

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN ROOM 318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512
(Chairman Albano, Legislators Gouldman & Nacerino)**

Tuesday

July 23, 2019

(Immediately Followed the 5:30PM Economic Development Comm. Mtg.)

The meeting was called to order at 6:05p.m. by Chairman Albano who requested that Legislator Nacerino lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Gouldman, Nacerino and Chairman Albano were present.

Item #3 – Approval/ Physical Services Meeting Minutes/ June 20, 2019

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Item #4 - Approval/ SEQRA/ Negative Declaration/ John Simpson Road Land Donation/
Commissioner of Planning Fusco**

Chairman Albano invited Commissioner of Planning Sandra Fusco and First Deputy County Attorney Andrew Negro to speak to this item.

Commissioner of Planning Fusco stated that no objections or comments were received by those who were noticed with the Negative Declaration. She stated now the Legislature can serve as Lead Agency for this project, which is the John Simpson Land Donation.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated that he will provided clarification of what is the intention of the proposed resolution: 1) The Legislature will declare lead agency status 2) Negative Declaration will be declared based on the findings of the Environmental Assessment Forms 3) If/When that happens there will be a final resolution submitted to the Legislature which will present the offer to finally approve the land donation. He stated the Law Department will consummate the transaction and close title.

Chairman Albano stated this is in reference to 131 acres. He stated the property is located behind the Tilly Foster Farm. He stated it is an ideal location to keep green. He stated it is a great proposed donation of property from a local developer. He stated that he believes it will benefit the County.

Ann Fanizzi, Constituent, requested clarification. She stated previously this donation offer was made, but the owner had a specific purpose that the land would need to be used for, the relocation of the Paladin Facility (currently located at 39 Seminary Road, Carmel, NY). She stated that then there was another resolution passed that rescinded that restriction. She would like clarification.

Chairman Albano stated the County would be taking the donated property and the County had the use restriction removed.

Ann Fanizzi, Constituent, requested if there is documentation that includes the original donation of the property including the restrictive language.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated the property owner originally approached the County and submitted a letter which he believes was backup to the original Resolution passed at the August 2018 Full Meeting (R#190/18) . He stated the intent was to develop the property as a training facility for first responders. He stated that there was nothing more formal than that. He stated an RFP (Request For Proposal) was issued and the Paladin Center was one of the responders to that RFP. He stated there was a Resolution passed (R# 99/19) at the May 2019 Full Meeting. He stated that resolution rescinded R#190/18. He explained that R #99/19 stated the record owners of the property are willing to donate the property to the County for any and all lawful purposes and that the donation will not otherwise be contingent upon any particular use of the Property. He stated R#99/19 also included verbiage approving that the County Executive along with advice from the County Attorney finalize the terms and conditions of the donation and present the proposal to the Legislature for approval. He stated the negotiations did continue. He stated it was indicated by the property owner that the donation if/when accepted by the County would be without any conveyance and restrictions. He stated the SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) process has been underway. He stated if this resolution is approved designating the Putnam County Legislature as the lead agent, finding a negative declaration, then the work will begin to transfer the property without any deed restrictions.

Ann Fanizzi, Constituent, questioned if she can submit a F.O.I.L. application for the documents referenced by First Deputy County Attorney Negro and receive a copy of them.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated that all he can say is that a F.O.I.L. request should be submitted and it will be processed accordingly.

Ann Fanizzi, Constituent, continued to express her concerns with the SEQRA. She stated that she would suggest that this property be utilized as part of the Pledge that the Putnam County has done to be a “Climate Smart Community”. She stated that she is suggesting that a conservation easement be set up next to the lake.

Chairman Albano stated that there have been many actions already taken throughout the County that coincide with Climate Smart. He stated the actions were taken previously and independent of making the Climate Smart Pledge.

Legislator Nacerino stated she would like to clarify what is in front of this Committee this evening. She stated it is a resolution that will designate the Putnam County Legislature as the Lead Agency. She stated what transpired and was rescinded is really moot at this point. She believes moving forward with this will be advantageous for the County and for the residents. She stated that she believes the County will be very conservative in the future use of that property.

