

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

Thursday **6:00PM** **April 18, 2019**
(Rules Mtg. Immediately Followed)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Chairman Albano who requested that Legislator Gouldman lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Gouldman, Nacerino and Chairman Albano were present.

Item #3 – Approval/ Physical Services Meeting Minutes/March 19, 2019

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #4 - Approval/ Putnam County’s Proposed Program Plan in Conformance with and as Required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and Title VI Regulations/ Commissioner of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Fusco

Commissioner of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Sandra Fusco stated every three (3) years the County is required to update the Title VI Regulations. She explained because the County is a recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding. She stated 2016 was the last time the County submitted their Title VI, via Resolution #31. She stated the 2019 plan follows the same FTA Rules followed in 2016. She stated if there were any updates to any of the forms or leases on the County’s buses, buildings or offices they would be the only changes to the programs.

Chairman Albano made a motion to move to the Full Meeting approval Putnam County’s Proposed Program Plan in Conformance with and as Required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and Title VI Regulations; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #5 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T079)/ Fund the Purchase of Two (2) Black Percheron Horses/ Deputy Commissioner of Highways and Facilities Tully/ Deputy Commissioner of Highways and Facilities Tully

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated this request is for the approval to bring horses to Tilly Foster Farm (Farm). He stated that in the past when horses were on the property, they were enjoyed by the residents. He explained this is a unique opportunity to bring two (2) Percheron Horses to the Farm. He stated the owner, Mr. Blumberg, came to the County and met with himself,

Commissioner Pena and Deputy Commissioner of Parks Ruthven. He explained additionally Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano and Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker were in attendance at said meeting because they currently provide care for the animals that are living at the Farm. He stated the projected first year costs of \$37,702 came about through research and the gathering of information from Mr. Blumberg. He stated the second year projected costs would be about half of the first year cost, \$15,000. He stated the thought is that bringing these horses to the Farm will set it apart from some of the other farms. He stated the belief is that people will be drawn to the Farm to see these horses. He stated that Mr. Blumberg has committed to providing 18 months of training for the County's staff and give continued assistance with the proper care and maintenance of the animals, should the offer be accepted by the Legislature to move forward with this request. He requested permission to have Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano and Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Walker join him to speak to this topic. He stated that these two(2) horses have participated in parades in Pawling and at special events at Mahopac Ford.

Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano stated the gentleman who the County may be purchasing the horses from is being very generous. He stated the combined value of both of the horses at any auction price is between \$14,000 - \$15,000. He stated the proposal for the County is that he would sell the one horse at a cost of \$5,000 and donate the second. He stated Mr. Blumberg is also putting a package together. He explained these two (2) horses are at the prime of their lives, 10 years old, the breed's life expectancy is 25 -50 years of age. He stated they need to be exercised and these two (2) are trained to work. This breed usually works into their 20s. He stated with that said, the County plan would not be to put this horses out to pasture. Mr. Blumberg's package would include a Pioneer Wagon, all of the rigging and the horse regalia. He stated Mr. Blumberg also offered, in the near future, if the County needs to move the horses for different events a few times a year, until the County gets their own equipment; if the County does not get equipment to move the horses, Mr. Blumberg has said that he will move them for the County.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that the reason Mr. Blumberg is looking to sell the horses is because his property is on the market to be sold.

Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker stated The Blumberg Family owns two (2) farms. She stated that she is familiar with the son who lives in Pawling and he runs all of the parades and social events for Pawling. She stated the Father is combining the one Farm with the one in Pawling. She explained the Pawling Farm is not equipped to carry both sizes of these two (2) horses and the oxens they have. She stated that these horses are the youngest and most desirable horses Mr. Blumberg has.

Legislator Nacerino questioned how these horses would serve the general public.

Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano stated the residents have been asking to have horses on the farm again. He stated down the line, when the horses and the County staff members are familiar with each other the plan is to possibly have hay rides for children. He stated also, in the future, with the plans of having Barn Weddings at the Farm they could have a horse drawn carriage as part of their event, and for pictures. He stated in relation to the hay rides, it was discussed that no set fee would be charged but offer a recommended donation, to help offset the cost. He stated also the County could result a savings in its purchase price of hay, because of the amount of hay that would need to be purchased. He stated currently the County pays between \$9- \$10 per bale of hay. He stated with the need to increase the amount purchased, if the two (2) horses come to the Farm, the price would reduce to \$5 -\$6 per bale.

Legislator Nacerino stated it certainly sounds like they would be an asset to the Farm. She stated her question was based on not knowing if these horses would be strictly for the public to just view or if they would be used in a recreational way.

Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker stated there is much potential for these horses. She stated that Mr. Blumberg has worked these horses with Veterans, they have been brought to Senior Housing facilities for the purpose of rehabilitation and therapy. She stated the horses are well equipped to be with people with special needs.

Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano stated Mr. Blumberg also has brought these horses to Green Chimneys and worked with the children in the programs there. He stated that he thinks this would be a good thing for the community.

Legislator Nacerino stated it sounds as though they could be very therapeutic.

Legislator Sullivan questioned which field would these horses be kept in.

Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano stated they would be kept in a portion of the front field, that faces out to Route 312. He stated that they drink up to 40 gallons of water a day, each and they need about 6 lbs of feed a day. He stated they do not need a tremendous amount of area. He stated they do need shade and they need level ground. He stated one of the horses weighs 2,300 lbs and the other horse weighs 2,000lbs. He stated the current owner has been to the Farm and reviewed the area and space and has brought the horses as well.

Legislator Sullivan stated he believes the suggestion to have wagon rides is a great idea. However he would like to see a fee charged, it would be a way to help offset some of the costs to house the horses at the Farm.

Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano stated the County Law Department will be consulted, to make sure that whatever the final decision is that it is one that protects the County in terms of liability.

Legislator Sullivan questioned if the Farm has adequate space to accommodate these huge animals.

Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker stated the barn is equipped with stalls that break down, which will be done to give them the space they need. She confirmed Mr. Blumberg did see the barn and inspected the area, and was very comfortable that it is a proper space for the horses.

Legislator Montgomery stated she has a few questions. She stated she will begin by addressing the comments made that the horses are used for therapeutic purposes, is there therapist on staff who would be working with these horses with the veterans and other populations.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano was pointing out that these types of horses serve a variety of missions. He stated that yes these two (2) horses have worked in the capacity of therapeutic horses. He stated as the County continues to develop its working relationship with BOCES, the possibilities are endless. He stated there are no immediate plans for the therapeutic purpose.

Legislator Montgomery stated Deputy Commissioner Tully have stated that they are working horses and you are selling this proposal that the horses will be working at the Farm. She questioned are they going to be actually used to work the Farm.

Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano stated mainly these two (2) horses will be at the Farm to be viewed by the public. He explained in stating that the horses need to be worked what would be done is the horses would be rigged up to the trailer and drive them around the Farm so that they get exercise. He explained this also will keep them up with their training. He stated if that is not done they will lose their training.

Legislator Montgomery stated she would imagine they would need to be worked daily.

Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano stated no. He stated the current owner stated they can go as little as every two (2) weeks, ideally once a week.

Legislator Montgomery questioned who at the Farm would be responsible for taking care of the horses.

Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano stated he and Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker will be taking care of the horses.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if they have a background with horses, training with horses and/or raising horses.

Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker and Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano responded yes to all of the above questions presented by Legislator Montgomery.

Legislator Montgomery questioned where was their training.

Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker stated she grew up on a farm, it was part of her world. She stated currently her sister owns several horses, so she is used to taking care of horses in many different ways.

Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano stated that he grew up in Carmel with many neighbors who had horses. He stated that he spent time working with his neighbors and their horses.

Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker stated additionally there are two (2) miniature ponies that are currently on the Farm, which they care for.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated he believes that was a great question presented by Legislator Montgomery. He stated neither he nor Commissioner Pena have any experience with horses. He stated that he wanted to hear them answer that question. He stated in the past couple of months they have been asked the question, "Can you do this, are you comfortable with it?". He stated Deputy Commissioner of Parks Ruthven, who runs the County's Parks has responsibility for the Farm and has been asking them the same question. He stated Deputy Commissioner of Parks Ruthven has lived on farms, but has no experience working with horses, other than his tenure at the Farm.

