



Planning Board

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

William Santos
Chairperson

Monroe County Planning Board Meeting Minutes February 16, 2023

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board was held on February 16, 2023 at 3:30 pm in person, via Zoom, and livestreamed on YouTube.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Mike Wiedemer, Vice Chair (via Zoom); Andrew Hollister, Citizen member; Dave Watson, Citizen member; Andrae Evans, Citizen member; Orlando Rivera, Citizen member; George Hebert, Co. Legislator; Rachel Barnhart, Co. Legislator; Richard Tantalo, Director, Public Safety; Robert Franklin, CFO, Finance; Mike Garland, Dir. of Environ. Services (joined via Zoom, 4:30)

Alternates Present: Adrienne Green, Law Dept. (for Jeff McCann, Dep. Co. Exec.); Laura Smith, Law Dept. (for Amy Grower, Chief of Staff); Josette Mangieri, Finance; Kristina Daugherty, Pub. Safety; Sean Murphy, DES (for Mike Garland, Director, DES)

Planning Staff Present: Ana Liss, Director of P&D; Yixuan Lin, Sr. Planner (for Rochelle Bell, Board Secretary); Kim Hudson, Asst. to the Board Secretary

Others Present: Tom Fry, Director, MCDOT

Chairman Santos called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm.

Chairman Santos reported that the Board needs to vote on a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2023 and therefore, the Agenda needs to be modified to include that action item. Mr. Rivera made a motion to modify the Agenda to include as an action item, voting on a Planning Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the 2023 calendar year; Mr. Hollister seconded the motion, which was then approved by the Board.

ACTION ITEMS:

a) Election of the 2023 Planning Board Chair & Vice Chairpersons

- 1) **Nominations for Chairperson:** Chairman Santos opened nominations for Chairperson. Mr. Watson nominated Bill Santos; Mr. Evans seconded the nomination. As there were no other nominations, Chairman Santos closed nominations for Chairperson. Mr. Watson made a motion to approve Bill Santos as the 2023 Chairperson of the MC Planning Board for a term of one (1) year; Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 2) Nominations for Vice Chairperson: Chairman Santos opened nominations for Vice Chairperson. Chairman Santos nominated Mike Wiedemer; Mr. Hollister seconded the nomination. As there were no other nominations, Chairman Santos closed nominations for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Hollister made a motion to approve Mike Wiedemer as the 2023 Vice Chairperson of the MC Planning Board for a term of one (1) year; Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of the December 15, 2022 meeting minutes: Mr. Hebert made a motion to approve the December 15, 2022 meeting minutes; Mr. Franklin seconded the motion; the minutes were approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Hudson brought to the attention of the Board, three (3) corrections to the *Planning Board 2023 Meeting Schedule* that were made after it had been sent out to members, alternates, and staff. Two corrections were changing the year from 2022 to 2023, and one correction was that the meetings are held **in person** at the Dept. of Planning and Development, and virtually (via Zoom and YouTube).

CONTINUATION of ACTION ITEMS:

- b) Recommend an amendment to the 2023 Capital Budget to increase the project authorization by \$430,000 for the Middle Road Project from \$3,580,000 to \$4,010,000, making the total project authorization \$4,010,000**

Mr. Tom Fry, Director of the MC Department of Transportation, was present to speak to the Board regarding the above project, and provided a map of the area involved, which is in the Town of Henrietta. Mr. Fry stated that the project involves the rehabilitation of Middle Road, from Erie Station Road to Lehigh Station Road and that the increase in cost is due to 1) the increase in cost of materials and labor, which is about a 25% inflation increase, and 2) an increase in the scope of the project. Mr. Fry stated that there is a need to reconstruct a wider section of the road than the original 6 foot wide shoulder. According to Mr. Fry, the amount of the requested increase is based on actual bids, and while the cost of this project has gone up, there have been some other projects where money has been saved.

A question was asked by a board member about how much of the requested increase is due to widening the construction area, and how much is due to inflation?

In response to this question, Mr. Fry, shared that DOT "compared the costs of the widened reconstruction area vs. the inflation costs. Of the \$430,000 increase, about half (\$209,600) was due to the widened reconstruction area."

Legislator Hebert made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2023 Capital Budget to increase the project authorization by \$430,000 for the Middle Road Project from \$3,580,000 to \$4,010,000, making the total project authorization \$4,010,000. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion, which was approved.

- c) Recommend an amendment to the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program and the 2023 Capital Budget to increase funding for the Specialized Secure Detention Facility Project**

in the amount of \$25,000,000 from \$0 to \$25,000,000, for a total project authorization of \$61,600,000

Mr. Sean Murphy, Chief of Engineering and Facilities Management for DES, was present to speak to the Board on the above project. Mr. Murphy provided a PowerPoint presentation which gave a good overview and summary as to how this project has evolved from the time the Children's Detention Center moved from the Iola Campus to Rush, NY in 2014, to the present day. There have been substantial changes in the scope of the project to meet NYS requirements that came about in 2018 with the State's Raise the Age (RTA) initiative which included 16 and 17 year olds, as Adolescent Offenders, who could now be housed at this facility. Prior to the RTA legislation, the facility housed individuals under the age of 16. With input from Monroe County's Department of Human Services, NYS Office of Children and Family Services, and the State Commission of Correction, to meet mandates, changes were necessary to build the facility to SSD (Specialized Secured Detention) facility standards. According to Mr. Murphy, this resulted in significant changes in the size and design of the facilities to include: an increase in the number of beds, expand and modernize program space to ensure proper sight and sound separation, an increase in security features, as well as meeting the specifications of the materials used for construction, among other things. This facility is intended to not only meet the needs of the County, but also the region.

The original project came before the Planning Board June 28, 2018, with a cost of \$21.7 M to renovate approximately 7,000 square feet and add an addition of approximately 37,000 square feet to the existing facilities. This was subsequently approved by Resolution of the Legislature for the \$21.7 M.

The current scope has changed the footprint to an approximately 54,400 square foot addition, along with the approximately 7,000 square foot renovation, resulting in the need for the increase in funding.

The cost sharing breakdown is as follows: SD – County 51%, State – 49%; SSD – 100% NYS. In terms of dollars, of the entire \$61.6M, the County's portion is approximately \$16.3M, and the State's portion is approximately \$45.3M. The County will bond the entire amount over twenty (20) years and anticipates receiving the approximately 73% State reimbursement for the total project cost.

Mr. Tantalo made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program and the 2023 Capital Budget to increase funding for the Specialized Secure Detention Facility Project in the amount of \$25,000,000 from \$0 to \$25,000,000, for a total project authorization of \$61,600,000. Mr. Wiedemer seconded the motion, which passed, with Mr. Hollister opposed.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: March 2, 2023 at 3:00 pm (CIP Mtg. – Introduction of the Proposed 2024-2029 CIP)

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Franklin made a motion to adjourn; Legislator Hebert seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm.

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