Chairman Albano made a motion to move forward the Approval/ SEQRA/ Negative Declaration/ John Simpson Road Land Donation; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #5 Approval/ Inter- Municipal Agreement with Town of Kent Ludington Court, Town of Kent/ First Deputy County Attorney Negro

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated that he will address both agenda items #5 & 6 together as they are directly connected.

Item #6 - Approval/ Quit Claim – Conveyance/ Abandoned Road Bed/ Old Ludingtonville Road – Portions of Abandoned “Road” Transferred from Putnam County to Town of Kent/ First Deputy County Attorney Negro

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated Ludington Court is a road off of Route 52 which leads into the Town of Kent Highway Facilities property. He stated there is a Bridge on Ludington Court that needs to be repaired. He stated originally Town of Kent Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer approached the County with respect to this matter in context with the plan that the Town of Kent would be building a Salt Dome on the Town of Kent’s Highway Facilities property. He stated a survey was done, which revealed a portion of the Ludington Court is within the boundaries of the Kent Highway Department Facilities (Facilities). He stated the road dead ends. He stated that discussion was had with Superintendent Othmer to Quit Claim the abandoned Road Bed to the Town of Kent to include it as part of the Facilities. He stated the County maintains the Bridge Identification Number (BIN). He stated the Bridge is on Ludington Court, which is maintained by the Town of Kent. He stated through the discussions it was determined that the County would abandon the Bridge and the Town of Kent would take it over. He stated the Town of Kent already maintains Ludington Court. He stated that the Town of Kent will assume ownership of all of Ludington Court. He stated there will be a collaborated effort to rebuilding the bridge. He stated the County will provide the materials and the Town will provide the Labor and reconstruct the bridge. He stated that is all provided in the Inter-Municipal Agreement agenda item #5. He stated item #6 the Quit Claim Deed addresses the County Quit Claim the two (2) portions of the abandoned road bed that sit within the Facilities to the Town of Kent.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Approve **Item #5** the Inter- Municipal Agreement with the Town of Kent and **Item #6** the Quit Claim ; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #7 - Approval/ Approving Properties to be Listed on MLS Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code/ First Deputy County Attorney Negro

Chairman Albano began by stating the re-sent version of the tax maps for the properties was much clearer. He stated that would be the preferred method of sending such documents to the

Legislature. He stated the other version was not legible at all. He questioned if the neighbors are contacted in advance to let them know the properties will be available for sale.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated the County does not, but the real estate brokers will as soon as the property is listed. He stated it is one of the first things that they do.

Legislator Addonizio questioned when will be the County's next auction.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated the County is waiting for the Court to finalize the Foreclosure Judgement. He stated that they are projecting the next auction will be in the Fall of 2019. He stated there are some "improve properties" but the majority are vacant land.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to approve the Properties to be Listed on MLS Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #8 - Approval/ Approving Lease Renewal County of Putnam with Putnam/ Northern Westchester BOCES Tilly Foster Farm/ First Deputy County Attorney Negro

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated that the partnership with BOCES and the County has been going very well at Tilly Foster Farm. He stated their current lease expires July 31, 2019. He stated the renewal lease is for another three (3) years commencing on August 2, 2019 and ending July 31, 2022. He stated this lease includes an escalation clause in the monthly rent provisions. He stated that there will be an annual increase of 5% . He stated the utilities charge is going to be a fixed additional charge of \$15, 000 per year. He stated besides that the lease is similar to the existing lease.

Ann Fanizzi, Constituent, questioned what is the rent amount that BOCES has been and will be paying.

First Deputy County Attorney stated for the last year of the existing lease the rent was \$36,000 for the year plus utilities. He stated with the new lease the rent will be \$36,000 with escalation costs of 5% per year.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she has met with the Director of the BOCES education programs and toured the sites. She questioned if the proposed lease includes any changes with regard to the animal care program that is supposed to start in September 2019. She stated it was reported that the Percheron horses, recently acquired by the County, would be used in the BOCES Animal Care Program.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated the lease provides that they have use of the lodge, which they use for the culinary program, subject to their need and the approval of the County Executive and they will be permitted to use the additional space in building #4. He stated also the existing lease and this proposed lease provide that BOCES could "non-exclusively utilize the animals for their BOCES Animal Care Program.