Legislator Montgomery stated this is a very big undertaking. She stated that she lives in a community that has many farms, Glynwood, Riverstone etc. She stated she has friends who are going into the therapeutic horse business. She stated her concern are the horses. She questioned if Mr. Blumberg is giving the wagon with the horses.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated the wagon is included in the price.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if it will be written into the contract that Mr. Blumberg has stated that he will help the County move the horses around, if the need arises.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated yes that will be included in the contract.

Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano stated it will be in the contract, that Mr. Blumberg will transport the horses for the County a few times a year, not every time.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if there has been a discussion regarding the County's insurance in relation to the projected wagon rides.

Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano stated that he mentioned that the County Law Department would need to be consulted on that.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated until the training period is over and the County is comfortable, the wagon rides would not be available.

Legislator Montgomery stated as a new Legislator she has not been a part of the Tilly Foster Farm project. She stated with that said, she does have many questions. She questioned if there is a Master Plan she could review, one that was approved.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated there was a lot of public involvement in the preparation of a plan for the Farm. He stated he can get a copy of a presentation that was given. He stated there is not a Master Plan, it is more like a vision statement that came from all of the trial and errors of the past. He stated the Farm has been through many concept plans. He stated no other plans have been as successful as what has happened at the Farm over the past few years. He stated Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker and Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano have been recognized as providing some of the best care for the animals that are currently on the farm. He stated there is a Veterinarian who conducts an independent evaluation of all of the animals on the farm. He stated there is total confidence in Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker and Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano if they are committed to this, that they will do a great job caring for the animals.

Legislator Sullivan stated that in terms of the liability the County has a broad liability. He stated adding a couple of things, such as wagon rides would not be a big cost. He stated that he does not believe the liability issue would be of any concern.

Chairman Albano stated that he supports getting this off the ground and then thinking and visiting all different ideas down the line. He stated horses were thought about right from the start, and at this point the entire infrastructure has been improved. He stated also the past history is successful with the animals that are currently living on the Farm.

Legislator Addonizio stated that the vision of the public was they wanted to see the horses brought back to the Farm.

Legislator Sayegh stated that she agrees that there has been much discussion of bringing the horses to the Farm. She stated that she does have concerns regarding safety. She stated comparing an alpaca to a gigantic draft horse in terms of liability she believes there will be a lot of liability. She stated that she trained horses growing up in Nebraska. She stated she cared for horses daily for her neighbors. She stated that during that time, she had been bitten, trampled etc. She stated to allow the public to interact with these large animals; you never know how an animal will react.

Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano stated the suggestions spoken about this evening in terms of what would be done with the horses are all just suggestions at this time, nothing has been solidified. He stated the main purpose of this proposal is to bring horses back to the Farm. He stated if the County never moves forward with the idea of the carriage rides, he believes the public will still enjoy seeing them on the Farm.

First Deputy County Attorney Andrew Negro stated there have been preliminary discussions regarding the liability to the County with the County's insurance. He stated from an insurance perspective in terms of public interaction with the horses to limit liability concerns could be addressed as the County moves forward.

Legislator Castellano requested that the worth of the horses be stated again.

Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano stated at an Auction they would be sold together for \$14,000 - \$15,000.

Legislator Castellano stated this will be a lot of additional work for Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano and Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker he questioned how many additional people will be assigned to the Farm when they are not around.

Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano stated currently there are enough people on Deputy Commissioner of Parks Ruthven's staff that could cover, in addition to a part-time worker who currently works on the Farm.

Legislator Castellano questioned in the event that this does not work out, is there an exit strategy built into this agreement.

Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano stated Mr. Blumberg has said if it does not work out, he would take the horses back, but not refund the money.

Legislator Castellano questioned if the County could sell the horses, not that he wants to do that.

Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker stated absolutely, they are very marketable horses.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that Mr. Blumberg has another interested buyer, out of State. He stated Mr. Blumberg would prefer the agreement to work with the County. He stated he wants to visit the horses, and he is committed to seeing this work.

Legislator Castellano stated that he would like to see that spelled out, he would like to make sure the County has an exit plan if needed. He stated that he agrees that it sounds like a great plan and it would certainly bring more people to the Farm.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated the County could look into adding that wording into the agreement. He stated that he understands the need for a plan "B".

Lynne Eckardt, Town of Southeast Councilwoman speaking as a Resident, stated she has some concerns about this proposal. She requested confirmation that the horses would be visible from the Road.

Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker stated that is correct.

Lynne Eckardt, Town of Southeast Councilwoman speaking as a Resident, questioned if the Capital Project Barn Renovation has been completed.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated the Barn on the Capital Projects list is not in the same section of the Barn where the horses would be.

Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano stated the work being done will be done when the horses are out in pasture.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated typically. He stated to the noise factor concern, these horses have participated in parades, where the Fire Truck horns blow and there are an array of other noises. He stated they are really well tempered and used to excessive noise.

Lynne Eckardt, Town of Southeast Councilwoman speaking as a Resident, stated so the projected outdoor concerts that are going to be held at the Farm will not bother these horses.

Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker stated no. She listed many events that Mr. Blumberg has brought these horses to and the different situations they have been exposed to.

Lynne Eckardt, Town of Southeast Councilwoman speaking as a Resident, stated she agrees with Legislator Castellano in that there should be an exit strategy. She stated also she believes a liability cost for the wagon rides should be determined before the County gets into it.

Legislator Nacerino stated this evening the request is to bring these horses to the Farm for viewing only. She stated the ideas discussed are possibilities for the future. She questioned what would constitute the agreement, in this original state, as not working out.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that is a fair question. He stated that he believes a lack of ability to provide the proper care for the horses. He stated with Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Albano and Laborer Walker the County do not foresee that as a possibility. He stated if they decide to leave someday, then there would need to be a backup plan in place.

Legislator Nacerino stated for the record she is very thankful to both Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker and Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano for the fine work that they do at the Farm.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the County could get the same outcome if they were to bring rescue horses to the Farm.

Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker stated rescue horses very often have an injury or a health condition.

Legislator Sayegh questioned what type of fencing will be used. She stated this breed of horse are jumpers.

Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker stated the current owner has done extensive training with the two (2) horses. She stated as a result they are not leaners. She stated that the County has discussed to install an electric fence on the interior of the fence. She stated this way no person could reach the horses from the outside of the fence. She stated this would keep distance between the public and the horses.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if this matter will be moving forward to the Full Legislature Meeting.

Chairman Albano stated it will if the Committee members are in agreement to do so.

Legislator Montgomery stated before that vote takes place she would like to state she is confident, after the short time she has spent listening to Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker

and Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano that the care of the horses and the animals would be handled with great expertise.

Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker stated that if Legislator Montgomery would like to come to the Farm and get a tour, she would be happy to accommodate her.

Legislator Montgomery stated she is looking at the County from a big picture view. She sees the Legislature considering approving this evening a request, with a 2019 fiscal impact of \$37,702. She stated just last week before the Personnel Committee, there was a request for approval from the Sheriff's Department. She stated the request was to change the title of a Deputy to a Sergeant. She stated the position of the Legislature was a commitment to not add any personnel position or change a position. She explained she is treating this request the same way. She stated this is a big deal, when addressing essential services in the County, looking to create a position for a Sergeant to oversee the County's School Resource Officers, where there is a drug epidemic. She stated based on the position of the Legislature on the Sheriff's request and the fact that there is no transportation in Philipstown, it is hard, but she cannot support this request to buy horses.

Chairman Albano stated those are all different issues.

Legislator Montgomery stated she is looking at it as, the County as a whole.

Chairman Albano stated the goal at the Farm is to build independence and build an income at the Farm. He stated he believes this proposal would bring people to the Farm.

