PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN ROOM 318 PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

(Chairman Albano, Legislators Castellano & Scuccimarra)

<u>Tuesday</u> 5:45 P.M. July 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:45p.m. by Chairman Albano who requested Legislator Scuccimarra lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Chairman Albano and Legislator Scuccimarra were present. Legislator Castellano arrived at 5:50p.m.

Item #3 - Approval/Physical Services Meeting Minutes/May 18 & June 16, 2016 The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #4 - Approval/Authorizing Easement Agreement/County of Putnam with East of Hudson Watershed Corporation Stormwater Retrofit Project (SE-POT-02)

Legislator LoBue questioned if this is the first time this matter has been brought to the Committee. She requested if this is corrective work.

Chairman Albano stated it is the first time it has come to Committee. He requested First Deputy County Attorney Andrew Negro provide an overview to this request.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated this is a project that has been undertaken by the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation together with the Town of Southeast. He stated it is a drainage project that affects Brewster Heights and Bloomer Road. He stated the easements being conveyed to the East of Hudson Corporation and the Town of Southeast do not actually cross underneath the bike path, they are properties on either side of the bikeway. He stated conveyance of these easements will allow the necessary drainage work to be completed. He stated at some point of this work the drainage will go underneath the bikeway, at that time a separate highway work permit will need to be filed for the two sections that actually cross the bikeway. He stated these are easements that are on the top of the bikeway and the south side of the bikeway. He stated the drainage project goes from Brewster Heights and will at some point drain out to where Route 6 is.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that is the Middle Branch Reservoir.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve/Authorizing Easement Agreement/County of Putnam with East of Hudson Watershed Corporation Stormwater Retrofit Project (SE-POT-02); Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Item #5 - Approval/Lease Agreement County of Putnam with Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Tilly Foster Farm-Building #4 & #8

Legislator LoBue questioned what the square footage is.

Chairman Albano stated the square footage is not identified. He stated that there is a color copy of the floor plan.

Legislator LoBue stated that she saw that. She stated she would like to know the square footage based on the rent the County will be receiving. She stated she is surprised that the square footage is not documented. She stated later in the agenda there is another lease for approval and it specifies the square footage based on the cost. She stated that she would like the information on the square footage.

Chairman Albano stated this lease with BOCES is a bit unique, in that it is a space that will be used by BOCES at certain times, some of the space they will not have access to at all.

Legislator Scuccimarra made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement County of Putnam with Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Tilly Foster Farm-Building #4 & #8; Seconded by Chairman Albano. All in favor.

Item #6 - Approval/Lease Agreement/County of Putnam Butterfield Realty LLC The Lahey Pavilion

- a. Proposed Resolution/Amending R#107/2016 Approve Certain Further revision to both the Lease Agreement & Charitable Donation Agreement
- b. Resolution #107/2016 Amending R#240 of 2015/Execution of Charitable Donation Agreement
- c. Redline Copy Lease
- d. Redline Copy Charitable Donation Agreement

First Deputy Attorney Negro provided an overview of the proposed resolution which amends Resolution #107 of 2016 in order to approve certain further revisions to both the subject Lease Agreement and the Charitable Donation Agreement between ACI Senior Development Corp.

Legislator Castellano made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement/County of Putnam Butterfield Realty LLC the Lahey Pavilion; Seconded by Leiglsator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Waive the Rules and accept the Additional; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Item #7- Putnam County Emergency Services Network Improvement Plan Public-Private Partnership with Homeland Towers, LLC/SEQRA Review-Intent to Declare Lead Agency Status (A Resolution for Each Tower; (4)Four in total):

7a.) Approval/Proposed Resolution(s) /Putnam County Legislature's Intent to Act as Lead Agency Under SEQRA Re: Lease Approval and Monroe Balancing Test For a Wireless Communications Facility (Tower Location):

- 1. 161-165 Hill Street, Mahopac, NY
- 2. 29 Milan Road, Southeast, NY
- 3. 117 Town Park Lane, Putnam Valley, NY
- 4. 112 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY

Chairman Albano stated the additional correspondence is an e-mail from Mr. Thomas Maxson. Mr. Maxson stated due to a calendar conflict he was unable to attend the meeting. However he wanted to express that he is not in favor of the proposed Cell Tower site adjacent to the Hill Agor Farm. He stated Mr. Maxson wrote that he is a former Verizon Manager, and reported that

telecommunication executives never by homes or locate their families in close proximity to such facilities. He stated that there was also a phone message that came into the Legislature Office from Mr. & Mrs. Donnelly stated that they are not in favor of the Cell Tower at the Putnam Golf Course.

Chairman Albano took comments from constituents who are residents of Mahopac, New York: Mark Hanson, Nick Paolicelli and Judith Ravnitsky who were all opposed to the Cell Tower site and the Putnam Golf Course.

Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio stated he will not be offering a statement of opposition or support. He stated he does have a couple of questions that he hopes can be answered this evening. He stated he found out about this matter from a Putnam Valley resident who was very upset with the proposed location and questioned why the Supervisor was hiding this information from the residents of the Putnam Valley community. He had to convince the resident that he had no knowledge of this proposed project. He stated that the property being proposed is County property. However, it is an embarrassing situation to have residents notifying me of proposed projects coming into our community. He stated as Supervisor of the said community, he should have been contacted. He stated he knows that the County is exempt from any of the local municipal requirements. He stated as this matter proceeds, he would like to be kept in the loop and updated, so he can keep his residents updated. He stated that he believes that is common courtesy. He stated also he would like the County to go through the planning and zoning phases, as the County did when they built the Putnam Valley Senior Center, keeping everything transparent. He stated that the residents should have the opportunity to vet the process. He stated it would not take long. He stated that the Town would fast track the process. He stated to just move forward with this project and not go through the processes, which he understands it is County property and it is the right of the County to do that, he believes would compromise the endeavor.

Chairman Albano stated that he believes the County will keep him in the loop.

Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio stated by going through the process you involve the community. He stated that he believes that is very important. He stated the site that has been chosen in Putnam Valley is directly behind a Senior Center and he has already received several visits and phone calls from some of the Seniors. He stated that they are concerned.