Legislator Addonizio stated that there are vacant classrooms on the bottom floor of the lodge that could be used.

Legislator Montgomery stated during her tour those classrooms were being used for the Culinary Program. She stated she does not believe those two (2) programs could mix. She stated she was asking the question to find out if there were any changes to the lease regarding that program.

Ann Fanizzi, Constituent, questioned if there are any programs planned to invite children to the Farm. She questioned if the County is considering a Program Director at the Farm that would make the Farm accessible to children. She questioned who the Farm Veterinarian is.

Chairman Albano stated, he does not have the name he will forward that to Ms. Fanizzi along with the feedback from the last visit of the Veterinarian to the Farm. He stated that it was reported to the Legislature that the report was very positive, speaking to the care of the animals.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Lease Renewal County of Putnam with Putnam/ Northern Westchester BOCES Tilly Foster Farm; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #9- Approval/ Local Law to Amend the Code of the County of Putnam, by repealing the existing Chapter 156, Entitled “Energize NY Benefit Financing Program” and replacing it with a new Chapter 156, Entitled “Energize NY Open C-PACE Financing Program”/ First Deputy County Attorney Negro

Chairman Albano stated that this program was ready to be implemented in Putnam County, when the County was notified that there were some changes. He stated that First Deputy County Attorney Negro has worked on this amendment.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated that also present is Sarah Smiley Director of Member Services Energy Improvement Corporation (EIC). He stated the Legislature previously enacted Section 156 of the Code to adopt the financing program within the County. He stated subsequent to the County’s adoption there was a funding structure change made by the Energy Improvement Corporation. He explained the financing will be guaranteed on a lien on the property that is held by EIC. He stated they would be responsible to collect payments. He stated the County is proposing to enact the program in the County, which is required under State General Municipal Law. He stated the program would then be administered and handled by the EIC. He stated the County would not collect payments and is not responsible.

Sarah Smiley Director of Member Services Energy Improvement Corporation (EIC) stated on behalf of EIC she thanks Putnam County and the County Attorney for all of the work that has been done. She stated they do believe this is a much better program for the Member Municipalities. She stated EIC implements the State’s PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) Program for all municipalities in New York outside New York City. She stated the EIC relieves any administrative financial obligations. She stated the EIC handles all of the responsibilities of administering the program. She stated the financing will be provided by a third party capital provider that the EIC approves. She stated the approved third party capital provider will hold

the PACE Lien, while EIC handles the billing and collection process. She stated if there was a need to enforce a lien, it would have to follow the County's procedure for doing that and the taxes would have to be paid off first. She stated the County would be in the first position. She stated EIC believes this to be beneficial to the County as well as the property owners. She stated this is a good way to get financing for improvements that will really improve their operating expenses as well as provide environmental benefit through the reduction of emissions.

Chairman Albano stated the focus of the County originally was the environmental potential. He stated that he believes these changes make it an even more attractive program, due to the reduction of the administrative impact it would have had on the County.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Local Law to Amend the Code of the County of Putnam, by repealing the existing Chapter 156, Entitled "Energize NY Benefit Financing Program" and replacing it with a new Chapter 156, Entitled "Energize NY Open C-PACE Financing Program"; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #10 - Approval/ Resolution Authorizing Execution/ Energy Improvement Corporation Municipal Agreement Relating to Energize NY Local Law/ First Deputy County Attorney Negro

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated agenda Item #9 adopted the new program. He explained that Item #10 is a resolution that would authorize the County Executive to sign a municipal agreement with EIC to implement the program.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to approve the Authorizing Execution/ Energy Improvement Corporation Municipal Agreement Relating to Energize NY Local Law; Seconded by Chairman Albano. All in favor.

Item #11- Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T135)/ To Reimburse the Towns for the Maintenance of the Cemeteries/ Chief Deputy Commissioner of Finance Gilbert

Chairman Albano stated the County has agreed to move money to assist the different Towns with their costs to maintain their cemeteries. He stated that this topic will probably be brought up again. He stated that he has been notified that there are a couple of cemeteries in dire need of maintenance. He stated once there are more details it will be discussed in committee.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to approve and move to the Audit & Administration Mtg. Fund Transfer (19T135)/ To Reimburse the Towns for the Maintenance of the Cemeteries; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Legislator Montgomery stated she understands the funds that have been allocated have been decreased. She questioned if anyone knows what was allocated in 2018, 2017 etc.

