

APPROVED 11-27-07

**Facilities and Infrastructure Committee  
Special Meeting  
August 21, 2007  
Courthouse Conference Room**

Present: K. Herrera, D. Kiefer, D. Randall, G. Stevenson, P. Mackesey (arrived at 4:50 p.m.)  
Staff: R. Nicholas, Airport Manager; J. Lampman, Solid Waste Division; K. Belanger, Human Rights Division; E. Marx, Commissioner of Planning and Public Works; C. Nelson, Public Works Administrator; M. Pottorff, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature; W. Sczesny, Highway Superintendent

**Call to Order**

Ms. Herrera called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

**Changes to the Agenda**

Two resolutions were withdrawn later in the meeting.

**Public Comment**

No member of the Public was in attendance.

**RESOLUTION NO. – AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE TOMPKINS COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN ITHACA, NEW YORK**

MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Stevenson. Mr. Randall said he opposes this resolution because he believes this is an unnecessary layer of County government and that should be handled at the State level. A voice vote on approving the following resolution and submitting to the full Legislature resulted as follows: Ayes – 3 (Herrera, Kiefer, and Stevenson); Noes – 1 (Randall); Excused – 1 (Mackesey). MOTION CARRIED.

WHEREAS, the Lease Agreement presently covering the offices in which the Tompkins County Human Rights Commission transacts business, located at 120 West State Street, in the City of Ithaca, County of Tompkins, State of New York, shall expire on August 30, 2007, and

WHEREAS, this location provides convenient access to the public, and

WHEREAS, the Human Rights Commissioner has negotiated a five-year extension with no increase in rent and an early termination clause, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services and the Facilities and Infrastructure Committees, That the County Administrator, or his designee, is hereby authorized to finalize negotiations and sign a lease agreement with the landlord, Novarr-Mackesey Property Management, for the period of September 1, 2007, through August 31, 2012.

**SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20**

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Ms. Mackesey arrived at 4:50 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 150 - AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) GRANT TO COMPLETE THE TERMINAL ENTRANCE ROAD, SECURITY SYSTEM UPGRADE, OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL AND DESIGN OF THE RUNWAY SAFETY AREA IMPROVEMENTS - ITHACA TOMPKINS REGIONAL AIRPORT**

MOVED by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Randall. Mr. Nicholas said the revised resolution presented to the Committee did not capture the language he had intended it to. He suggested and the Committee agreed, to remove the following underlined wording from the third Whereas: "except for the design and obstruction approval", subject to Federal and State funding being received. A voice vote on approving the following resolution and submitting to the full Legislature resulted as follows: Ayes – 5, Noes – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

WHEREAS, the County has received a grant offer from the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) in the amount of \$1,548,544 to complete the terminal entrance road, security system upgrade, obstruction removal, and design of the runway safety area improvements, and

WHEREAS, the budget for these project is as follows:

FAA Share	(95.0%)	Account No. HT 5601.44592	\$1,548,544
NYSDOT Share	( 2.5%)	Account No. HT 5601.43592	\$ 40,751
Local Share	( 2.5%)	Account No. HT 5601.45031	\$ 40,751
Total			\$1,630,046

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WHEREAS, the Terminal Entrance Road, Security System Upgrade and Design of the Runway Safety Area projects have already been approved by the County Legislature, subject to Federal and State funding being received, and

WHEREAS, the Design and Construction of the Obstruction Removal project will be brought before the County Legislature for approval before it is allowed to go forward, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, That the grant offer from the FAA of \$1,548,544 be and hereby is accepted and that the County Administrator is authorized to execute the required documents,

RESOLVED, further, That the local share of \$40,751 has already been factored into the Airport's 2007 operational budget.

**SEQR ACTION:** TYPE II-2

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**RESOLUTION NO. 151 - AWARD OF BID – TERMINAL ROAD AND PARKING LOTS - ITHACA TOMPKINS REGIONAL AIRPORT**

MOVED by Ms. Mackesey, seconded by Ms. Kiefer. Mr. Nicholas stated this was bid as one project but is being funded by two different sources, one a federal Airport Improvement grant and other is a State Air99 grant. He said C&S has taken care of dividing work so that the proper reimbursements can be made. A voice vote on approving the resolution and submitting to the full Legislature resulted as follows: Ayes – 5, Noes – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

WHEREAS, the Finance Department advertised and received five bids for construction of the Terminal Road and Parking Lots at the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid of \$629,165.50 was submitted by Ruston Paving of Syracuse, New York, and

WHEREAS, the budget for this construction project is as follows:

Terminal Road

FAA Share (95.0%)	Account No. 5601.44592	\$430,568.00
NYSDOT Share (2.5%)	Account No. 5601.43592	\$ 11,330.91
Local Share (2.5%)	Account No. HT 5601.45031	\$ 11,330.91
Total		\$453,229.82

Parking Lots

NYSDOT Share (80%)	Account No. 5601.43592	\$140,748.54
Local Share (20%)	Account No. HT 5601.45031	\$ 35,187.14
Total		\$175,935.68

