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**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES-JANUARY 5, 2026
SARAH PURDY, COMMITTEE CHAIR**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Purdy, Terry Button, Jesse Jayne, Bill Holgate, Dan Banach, George Lawson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Dick Harper, Rick Willson, Leslie Church, Nonie Flynn, Leigh MacKerchar, Doug Paddock, Ed Bronson, Pat Killen, Jessica Mullins, Emilee Miller, Joe Reed, Doug Rapalee, Matt Reed, Rich Leppert, Doug Marchionda

Committee Chair Purdy called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Purdy & Banach will sign the audit this month.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jesse Cramer spoke about various issues people, including himself, are facing right now including homelessness.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Joe Reed

Mr. Reed reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Weights & Measures
- Inspections
- 2025 Q4 Goal Status
 - Started preventative maintenance plan for Benton
 - Set back with original Senior Cleaner
 - Refilled position
 - Moving quickly and going well
- 2026 Goals
 - Create electronic preventative maintenance and work order system
 - Complete 2026 CIP by the end of 2026 and bring them in under budget
 - Plans and specifications with the Public Safety project

HIGHWAY: Doug Rapalee

Mr. Rapalee reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Central Garage
 - Just over 7,000 miles
- Traffic
 - Still waiting on back-ordered parts for signs
- Administration
 - Accident Damage Recovery Policy Status

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- Researched and reached out to NYSEG without much luck
- NYSDOT doesn't have a plan in writing, but follow similar process

Ms. Purdy questioned the Committee to see if the following resolution(s) should proceed to the Legislative Meeting. After discussion/edits, there were no official objections.

- Declare Surplus Equipment
- Authorize the Chair of the Legislature to Sign a Contract Amendment/Extension with Petroleum Traders Corporation for the Supply of Gasoline & Diesel

Mr. Rapalee reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- 2025 Q4 Goal Status
 - Development of Internal CDL Training program
 - Needs to be revisited
- 2026 Goals
 - Culvert Inspection and Replacement Plan
 - Long list with some being top priority
 - Working with Soil & Water
 - Abandonment & Removal of Sid White Road Bridge
 - Development of Guiderail Inspection, Upgrade, and Replacement Plan
- Maintenance
- Capital
- Bridges & Culverts
 - Hamlet of Bellona Culvert Replacement
 - B & L are working with their surveyor to finish up the mapping that they need
 - Targeting a February bid with a March award
 - Still on target to perform that work right along with the bridge
- Road Machinery
 - Two new plow trucks arrived
 - Hoping to have them in service in the next two weeks
- Landfill
- Snow & Ice
 - Out 21 days for Snow & Ice in December
 - Snow & Ice Rental Equipment
 - Recommending the committee authorize an increase to the rates for the equipment, based off the 2025 FEMA rates that were released in September, with a start date of January of 2026

AIRPORT: Sarah Purdy

Ms. Purdy questioned the Committee to see if the following resolution(s) should proceed to the Legislative Meeting. After discussion/edits, there were no official objections.

- Authorize Chair of the Legislature to Sign Acceptance of the Penn Yan-Yates County Airport Consultant Agreement for Project: Runway 1-19 REIL Replacement (Construction) FAA Grant PEO-EAG-3-36-0094-TBD-2026 NYS DOT PIN NO: 6906.TBD

SENECA FLIGHT OPERATIONS: Rich Leppert

Mr. Leppert reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

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- Monthly Memo
 - The end numbers through December were 462 operations at the airport
 - Compared to 398 last year
 - Still have trees that are blocking the view on the taxiway for runway 28
 - The last T-Hangar is now occupied
 - Two outstanding leases have been sent in for a total of 18
 - Inquired about the Hold Harmless agreement for Skydive business
 - 7 flights in December is actually up to 9 flights
 - Deicing equipment has allowed for more flights in the winter months
 - Staffed 7 days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Are available after hours (except Thanksgiving & Christmas) for a fee

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY PROJECT: Doug Paddock

Mr. Paddock reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Ad Hoc Public Safety Facility Committee Report –January, 2026
 - Draft report for Pike contract for construction management has been reviewed by both the Committee and Scott.
 - Awaiting its arrival from SMRT who is preparing it
 - Reviewed space needs
 - Arranged for Robert Cuttita, SMRT Consultant, will come do a public and executive session presentation at the Legislative Meeting

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Jessica Mullins

Mrs. Mullins had nothing to report.

Mr. Marchionda made himself available for any questions the Committee may have in regards to the Airport.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Emilee Miller
Yates County Clerk of the Legislature