Commissioner Pena stated that he understands that it was a shared program. He stated the County would reimburse half of the maintenance costs. He stated then it was increased to \$18,000. He stated that he does not have perfect knowledge on this topic.

Legislator Montgomery stated she will look into this further. She stated that she recalls the funds were decreased.

Legislator Nacerino questioned if the Town Board decreased their budget. She stated it is a 50 – 50 match.

Chairman Albano confirmed a vote was taken on Item #11.

Item #12 - Approval/ Acceptance of Amendment B for 2018-2019 Snow and Ice Agreement with New York State/ Commissioner of Highways & Facilities Pena

Commissioner Pena stated this is a one-time adjustment for severe winter index that is allocated by the State under the County's Snow and Ice Contract with New York State.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Acceptance of Amendment B for 2018-2019 Snow and Ice Agreement with New York State; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #13– Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A043)/ Resolution is required to allocate Severe Winter Index Funds from the Contract Between the Department of Highways & Facilities and the NYS DOT/ Commissioner of Highways & Facilities Pena

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve and move to the Audit & Administration Mtg. Budgetary Amendment (19A043)/ Resolution is required to allocate Severe Winter Index Funds from the Contract Between the Department of Highways & Facilities and the NYS DOT; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #14 – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A046)/ Highways & Facilities/ Amend 2019 CHIPS Budget to Equal the Adopted NYS Budget Allocation of Extreme Winter Recovery Program Funds /Commissioner of Finance Carlin

Commissioner Pena stated through the CHIPS (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement) program the County receives an allocated amount of funding, which it is based on the amount of mileage roadways the County takes care of. He explained the County has received two financial gains through these programs from the State in relation to the extreme winter. He stated it is important to note that there is no guarantee that we will get this funding in 2020.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve and move to the Audit & Administration Mtg. Budgetary Amendment (19A046)/ Highways & Facilities/ Amend 2019 CHIPS Budget to Equal the Adopted NYS Budget Allocation of Extreme Winter Recovery Program Funds; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #15 - Update/ RFP-2-19/ Engineering Services for Danbury Wastewater Diversion Project

Purchasing Director Alex Mazzotta stated there will be a budgetary item addressed at tomorrow night's Audit & Administration meeting that corresponds to this matter. He stated this is as a result of the completion of an RFP for the Danbury Wastewater Diversion Project. He stated that the County is ready to contract with the selected Engineering Services Company. He stated Commissioner Fusco through the Planning Department was able to secure funding through the NYS DEC, \$750,000, which will be presented at the Audit Meeting. He stated that will be a good start to this project.

Chairman Albano stated that the next Budgetary Amendment is the item Purchasing Director Mazzotta referenced. Commissioner Carlin was able to get the Budgetary Amendment to the Legislative Office in time for this meeting. He stated it is item #16.

Legislator Jonke stated that they have met with the principles of H2M, the engineering firm. He stated that this project could bring life to the Route 6 corridor, if it is in fact feasible. He stated that he will advocate for this project, because he believes it will be good for the County of Putnam, property tax revenue and down the road would generate sales tax revenue. He stated that Putnam County is working in cooperation with the City of Danbury.

Ann Fanizzi, Constituent, stated she recalls the Town of Southeast had some issues with this project. She questioned if they have been resolved.

Legislator Jonke stated that he is not aware of what issues Ms. Fanizzi is referring to.

Ann Fanizzi, Constituent, stated she recalls the Town of Southeast was not apprised of the negotiations. She questioned if the Town has been involved in these negotiations.

Legislator Jonke stated for clarification he is in almost daily communication with the Town of Southeast Supervisor. He stated that there are members of the Town Board that are in favor of the project and members who are not. He stated however this is a County Project. He stated other than keeping the Town informed as a professional courtesy the Town has no role in this project. He stated he and the Town Supervisor both agreed that there was nothing concrete to present because the project is in the preliminary Phase. He stated once there is something concrete to report, he and the Supervisor agree he will then address the Town Board out of courtesy.