Legislator LoBue stated she would like this item to be tabled. She stated the residents that live on Scott Road, which is near Hill Street in Mahopac, had no knowledge of this proposed project. She stated this proposed project was brought to this Committee in May as an exploratory discussion. She stated the sites were discussed, but not definite. She stated at the May meeting it was said that the Administration would come back to the Legislature with an update. She stated now here we are in July and this matter is on the agenda as an approval. She stated it is her opinion that a new site must be scouted for Mahopac. She stated the Hill Street proposed site has residential homes in close proximity. She requested clarification on the actual height of the proposed Tower. She stated that correspondence sent to the Town of Carmel stated the height of the Tower as 190 ft. She stated in the SEQRA documents presented with this agenda item states the height of the Tower as 160 ft. She stated again she would like the Committee to table

this item. She stated it is summer and she has been told that many residents on Scott Road are on vacation. She stated this is not an emergency. She stated if the approval goes forward it will be specific to these four (4) sites. She stated she believes in keeping the residents informed.

Chairman Albano stated tonight this Committee is reviewing approval to designate the County as the Lead Agency. He stated it is not approval of the Towers. He stated the approval tonight will allow the process to go to the next step.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated that the resolution in front of the Committee is a follow up on the discussions that took place at the May 2016 meeting during the presentation. He stated that resolutions tonight will declare the Legislature as Lead Agency and then all of the municipalities that are involved will receive the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF). He stated tonight is not about approving the leases and fast tracking them. He stated the ball will get rolling with the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). He added that the public will be brought in, the Towns and involved agencies will be notified and have further discussions with respect to the environmental reviews, the sites and the lease agreements. He stated tonight is very preliminary. It is the first step in the SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) review process.

Legislator LoBue stated that she disagrees. She stated that each resolution in front of the Committee lists an exact location for a Tower. She stated in her opinion this is not preliminary. She questioned who is Lead Agency for the Hill Street location in Mahopac right now.

Chairman Albano stated that there is no Lead Agency right now. He stated the purpose of the proposal tonight is for the Legislature to declare itself as the Lead Agency. He stated once that is done the other agencies then will have the opportunity to object and voice their opinions.

Legislator LoBue stated in 2010 the Town of Carmel was made Lead Agency of the 122 acres of the Hill Agor Property, which is the property of the proposed Mahopac Tower. She stated she does not understand what is happening here.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated he believes the Attorney representing Homeland Towers, Robert Gaudioso (Snyder & Snyder, LLP) would like to address the Committee.

Chairman Albano stated Legislator Wright will be allowed to speak, constituent, Mr. Ravinsky and then Mr. Gaudioso.

Legislator Wright stated it is not an accurate characterization of what is stated in the resolution before the Committee tonight, provided by First Deputy County Attorney Negro. He stated the resolution states "the County desires to use this property at this location for this purpose." He stated that is the end of the Legislative process, to determine that it is the will of Putnam County to use it for this process after this Legislature has done its job and assimilated all of the necessary information to make a "Monroe Compliant Determination" in that regard. He stated the conflict with the Town of Carmel is perhaps insurmountable. He stated that the Town of Carmel has an inherent conflict with the County because of the Lease the County has given to them for the use of the greater portion of the affected area, which house ball fields. He continued to

communicate his opinion of the obstacles of this process. He stated that there has been no environmental impact work done, other than the email from a former Verizon Executive who stated there is belief that there are health hazards associated with the construction of such facilities. He stated in his opinion it would make them ill-suited to be placed next to a Senior Citizen Facility or next to children's ball field. He stated this has been in the works, as so many things in this County are, for a long time. He stated the Legislature received a "courtesy heads up, you might have to do this and want to do this" at the May Physical Meeting. He stated "and now here it is back with a resolution that states the Legislature desires to use the said property for the installation of this facility and the Legislature desires to enter into an agreement with Homeland Towers and the Legislature desires to do this and do that." He stated not one member of this Legislature has apprised him or herself of the facts necessary to say they desire to do anything. He stated it is his opinion proceeding with this will open the County to class action litigation. He stated that he is not prepared to say that he is in support or not in support of the proposed locations. He stated he is prepared to say that none of the members of this Legislative Board are either, based on the record that is being presented to this Committee. He stated that there was perhaps 15 minutes of cursory discussion at the May 2016 Physical Services meeting, and now this again is here to be considered for approval. He stated that it would be a tremendous disservice of this Board to take action without all of the information. He stated to say the approval of this resolution does not mean anything, is wrong, it will mean a lot.

Chairman Albano stated that he did not mean that the approval of the resolution would not mean anything. He stated he meant it is the beginning of the process. He stated it has been identified to the Legislature in the past that Putnam County has a real issue with communication.

Legislator Wright stated it has been communicated to the Legislature that there is a communication problem. However that does not justify throwing out the rules and procedure.

Chairman Albano stated that the need was identified, County representatives met with a company who are experts and deal with this work every day.

Legislator Wright stated the Legislature has not informed itself. He stated the Legislature is the only body that has control of the assets of the County of Putnam.

Chairman Albano stated this matter was brought to this Committee in May. He stated line of sight is very important. He stated these are four (4) County property sites that were found to be best suited. He stated as far as the Monroe Test, it states that all interested parties will be notified. He stated Supervisor Oliverio came in tonight express his Town's concerns and stated that he wants to be notified of this matter. He stated that the County Law Departments has advised this Legislature that this is the way this process goes.

Legislator Wright requested First Deputy County Attorney Negro provide a copy of the Monroe analysis on this.

Mr. Robert Gaudioso, Attorney with Snyder & Snyder, requested if he could address that matter.

Legislator Wright stated he does not want the Attorney representing Homeland Towers to address his request. He stated he presented his request to the County's legal representative and that is who he wants to reply.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated this is the first step in the Legislature's analysis and determination under "Monroe and SEQR" and in order to approve the lease. He stated there will be further hearings and input at which point the Legislature's analysis and determination under the Monroe Balancing Test will be made. He stated this selects the four (4) sites in order to begin that review process and in order to make that analysis. He stated this is not approving the site, approving the lease agreement or approving the project. He stated it is simply starting the analysis and SEQR determination based upon the four (4) sites selected. He stated the resolve clause of the resolution clearly states that. He stated it is not approving the lease agreement for each site or making the ultimate analysis determination of the Monroe. He stated that will come, based upon further public hearings and input from the public and analysis made.

