

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**40 Gleneida Avenue Room #318**  
**Carmel, NY 10512**

**Committee Members: Chairman Ellner, Legislators Castellano & Crowley**

**Tuesday**

**March 12, 2023**

(Special Full Meeting Immediately Followed)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m. by Chairman Ellner and he led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Castellano, Crowley, and Chairman Ellner were present.

**Item #3 - Acceptance/ Physical Services Meeting Minutes/ February 12, 2024**

Chairman Ellner stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Item #4 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment – 24T032/ Prorated Cost of the Project between Putnam County and Terravest International Property Located at 322 Clock Tower Commons in Brewster – to Cover Approximately 5% of the Pump and Installation Fees/ Commissioner of DPW Thomas Feighery**

Chairman Ellner welcomed Commissioner of DPW Thomas Feighery and Deputy Commissioner of DPW Joseph Bellucci, and requested they speak to this agenda item. He stated this matter involves the County's small share in a Fire Protection System which includes updated pumps and ancillary equipment.

Commissioner of DPW Thomas Feighery stated that is correct. He stated the full project will cost just short of \$500,000. He stated this involves the Terravest campus where the County's Department of Motor Vehicle, and the Health Department are located.

Chairman Ellner made a motion to Approve Budgetary Amendment – 24T032/ Prorated Cost of the Project between Putnam County and Terravest International Property Located at 322 Clock Tower Commons in Brewster – to Cover Approximately 5% of the Pump and Installation Fees; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

**Item #5 - Approval/ Capital Projects 24CP02 – Facility Beautification Program/ Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery**

Commissioner of DPW Thomas Feighery stated this is funding that was approved in 2023 by the Legislature. He stated the work that will be done will be focused on the County Office Building Campus, the Donald B. Smith Campus and the Board of Elections. He stated they have begun removing old shrubs. He stated the plan is to enhance all three (3) campuses. He stated there will be some privacy fencing around the utilities. He stated they plan to utilize plantar boxes to stop traffic, make a pedestrian walkway between the County Office Building and the old

Courthouse, and put in some picnic benches. He explained the goal of this work is to improve the aesthetics of the campuses.

Deputy Commissioner Joseph Bellucci stated that they will work with the Rotary to address the landscaping in front of the County Office Building and around near the Probation Department as well.

Chairman Ellner mentioned the request for consideration states the work done related to this Capital Project 24CP02 will not exceed \$50,000.

Chairman Ellner made a motion to Approve/ Capital Projects 24CP02 – Facility Beautification Program; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

**Item #6 - Approval/ Adoption of Resolution to Increase Federal Aid Agreement's Maximum Amount Payable for the County Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)/ Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa**

Chairman Ellner welcomed Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa to speak to this agenda item.

Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa stated the County received a request from New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) to amend the County's previous contract 2012 through 2022 for UPWP. She stated they were unable to pay the County all of the money that was due. She stated they underestimated. She stated this request is to permit the County to receive the additional money due.

Chairman Ellner recognized and thanked Commissioner Barosa for monitoring and securing the additional funding due to the County.

Legislator Montgomery reiterated her appreciation and recognized Commissioner Barosa for her eye to detail.

Chairman Ellner made a motion to Approve/ the Adoption of Resolution to Increase Federal Aid Agreement's Maximum Amount Payable for the County Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); Seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

**Item #7 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment – 24A023/ Use of Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Funds- Cover Excess Cost of Four (4) Transit Vans and Bus/ Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa**

Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa explained the 5307 (the urbanized area formula funding program) was prepared for the FTA (Federal Transit Administration). She stated the entire process takes about a year. She stated the

process to purchase these vehicles began in March of 2023. She stated the funds were secured in August of 2023. She stated they started the purchasing process in December of 2023, the price of the vehicles have increased. She stated this request is to utilize awarded COVID -relief funding, that will allow the County to complete the purchase of the vehicles for County's PART (Putnam Area Rapid Transit Paratransit Program) System: four (4) Transit vans and a replacement bus.

Legislator Sayegh requested confirmation the difference in the cost of the vehicles was \$47,458.

Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa confirmed that was correct.

Legislator Crowley stated in the backup it shows two (2) new trolleys are also being purchased. She questioned how often they are used and what are the years of the County's old Trolleys.

Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa stated they are used in Cold Spring, seasonally. She stated they run from May through to November and the old ones are 2007.

Chairman Ellner stated there is zero fiscal impact to 2024 and 2025. He questioned Commissioner of Finance Lewis if he knew what the balance of the COVID funds would be.

Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa she stated she believes the balance is \$1.3 million.

Legislator Crowley questioned what will be done with the old trolleys.

Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa stated the County will keep them.

Chairman Ellner made a motion to Approve/ Budgetary Amendment – 24A023/ Use of Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Funds- Cover Excess Cost of Four (4) Transit Vans and Bus; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

**Item #8 - Approval/ Ratification of FY 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Applications in Putnam County for Capital Infrastructure Projects/ Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa**

Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa stated the Congressional funds are available through Senator Gillibrand and Senator Schumer. She stated the County has some Capital Infrastructure Projects that qualify for this funding. She stated this request is for the Legislature's approval to submit an application. She stated there has been a change to the projects. She noted in the draft resolution there is reference to "Roadway Safety Improvements & ADA Sidewalks to provided safe access to the Brewster Central Schools", that is no longer part of this request. She stated the County was able to obtain funding for that project.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if this could be moved to the Special Full Meeting, to meet the deadline for the application date, even though that is not a must.

Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa stated the deadline date has been extended, so they have time.

Chairman Ellner made a motion to Approve/ Ratification of FY 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Applications in Putnam County for Capital Infrastructure Projects; Seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

**Item #9 – Other Business - None**

**Item #10 - Adjournment**

There being no further business at 7:35 P.M. Chairman Ellner made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.