Legislator Nacerino stated the project is in the preliminary stages. She stated as Legislator Jonke stated the Town has no role in the decision making process. She stated as a courtesy Supervisor Hay has been apprised along the process.

Item #16 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A047)/ Highways & Facilities/ Commissioner of Finance/ Account for NYSDEC Grant Award to fund costs relating to the Southeast – Danbury Sewer Project

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment (19A047)/ Highways & Facilities/ Commissioner of Finance/ Account for NYSDEC Grant Award to fund costs relating to the Southeast – Danbury Sewer Project; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #17 - Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid and/or State-Aid Transportation Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore / Highways & Facilities (Sprout Brook Road Bridge Project over Canopus Hollow Creek)

Commissioner Pena stated through an application to the Bridge New York Program the County was a granted over \$1.5 million dollars to replace this structure. He stated the match amount will come from the County's Bridge and Culvert funds. He stated therefore it will be a zero fiscal impact.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Authorization, Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid and/or State-Aid Transportation Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #18 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A051)/ Highways & Facilities/ Sprout Brook Bridge Improvement Project over Canopus Creek

Chairman Albano stated this is related to item #17.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to approve and move to the Audit & Administration meeting Budgetary Amendment (19A051)/ Highways & Facilities/ Sprout Brook Bridge Improvement Project over Canopus Creek; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #19 - Update/ Morningthorpe Avenue Pedestrian Bridge PIN 8780.53/ Commissioner of Highways & Facilities Pena

Commissioner Pena stated the project is moving forward with a very active contractor. He stated currently they are doing the demolition of the existing structure. He stated that in agenda item #20 the Administration is requesting an adjustment of funds. He explained if the

“Marchiselli” funds are secured on a project it cuts down the 20% match the County is responsible for to 5%. He stated it is never a guarantee that it will be awarded. He stated fortunately it was awarded on this project.

Item #20 - Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State “Marchiselli” Program-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore/ Highways & Facilities
(Morningthorpe Avenue Pedestrian Bridge)

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to approve the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State “Marchiselli” Program-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore/ Highways & Facilities *(Morningthorpe Avenue Pedestrian Bridge)*; Seconded by Chairman Albano. All in favor.

Legislator Castellano questioned if there is a timeline for the project at this point.

Commissioner Pena stated the existing structure is slated to be removed this Thursday, July 25th. He stated the County is very happy with this current contractor. He stated they are very active and focused. He stated the Contractor come up with a very interesting method to remove the structure, and provided a broad description.

Item #21 - Update/ Fair Street Project PIN 8756.09/ Commissioner of Highways & Facilities Pena

Commissioner Pena stated the Administration is scheduling an informational meeting for the members of the community. He stated a pamphlet will be distributed at the meeting providing an overview of the work that will be done. He stated construction on that project is scheduled to begin in the Summer/ Fall of 2020.

Ann Fanizzi, Constituent, questioned if all of the residents on Fair Street have been notified.

Commissioner Pena stated no the property owners were not specifically notified.

Ann Fanizzi, Constituent, stated that she would like to stress the need to disclose the factual information so that misinformation will not be passed along.

Commissioner Pena stated thus far it has been determined that there needs to be adjustments made near the high school to address the traffic congestion.

Ann Fanizzi, Constituent, stated the Centennial Golf Course has proposed the building of 96 Townhouses which will have an impact on Fair Street traffic, as the proposal has an entrance way on Fair Street and John Simpson Road.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she agrees with Ms. Fanizzi that a concerted effort should be made to contact the residents who live along Fair Street. She stated it could be done with an informational trifold pamphlet in addition to the public meeting.

Ann Fanizzi, Constituent, questioned where the July 29th Public Meeting will be held.

Commissioner Pena stated in this room, #318 of the Putnam County Office Building at 6:00p.m.

Legislator Addonizio suggested that phone calls be made to the residents who will be affected. She stated it is not her district, but she would be willing to help if they need extra help contacting the residents.

