

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held via Audio Webinar Pursuant to Temporary Emergency Orders**  
**CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**  
**(Chairman Albano, Legislators Castellano & Gouldman)**

**Wednesday** **June 23, 2021**  
(Immediately Followed 5:30pm Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Comm Mtg)

The meeting was called to order at 6:34p.m. by Chairman Albano who requested Legislator Castellano to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Castellano, Gouldman, and Chairman Albano were present.

**Item #3 - Approval/ Physical Services Meeting Minutes/ May 20, 2021**

Chairman Albano stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Item #4 - Approval/ 2021 Putnam County Agricultural District Inclusion Recommendations/ Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board (PCAFPB) Liaison Lauri Taylor**

**a. Correspondence/ Fr: Town of Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio Re: 2021 Agricultural Inclusion Recommendations Dated: May 6, 2021**

Chairman Albano stated PCAFPB Liaison Lauri Taylor will be speaking to this matter.

PCAFPB Liaison Lauri Taylor stated the Legislature received four (4) applications for consideration to be included in the Putnam County Agricultural District for 2021. She stated in May of 2021 site visits were conducted to each of the applicants' property. She stated on May 25, 2021, the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board voted on the applicants. She stated each farm showed potential to be in the Putnam County Agricultural District, but at this time, the PCAFPB did not feel comfortable recommending any of them to the Legislature for inclusion. She provided a brief overview of the PCAFPB's feedback on each of the applicants. She concluded by stating the PCAFPB offers their assistance as well as Cornell Cooperative Extension in working with the landowner applicants in getting to a better position with their farming and be in a better position to reapply for consideration to be in the Putnam County Agricultural District.

Chairman Albano stated Putnam Valley Supervisor Oliverio was on the audio webinar and would speak to the petitions that were submitted for consideration that are located in Putnam Valley. He stated Supervisor Oliverio did email to the Legislature a letter dated May 6, 2021, addressed to PCAFPB Liaison Taylor.

Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio stated the letter provides a summary of the concerns that Putnam Valley has had with these specific parcels. He stated the owners have not been good stewards of the property. He explained these matters with the property date back over 15 years. He stated there have been court appearances and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) intervention. He stated if the PCAFPB did approve these parcels, Putnam Valley would be facing the same situation they were facing 15 years ago. He stated they declared they were doing farming, when in fact they were destroying the property and the area by dumping illegal substances all over. He stated that is still a point of contention in the current court system under Judge Victor Grossman. He provided a brief explanation. He stated he believes the decision of the PCAFPB is the correct decision, in regard to the parcels in the Town of Putnam Valley.

Chairman Albano thanked Supervisor Oliverio for the letter he emailed, and stated it was very informative.

Legislator Gouldman stated he accepts the recommendations of the PCAFPB and will be voting accordingly with their recommendation.

Legislator Nacerino expressed her appreciation to the members of the PCAFPB. She stated she is the Legislative Liaison to the Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board and sees firsthand the amount of work that goes into the consideration of the applicants. She stated the decisions do not come lightly and the fact that no parcel was recommended this evening, in her opinion, clearly demonstrates the amount of consideration put forth in making the decisions that are rendered.

Chairman Albano stated it was good to hear that some of the parcels may have potential. He commented that if they take up the offer to work with the PCAFPB and Cornell Cooperative Extension, they may reapply next year.

Legislator Sayegh stated she believes it is important to point out, to be a part of the Putnam County Agricultural District you have to be a business. She stated these are businesses in our community. She stated we are not just talking about vacant land with some trees on it. She explained a business plan is needed. She stated she applauds the PCAFPB for pointing that out time and time again and for doing the hard work. She stated she will be voting in favor of the recommendations from the PCAFPB.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Approve/2021 Putnam County Agricultural District Inclusion Recommendations; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

**Item #5 - Approval/ Budgetary Transfer (21T119)/ Fully Fund the MTA Railroad Station Maintenance Costs, Pursuant to Section 1277 of the Public Authorities Law/ Commissioner of Finance William Carlin**

Chairman Albano stated Commissioner of Finance William Carlin will speak to this matter.

Commissioner of Finance William Carlin stated every year pursuant to Section 1277 of the Public Authorities Law, the County is required to pay MTA Railroad Station bill. He stated for budgetary purposes the C.P.I. (consumer price index) increase must be estimated. He explained the C.P.I. was a bit higher this year versus past years. He stated that is why they are requesting this additional funding of \$16,151.00, to cover the additional cost of this annual mandated bill.

Legislator Castellano stated the MTA Railroad Stations and service are vital in Putnam County. He stated there are two (2) MTA stations in Putnam County, one (1) on the east and west sides of the County. He stated he will be supporting this request.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Approve/ Budgetary Transfer (21T119)/ Fully Fund the MTA Railroad Station Maintenance Costs, Pursuant to Section 1277 of the Public Authorities Law; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

**Item #6 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A055)/ Amend the 2021 CHIPS (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program) County Capital Project to Equal the Adopted NYS Budget/ Commissioner of Finance William Carlin**

Chairman Albano requested that Commissioner of Finance William Carlin speak to this item.

Commissioner of Finance William Carlin explained this is done annually. He stated the County receives an official notice from the NYS Department of Transportation regarding what was adopted in the New York State Budget and the County adopts its estimate to equal the County's award.

Chairman Albano explained this is a great funding source that is specific to the County's roads, bridges, doing repairs and repaving and any other approved improvements.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Approve Budgetary Amendment (21A055)/ Amend the 2021 CHIPS (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program) County Capital Project to Equal the Adopted NYS Budget; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

**Item #7 - Approval/ 2021 Consolidated Funding Applications (CFA) For Grant Funding For Projects Aimed to Increase Local Economic Development and Encourage Growth in**

**Putnam County: Putnam County Salt Storage Facility, Putnam County Historic Courthouse Column Restoration, & Putnam County Transit Facility Energy Efficiencies/Solar Panels/ Commissioner of Planning, Development & Public Transportation Sandra Fusco**

Chairman Albano stated Commissioner of Planning, Development & Public Transportation Sandra Fusco has identified three (3) shovel ready projects. He listed the projects: (1) Historic Courthouse Column Renovations (2) Transit Facility Energy Efficiency Solar Panels, (3) Putnam County Salt Storage Facility. He stated these are projects that need to be addressed, and fortunately they are shovel ready, therefore the County would like to apply for the funding. He stated if the grant is awarded, then the matter would come back to the Legislature for consideration in proceeding forward with the project (s). He explained the County could potentially receive 50% reimbursement for the Salt Storage Facility project, 75% for the Transit Facility Energy Efficiencies -Solar Panels and 50% for the Historic Courthouse Column Restoration.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Approve 2021 Consolidated Funding Applications (CFA) For Grant Funding For Projects Aimed to Increase Local Economic Development and Encourage Growth in Putnam County: Putnam County Salt Storage Facility, Putnam County Historic Courthouse Column Restoration, & Putnam County Transit Facility Energy Efficiencies/Solar Panels; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

**Item #8 – Other Business - None**

**Item #9 - Adjournment**

There being no further business at 6:51PM Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trubusy.