

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 4, 2023

Committee members: Bill Holgate (Zoom), Doug Paddock, Tim Cutler, Mark Morris, Dan Banach

Doug Paddock chaired the meeting in Bill Holgate's physical absence.

Others present: Leslie Church, Bonnie Percy, Dick Harper, Terry Button, Rick Willson, Ed Bronson, Pat Killen, Carlie Chilson (Zoom), Nonie Flynn, Emilee Miller, Jeff Ayers, Jessica Mullins, Marsha Devine, Marian Walrath (Zoom)

Bill & Mark will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as submitted.

### **Real Property: Meghan Kincaid**

Meghan was not present, the Committee reviewed her report.

### **Planning: Jeffrey Ayers**

Jeff reported that there were 9 Planning Board applications this month, including 2 solar projects in Benton and a storage shed setback variance from the Town of Benton. The only one determined to have a negative county-wide impact was the storage shed setback variance.

Jeff reported that the County hosted a training the hour before their meeting entitled "Now What?" about solar facility planning. There will be a joint training with Ontario County on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Topics include: Floodplain Regulations for Local Review Boards and Affordable/Workforce Housing, a notice is posted on the Planning website. LULA has their 11<sup>th</sup> annual training April 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the COB Auditorium, "Land Use Implications of Short Term Rentals for Keuka & Seneca Lakes." On May 18<sup>th</sup> GLFRPC is having a local government workshop/training in Batavia.

Jeff reported that the Town of Middlesex is still lacking representation on the Planning Board.

Jeff reported that the Natural and Recreational Resources Grant Award & Rejection letters went out March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Jeff reported that the MOU between Yates County and the Yates County Agricultural Society has been executed. RFPs for electric and hazardous waste have gone out and were due 3/31/23. There should no longer be a fee for the electronic recycling waste part of the drop off day. The State laws starting 1/1/23 prohibit recyclers from charging fees to collection sites. Jeff consulted with Fairground staff, Connie's 2021 notes, and Legislator Banach about the best layout for the Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Jeff reported that Yates County has free recycling drop off at the Jerusalem Town Barns, 2672 Guyanoga Rd, Saturdays 8-12, or at Cardinal Disposal at 635 Shannon Corners Rd, Dundee, NY 14837 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. The County's Recycling webpage and Facebook page have been updated with this info.

Jeff reported that Yates Transit Services was not running on 3/14 due to the Governor's State of Emergency. Jeff reported that Ontario County Planning Department reached out about the NYS Snowmobile Grant and Aid Program that compensates snowmobile clubs for grooming, maintenance, etc. He has reached out to Yates Snow Travelers Association to see what their interest is, they are going to follow up after their next monthly meeting.

Jeff reported that Dundee has moved forward on their Zoning Map changes with maps prepared by the Planning Department. Elections may still require some GIS support.

Jeff reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. After discussion the Committee approved.

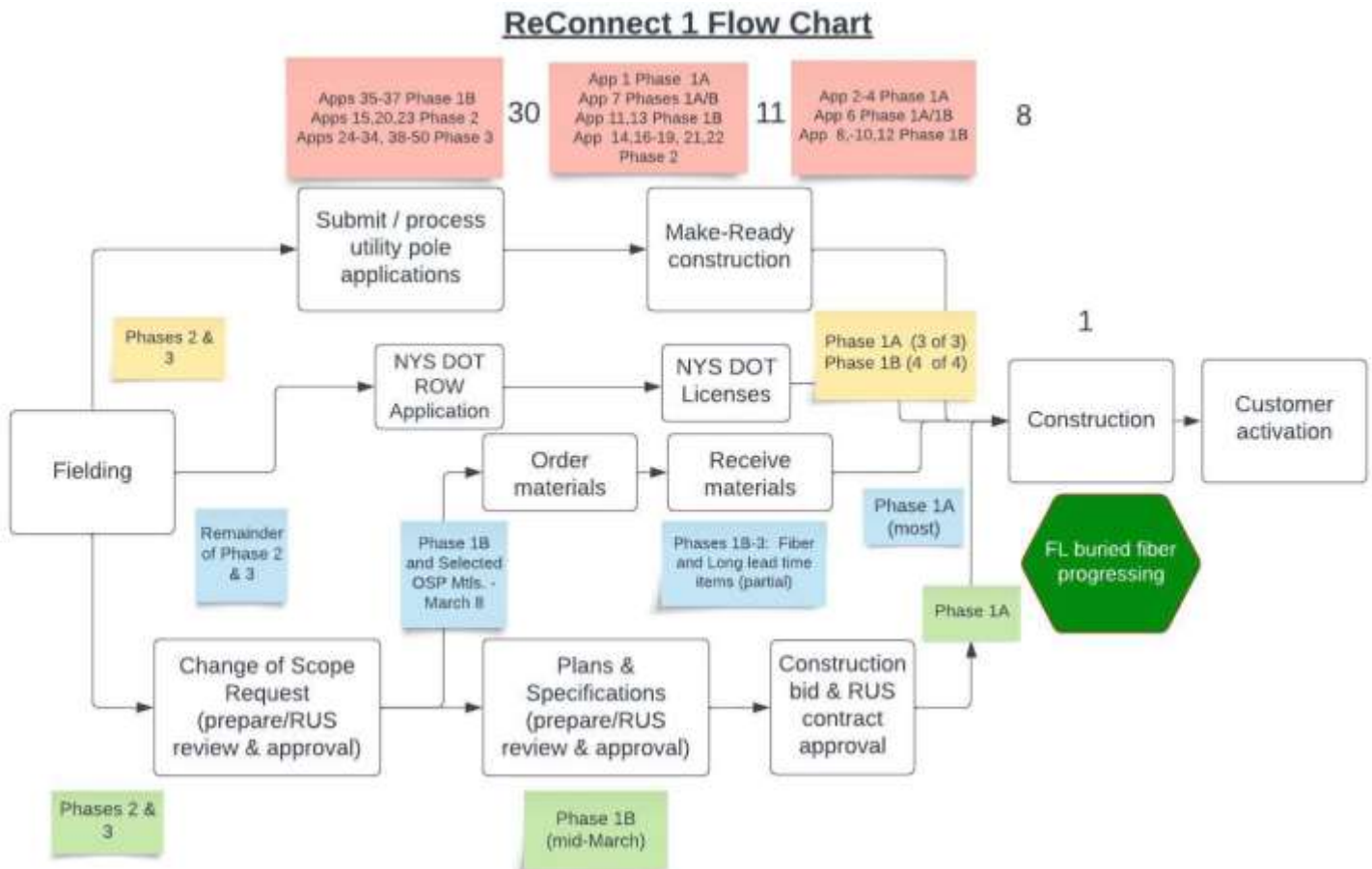
- Authorize Letter of Support for Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (GFLRPC) to Participate as the Lead Organization from the Rochester MSA for the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program
- Authorize Chairwoman to Sign a Contract with E-Waste+
- Authorize Chairwoman to Sign a Contract with MXI Environmental Services, LLC.