Legislator Montgomery stated this is a proposal to add something. She stated it would be great if there was a master plan where this could be laid out over five (5) years.

Legislator Nacerino explained there is a plan concept that was developed through feedback from the residents. She stated that is basically the core and vision for the Farm.

Legislator Montgomery questioned how can the County not have a master plan for this project.

Chairman Albano stated Legislator Montgomery is new to the Legislature. He stated there was a lot of time spent discussing what direction the Farm would go in based on feedback from the residents. He stated a priority item on the list was to have animals on the Farm. He stated the request to have horses on the Farm came up several times. He stated this is an opportunity for the County to make that happen, at a reasonable expense. He stated additionally it is an opportunity to bring very impressive looking horses to the Farm. He stated that everyone will

have different opinions on this matter. He stated the goal at the Farm is to bring people to it and spend money that will help to offset the expenses.

Legislator Sullivan stated he does not see this as the same issue that was addressed at the Personnel Meeting. He stated Tilly Foster Farm is one thing and the Sheriff's Department is another. He stated this would be an investment in the Farm, at a particular time when this unique opportunity has presented itself. He stated in the past the County could not have considered bringing these horses to the Farm. He stated currently the County has the ability to take advantage of this opportunity. He stated that he would like to thank Tilly Foster Farm Laborer Lisa Walker and Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano for their incredible efforts at the Farm. He stated that many people do not realize the amount of time, effort and care they put into the Farm.

Tilly Foster Farm Caretaker Lou Albano stated he wanted to thank the Legislature for approving the additional help etc. that is needed at the Farm.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve and move to the Audit & Administration Committee Fund Transfer (19T079)/ Fund the Purchase of Two (2) Black Percheron Horses; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #6 - Approval/ Golf Course Equipment 19CP05 – (Not to exceed \$111,000)/ Putnam County Golf Course Equipment: Fairway Mower and a Sprayer/ Deputy Commissioner of Highways and Facilities Tully

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated Putnam Golf General Manager Mike McCall meets with members of Applied Golf, who are in contract with the County to maintain and run the golf portion of business. He stated that it was reported last year that these two (2) pieces of equipment needed to be replaced. He stated the hope was that we could get through the 2019 Season with them. He stated that is not the case. He stated these two (2) pieces of equipment are essential for the maintenance of the golf course. He stated they are requesting the full amount. He stated however General Manager McCall and Director of Purchasing Mazzotta are checking for suitable used equipment. He stated having the funding in place will help avoid an emergency situation. He stated these items are essential.

Chair Albano stated if there is useful life in the existing equipment possibly they could be used as back up.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that was discussed and the old equipment will be used by the Parks Department. He stated the plan is to maximize the useful life of the equipment.

Legislator Nacerino questioned how much more life is left in the equipment.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated they were told it is on its last leg in terms of the usefulness on a golf course, the equipment has exhausted its useful life. He stated to use it for the purpose of cutting grass in the Parks Department, the hope is that the County may get another season out of it, while saving time to do the cutting. He stated a Fairway Mower is a very large machine and covers a lot of area.

Legislator Gouldman made a motion to approve Golf Course Equipment 19CP05 – (Not to exceed \$111,000)/ Putnam County Golf Course Equipment: Fairway Mower and a Sprayer; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #7 - Approval/ Engineering Feasibility Studies 19CP06 – (\$100,000) Requesting Funding to Hire Professional Architectural and/or Engineering Services as Needed/ Deputy Commissioner of Highways and Facilities Tully

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated it was discussed at the last Capital Projects meeting that with the number of projects the County is trying to progress often times there is a need for a feasibility study, or some level of engineering needed to approach the Legislature with and provide a projected estimate of the cost of a project. He stated this funding will allow them to progress with their projects and then bring more solid facts to help the Legislature make a more informed decision. He stated this request is separate from the request that came to the Personnel Committee earlier this month. He stated Assistant Supervisor of Planning & Design Alexis Hawley presented this idea to Commissioner Pena and him. He stated she presented her proposal to the Capital Projects Committee and they all agreed it was a good proposal. He stated they will report to the Legislature on a regular basis with a record of what they spend it on.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if it would be better to hire someone full- time.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated the County has been trying to hire someone, an Assistant Engineer, but the search has not been going well. He stated they have an on call list of engineers and architects.

