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County lawmakers want LOOW site addressed

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Niagara Gazette — Niagara County lawmakers are requesting the U.S. Corps of Engineers to finally address the Lake Ontario Ordinance Works storage site on Balmer Road in Lewiston.

At a meeting with the Community Services committee last week, Legislator Clyde Burmaster, R-Ransomville, said the matter was long overdue for a resolution.

The Corps had set a 10-year time frame for arriving at a solution. That was 20 years ago, Burmaster said.

"There's still no decision," he said.

The Balmer Road site was used in the 1940s to make bombs, using high energy fuels that were toxic and radioactive. Tuesday's resolution asked for closure on the matter by the end of June.

Chairman Bill Ross, C-Wheatfield, said an informational meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday in the third building on the Lewiston-Porter school campus.

In other action Tuesday:

- Legislators appointed Jennifer Fronczak of North Tonawanda as the new Republican county elections commissioner. Fronczak will replace longtime GOP commissioner Mary Ann Casamento, who retired at the end of 2013.

A former elections clerk with the Board of Elections, Fronczak was formally nominated by the GOP executive committee last month.

- Lawmakers awarded a contract Tuesday to Concrete Applied Technologies Corp. of Alden for the replacement of the Lockport Road bridge over Bergholz Creek in Wheatfield.

Concrete was the low bidder at \$492,527.

- The Legislature approved a five-year contract with Info Quick Solutions, Inc. for integrated record management services in the County Clerk's Office. The tab is \$14,520 per month.