*

OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN: *Provide renovations to the Law Library as requested by Unified Court System which include: built-in shelving demolition; construction of furred walls, gypsum drywall assembly, custom veneer walls/doors, painting, minor electrical and general cleaning.*

FUNDING SOURCE: *NYS Unified Court System*

BUDGET: *\$400,000*

- Facilities has a 5 contract with NYS Courts that is renewed every year
 - Provide maintenance and landlord services to NYS Unified Court System
 - County is paid back whatever is negotiated in contract
 - Facilities provides the courts for capital improvements as requested
 - County fronts the money; 1.5 years later (one full fiscal year) the courts reimburse the county
- Project to make improvements to Law Library located on the 5th floor of courthouse
 - Includes a help desk unit for retrieval of legal information from Law Library and archives
 - In house Architect did design and was approved by NYS Unified Court System and Albany
- Bid project out at \$398,000
- Asking for authorization for \$400,000 for this project; county reimbursement in next fiscal year

Questions/Comments from the Committee:

- Is the \$400,000 coming out of fund balance?
 - This is a Finance question on whether they will use cash or fund balance; will be shared at Ways & Means
- Law Library is a great asset for any lawyer or private citizen to look up (i.e.) case law, historic information, etc.
- Law Library provides free copies
- Will work be done on the air conditioning?
 - Yes, doing climate control to help preserve the rare and aging documents
 - Similar to what was done at Central Library
 - Renovations will stay in kind with the historical character

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

2. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: Marty Voss, Commissioner

a. Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property in the Town of Tully for Highway Purposes

- DOT to acquire Fee Title to a portion of Tully Farms Road
- Project includes Honeywell, State of NY, Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Onondaga Nation
- This involves a land transfer NYS is doing with the Nation
- County has road running through with culvert that needs to be maintained, eventually replaced, to maintain drainage of small channel stream

- Law
 - This is an NRD (Natural Resource Damages)
 - NRD Consent Decree entered into after lake cleanup to compensate for destroyed natural resources
 - Honeywell to turnover ~1,000 acres, and state decided it was to be transferred to Onondaga Nation
 - County has road right-of-way, but not a Fee Title
 - This is the opportunity to avoid potential future jurisdiction issues
 - Road right-of-way is tight, so it includes maintenance easement from the Nation to perform routine repairs, maintenance and inspections
 - When DEC transfers land to the Onondaga Nation, the road will be transferred to the County simultaneously

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

3. TOUR:

- a. Soil & Water** ~ Mark Burger, Executive Director
Skä•noñh – Great Law of Peace Center (Onondaga Historical Association) ~ Lisa Romano Moore, Executive Director

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



DEBBIE KAMINSKI, Assistant Clerk
 Onondaga County Legislature

ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE: COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
 DATE: JULY 16, 2024

| NAME (Please Print) | DEPARTMENT/AGENCY |
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| Daniel Romeo | Leg |
| Ben Yaus | Legal |
| John DeSantis | Leg |
| Maury Kline | EX |
| Marty Voss | DOT |
| Archu Wilson | Facilities |
| Ben Yaus | Leg |
| Lisa Romano Moore | CHA |