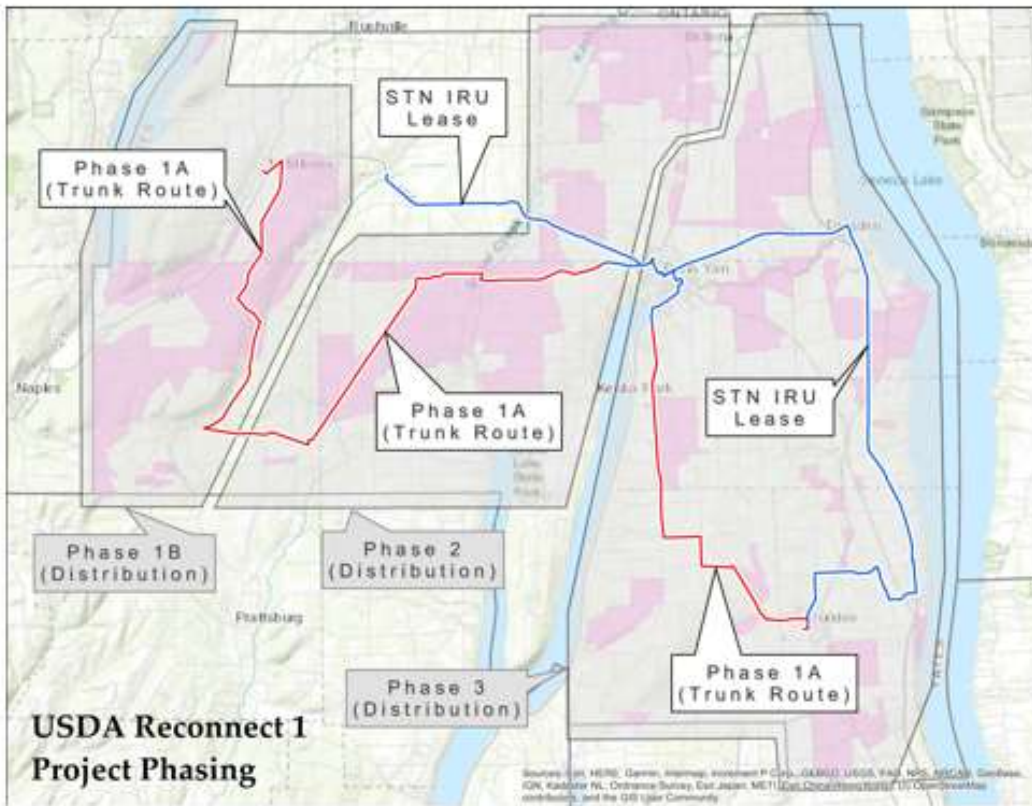
**ReConnect: Marian Walrath & Jeff Ayers**

Marian reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. After discussion/edits the Committee approved.

