

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN ROOM #318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512
Members: Chairman Ellner & Legislators Crowley & Jonke**

Thursday

July 17, 2025

(Immediately Followed 5:30p.m. Health Meetings)

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. by Chairman Ellner who requested Legislator Crowley lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators Crowley and Jonke and Chairman Ellner were present.

Item #3 - Acceptance/ Physical Services Meeting Minutes/ May 19, 2025

Chairman Ellner stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #4 – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 25A058/ DPW/ Purchase a Tomahawk 8” Road Planer Asphalt Grinder/ Commissioner Department of Public Works Thomas Feighery

Deputy Commissioner Joseph Bellucci stated this is a request to move the funds, \$2,281, from the Capital funding into the County Road Fund through the operating budget, as this item is underneath the County’s Capital asset threshold of \$5,000.

Chairman Ellner made a motion to Approve Budgetary Amendment 25A058/ DPW/ Purchase a Tomahawk 8” Road Planer Asphalt Grinder; Seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Item #5 – Discussion/ Fund Transfer 25T175/ Cover Cost of Telematic Installation In Transit/ Planning Fleet/ Commissioner, Department of General Services (DGS) John Tully

Chairman Ellner stated Commissioner of DGS John Tully was present and would speak to this item. He questioned if there will be cameras being replaced or are these all new and additional cameras.

Commissioner of DGS John Tully stated the camera feature will be new, but the Telematic feature is not new to the system. He stated IT/GIS Director Tom Lannon worked closely with Commissioner of Finance Mike Lewis to ensure this feature was in the previous radio system in the Department of Public Works (DPW) trucks. He stated the Office for Senior Resources

(OSR), DPW and the Planning Department fleet for logistic purposes will have the equipment in them.

Chairman Ellner stated this will allow the equipped vehicles to be tracked.

Commissioner of DGS John Tully confirmed that to be correct. He stated they will not be used for disciplinary purposes.

Chairman Ellner questioned if the Unions have been advised and are they in agreement with this.

Commissioner of DGS John Tully stated Personnel Officer Eldridge has been in touch with the Unions. He added that Personnel Officer Eldridge confirmed the Administration could move forward with this as long as they are not being used for disciplinary purposes. He stated that Risk Manager Mat Bruno has stated the cameras may result in cost savings to the County's insurance.

Chairman Ellner questioned how long the term of the lease is.

Commissioner of DGS John Tully stated it is 3-5 years, it is a US Government GSA contract, and the vendor is Verizon.

Chairman Ellner questioned if it will cost the County \$15,000 each year.

Commissioner of DGS John Tully stated when this transfer was submitted it was anticipated it would cover the installation of the Planning Department's fleet through the end of the year. He stated once the other departments are finalized, they will be phased in systematically by the Commissioner of Finance.

Legislator Crowley stated this is to pay for the Lease only. She stated then the system would need to be implemented. She questioned how much that would cost.

Commissioner of DGS John Tully stated that is all included as well as installation.

Legislator Crowley questioned who will monitor the cameras, or will they only be monitored if there is an issue.

Commissioner of DGS John Tully stated the intent is that every Department Head will have their own access to their respective fleet, and there will be an Administrator that will give that access.

Legislator Crowley questioned how long the data needs to be kept and is there a cost to where it is stored.

Commissioner of DGS John Tully stated he did not have that information with, so he would get that. He stated he does know that the recording capability will be “triggered” to turn on. He stated as an example a quick braking or acceleration, etc.

Legislator Crowley stated that it would be like the Police Departments. She stated she would appreciate it if the policy for retaining the data be provided to the Legislature.

Chairman Ellner stated that he sees that there would be an SD card in each of the vehicles that will retain data.

Legislator Crowley questioned whose responsibility will it be to maintain the equipment and clear the SD cards.

Commissioner of DGS John Tully stated he believes that will come down to programming. He stated if it is decided that every 10 days the SD card is cleared of data, that would be programmed in.

Legislator Sayegh questioned what impact this will have on the Insurance Rates for the County.

Commissioner, Department of General Services John Tully stated Risk Manager Bruno indicated that if this is rolled out the Insurance Company will entertain a discount, but they would not reveal what the rate would be at this time.

Chairman Ellner stated his appreciation for the update, and explained this matter will be addressed again and considered by the Audit & Administration Committee.

Item #6 – Other Business - None

Item #7 – Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:08 P.M., Chairman Ellner made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.