Legislator Wright questioned if First Deputy County Attorney Negro could advise on what basis the County desires to use this particular property. He questioned if he has data with him on the elevation matter that was raised, the health implications that were raised by the Verizon Executive, who put something in writing to the Legislature. He stated what is it that the Legislature would have to make the initial statement on.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated the Environmental Assessment Forms (EAF) were submitted to the Legislature. He stated the Legislature, pursuant to the SEQR procedure would rely on it in making the initial determination.

Legislator Wright questioned if the EAF being referenced is the one submitted to the Legislature which states "this is not parkland". He stated the Hill Street property is parkland. He stated the EAF is faulty, there is a consultant's analysis letter that was submitted and part of the background information to the Legislature falsely states that the property in question is not subject to the potential for placement on the National Registry of Historic Places. He stated there is an outstanding resolution of this Legislature's that states exactly the opposite of that. He stated to the extent that this Legislature is being requested to rely on EAF forms that others have filled out inaccurately or consultant's reports of interested parties; he has no confidence to proceed on this basis. He stated he would like a written memorandum from the County Law Department stating the EAF has been reviewed by the Putnam County Law Department and there are not materially false or incorrect statements in it. He stated also he would like a memorandum from the County Law Department stating the Law Department of the County's understanding is that the Monroe Process is first to conduct a preliminary review; not to declare yourself Lead Agency and start the approval process. He stated it was stated that the approval process would start and there will be plenty of time for input. He stated in his opinion the approval process cannot start under the Monroe unless we are satisfied that we have had preliminary input that suggests it is warranted at all. He stated that in the e-mail from Mr. Maxson there is a reference that there may be sufficient sites available to deliver the services the County needs. He stated he believes whether there are any collateral consequences ought to be considered up front.

Mr. Robert Gaudioso, Attorney, stated this process began with a need by Putnam County to improve communications. He stated his client's company builds infrastructures. He stated no one is more concerned with proper process than his client. He stated anytime their process has been challenged in court they have been successful in the Courts defending it. He stated SEQR statutes specifically require that SEQR commence as early in the process as possible. He stated that is all that is being requested this evening. He stated the representatives of Homeland Towers came to the May 18, 2016 meeting. He stated the process was explained and stated that they would do their due diligence. He stated for the past two (2) months they have been analyzing the sites. He stated that after their evaluation, all of the information was inputted into the EAF, which he prepared. He stated the first step in the process is to get the data out, and it includes getting it to the Towns, interested agencies and involved agencies. He stated the purpose of this resolution is to say to the interested agencies, involved agencies, and the public in general. He stated the Legislature declaring the intention to be Lead Agency legally allows everyone else to receive all of the materials. He stated everyone will have the opportunity to review the material and provide comment in case anything was missed. He stated in preparing the EAF he certainly did not misrepresent anything on purpose. He stated most of the questions on the EAF are answered by the State Mapping Program. He stated the one referenced earlier about the "Parkland" he actually check "other as Golf Course" believing that was more specific in that particular section. He stated based on the comments received the process is fine tuned. He stated the comment regarding the height of the Tower, it originally was 190 feet. He stated at part of the analyses it was determined 190 feet was too tall for the site and it was reduced to 160 feet, which is included in the EAF. He stated that they expect to continue to make changes as they go through the SEQR process. He stated he would like to go over the procedure again: The County states they intend to be Lead Agency, it does not approve the project and it does not make the County Lead Agency. He stated all it does is allow the County's Planning Department to send out to the Public, the Towns and the involved/interested agencies the package of documents.

Legislator LoBue requested a definition of the reference to "the Public".

Mr. Robert Gaudioso, Attorney stated that means a packet of information will be sent to any involved or interested agency.

Legislator LoBue stated she is concerned with the members of the public, who are the tax payers and who may be living near these towers. She questioned how are they notified and made aware of this project.

Mr. Robert Gaudioso, Attorney, stated this is a public meeting. He stated if anyone would like a copy of the package, he will leave his contact information. He will provide it to them individually. He stated that they are happy to speak and answer any questions. He stated then a public hearing is scheduled. He stated that is part of the Monroe process, one of the nine (9) factors is the opportunity for folks to be heard. He stated the notice of the public hearing would be in compliance to the requirements of the County's procedure. After the Public Hearing the Legislature will decide if there is enough information and have all questions been addressed.

Legislator LoBue thanked Mr. Gaudioso for his explanation. She stated that she sees a problem already. She stated that there is a problem with the Hill Street site. She stated the surrounding neighbors are not in favor of the proposed Cell Tower. She stated another location needs to be picked then the SEQR process can begin. She stated in addition to the Hill Street location being located close to a residential neighborhood, ball fields are slated for the site. She questioned why the County, in good conscious, would endanger not only the neighbors who live near the site, but also the children who would be playing on the ball fields. She questioned why would the action to proceed with the SEQR process continue knowing there are problems with this site. She stated again this is all happening in the summer, when many people are on vacation, and this meeting began at 5:45p.m. when most people are still at work. She stated proper notification was not provided. She stated most people did not even know this matter was on the agenda. She stated she would like this Committee to table this item, there is no emergency to get this done this evening. She stated she does not remember this Legislature ever ignoring the residents. She stated there are residents here saying they are opposed to this. She stated to start the SEQR process to hear exactly what is being said tonight.

Mr. Robert Gaudioso, Attorney stated the Public Hearing is important to hear the reason why a site is not a good site. That is valuable information for the process. He stated that information helps them to find another site. He stated that planning is not universal. He stated a priority to one community is not the same in another community.

