

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held via Audio Webinar Pursuant to Temporary Emergency Orders**

**Members: Chairman Jonke & Legislators Nacerino & Sullivan**

**Tuesday**

**6:00PM**

**August 11, 2020**

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

**Item #3 - Approval/ Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes/ July 14, 2020**

Chairman Jonke stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Item #4 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (20A043)/ To Account for NYS Indigent Legal Services Second Update Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Agreement/ Commissioner of Finance William Carlin (came in 7/30)**

Commissioner of Finance William Carlin stated this is standard. He stated it is done once a year. He stated once the Indigent Legal Services (ILS) Agreements are signed with the State and the revenue begins to come back to the County.

Chairman Jonke stated the amount is \$200,000.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment (20A043)/ To Account for NYS Indigent Legal Services Second Update Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Agreement; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

**Item #5 - Other Business**

Chairman Jonke made a motion to waive the Rules and Accept Other Business; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

**a. Approval/ Fund Transfer (20T0143)/ Bureau of Emergency Services (BES)– Dispatchers/ BES Commissioner Clair**

Chairman Jonke requested that Commissioner Clair please speak to this request.

Commissioner Clair stated currently the Bureau of Emergency Services (BES) is in the negative for the Temporary Budget Line for the Dispatchers. He stated due to two (2) vacancies, that came about earlier this year, have had a impact on the department of the Dispatchers. He stated they were fortunate in that a past dispatcher contacted the County and offered to come back part-time to assist. He stated they could not refuse. He stated the individual required minimal training to be brought up to speed. He stated to date there are three (3) Dispatchers in training.

He explained COVID -19 has had a huge impact on his department and the storm, Hurricane Isaias, that just went through Putnam County. He stated his regular Dispatchers are working around the clock.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if the grant funding the County received to cover some expenses incurred by COVID-19 could be applied to the extra expenses being incurred in the BES. She stated we will most likely see much more of these expenses related to COVID-19 coming from the BES and the Health Department and it makes sense that the COVID-19 Grant funding be used. She stated the last COVID-19 Grant approved went toward personnel costs. She stated that she thought it was funding for planning and response. She stated the past COVID -19 Grant funding is going towards a salary, which was already allocated and budgeted in the County's budget. She stated that does not seem to be the best use of the funding.

Commissioner Finance Carlin stated in terms of possible FEMA reimbursement the County will ask for overtime hours that were specifically related to COVID-19 response. He stated the County needs to lay out the money and hopefully the County will receive funds to assist with said costs.

Legislator Montgomery stated the grant approved last month in Protectives Services, the FY2020 Emergency Management Performance Gant- COVID 19 Supplemental issued by Homeland Security, was to go toward the County's expenses related to COVID-19 response. She stated she was told that funding was going toward the Deputy Commissioner of BES salary. She stated that salary was already included in the 2020 budget. She stated why wouldn't our COVID-19 grant funding go towards COVID-19 related costs.

Legislator Sayegh explained how the County's 50% match was covered with in-kind services.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve Fund Transfer (20T0143)/ Bureau of Emergency Services (BES)– Dispatchers; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

## **Item #6 - Adjournment**

There being no further business at 6:15PM Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk of the Legislature Diane Trubuly.