Chairman Albano stated he is happy to hear that this project will be getting underway. He stated it has been in the works for a long time and it was cost prohibited. He stated as a result of the efforts of Commissioner Pena and his team the project has been streamlined and made more cost effective. He stated this project is a year off from beginning. He stated he believes the residents will become aware of the project during that time frame.

Assistant Supervisor of Planning & Design Alexis Hawley stated that the July 29th meeting has been advertised in the three (3) County approved newspapers: The Press, The Putnam County News & Recorder and The Courier for the past two (2) weeks.

Commissioner Pena stated that it is also listed on the County's website. He stated that he has diligently been working to hold onto the funding that was allocated for this project and updating the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) program. He stated that there are three (3) culverts that are severely dilapidated along the Fair Street road, the road itself is considered far beyond its useful life. He stated this is more of a restoration project opposed to a complete realignment project. He stated that more details will be provided on this component at the July 29th Public meeting.

Legislator Sayegh stated she would be happy to bring any extra literature that is available to the Town of Carmel.

Item #22 - Discussion/ Transit Operations Overview - Presentation/ Transportation Manager Tamagna

Chairman Albano made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in Favor.

Transportation Manager Tamagna provided the Committee Members with a copy of his presentation.

Transportation Manager Tamagna stated that he wanted to provide an overview of the County's Transportation (copy of the presentation attached to minutes). He stated in April of 2019 the contract with MV Transportation was extend to March 31, 2020. As of January 2019 with the purchase of

new paratransit vehicles the fleet is modern and up to date and right-sized. He stated all of the fixed route buses and Paratransit vehicles are handicap accessible. He provided an overview of the PART Routes: 1 Brewster & Putnam Lake, 2 Mahopac, and 3 Patterson & Carmel which has the lowest ridership. He also provided the associated costs and ridership to each route. He then addressed the PART Route 5 Lake Carmel & Kent. He stated in an effort to keep costs down the County Transportation Department utilized “Fixed Route Flexibility” which is the use of an On Call System. He stated the areas that operate on the On Call System are clearly marked on the schedule. He stated that the Croton Fall Shuttle is a partnership with Metro North Railroad, MTA since 2016. He stated that it is fully reimbursable to the County. He stated it is a partnership with Metro North Railroad, MTA for CMAQ (Congestion Management Air Quality). He stated the goal is to keep people on the trains rather than commuting with their vehicles. He stated the Cold Spring Trolley consists of a Partnership with Putnam County Visitors Bureau, Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce and private stakeholders (Magazzino, Boscobel, Manitoga, etc.) He stated changes have been made as to the time frame that the Trolley is used. He stated the Trolley stops running in the middle of November, versus running into December. He stated through a study it was determined that no one rode the Trolley after Veterans Day, November 15th. He stated they have also stopped running the Trolley on Fridays. He stated those adjustments have helped save money. He stated as of February 2019 the Putnam Valley Shuttle was discontinued due to the lack of ridership. He addressed the ADA Paratransit program. He stated applications must be made to receive ADA Paratransit service. He stated each application must have the proper backup from the individuals’ medical professional. He stated public transportation has been on a nationwide trend downwards (NTD) in the last decade. He stated the same decline exists in Putnam County’s public transportation ridership. He continued to speak to the decline in ridership. He stated the Pre-K/E I.E., is half of the cost of the entire Transit System for 70 kids. He stated that he wishes there was something that could be done to address that. He stated the cost is approximately \$2.5 million. He stated it is a mandate program. He stated the buses used span from 2009 to 2011 and each has over 150,000 miles. He continued to speak to this matter. He stated he is working with Purchasing Director Mazzotta and will be running a trial with a SUV. He explained there are some hurdles, but it is something he is working on. He stated the Mobility Management website has been revamped. He stated that people can utilize the website to gather information related to the Public Transportation options. He stated that there is a process that is being followed to make transportation better every year.

Chairman Albano facilitated further discussion on this matter.

Legislator Nacerino questioned if there will be routes cancelled due to the lack of ridership. She stated that there is a fine line between addressing the needs, but if the needs are not demonstrated how does the County plan to approach that.