Legislator Nacerino stated she would like to encourage this Committee to give this serious consideration. She stated no matter where a cell tower is put, people are going to be opposed. She stated she has been through an experience with Metro North coming into her community and stating they shall and they can put a 190 foot monopole in the middle of a residential area in Patterson. She stated the Supervisor of the Town of Patterson was blindsided by this. She stated people feel very vulnerable and powerless where no local review is necessary. She stated she is not saying she is for or against these locations. She stated that she is saying that careful consideration really needs to be given. She stated that these sites were looked at from an economic view point; selecting County owned property, is the most cost effective way to reach the objective. However as past Legislator, Sam Olivierio, use to say, the role of the Legislators is to protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents. She stated it is not only a monetary savings that needs to be looked at, but also, what is the best action for the people that the Legislature represents. She stated she is not pleased with the Monopole that Metro North will be constructing in Patterson. She stated that she empathizes with constituents present at this meeting. She stated she requests that the Legislature not rush into this process. She stated she would like to hear from Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services Anthony Sutton and Director of IT/GIS Tom Lannon tonight because we need to speak to the need for Emergency Services to communicate throughout the entire County.

Jerry Ravnitsky stated that he just heard of this a few days ago. He stated that there has been a lot of conversation for years as to whether Cell Towers are dangerous to peoples' health. He stated that he has conducted some research of his own. He stated that he has found that many scientists have conducted studies (he left a copy with the Committee members) that have shown evidence that cell towers can cause cancer. He stated that one of the studies documents that over

7,000 cancer deaths were related to Cell Towers. He stated that there are studies that say that they are not sure if the Cell Towers cause cancer. He questioned would any of the Legislators want their children playing on a soccer field, where there is a possible risk of cancer. He stated he would like to know why the County Legislature kept this secret. He stated it has not been in the newspapers. He stated even Town Supervisor Oliverio was not aware of it. He stated he read the May 18, 2016 Physical Services Meeting minutes. He stated there was a lot of discussion about this matter. He stated now on today's agenda it is as an approval. He stated since very few people in the community know about this, why would there be a vote; what happened to open government. He questioned if the revenue that will be generated from the cell towers is more important than the people's health.

Chairman Albano state there is an issue with communication throughout the County that needs to be addressed. He stated that tonight is the beginning of the process. He stated declaring the Legislature as the Lead Agency will allow the process to begin. He stated the health and safety issues will be a major consideration in the final decision.

Lynne Eckardt, Resident, stated that she is a councilwoman in the Town of Southeast. However, tonight she is representing some of her constituents and not the Town. She thanked Legislators LoBue and Wright for their recommendation for this Committee to table this item. She stated that she agrees. She stated she is concerned about this proposal. She stated the Lead Agency sets the whole project into motion. She stated she believes this matter here tonight is premature and should be tabled. She stated like Supervisor Oliverio, Town of Southeast Supervisor Tony Hay had no knowledge of this matter.

Nicholas Paolicelli, resident of Scott Road, stated there are approximately 10 houses on Scott Road, which is a culdesac. He stated there are 14-16 children in the neighborhood. The site of the Hill Street Tower is 250 feet from the backyards of the Scott Road residents. He stated it has not been proven one way or the other that a cell tower is or is not a health risk. He questioned if there are any Legislators who would like to have a cell tower in their backyard.

Judy Ravnitsky, resident of Hill Street, stated it has been said that all parties will be listened to. She questioned how many people will this Legislature need to hear from to listen to the message of "no we don't want this, it is possibly dangerous to our health". She requested that the Legislators tell her how many people they need to hear from to stop this. She stated for 13 years efforts have been put forward to get the Hill Agor Farm on the New York State Historic Preservation Registry and with this plan there will be a 160 foot cell tower backing up to it; it is not fair.

Putnam Valley Town Supervisor Oliverio stated that there is another property that he would like to recommend be considered as a site in Putnam Valley instead of the current proposed site, 117 Town Park Lane. He stated the property he would like considered is on the side of Piano Mountain. He stated it is adjacent to the Town Park Lane property. He stated there are power lines on the Piano Mountain site already. He stated the Seniors who have contacted him are very concerned about the proposal of putting the Tower so close to the Senior Center Park Lane location. He stated he agrees with the comments of some of the Legislators tonight, perhaps the County is going too fast with this. He stated health and safety, he believes has got to be

paramount in making this decision. He stated he agrees with Legislator Wright, in that the Legislature should require more data and take a look at other site options.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that she agrees with Supervisor Oliverio health and safety is the first priority. But as health is important the safety is also another factor. She stated factoring in the 911 communication problems with our emergency responders, is of deep concern to the members of the Emergency Services Department of the County. She stated she would like to hear from Bureau of Emergency Services Sutton and Director of IT/GIS Lannon. She stated she supports beginning the process. She stated it is an important matter and the concerns that have been communicated this evening are important to us. She stated the Towers are not being put up to make money; the money is minimal she believes. She stated she supports continued evaluation and looking at more properties and hopefully continuing with the project.

Legislator Castellano stated representatives from the Putnam County Emergency Services Department have brought this matter of needing to improve communication throughout the County for the emergency responders to this Legislature in the past. He stated this is the health and safety of the community. He stated if the first responders cannot communicate with each other they cannot respond to an emergency in an appropriate fashion. He stated it will hurt our community. He stated that correcting this problem is the driving goal, which is trying to be attained in the most cost effective way. He stated that the four (4) sites proposed may not all pass, but it is the beginning of the process. He stated there should be a public hearing, the public should come to have their comments heard.

Chairman Albano stated that this matter has been discussed in Committee in the past. He stated that the proposed request before this Committee tonight would allow the process to begin. He stated this was never a secret, it is not being passed tonight, it is the beginning of the process. He stated from here all of the facts will be compiled, the public will be given an opportunity to be heard it is the beginning. He stated he will allow Commissioner Sutton and Director Lannon to speak and provide the background of this proposal.

