

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

Tuesday **February 21, 2017**
(Immediately Following the Protective Svcs. Meeting beginning at 6:30p.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Chairman Albano who requested that Legislator Castellano lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Chairman Albano and Legislators Castellano and Scuccimarra were present.

Item #3- Approval/Physical Services Meeting Minutes/November 15 & December 14, 2016

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #4- Approval/ Temporary Easement Agreement with NYSEG in Connection with the Prospect Hill Road Bridge Project-Southeast TM #56.15-1-5

Chairman Albano stated this item would allow the utility companies to put temporary poles throughout the property where work is necessary for the construction of the bridge.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Temporary Easement Agreement with NYSEG in Connection with the Prospect Hill Road Bridge Project-Southeast TM #56.15-1-5; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Legislator LoBue questioned if Chairman Albano is aware of the start date of the construction.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated this will be a joint project. He stated it will require two (2) Easements, first being with NYSEG and the second will be with MTA (Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company). He stated that will be presented to this committee for approval at the March meeting. He stated once all of that is approved and processed he believes the work will begin.

Item #5- Approval/Consent to East of Hudson Watershed Corporation to Serve as Lead Agency for the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Review

Deputy County Executive Bruce Walker stated in 2012 the County working along with the 18 other municipalities, who also were under the requirement to achieve a certain Phosphorus Reduction, the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation (EOH) was formed. He stated the formation of the Corporation was done to help meet the obligation of obtaining a 459 kilogram reduction within the overall 19 municipalities under the concept of Bubble Compliance. He stated the goals set for years 1 through 5 were met. He stated the 459 kilogram reduction was exceeded. He stated now they are working on years 6-10 with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). He stated an entire plan has been identified where 459 will be achieved and exceeded, anticipating there will be a number of projects that will fall out as time moves forward. He stated in an effort to stay within in the Bubble Compliance and facilitate the most sufficient methodology going forward the EOH aggregated all of the projects identified in the plan, which is part of the backup tonight. He stated that there will be a copy of the master EOHC plan for years 6-10 provided to the Legislature, it is approximately 600 pages. He stated the 600 page copy includes details on each one of the projects. He stated the summary that has been provided for tonight's meeting has each project identified along with the Phosphorus reduction. He stated each of the 19 municipalities will move forward with what the Legislature is considering this evening. He stated that what will be achieved by approving this proposal would be that Putnam County would be allowing the EOHC to become the Lead Agency in order to effectuate the projects. He stated that there are two (2) Putnam County Projects on the list: Sheriff's Facility (item #113 on attached list) and Stagecoach Road (item #114 on attached list).

Legislator LoBue questioned what the project on Stagecoach Road.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated it is a channel stabilization project. He stated it will be detailed in the master EOHC Plan.

Legislator LoBue requested confirmation of the total cost amount to do all of the proposed 6-10 projects will be \$65,202,546.

Deputy County Executive Walker confirmed.

Legislator LoBue questioned where will the money come from.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated they are working through the details with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). He stated the expectation is that Westchester County and Putnam County will have an amount agreed to that will be contributed and then the DEP will contribute the balance. He stated as noted earlier the \$65,202,546 represents more than the 459 kilograms that are required to meet. He

stated not all of the projects on the 6-10 year list need to be undertaken in order to achieve the 459 kilograms phosphorus reduction. He stated as he stated earlier, many of the projects on the list will not be done for a variety of reasons. He stated this list is a compilation of all potential projects and as they progress forward, some of the projects will drop off for a variety of reasons. He stated in the first 5 years approximately \$26 million was spent to achieve the 500 plus kilogram reduction of phosphorus.

Legislator LoBue questioned if the \$1.6 million, which is remaining in the Quality Investment Program, will be included in the \$65 million total projected cost for years 6-10.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated yes it will be allocated to the cost of the projects in the 6-10 time period.

Legislator LoBue requested confirmation that the \$1.6 million is in a general account, not to be used just specifically for the Putnam County projects.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated correct, that is the whole concept of Bubble Compliance. He provided background from the mid 2000's which is when he served as Chairman of the Soil & Water, which is when the concept of Bubble Compliance was created and agreed to. He stated that the concept of the "Bubble Compliance" came about to optimize the utilization of the dollars. He stated that no municipality has put in an actual dollar amount yet. He stated that will not happen until the negotiations are done with the DEP. He stated that \$30 million plus dollars has been requested of the DEP. He stated this all goes back to the 1991 Memorandum of Understanding for the Watershed Agreement, which does not specifically delineate how this process is supposed to work or what funding mechanism would be used.

Legislator LoBue stated she is trying to ascertain the process of prioritizing these projects.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated each project is reviewed on a cost per kilogram basis. He stated that they have worked with the DEC to try to modify the watershed regulations with regard to the accepted practices. He stated since 2012 they have worked together to identify better ways to do things over time, resulting in a lower cost per kilogram. He stated it is still very expensive.

Legislator Scuccimarra made a motion to approve Consent to East of Hudson Watershed Corporation to Serve as Lead Agency for the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Review; Seconded by Chairman Albano. All in favor.

Item #6- Update/Monthly Capital Projects Report

- a. Update/Putnam County Golf Course ADA Capital Project**
- b. Update/Jail HVAC Capital Project**

#6a. Chairman Albano made a motion to table agenda item #6a. Update/Putnam County Golf Course ADA Capital Project to the March meeting; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

#6b. Asset Manager Mike Cunningham stated the Legislature approved \$50,000 for a design study to be done on the replacement of the rooftop HVAC Units at the Jail. He stated the 8 units are on their last leg. He stated that estimates have been obtained for replacement units and their design. He stated the projected cost is between \$1.7 million to \$1.9 million.

