

**SENECA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Special Board Meeting
September 28, 2021

Call to Order

Chairman Hayssen called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

Roll Call of Members by the Clerk

Twelve members of the Board of Supervisors answered roll call. Sprvrs. Hayes and Lott were not present.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

RESOLUTION & MOTIONS

**AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION OF
STRUCTURES AT THE SAMPSON VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY**

RESOLUTION NO. 211-21, moved by Sprvr. Trout, second by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery (SVMC) is owned and operated by Seneca County as a municipal cemetery to honor the memory of veterans who have made personal sacrifices in the service of their country; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorized and directed the County Manager to solicit bids for the demolition of non-contributing structures; and

WHEREAS, bids were advertised on August 31, 2021 and sealed bids were received, opened and read aloud on September 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Gorick Construction Co., Inc. was the Contract low bidder at \$ 212,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Standing Committee reviewed and approved this resolution on September 28, 2021; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors awards the contract to abate and demolish structures at the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery to Gorick Construction Co., Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$212,000; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Finance be authorized and directed to make the necessary budgetary and accounting entries to effect the intent of this resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY**

RESOLUTION NO. 212-21, moved by Sprvr. Borst, second by Sprvr. Ferrara and adopted.

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WHEREAS, Seneca County (County) is proposing the Seneca County Sewer Districts 1 and 2 Infrastructure Improvements Project (Project), located in the towns of Ovid, Romulus, and Varick, Seneca County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the project has been classified as a “type i action” as defined by the state environmental quality review act (SEQRA) in 6 NYCRR Part 617.4; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors to assume the role of “lead agency” for purposes of conducting a SEQRA/SERP assessment of the project; and

WHEREAS, Part I of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) has been completed, reviewed by the Seneca County Board of Supervisors, and will be circulated to all interested and involved agencies for purposes of establishing the Seneca County Board of Supervisors as “lead agency” in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b); and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Water and Sewer Operations Standing Committee on September 28, 2021; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors hereby is authorized to sign Part I of the FEAF (page 13); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Seneca County will send said Part I of the FEAF and associated site figure to the attached list of “interested and involved agencies” under cover of a “notice of intent to establish lead agency” letter for purposes of establishing lead agency status under the SEQRA/SERP; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors, together with the Seneca County Attorney and Barton & Loguidice are hereby authorized to take all actions, serve all notices, and complete all documents required to give full force and effect to this determination.

CONTRACT WITH QUADRANT BIOSCIENCES, INC.

FOR COVID-19 PCR TESTING IN THE SCHOOLS

RESOLUTION NO. 213-21, moved by Sprvr. Borst, second by Sprvr. Barnhart and adopted.

WHEREAS, the health department is responsible to contract with laboratories to provide COVID- 19 PCR testing in Seneca County schools; and

WHEREAS, Quadrant Biosciences, Inc., 505 Irving Avenue, Suite 3100 A/B, Syracuse, New York 13210 is able to provide the test kits and perform the laboratory analysis; and

WHEREAS the funding for the testing is in the Public Health budget (104010-54700 STG); and

WHEREAS, the amount will not exceed \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Services Standing Committee approved this Resolution on September 28, 2021; now, therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized and directed to sign a contract with Quadrant Biosciences, Inc. to provide COVID-19 PCR testing for the schools.

Recognition of Vicky Swinehart, Seneca County Public Health Director

Public Health Director Vickie Swinehart, RN/MS, was recognized by Sprvr. Joseph Borst, chairman of the Public Health Standing Committee for her 29 years of service in public health. Director Swinehart will be retiring effective October 18, 2021. Sprvr. Borst presented Director Swinehart with a commemorative plaque and the following statement:

PROCLAMATION OF THE SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VICKIE SWINEHART

In recognition of your retirement from the County of Seneca Public Health Department as the Director 2003-2021.

WHEREAS, Ms. Vickie Swinehart joined the County of Seneca Public Health Department in 1992 as a Public Health Nurse; and

WHEREAS, Vickie rose within the ranks over the years as Supervising Public Health Nurse, Director of Patient Services and subsequently to Public Health Director in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Vickie's work in the public sector has largely influenced the operations, standards and developmental projects throughout the County's Public Health Department; and

WHEREAS, Vickie has led the Public Health team to achieve State accreditations; and

WHEREAS, Vickie spearheaded the COVID-19 Pandemic response providing vaccinations, testing, etc. to ensure the health and safety of Seneca County Citizens; and

WHEREAS, Vickie's persistence, advice and dedication will leave a lasting impact for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, Vickie retires on October 18, 2021, after 29 commendable years with the County of Seneca; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

PROCLAIMED, that I, Joseph Borst, Chair of the Public Health Committee of the County of Seneca, on behalf of the entire Board of Supervisors and residents we serve, recognize Vickie Swinehart for her years of dedication and commitment to the County, and do hereby congratulate her on the occasion of her retirement from the County of Seneca.

Executive Session

Chairman Hayssen offered a motion, seconded by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, and carried, to convene in executive session with the county manager, the county attorney, the finance director and the personnel officer; in accordance with Open Meetings Law:

- a) Open meetings Law 105 (1) (d) discussion regarding proposed, pending or current litigation;

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b) Open Meetings Law 105 (10 (f) discussion regarding the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;

c) Open meetings Law 105 (1) (h) discussion regarding the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.

Time of Executive Session: 6:51 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Special Order of the Day

The Board of Supervisors reconvened in open session. No action was taken. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.