IT/GIS Director Lannon stated that he has been in discussion, many times in the past years, with the Legislature regarding the radio system of the County. He stated the radio system affects the County's Firefighters, Police Officers, and Emergency Medical Service responders. He stated also the Highway Department employees and Office of Senior Resources are supported by the County radio system. He stated that they have all complained numerous times. He stated the PBA from the Sheriff's Department has filed a complaint because they believe the Officers' lives are put in jeopardy because there are areas in this County where there is no radio communication. He stated a Committee was formed. He stated the Committee distributed surveys to all of the emergency agencies throughout the community who utilize the radios. He stated the dead areas were identified, and the current radio system was analyzed. He stated the Verizon radio tie-lines, are not reliable. He stated so the County went to a microwave system. He stated the system in place is very old and antiquated. He stated they applied for a grant and were awarded \$3.5 million to help address tower needs and replace the aging microwave system the County currently has. He stated then a review of County property was done. He stated the sites were identified as were the areas with coverage problems. He stated

the goal is to make the microwave system more reliable. He stated this is the absolute beginning of this process. He stated nothing is moving forward right now.

Commissioner Sutton stated it was unfortunate that the citizens are just learning of this. He stated there should have been more of a coordinated effort to get the word out to the Public. He stated that leads to a conspiracy theory, which he assured everyone in the room that is not what this is about. He stated that there are numerous points of communication failure in the County. He stated the clock is ticking on the grant funding. He stated the topography of this County is challenging when trying to find a straight line. He stated the mountainous terrain presents tremendous challenge. He stated in his previous position in Westchester he worked in building a Radio System, much like this. He stated he respects everyone's concerns regarding public health. He encouraged everyone to speak to the first responders in their towns and ask how well the communications are for them. He stated the truth of the matter is that it is not good. He stated if the County was to start from scratch and acquire land and put up towers, it would cost the County \$35 million to \$40 million that is not an exaggeration. He stated Rockland County just built a system and it costs in the area of \$35 million, and they are not quite finished. He stated that is why Putnam County looked for a partnership opportunity. He stated to start this process, sites had to be picked, they are not cast in stone. He stated that he understands the concerns of the residents who have voiced their concerns. He has worked in this field and is aware of the safety concerns. However the problem of insufficient communication between our emergency responders needs to be addressed. He stated he would encourage that everyone move forward with this process.

Legislator LoBue stated that John Agor, a resident of Scott Road, contacted her and requested that she remind the members of the Legislature that the Town of Carmel has a water system there.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if we chose to move forward as the Lead Agency will we be locked in with these four (4) locations. Also in reference to the Public Hearings, would there be four (4) separate Public Hearings. He recommends four (4) individual hearings.

Chairman Albano stated the County will not be locked into the four (4) locations.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated there are four (4) SEQR Reviews and Resolutions. He stated that there would be a hearing and a SEQR review on each different location.

Chairman Albano stated that he would like to point out the reason that \$3.5 million grant funding is available due, in fact, to the world we are living in today. He stated emergency services are so important and critical to every community. He stated he is in favor of hearing the facts, and recognizes there needs to be a starting point. He stated that he will support moving this forward.

Legislator Wright questioned what the time constraint is with the grant funding. He stated it has been stated tonight that there is time sensitivity with this matter due to time constraints with the grant funding. He questioned what the deadline is.

Commissioner Sutton stated he believes the deadline is August 31, 2018, however he will confirm that and report back to the Legislature (*Commissioner Sutton reported 7.20.2016 via email the actual deadline is December 31, 2017*).

Commissioner Sutton stated that they have been told by Homeland Security that there will be no more extensions to the grants.

Legislator Wright stated that he knows a great deal about emergency services communications in Putnam County. He stated he can assure every member of the Legislature that what is being spoken of as a potential emergency is a problem that has been in existence for 40 years. It is a matter that Putnam County has failed to deal it. He stated that any intonation that there is some exigent circumstances that have recently arose that requires immediate attention casting all good judgment and consideration out the window for the sake of expediency is nothing short of the stuff that comes out of the south end of the hall.

Commissioner Sutton stated that is perhaps why the County is in this situation today. He stated with what is going on in the world the last thing we would want to do is have a police officer in our County in trouble and not have the ability to communicate. He stated he does not believe he every advocated for throwing due process aside. He stated his concern is that the County needs to start. He stated in reference to the questioned stated by Legislator LoBue in terms of why is this a rush. He stated this is a long process, construction, radio design, the ordering of the microwave equipment, installation and testing of the system. He is here to say that this project needs to move forward. He stated it does not mean that it will end up looking the way that it does at this moment, but it needs to be started.

Legislator LoBue stated she respects Commissioner Sutton's opinion. She stated however this is fear mongering. She stated this matter could come back to Committee again next month. In the meanwhile making sure all of the residents in the areas of these proposed sites are notified.

Legislator Wright stated the proposed resolution relies on an environmental assessment form that has been prepared by the County's consultant. He stated that he has pointed out at least three (3) or four (4) inaccuracies with that form.

Jerry Ravinsky stated no one wants any first responders put at risk due to communication problems. He stated however he does not want to address that matter via a sacrifice zone. He stated sacrificing the health of the adults and children who will be near these towers. He stated a cell tower has a negative effect on the value of the homes near the tower.

Judy Ravinsky questioned how many people will it take to speak against the Hill Street location change to get it to change.

Chairman Albano the decision will be based on all of the facts, not the amount of people who come out. He stated Hill Street may not end up to be the location. He stated he wants to see all of the facts and information associated with each site. He stated this is the point where we start with and proceed. He stated if there is a problem with the SEQR that can be changed. He stated does not support pushing it off.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve/Proposed Resolution(s) /Putnam County Legislature's Intent to Act as Lead Agency Under SEQRA Re: Lease Approval and Monroe Balancing Test For a Wireless Communications Facility (Tower Location):161-165 Hill Street, Mahopac, 29 Milan Road, Southeast, 117 Town Park Lane, Putnam Valley, and 112 Old Route 6, Carmel; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Chairman Albano encouraged the people at the meeting to spread the work to their neighbors to attend the Public Hearing meetings and have their voices hear. He stated that he would like to have the corrected documents sent to the Legislature.

Legislator Wright stated point of order, the Audit & Administration Committee is not the appropriate Committee to review amended Environmental Assessment Forms (EAF). He stated that is within the subject and purview of the Physical Services Committee, pursuant to the Charter. He stated to do that will be in violation of the Legislature's process and procedure.

