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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES-APRIL 6, 2026
SARAH PURDY, COMMITTEE CHAIR

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Purdy, Terry Button, George Lawson, Bill Holgate, Dan Banach, Jesse Jayne (12:03 p.m. & left at 12:30 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Leigh MacKerchar, Doug Paddock, Dick Harper, Pat Killen, Nonie Flynn, Ed Bronson, Leslie Church, Jessica Mullins, Emilee Miller, Joe Reed, Doug Rapalee, Matt Reed, Pat Hludzinski, Paul Middlebrook, Bill Middlebrook, Doug Marchionda

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

Purdy & Holgate will sign the audit this month.

Minutes from the March 2nd meetings were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

C & S ENGINEERS: Patrick Hludzinski, Principal Engineer (Airport)

Mr. Hludzinski explained that the grant application for the 8-bay hangar was submitted in January 2023 and the DOT awards the grant based on the information they have in the grant application at the time which was 3 years ago. The bids came in, and they were a little bit higher than what they had anticipated in the grant application by about 3.4%, just shy of \$88,000. There are ways they can try to close the gap on the difference and the “best” solution the Airport Council came up with is to dip into their reserves and replenish the reserve later on.

After discussion and questions, the Committee decided to move forward with this. A resolution will be prepared for the Legislative Meeting April 13th.

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.

- Amend Resolution No. 137-26 Accept and Authorize Chair of the Legislature to Sign Aviation Capital Project Funding Agreement for the Penn Yan-Yates County Airport NYSDOT 2025 Airport Improvement Program Project No(s). 6906.44, 6906.45, 6906.46, & 6906.47 Contract No. T042303
- Award Bid for the Penn Yan-Yates County Airport Runway 1-19 REILs Reconstruction
- Authorize Chair of the Legislature to Sign Acceptance of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) Penn Yan-Yates County Airport Project: Runway 1-19 REILs Replacement (Construction) FAA Grant PEO-EAG-3-36-0094-TBD-2026 NYS DOT Pin No. 6906.TBD

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Ms. Purdy reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Report

SENECA FLIGHT OPERATIONS: Rich Leppert

Mr. Leppert was not present, but the Committee reviewed his report on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Monthly Memo
 - Further discussion to be had at the next Airport Council Meeting
 - Reminder: May 4th 9:00 a.m. Airport Tour
- Runway Operation Reports

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Joe Reed

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

- Weights & Measures
 - Everything looked to be in order, except for some visual stickers on the gas pumps
- 2025 Utility Data Safety Committee
 - Comparison using NYSEDA propane average for western, central New York, and using the 2024 propane contract price
 - Natural gas is saving considerable amount over propane
 - Costs increasing
- VFD Bid
- Legislative Chambers HVAC
 - MJ Mechanical Services to do some drawings and specs before they go out to bid
- Use Requests
 - Parking lot use by the Farmer's Market
 - Provided a signed form with an indemnification of the County on it and provided their insurance form
 - Committee approved moving forward
 - Courtyard use request for the Annual Concert Series
 - Mr. Reed already granted use
- Testing and Inspections
- 2026 Q1 Goal Status
 1. Electronic preventative maintenance and work order system-Paused
 2. Keep Capital Projects on in budget or under budget-In progress
 3. Public Safety Facility plans and specifications-In progress

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.

- Award Bid for Variable Frequency Drive Replacement Project
- Authorize Chair to Sign a Contract with MJ Mechanical Services

HIGHWAY: Doug Rapalee

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

- FEMA Repairs (August 2024 Storm)
- Central Garage
 - All 3 new Chevy Equinox's delivered
- Traffic
- Administration

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- Award Bid for Warm Mix Asphalt Concrete
- Award Bid for Ready Mix Concrete
- Award Bid for Vegetation Control
- Authorize Highway Superintendent to Fill Full-Time Motor Equipment Operator Position (Vacancy Review Form Attached)
- Declare Surplus Equipment (Central Garage & Highway)
 - Towns of Middlesex and Jerusalem agreements to mow the Radio towers on town roads
 - 2026 Q1 Goal Status
 1. Culvert Inspection & Replacement Plan-In progress
 2. Abandonment & Removal of Sid White Road Bridge-In progress
 3. Development of Guiderail Inspection, Upgrade and Replacement Plan-In progress
- Maintenance
- Capital Projects
- Bridges & Culverts
 - South Glenora Road (South Bridge)
 - Pre-emption Road Bridge
 - Ferguson-Corners Road Bridge
 - After discussion, Ms. Purdy questioned the Committee if they want to stop the forward progress on Ferguson Corners Road Bridge to look at the temporary bridge, or if they want to move forward
 - ◆ The consensus of the Committee was to move forward and Mr. Rapalee will reach out to ask about the temporary bridge as well as prepare some data on additional costs
 - Hamlet of Bellona Culvert Replacement
 - Ridge Road / Milo Street Bridge
- Road Machinery
- Snow & Ice
- Other

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 –April, 2026
 - Special legislature scheduled for Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.
 - It will be the consultants & members of the Ad Hoc Committee making presentations.
 - It will probably be a fairly long meeting
 - There will be a number of questions and there's a lot to cover

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Jessica Mullins

Mrs. Mullins had nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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