

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

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

**Monday**

**February 12, 2023**

(Economic Development Immediately Followed)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Chairman Ellner and he requested Legislator Crowley lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Castellano, Crowley, and Chairman Ellner were present.

**Item #3 - Acceptance/ Physical Services Meeting Minutes/ December 18, 2023**

Chairman Ellner stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Item #4 - Approval/ Capital Project - 24CP01/ To Establish a Program to Undertake Preventative & Emergency Care of the Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Repairs and Improvements Throughout the County Facilities/ Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery**

Deputy Commissioner DPW Joseph Bellucci stated the County maintains approximately 600 HVACs throughout its facilities. He stated despite their efforts to keep all of the systems up and running, incidents occur. He explained recently there was a need to replace RTUs at the County's golf facility and the Department of Public Works building. He stated this request is to secure Capital Funds to address HVAC repairs and improvements at various County facilities and keep these systems in a state of good repair.

Chairman Ellner stated the requesting memo, backup to this agenda item, clearly states the amount is not to exceed \$200,000.

Chairman Ellner made a motion to Approve Capital Project 24CP01; Seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

**Item #5 - Approval/ Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid Eligible Costs Of A Transportation Federal-Aid Project/ Fair Street Construction Project/ Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery**

Deputy Commissioner DPW Joseph Bellucci stated the hope is that the Fair Street Construction Project will begin this Spring.

Chairman Ellner questioned if there is a projected date as to when the County will publish the RFP (Request for Proposal).

Deputy Commissioner DPW Joseph Bellucci stated he believes a safe estimate is within the next few weeks.

Legislator Crowley stated she is glad to see this, and that this project is going to begin. She stated the residents will be very happy.

Chairman Ellner made a motion to Approve / Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid Eligible Costs Of A Transportation Federal-Aid Project/ Fair Street Construction Project; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

**Item #6 - Discussion/ Use of Water Quality Investment Program (WQIP) Funding to Acquire Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Maintenance Equipment: Two (2) Vacall Street Sweepers and One (1) Multi-Use Vector Truck/ Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery**

Deputy Commissioner DPW Joseph Bellucci stated the County's current Sweeper and Vector Truck (Vehicles), are both severely outdated. He explained they both have a condition rating of four (4); the best being one (1) and the worst being five (5). He stated the Administration believes the utilization of WQIP funding for these purchases would serve the County and its residents very well.

Chairman Ellner stated he believes the County's current Vehicles were used at the time they were purchased.

Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery stated that is correct. He stated these Vehicles are critical in the County's required compliance to the MS4 Program.

Legislator Castellano questioned if any of the Towns have similar equipment.

Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery stated they do not have Vehicles that are capable of doing what the requested Vehicles will be able to do. He spoke to the additional functions of the Vehicles briefly. He stated the County plans to assist the other municipalities, approximately two (2) times a year. He stated the Town of Carmel has a Vacall Truck, which is also aging out.

Legislator Crowley stated she supports the proposal to purchase new Vehicles. She stated with the FEMA mitigation updates that have been done, the County needs to do all it can to maintain them. She stated Putnam County also needs to protect the New York City Watershed, which these vehicles will help with that.

Legislator Nacerino stated Commissioner Feighery answered her question. She stated she wanted to mention for the record she always encourages and likes the idea of sharing equipment. She stated often the question does come up with which municipality will operate the equipment, and she recognized Commissioner Feighery for addressing that.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she is also in favor of this. She stated her Legislative District is suffering greatly because of the recent storms. She stated the Town of Philipstown needs to rent these Vehicles. She stated they recently learned they will be responsible for maintaining the culverts along the State roads, which were previously managed by the State. She stated this will be a big help. She stated and of course the environmental impact is to be considered. She stated a lot of community groups organize and participate in “roadside cleanups”. She stated she finds it to be terrifying on some of the roadways. She stated these Vehicles will be very helpful.

Chairman Ellner questioned if there is outside funding to cover the cost of these requested Vehicles.

Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery stated that was correct. He stated the cost will be covered by the WQIP Funds.

Chairman Ellner stated he looks forward to Commissioner Feighery bringing this matter back for consideration and approval once it is ready.

Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery stated for informational purposes, the County purchased with the 2023 CHIPS (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Programs) funds another Vacall Truck that will have a side arm that will allow the County to do some roadside cleanup at a faster and safer rate. He stated the Vacall Truck will arrive this year.

#### **Item #7 – Other Business**

Chairman Ellner made a motion to Waive the Rules and Accept All the Other Business; Seconded Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

**a) Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 24A016/ Funds to Replace 4 Rooftop HVAC Units on the Putnam County Supreme Courthouse at 20 County Center / Commissioner of Finance Michael Lewis**

Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery stated the County was hoping the State would cover the Cost of the four (4) HVAC replacement units for the Putnam County Supreme Courthouse at 20 County Center, or at least cover some of it. He stated unfortunately that was not the case. He stated the units are in need of replacement and the cost must be covered by the County. He stated the State did give some funds toward the maintenance of the new units for the next few years.

Chairman Ellner stated that is what warranted the letter of necessity from the Commissioner of Finance Lewis to have this item considered this evening. He stated the funding amount and fiscal impact for 2024 is \$435,000.

Chairman Ellner made a motion to Approve Budgetary Amendment 24A016/ Funds to Replace 4 Rooftop HVAC Units on the Putnam County Supreme Courthouse at 20 County Center; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

**b) Discussion/ Progress on the installation of the AV Equipment in Conference Room #318/ Chairman of Physical Services Greg Ellner**

Chairman Ellner stated he wanted to point out that the cameras have been installed in the Legislature's Conference Room #318, which is where they were. He stated we are progressing in the process of having the Committee Meetings streamed.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if we know the overall cost. She questioned or if this is something the Chairman of the Legislature does at his discretion.

Chairman Ellner stated he does not have the total cost, but he will get it.

Legislator Montgomery stated she did submit a proposal for the same, as you are all aware, she provided a copy to all of the Legislators over a year ago. She stated she supplied it twice. She stated it would be interesting to compare them.

Legislator Nacerino stated funding to cover the costs was included and passed in the budget.

Chairman Jonke confirmed that is correct and he believes the amount approved was approximately \$60,000.

Legislator Montgomery requested a breakdown of the cost of the equipment being purchased.

Chairman Ellner confirmed he will get the information.

**Item #8 - Adjournment**

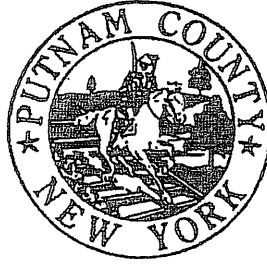
There being no further business at 6:45 P.M. Chairman Ellner made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.

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**AGENDA**

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

**(Chairman Ellner, Legislators Castellano & Crowley)**

**Monday 6:30p.m. February 12, 2024**

**(The Economic Development Meeting will Immediately Follow)**

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- 2. Roll Call**
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- 7. Other Business**

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**8. Adjournment**