Mr. Robert Gaudioso, Attorney stated the EAF it the Homeland Tower's document. He stated ultimately the document of the County Legislature will be the SEQRA determination, be it a negative or positive declaration. He stated that it is the belief of Homeland Tower's that their EAF is consistent. He stated the Legislature does not have to agree with the EAF document. He stated that would be communicated and documented in the Part II of the SEQR and there can be a Part III added if deemed necessary by the County. He stated whether the Legislature believes the EAF to be consistent is determined in the ultimate SEQR determination. He stated that he does not believe there is a need to change the EAF at this stage of the process.

Legislator Wright stated in all of his year's involvement with the Putnam County Legislature he is unaware or this branch of government ever making a preliminary SEQR determination based upon an EAF that was not prepared by County personnel. He stated he believes this Legislature will be setting itself up for failure and ridicule when you rely on interested outside parties to provide the facts. He stated based on his very cursory examination he has demonstrated three (3) or four (4) points that are flat out wrong. He stated that he renews his objection to any revision of the EAF that does not come before the Physical Services Committee.

Legislator LoBue requested that Legislative Counsel VanRoss provide his legal opinion on this process.

Legislative Counsel VanRoss stated what is in front of the Committee this evening is the request to declare the Legislature Lead Agency. He stated the other aspect of the short form, the EAF, is not being approved as such it is just saying that the EAF will be circulated.

Item #8 - Approval/Short Environmental Assessment Forms (EAF)/For Each Proposed Site

- 1. 161-165 Hill Street, Mahopac, NY
- 2. 29 Milan Road, Southeast, NY
- 3. 117 Town Park Lane, Putnam Valley, NY
- 4. 112 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY

8a.) Memos:

- (1) Fr: First Deputy county Attorney Negro Dated: July 13, 2016
- (2) Fr: Deputy Commissioner Plng. Dev. & Public Transportation Fusco Dated: July 14, 2016

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Short Environmental Assessment Forms (EAF)/For Each Proposed Site; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Item #9 - Approval/Lease/Putnam County Veterans' Residence - Rm#1

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve Lease/Putnam County Veteran's Residence- Rm #1; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #10 - Approval/Leases/Putnam County Veterans' Residence- Annual Renewal Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Renewal of the Putnam County Veterans Residence Lease; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Item #11 - Update/Watershed Agricultural Council Conservation/Tilly Foster Farm (ref: Reso#207/2015)

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated the Law Department is working with the Administration, Parks and the Highway and Facilities Departments of the County along with the Watershed Agricultural Council (WAC) to address issues surrounding the future of the farm. He stated the lease agreement with BOCES was provided pursuant to the WAC Agreement. He stated it does not require approve from WAC it just requires them being notified and staying in the parameter of the specific uses in the areas delineated as MADA (Modified Area Development Approach) area. He stated the other matters referenced in Resolution 207 of 2015 deal with parking area, item 4. He stated that is located in the ADA (Acceptable Development Area) area which is outside of the MADA area. He stated a request was sent to WAC to the Easement Committee in order to restructure the boundaries line of the MADA area to include the that Parking Area and exchange other areas of the WAC easement of the area of the Farm, under the ADA area. He stated that basically there will be a swap of certain use areas. He stated WAC wanted to get this completed first, and then address the other issues such as the Pugliese House. He stated that it is in the administrative process now. He stated their easement Committee has reviewed it, but there has been no approval yet.

Chairman Albano questioned if there is a projection on when the County will hear back regarding the Parking Lot matter.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated the County submitted the information to the Easement Committee in May 2016. He stated he hopes it will be addressed shortly.

Chairman Albano made a motion to waive the Rules and accept the Additional; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Item #12 - Update/Monthly Report – Capital Projects

Commissioner Pena brought a larger copy of the report.

Chairman Albano requested that the larger copy of the Capital Projects report be provided to Legislature at the time of submission.

Commissioner Pena concurred.

Chairman Albano stated that there has been no changes to the list.

Commissioner Pena stated that is corrected. However he would like to review some specific projects on the list and provide an update, which brings the discussion to the next Agenda Item #13.

Item #13 - Approval/Three Capital Projects: Three (3) County Facility Projects & Two (2) Road Projects/Commissioner Pena

- a. County Office Building Façade
- b. Jail Air Conditioning System
- c. Historic Courthouse Building Management System
- d. Fair Street
- e. Stoneleigh Avenue/Drewville Road

(13a.) County Office Building Façade (County Facility Project)

Commissioner Pena stated that the first three (3) projects are County facility projects. He stated the condition of the façade on this building has been discussed with this Committee in the past. He stated that it has been deteriorating for decades. He stated it is at a point where there is concern about the condition of the brick, water infiltration and brick falling off the building. He stated the County does not have an employee who is an expert on masonry or other façade treatments. He stated they are going to elicit proposals from experts in the area to discuss what the options are. He stated that they will come forward to the next Physical Services Committee Meeting and request funding to move this action forward.

Chairman Albano questioned if the anticipated funding for tonight is \$50,000 - \$60,000.

Commissioner Pena stated \$50,000 is based on the previous the County received from a consultant GPI.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that at the suggestion of the Legislative Clerk, we listed these items separately after explaining to her that funding would be requested this evening in relation to these four (4) projects. He stated if the Committee agrees with the direction of these projects and the corresponding funding, Finance Commissioner Carlin has stated that he would have the required budgetary amendment and forward it to the July 25th Audit and Administration meeting, for approval. He stated if this Committee believes there is further discussion and review then the matters will be brought back to the Physical Services Committee.

Legislator LoBue stated there are two (2) Legislators who are not present and Legislator Wright is no longer in attendance. She stated she does not support this Committee moving these items forward. She stated also this meeting agenda has been jammed packed. She stated that the financial documentation is missing as well.

Chairman Albano stated that Legislator Wright could have stayed and as far as the agenda being jammed packed, he believes these are all important issues requiring the attention of the Legislature. He stated the façade of the County Office Building has been discussed in the past. He stated that there are serious issues and concerns that are not going away, they need to be dealt with.