Transportation Manager Tamagna stated that they will need to make adjustments to the routes based on the data that has been compiled. He stated that he is meeting with MV which is a national business. He stated that he would like to have a demand response done, it is not part of the current contract, but he hopes to work it in at a future date. He stated it would be similar to a reservation system. He stated an On Demand response method would have a negative impact on the Paratransit system, so that needs to be considered and evaluated. He stated he and the Administration are working on this. He stated he has also heard discussion about needing bus shelters. He stated with budgetary constraint, in the future this system may not look the way it looks today. He stated the system is primarily a wave system. He stated right now there is no plan to put up bus shelters.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she was contacted by a constituent who is concerned about the fact that there is not adequate shelter for those riding the bus. She stated as the numbers demonstrate in your presentation there are not an overwhelming number of people using the transit system. She stated her constituent unfortunately was unable to attend this evening's meeting. She explained that her constituent is concerned with the elderly people that she sees standing in the weather waiting for a bus.

Transportation Manager Tamagna stated he would be happy to look at any request. He stated he would be happy to meet with Legislator Nacerino and the Town of Patterson Supervisor to see if there is a solution to this matter. He stated as an example of coming up with a solution to getting people out of the weather could possibly be partnering with a church and or school where people could wait.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she is not convinced that the need is there based on the numbers presented this evening. She stated with that said, she empathizes with people, and understands her constituent's concerns.

Transportation Manager Tamagna stated one of the busiest hubs is in Putnam Plaza. He stated that is a private property owned location. He explained the owner does not want a shelter put there. He stated that there are many components and factors to every consideration and proposed action.

Legislator Addonizio questioned if the County's transportation system would provide rides to the Open Door Facility in Brewster.

Transportation Manager Tamagna stated that currently an individual would take one of the Para Routes to the main transfer hub, which is Putnam Plaza, and take the Para bus that goes into the Village of Brewster.

Legislator Montgomery stated for the record there is no County transportation from Philipstown to Open Door. She stated that she would like to see the conversation begin of the possibility of consolidating the Senior Resources Transportation and the County Transportation Department. She stated the trend of low ridership and more use for single used vehicles, where is the County headed as a community with its resources. She stated through Climate Smart, Madison County was issued \$15,000 to right size their fleet. She questioned if Putnam County is accessing those funds to right size the County's Fleets. She stated she is aware that the County is putting measures forward to have a more efficient Fleet, but are we going after additional resources and does Putnam County have a long term plan.

Transportation Manager Tamagna stated yes. He stated and the County has already right sized the fleets, as he showed in his presentation. He stated the County did secure grant money to do that. He stated that he represents the County at the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) meetings. He stated that he networks as well.

Legislator Montgomery stated the County could be reaching out to access electric vehicles and charging stations.

Transportation Manager Tamagna stated he has done research on that. He stated the issue is there is not enough history in the use of the electric vehicle in public transportation. He stated that it is an expensive proposition so he is waiting to gather more feedback. He stated also he wants the County to always have a mix of vehicles. He stated if there is a power outage that causes the County to go off the grid for an extended time that would present a serious problem if all the vehicles were electric. He stated there is a lot to think about.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if there is a way to accommodate the Putnam Valley residents. He stated the commuter transportation did not work, however how about providing transportation to the hospital, Walmart etc. He questioned if that would be an option.

Transportation Manager Tamagna stated for Seniors yes, for Veteran yes, for "John Q Public" no. He stated that Putnam Valley Supervisor Oliverio and he have been working on some different ideas and approaches. He elaborated on some of the options being researched.

Chairman Albano thanked Transportation Manager Tamagna for his presentation.

Item #23 - Update/ NYS- Article 9 - Energy Performance in Connection with Public Buildings and Facilities/ Commissioner of Highways & Facilities Pena

Purchasing Director Mazzotta stated this is a project that has been being worked on for some time. He stated that currently members of the Administration have been working with

AMERESCO. He stated the Administration is currently evaluating AMERESCO's proposed/potential improvement plan for the different County Facilities. He stated a final selection of action needs to be completed. He stated AMERESCO presented their proposal to the Administration at the end of June. The County has a target of the end of July to identify and agree to the final measures, the package, the final scope of services and finalize the pricing. He stated there will be a final presentation made by AMERESCO and then a contract will be implemented and the project will begin.

Commissioner Pena stated this is a pretty aggressive program and will be big money, in the area of \$5 million would be the work to be done to result in high energy saving measures. He stated the less high energy items that need to be addressed are also very pricey. He stated the entire project could cost roughly in the area of \$12 million. He stated there needs to be a great deal of research and prioritization applied to the evaluation of this project. He stated additionally the Finance approach will need to be discussed.

Chairman Albano stated the high energy items must be done. He stated like Commissioner Pena stated prioritization of the other items will need to be done.

**Item #24 - Update/ Memorandum Re: Questions Raised at June 20th Physical Meeting/
Commissioner of Highways & Facilities Pena**

Chairman Albano requested an overview on the following projects: Peekskill Hollow Road, Horton Hollow Road Bridge and Putnam Valley Sub- Station.

Commissioner Pena stated the Peekskill Hollow Road is going out to the RFP (Request for Proposal) process. He stated it is advertised for a minimum of four (4) weeks up to eight (8) weeks. He stated he believes this RFP will be advertised for six (6) weeks.

Legislator Gouldman questioned what the projected start time of the project is.

Commissioner Pena stated that he believes the County would award the project late this year and be ready to start construction in the early spring of 2020. He stated the trees need to be addressed as well. He stated the County does not see the Horton Hollow Road Bridge as a County Bridge. He stated that is what the County records are showing them.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if Horton Hollow Bridge falls into the category that it is a town bridge, but the County is responsible for the maintenance of it.

Commissioner Pena stated there are a few bridges like that. He explained the DOT records show it as not a Putnam County Bridge. He stated further it is not on the County's BIN list or the DOT's BIN list as a County Bridge.

Legislator Gouldman requested clarification that the County is saying that Horton Hollow Bridge is a Town Bridge.

Commissioner Pena stated that is correct.

Legislator Montgomery stated at the March 2019 Physical Services Meeting Highways & Facilities Deputy Commissioner John Tully stated Horton Hollow Bridge was a Town Bridge, but under the category that it is the responsibility of the County.

Commissioner Pena stated if Legislator Montgomery has any records that reflect that, he would like to see them. He stated he has not found any documentation that states that although it is a Town Bridge that the County is responsible to rehabilitate it.

Commissioner Pena stated the Putnam Valley Sub- Station is not an active project for the County at this time. He stated there is discussion of possibly moving the Sheriff's Department to a different location, and moving other offices into the space currently known as the Putnam Valley Sub-Station. He stated there needs to be a decision finalized by the stakeholders. He stated then if grant funding becomes available and the County is requested to do some work, then that will take place.

Legislator Gouldman stated he would like to commend Commissioner Pena and his team on the work they have done on Mill Street Bridge. He stated it is a main thoroughfare that requires a great deal of attention to keep it in operation. He is very thankful for the fine work performed by the County's Highways & Facilities Department workers.

Commissioner Pena stated that bridge and one on the Gypsy Trail are on the County's radar for rehabilitation or replacement. He stated Hahn Engineering is doing some surveying work for the County. He stated based on what is revealed in Hahn's reports the decision will be made if it will be a rehabilitation or replacement job.

Item #25 - Update/ Capital Projects Report

Chairman Albano requested a status of the Senior Center Project at the Donald B. Smith Campus.

Commissioner Pena stated that Building #1 is moving forward, he stated they are on schedule to open for Thanksgiving.

**Item #26 - FYI/ Correspondence Re: Letter of Intent – H2 Development Corp, LLC/
Chairman Albano**

Chairman Albano stated that a presentation by H2 Development Corp. was given at a Physical Services meeting in 2018 (July 24, 2018). He stated they are requesting that the County sign a letter of intent that would state that the County is interested in hearing there proposal options. He stated the letter of intent would not commit the County to any type of agreement. He stated he welcomes anybody who has clean green energy options.

**Item #27 - FYI/ County of Putnam Chapter 31 Sales Report Thru June 2019/ Tax
Collection Supervisor Dean – Duly Noted**

Item #28 - Other Business - None

Item #29 - Adjournment

There being no further business at 8:00PM Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn;
Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.
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