

**Lewis County Health Systems
Planning and Facilities Committee**

Date: July 20,2020

Call to Order: 4:55 pm

Adjourn: 5:45 pm

Present: Jerry Cayer, Peter Farney, Jeff Hellinger, Denise Hirsch (recorder), John Lehman, Phil McDowell, Donald Musnicki, Frank Pace,

Guest: Richard Chartrand, Dr. Sean Harney, Ryan Piche, Rick Tague, BCA

Excused: Karen Rennie, Susan Ross

Mission and Vision statement: Mr. Musnicki opened the meeting with reading of the facilities Vision and Mission statements.

Old business: There was no old business to discuss.

New business:

Med/Surg renovation/OR addition project:

Mr. Pace shared the following information with the committee.

The SEQR Public Hearing was conducted on June 2, 2020 during the monthly Board of Legislator's (BOL) meeting. Upon closure of Public Hearing, the BOL as the Lead Agency voted on the environmental impact of the project. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was declared by the Board. SEQR process has been completed.

On June 18, 2020, at 9:30 AM, a presentation outlining the project scope was provided to the Town of Lowville Trustee's at their monthly public meeting. Present at meeting were Mr. Cayer, Mr. Hellinger, Mr. Pace and Mr. Tague of BCA.

The Town was also informed that the Zoning Immunity, exemption would apply as the function, operation, and approval of the project (Certificate of Need) is governed by the NY State Department of Health. County Attorney will follow-up with correspondence to both Town and Village on zoning exemption.

Mr. Cayer answered several questions presented by the Trustee's. The Town provided their approval and thanked us for the presentation.

The following is a list of various areas of planning underway

- Construction schedule, Project Phasing, Value Engineering – On schedule
- 90% design for phasing of demolition and MEP work - approximately two weeks behind Architectural
- Fire Suppression System Design and Capacity – Initial Testing Completed June – Further capacity testing scheduled for July.

- Electric and Steam Distribution 90% Design. approximately two weeks behind Architectural
- OR Design, Equipment and Lighting - Complete
- Patient room design, head-wall equipment, and configuration – Complete
F. Pace stated that the headwalls that have been selected are a uniform system and can be used in any of the rooms. With the recent pandemic and the need to have surge capacity they are going to all be set up to be equipped for two patients.
- Morgue design – Meeting held with County DA and Medical Examiner on June 12, 2020. - Complete
- 90% Site Design and Drainage -approximately two weeks behind Architectural
- NYDOT Traffic criteria (Perm-3 Application/Permit)- 1st review Complete, NYDOT Correspondence 7/2/2020
- Pre-application into NYSEG for Natural Gas supply and line conversion. – Complete – Next step pending NYSEG Engineers site visit, tentatively scheduled for July 2020.
- Our Team is making good progress, we have met the 90% set.
- Our updated budget for the project is \$32,757,125.00
- A presentation to the Health and Wellness Committee is set for July 21, 2020.
- It is anticipated that the BOL will vote and supply a Resolution of support and financing for the project at their monthly meeting in September 2020.
- It is anticipated that subsequent to the September 2020 meeting, the Certificate of Need (CON) with all appropriate documents will be submitted to the State for review and approval.

Project Phasing:

Mr. Pace stated that by doing this project a phased approach will cut the time by a year.

Questions:

Mr. McDowell asked what is included in the increase of the project cost, since this project was first presented to this committee. Mr. Cayer answered that when the project was first presented the lower level of the building was just the building shell. However, it was decided to complete, that it will be easier and cost effective to do so at the same time, instead of in 3 years as originally planned.

Mr. Lehman asked the status of the Clerk of the Works. Mr. Cayer stated that the request for information went out to fourteen companies, and we received four responses.

Mr. Lehman asked if this committee could see the four companies. Mr. Cayer stated, yes, and we will add it to the agenda for the next meeting.

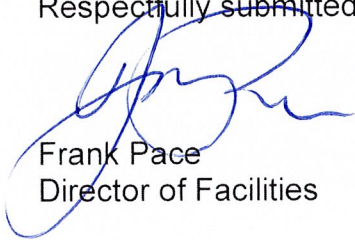
Mr. Lehman asked how we are looking at paying for this project. Mr. Cayer stated we are seeking a 30-year bond.

Mr. Lehman asked if we are expecting to increase the number of surgeons once this project is completed. Mr. Cayer stated we will decrease the surgery wait time not necessarily add surgeons.

Mr. Musnicki stated that thirty-three million is a lot of money. As a resident of Lewis County this is a huge cost; and asked if there are any grants available. Mr. Cayer stated we are and will continue to pursue grants, however the longer we wait on this project the cost of the project will increase. The Hospital Foundation has agreed to raise two million dollars toward this project. Mr. Hellinger stated that the Bond will be paid off using our revenue from the increase of services.

With no further questions Mr. Musnicki asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McDowell made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Lehman.

Respectfully submitted



Frank Pace
Director of Facilities