Commissioner Pena continued to provide an update on some of the different options that may be available to ratify the façade issues and leaking of the County Office Building. He stated at this time they are requesting funding to get expert research and guidance to rectify this matter.

Legislator Nacerino stated she would like to see this moved forward. She stated this matter has been discussed a long time

Chairman Albano facilitated further discussion.

(13a.) Chairman Albano made a motion to approve to the Audit and Administration Committee \$50,000 for a Consultant -County Office Building Façade; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

(13b.) Jail Air Conditioning System (County Facility Project)

Commissioner Pena stated that the next matter is the Putnam County Jail Air Conditioning System, which is at the end of its useful life. He stated the unit is antiquated and is difficult to find replacement parts, and the parts they have found are expensive. He stated that possible replacements have been researched. He stated this is an area of expertise. He stated that if the humidity can be reduced in a space then it does not need to be cooled as much. He stated reducing of humidity is a target. He stated that when reviewing replacement units that is a consideration. He stated the in-house staff is not experts in this, so again he would like to hire a consultant to provide advice on how to address the humidity condition through the replacement of the units. He stated he is requesting \$50,000 to hire a consultant to address his matter. He stated that the money would be a "place holder". He stated it would not be used if not necessary.

Legislator LoBue questioned if the selection of a consultant would be done via the bid process.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated it would be done through the RFP (Request For Proposal) process. He stated the County has an on-call Engineering RFP that is renewed, he believes, every two (2) years. He stated a Mechanical Engineer consultant would be selected from the list. He stated that this is a process that the Capital Projects Committee has requested be engaged. He stated rather than coming forward with a request for a new system at the cost of \$800,000 - \$1 million, it is the request that preliminary work be done. He stated then present the alternative analysis information to the Legislature. He stated the hope is that in the long run there will be a savings recognized for the County.

Chairman Albano facilitated further discussion on this matter.

(13b.) Chairman Albano made a motion to approve to the Audit and Administration Committee \$50,000 for a Consultant –Jail Air Conditioning System; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All

in favor. (This was not funded through a Resolution. It was funded from "Jail Open Project Budget Line 50076, see email from Dept. Comm. Tully To Comm. Carlin backup to R/169-2016)

(13c.) Historic Courthouse Building Management System (County Facility Project)

Commissioner Pena stated the next project is the Historic Courthouse Building Management System. He stated that the County has been informed that the antiquated system can no longer be repaired any longer. He stated his recommendation is to replace the system. He stated they did get an estimate, which was submitted as additional to this agenda item tonight. He stated the recommendation has been to upgrade the Andover System from AC256 to Continuum and the user interface from control System Supervisor to Continuum Cyber Station. He stated a request for \$60,500 is being presented to replace the unit.

Chairman Albano facilitated further discussion on this matter. Clarification was provided that the mechanism proposed to be replaced is the "Brains" of this system.

(13c.) Legislator Castellano made a motion to approve to the Audit and Administration Committee \$60,500 for the Historic Courthouse Building Management System; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

(13d.) Fair Street (Road Project)

Commissioner Pena stated there are three (3) remaining road projects that are still open with Federal funding available to them in the amount of \$12.3 million. He stated he and members of the Department of Highways and Facilities have researched the past records related to these projects, in terms of funding and scope. He stated the projects have been re-scoped to make them acceptable to the community and bring them back to be included in the County budget with awareness of the County's budget constraints. He stated that the County is looking and meeting with NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) Local Projects Unit and the Federal Government, who has funded these projects. He stated the Fair Street project would go from Route 52 to Hill and Dale Road. He stated that the project would include improvements to the signalization at Route 52 and a turning lane at the junction of Route 52 and Fair Street. He stated the entire project would include full depth pavement rehabilitation, three (3) culverts, one (1) bridge, side drainage, closed drainage, and open drainage. He stated it would include all of the critical things that need to be addressed on that roadway. He stated Fair Street is rated the worst road in Putnam County. He stated the original scope of the project required the taking of property. He stated the re-scope does not include the taking of any homes, if possible. He continued to explain the general overview of the projected work. He stated that he has brought this forward to keep awareness that these projects are still on the books. He stated there has been a substantial amount of County funds that have been invested in them already. He stated also the County would have exposure to repayment if the projects are not completed. He stated roughly the repayment amount would be \$500,000. He stated that other funding sources are being researched to assist the County in the 20% match on these projects.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated such as Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding, that became available through the County's Planning Department. He stated also there is a potential for Stormwater, phosphorous reduction benefits that could translate to assistance from the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation. He stated also annually the Highways & Facilities Department

requests funding from the Legislature for Road, Bridges, Culverts and Equipment. He stated some of that money could be earmarked towards these projects.

Commissioner Pena stated in addition work would be done at the Fair Street and Hill and Dale Road intersection which would improve the safety, sidewalk and drainage. He stated all of the details can be brought to this Committee and presented. He stated with the support of the Legislature, it is believed it is best for the County to continue to move forward with the NYS DOT and the Federal Government.

Chairman Albano questioned what does the Legislature need to do at this point.

Commissioner Pena stated he was asked by the NYS DOT and the Federal Government representatives to make sure that the Legislature is prepared to fund this project.

Legislator LoBue requested how much would the match portion of the project be.

Chairman Albano stated if the entire project costs \$10 million the County will be responsible for \$2 million. He stated however look at the fact, if the County says no to this over. The County will be responsible to pay back the \$500,000 and address the main issues of these roadways such as bridges, culverts. He stated doing all of that the County will be very close to spending \$2 million regardless.

Commissioner Pena stated that today Deputy Commissioner Tully did receive confirmation from the NYS DOT. He stated if the original projected cost of the project, which was done several years ago, has increased due to the passing of time then the Federal funding will increase to match the increase in cost.

Chairman Albano stated he would like Commissioner Pena to continue pursuing the project.

(13e.) Stoneleigh Avenue/Drewville Road (Road Project)

John Neubauer, Putnam Hospital Representative, stated that he had attended the meeting to hear an update on the Stoneleigh Avenue Road project.

Commissioner Pena stated the project is currently two (2) PINs: 1 PIN, is the intersection and 1 PIN between the intersection and Route 6. He stated the one between the intersection and Route 6 was over scoped and under budget. He stated there was approximately \$2 million dollars in each PIN. He stated the total amount for both PINs is approximately \$4.2 million. He stated that the County has petitioned the State and the Federal Government representatives to bring the scope down to the intersection and more towards the hospital since that is where the primary traffic concerns and safety issue with the orientation of that intersection is. He stated it is his opinion to go all the way to Route 6, will not accomplish anything significant. He stated the available funds would be better utilized at the Stoneleigh Avenue/Drewville Road intersection. He stated they were receptive to the proposal. He stated again they want the Legislature to be kept informed. He stated if this Legislature is in agreement then the finances of the County need to be committed. He stated it is a similar situation it is a 20% on their commitment. He stated on both the road projects there are no longer design dollars available. He stated it would cost

approximately \$750,000 on top of the 20% match. He stated however the County will have the \$4 million dollars to use towards improving the Stoneleigh Avenue/Drewville Road intersection. He stated that it is not a "condition" issue like Fair Street is, it is more of a congestion and safety issue due to the orientation of the intersection. He stated it is the opinion of the Administration that this project has a tremendous amount of value. He stated that old design records, done by LKB, are being obtained. He stated those files were already paid for by the County. He stated they will review them and modify them to meet the needs of today and keep them in compliance with requirements of the State and Federal Government.

John Neubauer, Putnam Hospital Representative stated there is a need for a turning lane into the hospital.

Commissioner Pena stated that they saw indications of that in the original proposal. He stated the question is how much right of way acquisition would be required and what would it cost. He stated that the County will strive to get as close to the first intersection to the hospital as possible.

Legislator LoBue requested the monthly Capital Projects Report include an accurate account of financials associated with each project.

Deputy Commissioner Tully confirmed that is now being done, as of last month and will continue to be updated.

Item #14 - Discussion/Proposal-Naming Planning Department in Honor of Melanie Skillman

Legislator LoBue stated she was approach by several colleagues of Melanie Margaret Lee Skillman from the County's transportation system requesting this dedicated County employee be honored by placing her name on the Department of Planning Development and Public Transportation facility. She read a list of Ms. Skillman's jobs and the services she performed. She stated that Ms. Skillman worked for the County's Para Transit System for 16 years. She stated that Ms. Skillman's legacy was a life well spent providing service to all.

Chairman Albano facilitated discussion and comments from some of Ms. Skillman's co-workers.

Valerie Funginello, Para Transit Driver, stated that she has worked in the Para Transit division of the County since 1999. She stated that Ms. Skillman was such a honest, hardworking and caring individual. She stated Ms. Skillman went above and beyond her job description, because the clients that she transported, she sincerely cared for them. After work hours she would bring food to people, she worried needed help in that area. She literally saved peoples lives in the years that she worked for Putnam County. She cited two (2) specific incidents. She stated that Ms. Skillman passed away June 18, 2016. She stated there are Seniors and other County employees who support this request. She stated "Melanie" was a very humble woman, who did not see herself as extraordinary, but she was.

Chairman Albano stated that the County should be proud to have had such a wonderful individual on their team. He stated he would like to move this matter to the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee (Rules) for further discussion. He stated there have

been and probably will be in the future County Employees who really shine. He stated it is definitely a consideration, and would like to see it further discussed via the Rules Committee.

Legislator Nacerino stated that Ms. Funginello beautifully expressed the description of Ms Skillman. She stated that she agrees with Chairman Albano that there should be parameters in place to address matters such as this. She stated she supports moving this matter to the Rules Committee for further discussion.

Legislator LoBue stated this is the proper Committee. She stated this Committee oversees the facilities of the County. She stated the naming of the Senior Center in Cold Spring/Philipstown was discussed in this Committee. She stated there is a resolution on the books pertaining to the naming of facilities. She stated that she would like this Legislature to consider this granting this request. She stated Ms. Skillman was an employee of the Para Transit System for 16 years. She stated the Para Transit System Department of the County is like no other Department of the County. She stated it would be a gesture of good will in terms of morale. She stated there have been a lot of changes in that Department as a result of the new contract with the new company running the transportation. She stated in light of the fact that there are three (3) Legislators missing, she requested that this matter come back to this Committee in August.

Chairman Albano stated what needs to be discussed is a concept a process that would speak to this matter and future requests that may arise, and that falls under the purview of the Rules Committee.

Legislator Nacerino stated she agrees with Chairman Albano.

Legislator Scuccimarra requested that Legislative Counsel advise if this matter should be addressed by the Rules Committee or the Physical Services Committee.

Legislative Counsel VanRoss stated that this can be addressed by the Rules Committee.

Chairman Albano made a motion to move this matter to the Rules Committee; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Chairman Albano made a motion to waive the Rules a Accept the Additional; Seconded by Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Item #16 - Other Business

a. Approval/Sale of County Property Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code/Town of Kent TM #33.51-2-39 & 40

Chairman Albano stated the listing price was \$54,900. He stated the offer price is \$32,000.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Sale of County Property Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code/Town of Kent TM #33.51-2-39 & 40; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Item #15 - FYI/Correspondence: - Duly Noted

- a. Date: June 14, 2016 Fr: Commissioner Pena To: T. Westhuis Ref: Great Swamp Signage
- b. Date: June 24, 2016 Fr: Sheriff Smith To: Chairman Albano Ref: Response to request to have a free energy audit conducted by Lighting & Energy Designs (L&ED) at the Sheriff's Dept.

15a.) Legislator Nacerino stated that Judy Kelley-Moberg member of the Putnam County Land Trust is very appreciative of the letter of support that Commissioner Pena wrote. She stated that she would also like to publicly thank Commissioner Pena and his staff for the work they did on the road shoulders in Putnam Lake. She stated the residents are very appreciative.

Item #17 - Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:30p.m. Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk of the Legislature Diane Trabulsy.