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WHEREAS, the local share \$46,518.05 has already been provided for in the Airport's 2007 budget, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities & Infrastructure Committee, That subject to grants being received from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), the contract for \$629,165.50 be awarded to Ruston Paving of Syracuse, New York,

RESOLVED, further, That the Finance Director be authorized to borrow monies if necessary, until reimbursement is received from the FAA and NYSDOT,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract with Ruston Paving.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 152 - AWARD OF BID – SECURITY SYSTEM UPGRADE - ITHACA TOMPKINS REGIONAL AIRPORT**

MOVED by Mr. Randall, seconded by Mr. Stevenson. Mr. Nicholas said this project is a replacement of the entire Airport identification badge system. The badges that will be purchased will have the swipe capability and the ability to integrate biometrics and will provide an additional level of security. The project also includes closed-circuit television cameras throughout the Airport and parking lots, and a standby generator that will provide power to the entire terminal in the event of a power outage. Mr. Nicholas said there were no bids from local companies but noted this is a very specialized field. He said C&S reviews these bidders and would alert the Airport Manager if they had any negative experiences with any of the bidders in the past. A voice vote on approving the resolution and submitting to the full Legislature resulted as follows: Ayes – 5, Noes – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

WHEREAS, the Finance Department advertised and received two bids for completion of a Security System Upgrade at the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid of \$ 683,000 was submitted by Weydman Electric of Syracuse, New York, and

WHEREAS, the budget for this construction project is as follows:

FAA Share (95.0%)	Account No. 5601.44592	\$648,850.00
NYSDOT Share (2.5%)	Account No. 5601.43592	\$ 17,075.00
Local Share (2.5%)	Account No. HT 5601.45031	\$ 17,075.00
Total		\$683,000.00

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WHEREAS, the local share \$17,075.00 has already been provided for in the Airport's 2007 budget, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, That subject to grants being received from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), the contract for \$683,000 be awarded to Weydman Electric,

RESOLVED, further, That the Finance Director be authorized to borrow monies if necessary, until reimbursement is received from the FAA and NYSDOT,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract with Weydman Electric.

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**RESOLUTION NO.            –    DETERMINATION OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE IN RELATION TO RECONSTRUCTION OF HANSHAW ROAD, CR 109, IN THE TOWNS OF ITHACA, DRYDEN, AND VILLAGE OF CAYUGA HEIGHTS, PIN 3753.25**

MOVED by Ms. Mackesey, seconded by Mr. Randall. Mr. Sczesny addressed some of the concerns raised by Ms. Kiefer at the last meeting. He provided a breakdown of costs for the traffic light, infrastructure, and the complete light. He said the infrastructure for the traffic light would cost approximately \$80,000 (underground work and replacement of the poles so that everything does not have to be dug up). A complete light replacement would be approximately \$115,000. The cost of colored shoulders would be \$836,000, of which \$27,000 is the paving cost. Mr. Lampman said the citizens group expressed interest in the colored shoulders and said there are other treatments that County staff has explored that would reduce the difference in those two costs. Mr. Sczesny said if the colored shoulders were chosen, the project would have to be shortened to make up the difference in costs. Another option would be to use a different surface treatment that would cost approximately \$400,000. This option would not involve paint; instead, it would involve a treatment where the color would go all the way through the material.

At this time Ms. Kiefer posed questions concerning specific sections contained in the Full Environmental Assessment Form. Those questions are summarized as follows:

- A2. Total acreage of project area – agricultural land is not included as land use nearby however there is Cornell land nearby that is sometimes planted. Mr. Lampman said that would be included in the Meadow or Brushland (non-agricultural) section. Mr. Marx said if these plantings were not on the road shoulder is would not be included.
- A9. Is the site located over a primary, principal, or sole source aquifer? *Mr. Lampman agreed to look into the response indicating there is an aquifer present.*
- B1-g Maximum vehicular trips generated per hour = 1,535. Mr. Lampman said this is the present (upon completion of the project) peak number of vehicles.
- B16. Will the project generate solid waste? Ms. Kiefer asked what solid waste in this question refers to. Mr. Lampman said this probably refers to spoils that are excavated that could possibly include salvaged storm sewer materials. He said there would not be a lot of volume, however, there would be large materials.
- B18. Will project use herbicides or pesticides? Ms. Kiefer asked why there will be use of herbicides or pesticides. *An answer was not known at this time.*

Due to time constraints, Ms. Herrera asked for direction from the Committee on how to proceed with these resolutions and whether they should be forwarded to the full Legislature this evening. Mr. Marx said this document could be corrected following action by the Legislature as long as the impact is not changed. Mr. Randall said he is not prepared to vote in support of this as he did not receive

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information prior to this meeting. The Committee decided that due to additional clarification needs, this resolution and the resolution entitled Authorization to Issue Design and Right of Way Plan Approvals for the Reconstruction of Hanshaw Road, CR 109, in the Towns of Ithaca and Dryden, and Village of Cayuga Heights, would be withdrawn from this agenda.

The Committee will consider these resolutions at the previously scheduled Committee meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Pottorff, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature