

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

Tuesday **6:00PM** **March 19, 2019**
(Rules Mtg. Immediately Followed)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.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 Minute/February 19, 2019

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #4 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A025)/Highways & Facilities Federal Grant Funding/ UPWP – Data Management Related to Certain Highway Infrastructure/ Deputy Commissioner Tully

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated the request for this budgetary amendment will appropriate grant funding that was secured by Commissioner of Planning, Development & Public Transportation Fusco. He stated the funding will be used for Lightning Detection and Ranging (LDAR). He stated that is survey grade equipment that does ground penetrating. He stated the County will use it to evaluate the condition of a roadway prior to paving. He stated that it is fully funded. He continued to explain how it works in response to some questions presented by Legislator Sullivan. He stated a third party will drive the County roadways and present the information back to the Highways & Facilities Department in a digital format. He stated they are hoping it will be an annual program.

Chairman Albano clarified there will be no purchase of equipment.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that is correct. The County will be working with a contractor who does this. He stated the LDAR can only be used on Federal Eligible Roads. He stated, primarily all of the County roads are Federal Aid eligible, there a few that are not.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve and move to the Audit & Administration Meeting Budgetary Amendment (19A025)/Highways & Facilities Federal Grant Funding/ UPWP – Data Management Related to Certain Highway Infrastructure; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #5 - Approval/ Authorizing Easement Agreement County of Putnam With 6318 Associates, Inc. Town of Carmel TM #44.18-1-20/ First Deputy County Attorney Negro

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated this is a mutual easement agreement. He stated it is a memorialization of the existing conditions at the driveway with the Knights of Columbus Building, which is owned by 6318 Associates. He stated the proposed easement would allow the County to access their driveway in order to ingress into the County Parking Lot (Lot). He stated if this is approved by the Legislature the plan is to restripe the parking area to have affixed parking spots along the curb only on the ingress to the Lot. He stated the egress would be through the Lot down to the roadway that leads out from the Sheriff's Department to Fair Street. He stated also it has been determined by the Highways & Facilities Engineers and the members of 6318 Associates by moving the egress it will assist with the congestion that occurs currently, at the traffic light located at the intersection of Route 6 and Fair Street. He stated the easement will allow the County to access the 6318 Associates driveway and to also leave a portion of their back parking lot to relocate the two (2) dumpsters from the County's Parking Lot. He explained the dumpsters would be placed behind a retaining wall. He stated the 6318 Associates will have a non-exclusive easement to utilize the County Parking Lot during evening hours for their events and utilize the dumpsters that will be moved to their property.

Chairman Albano stated that he will be recusing himself from the vote on this matter because he is a member of the 6318 Associates.

Legislator Gouldman made a motion to approve the Easement Agreement; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. One Recusal. Motion Carries

Item #6 - Approval/ Highways & Facilities/ Use of Capital Facility Reserve for 19CP03 (Tilly Foster Farm – Barn Renovation)/ Deputy Commissioner Tully

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated he would like to speak to agenda Items #6 & #7 at the same time.

Chair Albano confirmed that would be permitted.

Item #7 - Approval/ Highways & Facilities/ Use of Capital Facility Reserve for 19CP04 (Women's Resource Center)/ Deputy Commissioner Tully

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated former Senator, Terrance Murphy had secured a grant for Putnam County along with Senator Sue Serino. He stated that there was \$250,000 for Tilly Foster Farm and \$100,000 for the Women's Resource Center. He explained that both grants are

in a state of transition due to the changes that occurred in Albany. County Executive Odell is working closely with Senator Harckham, who has expressed an interest in helping the County secure the funds. He stated they are confident that the County will receive the funds, however there is a level of risk that the County will not get the funds. He stated that is the reason that Commissioner of Finance Carlin wanted to use the Capital Reserve Fund. He stated the Capital Reserve Fund was previously approved by the Legislature as a place holder. He stated we will continue to keep the Legislature updated on the expenditures of those funds, if it is approved this evening. He stated work will be done on the Barn and Tilly Foster and at the Women's Resource Center located at 22 Peekskill Hollow Road.

Legislator Nacerino stated the Capital Reserve Funds would be used to forward the projects.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated correct and when the grant comes through that money will replenish what is taken from the Capital Reserve Funds.

Legislator Nacerino stated even if, for some reason the grant funds do not come through, this is work that must be done.

Chairman Albano stated he believes it makes sense to begin an evaluation of the buildings, they are amazing. He stated he would like to see a plan in place and progress slowly.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated Clerk of the Legislature Diane Schonfeld called him a number of times reminding him that the scope of the project is required to be supplied as backup to this request. He stated they will get the general scope of what is planned to the Legislature before the April 2nd Full Meeting. He stated the Highways & Facilities Department did hire a structural engineer to evaluate the building. He stated that they are still waiting for the report from that visit. He stated that report will assist in driving some of the decisions moving forward.

Legislator Nacerino requested a status of the work, if any, that is being done at the Women's Resource Center.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated there has been some minor demolition work and there is an on call Architect, Bill Bujarski, who is working on some plans for the County.

Legislator Montgomery requested if there was a ball park estimate for the renovation of the Cantina at Tilly Foster.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated it was \$250,000.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if that \$250,000 is going to the renovation of the Barn.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that is correct.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if the Arts Council will be using the Barn.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated yes that is the plan. He stated the County Executive is working with Joyce Picone of the Arts Council to coordinate those plans. He explained that as they looked deeper into the renovation of the Cantina at a projected cost of \$250,000 it did not seem to be the right decision to proceed with the renovation, exclusively for the Arts Council. He stated that is how the decision was made to move the Arts Council to the Barn, which will ultimately be a multipurpose venue.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if there will be a contract, such as a Memorandum of Understanding, that would state the Arts Council would have preferential dates over any other events. She explained there is a local theatre in her district and local events receive preferential treatment in terms of scheduling their events. She suggested that be done. She stated that she believes the Arts Council should be given preference over hosting a business event, or weddings etc.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated he is not aware of any such arrangement and he will bring Legislator Montgomery's suggestion to the Administration.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if the Women's Resource Center has explored a new location.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated he has not heard anything about moving it. He stated that the grant was written based on the current location.

Chairman Albano stated the Legislature will be looking forward to seeing the results of the structure analysis of the Barn.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated he will get the basics of the scope and projected budget for the projects 19CP03 & 19CP04 to the Legislature Office prior to the April 2, 2019 Full Legislature Meeting.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to approve Highways & Facilities/ Use of Capital Facility Reserve for 19CP03 (Tilly Foster Farm)/ AND The Approval/ Highways & Facilities/ Use of Capital Facility Reserve for 19CP04 (Women's Resource Center); Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #8 - Approval/ Approval/ Highways & Facilities/ The Implementation & 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 (Bridge New York Program)/ Deputy Commissioner Tully

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated former employee of the County, Mark Rosa, had applied to receive funding through the Bridge New York Program to repair certain culverts and bridge structures. He stated the County was awarded \$3 million. He explained \$1.5 million will go towards the repair of two (2) culverts and \$1.5 million will go towards the replacement of the bridge. He stated the State program capped the funding for an individual culvert at \$1 million. He stated in the application from the County it presented the work needed on a culvert located along Peekskill Hollow Road and stated the projected cost to do the work would be \$1,182,000. He explained the State is requiring the County to commit to cover the cost of the project beyond \$1 million. He stated in order to get the \$3 million the County needs to commit to paying for the overage. He stated in prior years there has been a Bridge and Culvert budget line approved. He stated he and Commissioner Pena met with Commissioner of Finance Carlin. He explained it was agreed that the money to cover the overage appropriately will be taken from that Bridge & Culvert budget line. He stated the County has not yet received a Resolution from the State regarding the Bridge Replacements, but when it is received they will be back for the Legislature's approval. He stated the proposed resolution this evening speaks to the Culverts Replacement program only. He explained that the State will be bidding the Culvert replacement work. He stated they will have regular update meetings with the Engineering Firm and the General Contractor, as they need information. He stated the culverts work will not require any manpower from the County.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Implementation & 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 (Bridge New York Program); Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #9 – Discussion/ Law Department Response Regarding “Blue House” on Hill Street – Putnam County Golf Course Property/ First Deputy County Attorney Negro

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated that the Legislature does have the authority to have the “Blue House” removed. He stated he would suggest that a cost analysis be done through the Highway Department of the cost of renovation vs demolition of the structure. He stated he is aware that Commissioner Carlin was asked to look into whether there would be any conflict to

do a demolition of the structure relative to the Bonding. He stated that will need to be clarified before anything is done. He stated if it is decided to raze the structure the County would have to comply with all applicable laws.

Chairman Albano questioned if the structure is taken down, would the County be permitted to build a new structure if so desired.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated he does not see why the County would not be allowed, especially as long as the new structure fell within the Building Envelope.

Chairman Albano requested that Deputy Commissioner Tully please conduct the cost comparison of renovation vs demotion to the “Blue House” and provide the information to the Legislature.

Legislator Sullivan stated that he has had many constituents approaching him extremely frustrated with the run down condition of the vacant house. He stated that he is glad to hear from the County Attorney’s Office that there are no legal issues to get rid of the house, as long as there is no conflict with the bonding.

Chairman Albano stated that he believes that many of the Legislators are in support of removing the structure if it is determined that there is no conflict with the bonding. He concluded the discussion by stating he looks forward to receiving the comparison costs of renovation vs demolition.

Item #10 - Update/ Capital Projects Report

Chairman Albano facilitated discussion and updates from Deputy Commissioner Tully on the following Capital Projects:

Legislator Gouldman:

- Peekskill Hollow Road Repavement

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated the project is projected to begin in a few months

Legislator Castellano:

- Trucks and work being done along the Bikepath on the left as you travel on Route 6 towards the Village of Brewster, approximately ¼ mile past the Route 312 intersection.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that is a project that the East of Hudson is working on for Brewster Heights. There have been water drainage pipes laid under the bikepath and across

under Route 6 discharging into the reservoir. He believes the project is wrapping up. The majority of the work began at the conclusion of the 2019 biking season.

Chairman Albano:

- Drewville Road Superstructure

Chairman Albano questioned if it is the bridge the County worked on.

Deputy Commissioner Tully confirmed it was.

- Fair Street Project and Funding

Deputy Commissioner Tully explained that Commissioners Fusco and Pena have been working to secure some additional funding which they are awaiting confirmation.

Legislator Gouldman:

- Horton Hollow Road Bridge

Deputy Commissioner Tully explained this is a project that dates back to a previous Administration. He continued and stated that it is not a County Bridge, it is a Town Bridge. He stated Commissioner Fusco found through research that the type of bridge that Horton Hollow Road is, puts it under the jurisdiction of the County. He stated there are actually three (3) bridges throughout the County that fall into this category. He stated there is some funding, not enough for a complete replacement. He stated that they are aware of this matter.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if there is a projected time frame of when work will begin.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated 2021- 2022.

Legislator Montgomery stated she does not believe the Town of Putnam Valley (Town) is aware that they own Horton Hollow Road Bridge (HHRB). She stated that the Town wants to pave HHRB and in order to do that they need some repairs done.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated he has and will again get in touch with the Town's Highway Superintendent Larry Cobb.

Legislator Montgomery:

- Memorandum of Understanding - Easement between the County and Hudson Highlands Land Trust (Granite Mountain)

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated there is a Draft Letter that will go to the County Law Department once it has been finalized by Commissioner Pena and County Executive Odell. He explained the County's Law Department will negotiate on behalf of the County to enter into an agreement with Hudson Highlands Land Trust.

Legislator Montgomery stated the Hudson Highlands Land Trust is maintaining this land next to Granite Mountain. Legislator Montgomery stated the Hudson Highlands Land Trust are creating trails and have offered to be the Stewards of this County land.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated the short answer is, it is progressing.

Legislator Montgomery stated former Legislator Scuccimarra was working on this. She stated that she believes it got stuck.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated his understanding is there are some access, easements and a stewardship agreement that all need to be completed.

Chairman Albano:

- Highway Department paint the outside of the 34 Gleneida Building in the Spring
- Windows in the Historic Courthouse

Deputy Commissioner Tully concurred to painting the outside of 34 Gleneida

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated the Article 9 team did an evaluation of the windows in the Historic Courthouse. He stated he will look into what their findings were.

Legislator Nacerino:

- Maybrook Bikeway II Phase A & Phase B

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated they are going out to bid, probably in April 2019.

Legislator Castellano:

- Morningthorpe Avenue Pedestrian Bridge

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated a contractor and a construction inspection firm have been selected. He stated the funding is in place. He stated there will be action there very soon.

Legislator Sullivan:

- White House – County Office Building Campus

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated they are still working on the sub-division issues that must be resolved in order to sub-divide the parcel from the main County campus. He stated

once the sub-division is complete the matter of marketing the structure will be brought to the Legislature.

Legislator Nacerino:

- Patterson Gas Station

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated that parcel along with some others are being reviewed. He explained the bundle of properties will be presented to the Legislature when they are ready. He stated that there is a process that must be followed.

Item #10 –Other Business- None

Item #12 - Adjournment

There being no further business at 6:45PM Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn;
Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.