Legislator Nacerino stated that in the interim, outsourcing these services on a need-basis is saving the County money. She stated at this time it is a win – win.

Deputy Commissioner Tully thanked Legislator Nacerino and stated this is the support we need to keep the projects moving. He stated they will keep looking for candidates.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to approve Engineering Feasibility Studies 19CP06 – (\$100,000) Requesting Funding to Hire Professional Architectural and/or Engineering Services; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #8 - Approval/ Carmel Friendship Center Building One 19CP07- (Not to exceed \$250,000) Office For Senior Resources/ Deputy Commissioner of Highways and Facilities Tully

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated this is a time of the essence situation. He stated the hope is that the grant that was applied for in the amount of \$450,000 will be approved from the State of New York. He stated that County Executive Odell and Commissioner Fusco are working with Senator Harkham in an effort to bring that funding to Putnam County. He stated tonight's request in the amount of \$250,000 is funding to keep this project moving. He stated the hope is the grant will come through and when it does this funding will be reimbursed to the County. He stated the County has a lease with the Knights of Columbus to host the Senior Resource Centers until the Carmel Friendship Center is ready to be opened.

Legislator Castellano questioned if there should be a scope of work attached to this request.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that is correct. He stated that he did speak to the Clerk of the Legislature and committed to having that "Scope" back up for the \$250,000 to the Legislature prior to the May 7th Full Legislature Meeting.

Lynne Eckardt, Town of Southeast Councilwoman speaking as a Resident, questioned what grant sources was the application made to for the \$450,000.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY).

Lynne Eckardt, Town of Southeast Councilwoman speaking as a Resident questioned where did the \$550,000 grant funding come from.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated again it was a grant awarded in 2016 from DASNY. He stated the plan is the County's original grant of \$550,000 would be supplemented by the second application for a DASNY grant in the amount of \$450,000 which was a separate application.

Lynne Eckardt, Town of Southeast Councilwoman speaking as a Resident questioned when was the \$450,000 authorized.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated sometime in 2018 by former Senator Murphy. He stated during the transition after the election, there has been a hold up. He stated again the County Executive is working with Senator Harckman to move this forward.

Lynne Eckardt, Town of Southeast Councilwoman speaking as a Resident stated then Deputy Commissioner Tully is absolutely sure that the County will be awarded the \$450,000.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated he has been around too long to make that kind of a statement. He stated that there is always risk. He stated based on the current conversations there is a high level of confidence that the funding will come through. He stated never the less in order to open up Building #1, money is needed to complete the project.

Legislator Nacerino reiterated the statements made by Deputy Commissioner Tully that there is no certainty in relation to grant applications. She stated however the County is cognizant that when a project is begun it will be moved forward to completion. She stated that time is of the essence so the County needs to move forward.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve Carmel Friendship Center Building One 19CP07- (Not to exceed \$250,000) Office For Senior Resources; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #9 – Approval/ Bond/ PIN 8757.65/ Drewville Road Over West Branch of Croton River Bridge Replacement – Town of Carmel/ Commissioner of Highways and Facilities Pena

***Item #10 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A027)/ Budget for PIN 8757.65/ Drewville Road Over West Branch of Croton River Bridge Replacement – Town of Carmel / Commissioner of Finance Carlin**

Item #11 - Approval/ Authorizing the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of The Federal-Aid and State “Marchiselli” Program-Aid Eligible Costs (Drewville Road Project PIN: 8757.65)/ Commissioner of Highways and Facilities Pena

Chairman Albano stated that agenda items # 9, 10 & 11 are all related. He stated that they will be address all together

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that there was incorrect wording for the description sent to the Legislative office. He explained agenda item #10. He stated in the back up the word “Intersection” was incorrect. . (*wording was corrected for the purpose of having it correct in these minutes).