- Authorize Chairwoman to Sign Contract with Graybar Electric Company for Phase 1B and Selected Outside Plant Materials for the ReConnect Project
- Enter into a Master Services Agreement for Make Ready Construction for the ReConnect Project with Harlan Electric Co.
- Enter into a Master Services Agreement for Telco Rearrangement Make Ready with Henkels & McCoy, Inc. for the ReConnect Project

Marian reviewed the main paths of project activity for the ReConnect 1 Engineering & Construction:





Marian reported on ReConnect 1 Engineering & Construction, highlighting: Phase 1A (Trunk Route), Phase 1B (Distribution in Italy/Middlesex), NYS DOT Permitting, Points of Presence (POPs) & Uplink Node.

Marian reviewed the Financial Reporting:

Report approved 3/1/2023 (FRS#18)	Total advances to date	Advances now requested	Invoices paid and waiting RUS contract
Make Ready	\$650,153	\$211,680	\$0
Engineering	\$617,143	\$79,577	\$0
Construction	\$300,000	\$0	\$0
Equipment (Nokia)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials/other items	\$369,938	\$0	\$1,468,242 (balance)
Bidding Costs	\$503	\$76	\$0
Total	\$1,937,737	\$291,333	\$1,468,242 (balance)
Balance in Pledged Deposit Acct.: \$1,937,411			
Project Total: \$13,956,500 which includes \$3,631,625 County match			

Marian reported that there is no update for the Grant Applications or the RDOF Awarded areas.

**Finance: Jessica Mullins**

Jessica reported that for NYCLASS as of 3/28/2023 Yates County has invested \$11 million, the County has earned \$160,831.69 in interest to date with a rate of 4.6175%.

Jessica reported that they collected \$182,080.14 in back occupancy tax to date. 3<sup>rd</sup> letter being sent out; Notice of Determination in April. Granicus has selected Yates County as a success story to share on their website.

Jessica reported that the TASC Annual Meeting was held on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Documents are to be compiled and submitted to the state by end of March 2023.

Jessica reported that they are in the process of submitting the Cost Allocation Plan data for the 2022 year.

Jessica reported that an AUD for Flint Creek has been submitted to the state and sent to Ontario County.

Jessica reviewed the Deposits and Collateralization of the counties funds. The county takes great measures to spread its funds amongst many financial institutions located locally in the county and in a variety of different accounts not only to ensure its safety but to help benefit the local community.

Jessica reviewed the 2023 Appropriations and Sales Tax Report.

Jessica reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. After discussion the Committee approved.

- 2023 Budget Transfers
- Appropriate Additional State Aid (DSS)
- Appropriate Additional State Aid (Highway)
- Appropriate Additional Federal Aid (Highway)
- Authorize Chairwoman to Sign Contract with Granicus
- Amend Resolution 19-23 Investment Policy

**Treasurer: Marsha Devine**

Marsha reviewed the following Tax Enforcement tables and indicated that the Delinquent 2021 properties will be auctioned along with the Delinquent 2022 properties in spring of 2024:

<b>Delinquent 2021 Properties</b>							
July 31, 2022	Aug 31, 2022	Sep 30, 2022	NOV 3, 2022	Dec 1, 2022	Jan 30, 2023	Feb 28, 2023	Mar 28, 2023
85	75	74	70	60	31	11	9

<b>Delinquent 2022 Properties</b>			
Dec 29, 2022	Jan 30, 2023	Feb 28, 2023	Mar 28, 2023
226	207	188	150

Marsha reported that she compiled the March 2023 Star Report data for properties with delinquent property taxes for 2021 and/or 2022 and submitted it to the Director of Real Property to send on to NYS.

Marsha reported that she expressed her views that a reflective assessment of one's effectiveness is beneficial to elected officials as well as appointed personnel and employees and she is participating in the 360 Assessment through Savannah Consulting.

Marsha reviewed Dave Lucas's email which provided the NYSAC memo of opposition. The memo clarifies the reasons that the Governor's proposal is a concern for Counties in NYS.

Marsha reported that in regards to Torrey Station, they anticipate the end of May for a lien to be fully in place and they expect to see that in June. They will then proceed with the steps required to place Torrey Station back onto the tax rolls for 2024.

**County Administrator: Nonie Flynn**

Nonie reported that the NYS Senate and Assembly did not approve the proposal to no longer share federal Medicaid funds with counties. This would cost Yates County an additional \$543k per year. The final NYS budget should be approved by the beginning of April, and we can hope the final budget does remove this. The In Rem Foreclosure that would have required counties to return proceeds from foreclosure sales to owners also was rejected by both houses of the NYS Legislature. However, this is still a live issue in the budget.

**Airport: Dick Harper**

Dick reported that they did put out the deicing pad and the terminal apron rehab for bid. One will be opened April 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. The other one will be opened April 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. They will have bids for next month.

Dick reported that they did get the generator set. The electric or the gas line is hooked up to it and they are waiting on them to hook up the final connection for the actual power.

Mr. Banach moved to enter into executive session on the basis of the employment history of a particular individual, attendees being Committee Members, other Legislators present, and the County Administrator.

Seconded by Mr. Morris.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.