Chairman Albano requested clarification of what the \$50,000 paid for.

Asset Manager Cunningham stated the \$50,000 paid for preliminary design work and costs estimates.

Legislator LoBue questioned if this cost is just for the roof, or does it include internal work.

Asset Manager Cunningham stated it is primarily the rooftop units. He stated that there will be a need for some re-plumbing, some electrical work as well. He stated it will be dependent on the current units on the roof (25 years old) to determine to what level of replacement will be necessary.

Legislator LoBue questioned if NYSERDA has been contacted to see if there is funding available.

Asset Manager Cunningham stated they are exploring potential funding opportunities. He stated the target is to get the Jail HVAC work done in the summer of 2017.

Item #7- Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A008)/Commissioner of Highways & Facilities/Required to Adjust the Budget of the FEMA Mill Road Bridge Project

Legislator LoBue stated that there is no backup to this item. She questioned if Chair Albano knows the original amount, or what is being requested with this.

Chairman Albano stated that he believes the money is just being moved within budget lines. He requested First Deputy County Attorney Negro provide clarification.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated that he would speak to this matter. He stated in 2012 a temporary bridge was put in place by New York State. He stated there was a process that took place with a homeowner. He stated unfortunately the bid that the County had to construct the bridge timed out. He stated a new bid was reissued and it came back higher. He stated there were many meetings and many attempts to streamline a solution. He stated unfortunately it took a long time.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve and move Budgetary Amendment (17A008)/Commissioner of Highways & Facilities/Required to Adjust the Budget of the FEMA Mill Road Bridge Project to the Audit & Administration Meeting; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #8- Approval/Sale of County Property Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code/Town of Putnam Valley TM # 91.8-1-27

Chairman Albano stated this property is the services station that has been spoken about for quite some time. He stated it is finally coming to an end.

Legislator Gouldman stated he believes this will be great for the County and for Putnam Valley. He stated there is a lot of a positive action projected in terms of building an infrastructure. He stated that he believes there is a great deal of potential for the Putnam Valley downtown area.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Sale of County Property Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code/Town of Putnam Valley TM # 91.8-1-27;Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Item #9 - Other Business

a. Verbal Update/Lighting Project at the Putnam County Jail/ Chairman Albano

Chairman Albano stated that Asset Manager Cunningham has been working on this project and it is progressing forward. He stated that an update will be coming forward soon.

b. New Sewer Committee/ Village of Brewster/Legislator LoBue

Legislator LoBue stated it has been brought to her attention that there has been a new Sewer Committee formed regarding the sewer lines from Connecticut to the Village of Brewster.

Chairman Albano stated he is not aware of this.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated that it is correct. He stated that Legislator Jonke is a member of the newly formed committee. He stated the Board will be looking and researching any liabilities that do or may exist when bringing the sewer line from Danbury to Brewster.

Legislator LoBue stated that she is disappointed that the Legislature was not informed by the Administration that a committee was being formed and that a member of the Legislature would be on the committee. She questioned how does that happen.

Chairman Albano stated that all he is concerned with is if something of interest comes out of the committee. He stated that sales tax needs to be focused on in order to save our communities. He stated that corridor has tremendous potential. He stated that he has no information about it. He stated however he is glad to know that it is being looked into.

Legislator LoBue stated Legislator Albano who serves as Chairman of the Physical Services Committee, she believed he should be concerned. She stated there have been press releases sent out by the County Executive's office discussing a deal that has been agreed upon with the Mayor of Danbury. She stated that she believes that it is a matter that should have come before the Legislature. She stated Legislator Jonke is new to the Legislature, she understands how he did not realize. She stated however the Administration should know. She stated the Legislature is in charge of the County facilities, County's real estate and this is going to be a County Project.

Chairman Albano stated that he believes the Legislators knew of this potential, it has been discussed. He stated that Danbury has the capacity and they are Putnam County's neighbors. He stated that Danbury is receptive to the idea. He stated that he is not aware of anything being finalized. He stated the potential is there.

Legislator Nacerino stated this is not something that the Legislature was not aware of. She stated that the County Executive has discussed this inter-state potential and the feasibility of using Connecticut as a viable resource to stimulate both Putnam County and their economies. She stated this project is in Legislator Jonke's district. She stated it makes sense that Legislator Jonke would be requested to be on the committee.

Legislator LoBue stated the media has printed articles stating that there is an agreement with photos.

Legislator Nacerino stated the County Executive introduced this plan at the 2016 State of the County, it is not a surprise.

Chairman Albano stated he was aware of it, but it is not finalized. He stated that he looks forward to hearing more. He stated that he is glad that a committee has been formed.

Legislator LoBue stated that she as a Legislator believes the Legislative Branch of government should be involved in this process. She stated a committee was formed and a member of the Legislature was put on the committee without any knowledge or discussion of the Legislature.

Chairman Albano stated that he does not agree that there is anything to discuss at this point.

Legislator Nacerino questioned what would there be to discuss.

Legislator Jonke stated that there was a preliminary discussion. He stated that he learned everything he needed to know. He stated the area of Route 6 on the state line has an infrastructure in place. He stated that there is properly zoned properties which would be perfect for the introduction to the sewer line from the state line into the Village of Brewster. He stated there is a great deal of potential. He stated currently there is a stark contrast between what is happening on the Connecticut side of the state line to the development on the Putnam County side. He stated that it is his district, he lives there and he would be happy to give anyone an update.

Legislator Nacerino stated it is a feasibility study. She stated that the potential is a partnership and project that would serve both Connecticut and New York well.

Chairman Albano stated he agreed. He stated currently the cars that are driving along that corridor are driving into Connecticut to spend their money.

Item #10- Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:40pm, Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk of the Legislature, Diane Trabulsy.