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated the total cost of this project is \$1,559,000. He stated the portion the County will receive from Federal Aid is \$1,247,200 leaving the County to cover \$311,800.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve Agenda Items #9, 10 & 11 related to the Drewville Road Over West Branch of Croton River Bridge Replacement – Town of Carmel Project; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All favor.

Item #12 - Approval/ Property to be Listed on MLS Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code Town of Patterson TM #36.30-1-8/ First Deputy County Attorney Negro

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated this is an initial resolution request authorizing this property which was acquired through tax foreclosure proceeding to go to sale using Real Estate Brokers (Brokers) under contract with the County as opposed to going through auction. He stated in the event the Legislature authorizes the sale of said property through this mechanism the property would be assigned to one of the County approved Brokers. He stated comparative market analysis will be done that will set the basis for the suggested list price. He stated pursuant to parameters of Chapter 31 to secure the Legislature's approval of the list price is required before it is listed. He stated this is a vacant commercial property in the Putnam Lake section of Patterson. He stated it is a vacant gas station, which has been vacant for quite some time.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she is familiar with the property. She stated that the Town Board of Patterson will be very happy to see this matter moving forward. She stated it is located at the gateway to Putnam Lake, and in its current state is a bit of an eye sore. She stated the hope is that it will be bought and developed into something that will be appealing to the Putnam Lake residents.

Rebecca Swan resident of Town of Carmel, questioned if there has been a soil testing done at the property especially around the gas tanks to see if there has been any contamination to the soil.

Chairman Albano stated that he did ask that question as well to First Deputy County Attorney Negro. He requested that First Deputy County Attorney Negro speak to that question.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated the County has not performed any soil testing. He stated that there are no reported Underground Storage Tank (UST) spills filed with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) or the Department of Health. He stated based on that there are no environmental issues with respect to the property.

Rebecca Swan resident of Town of Carmel, questioned would the County see it as being advisable to do such testing.

Legislator Nacerino questioned if that would be contingent upon the sale and have the potential buyer do the test.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated properties, when they are acquired through the County through foreclosure proceedings, they are marketed “as is condition”.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Approve Property to be Listed on MLS Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code Town of Patterson TM #36.30-1-8; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #13 - Approval/ Request to Purchase Town of Southeast TM #56.81-1-9/ First Deputy County Attorney Negro

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated this is a very small piece of residential property in the Village of Brewster. He stated the neighbor next to this parcel would like to buy it to merge it to their property.

Legislator Castellano stated this is the best scenario for these types of parcels.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated this is correct. He explained these types of substandard lots seem to work best when they are merged with a neighbor to the lot.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Request to Purchase Town of Southeast TM #56.81-1-9; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #14 - Approval/ Resolution to Rescind and Replace Resolution #190 of 2018 Offer To Donate Real Property Southeast TM #45.-1-6.1; 45.-1-6.2; 45.-1-7.1; 45.-1-7.2 & 45.-1-59/ First Deputy County Attorney Negro

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated Resolution #190 of 2018 approved by the Legislature gave the County and the Administration permission to move forward with donation discussions with the current owner of the Southeast parcels TM #45.-1-6.1; 45.-1-6.2; 45.-1-7.1; 45.-1-7.2 & 45.-1-59. He stated that the owner evidenced intent to donate the parcels to the County. He stated the parcels butt up against Tilly Foster Farm. He stated in Resolution #190 of 2018 it was indicated that the donation was for the purposes of developing a training facility. He stated as discussions ensued the owner of the property agreed to donate it to the County for any legal purpose whatsoever, with no contingencies or restrictions on future use. He stated the

owners would deed it to the County. He stated at this time the County would like to acquire the property, have the County do the first due diligence and determine what the best suited use would be of the property, if any. He stated the purpose of this amended resolution is evidence that the discussion with the current owner regarding the donation of the parcels are finishing up. He stated the complete due diligence, complete the environmental reviews, State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) etc. all will be done in order to effectuate the process. He stated the proposed resolution states that the donation of property will be used for any lawful purpose whatsoever. He stated whether it will be a tactical training facility in the future or used for another purpose is yet to be determined. He stated once the SEQR process is completed and the required due diligence is finalized it will be presented to the Legislature for approval of the ultimate donation.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Resolution to Rescind and Replace Resolution #190 of 2018 Offer To Donate Real Property Southeast TM #45.-1-6.1; 45.-1-6.2; 45.-1-7.1; 45.-1-7.2 & 45.-1-59; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #15 - Discussion/ Approval/ Memorialization of Tioga County Resolution Re: Opposing NYS Bills Related To Hours, Wages and Supplements in Contracts for Public Work/ Legislator Nacerino

Legislator Nacerino stated she brought this forward. She stated the Town Board of Patterson sent a letter to our New York State dignitaries opposing this legislation. She stated that she agrees that there is an adverse negative affect on municipalities and it will suppress the development of new businesses in New York State. She continued to express her reasons for bringing this matter forward. She stated that she would like this Legislature to send a letter in addition to the Memorializing Resolution.

Chairman of IDA Bill Nulk stated the benefits that are available to businesses through the IDA, would no longer be available if this NYS Bill is approved. He further provided his support for this memorialization.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion approve a Memorialization of Tioga County Resolution Re: Opposing NYS Bills Related To Hours, Wages and Supplements in Contracts for Public Work; Seconded by Chairman Albano. All in favor.

Item #16 - Update/ Regarding “Blue House” on Hill Street – Putnam County Golf Course Property/ Commissioner of Finance Carlin

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated he does not have any formal amounts ready yet. He stated that unofficially they have compared the cost of demolition vs. restoration. He stated initial

support in terms of finance is for demolition. He stated an unofficial estimate to take the structure down is less than \$10,000, which does not include permits and such.

Chairman Albano thanked Deputy Commissioner and stated he is happy that the County is looking into this matter.

Item #17 - Update/ NYS Department of Transportation/ Correspondence Dated April 8, 2019 –Re: Chairman Albano’s Request for Status on Route 6 Paving Project & Review of the Route 6 & Willow Road Intersection

Chairman Albano stated that he received a written response to his letter dated March 26, 2019. He stated he had requested confirmation that the NYS DOT 2019 repaving project includes Routes 6 and 52 (PIN 8392.06) . He stated the response dated April 8th from the NYS DOT stated it is on the schedule and has been awarded to a construction contracting company.

Item #18 - Update/ Capital Projects Report

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

Legislator Gouldman

- Peekskill Hollow Road

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated the hope is to bring forward consideration by this Committee the request for approval of the bond resolution which will provide the funding needed to begin the project. He stated the bids will go out at the end of May. He stated the plan is to have construction started in or around the September time frame.

Legislator Gouldman

- Putnam Valley Sub-Station

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated the project is currently on hold, because the grant funding is not yet secured. He stated the project has changed since the original vision. He stated as soon as the scope and intended use for the space is confirmed it will be brought back to this committee.

Chairman Albano

- Fair Street

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated the County is on track with that project.

Legislator Sullivan

- Golf Course Renovations in the lower level area of the Club House

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated he projects the project will be completed within the next three (3) to four (4) weeks.

Legislator Gouldman

- Horton Hollow Road

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated from what he reported last month, there is no update.

Legislator Sayegh

- Secor Road towards Route 6N

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that County roadway is not on the list for resurfacing for the 2019 construction season. He stated that he believes there is still drainage work that needs to be done along that roadway. He stated he will verify that and contact Legislator Sayegh.

Legislator Sullivan

- Long Pond/Hill Street – Update on the Restoring of said roadway, since the completion of the gas line work in 2018

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated the County issued a Work Permit last year to Central Hudson. He stated part of that permit stated that the company needs to bring the roadway back to a suitable condition, the County would determine what “suitable condition” is. He stated in the past few weeks the paving contractor has been at this site and the County will receive a proposal from them. He stated that project is progressing and the expectation of the County is that it will get done this construction season.

Item #19 –Other Business- None

Item #20 - Adjournment

There being no further business at 7:30PM Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn;
Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.