

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN ROOM #318  
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512  
(Mtg. Rescheduled Due to Power Outage on 7-17-2024)**

**Members: Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Addonizio & Sayegh**

**Tuesday**

**July 23, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 8:47pm by Chairwoman Nacerino who explained it was necessary to reschedule this meeting from July 17, 2024, to July 23, 2024, due to a power outage caused by a severe rainstorm that passed through the area. She requested Legislator Sayegh lead in the pledge of allegiance. Upon roll call, Chairwoman Nacerino and Legislators Addonizio and Sayegh were present.

**Item #3 – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 24A051/ Dept. Social Services Request - Reclassify Revenue and Expenses Related to the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant / Commissioner Department of Social Services, Mental Health & Youth Bureau Sara Servadio**

Chairwoman Nacerino stated it is her understanding this is a housekeeping detail. She stated the request is to move the funding into the appropriate budget line.

Legislator Crowley requested clarification as to whether this was caused by not following the Procurement Policy.

Undersheriff Lindert stated that is not the case. He stated the funds were in the wrong budget line, which was preventing the Sheriff's Department from drawing the funds as needed.

Legislator Crowley stated each year there are plans that go with this. She stated so each year the County will have to pay into this, and she believes the amounts range from \$5,000 to \$12,000 to \$29,000.

Undersheriff Lindert stated he is not sure of the yearly costs related to this. He stated there is an annual fee, but he does not have that information with him.

Legislator Crowley requested that he provide that information to the Legislature.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that information can be provided, as requested. She clarified what the Committee is considering is a budgetary amendment request that will put funds into the correct budget line.

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to Approve Budgetary Amendment 24A051/ Dept. Social Services Request - Reclassify Revenue and Expenses Related to the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

**Item #4 – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 24A066/ Donation from Green Chimneys Children’s Services Inc. To be used at the Sheriff’s Department Discretion toward the K9 Program/ Sheriff Kevin McConville**

Undersheriff Thomas Lindert stated this is a donation from Green Chimneys in support of the Sheriff’s K9 Programs.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment 24A066/ Donation from Green Chimneys Children’s Services Inc. To be used at the Sheriff’s Department Discretion toward the K9 Program; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

**Item #5 – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 24A067/ Reimbursement of April 14, 2024, Overtime from NYS Stop-DWI Foundation Inc. for Drug Recognition Callouts (DRE)/ Sheriff Kevin McConville**

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment 24A067/ Reimbursement of April 14, 2024, Overtime from NYS Stop-DWI Foundation Inc. for Drug Recognition Callouts (DRE); Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

**Item #6 – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 24A071/ Funds from NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services- Law Enforcement Technology Program/ Sheriff Kevin McConville**

Undersheriff Thomas Lindert stated the funds will be used to purchase equipment: Tethered Drone, a 2-Lane License Plate Reader (LPR), and replace some of the Sheriff’s Vehicle computers and printers.

Legislator Montgomery stated in the backup with the reference of the LPR it states it will be installed in a high crime area. She questioned if a location has been determined.

Undersheriff Thomas Lindert stated there are approximately four (4) potential locations they are considering. He stated they will make the decision on which location, based on the time that the LPR is received.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if the Sheriff’s Department will come to the Legislature to address the need for three (3) other LPRs.

Undersheriff Thomas Lindert stated they will.

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment 24A071/ Funds from NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services- Law Enforcement Technology Program; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

**Item #7 – Approval/ Authorization for Intermunicipal Agreement with Westchester County to Effectuate the Installation of Mobile Radios for the Police Departments Participating in a Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan/ Sheriff Kevin McConville**

Legislator Montgomery questioned if this has anything to do with the County’s Radio Project.

Chairwoman Nacerino confirmed it does not. She read from the backup.

Undersheriff Thomas Lindert stated these radios would be strictly used for the Sheriff’s Department to use for ground talk with Westchester County.

Legislator Crowley questioned when the Two Trunk System is finally fully operational, will these radios still be applicable.

Undersheriff Thomas Lindert stated he believes they will still be applicable. He stated ground operations is car to base and base to car.

Chairwoman Nacerino facilitated brief discussion regarding the channels that would be available with the County’s Radio Project, and the need to purchase additional channels and the availability and lack of availability of said channels.

Legislator Montgomery requested Chairwoman Nacerino have the Radio Project Chair/and or Committee come to a Protective Services Meeting to provide an update on the Radio Project.

Chairwoman Nacerino confirmed that she will request that Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Lipton provide an update on the Radio Project.

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to approve Authorization for Intermunicipal Agreement with Westchester County to Effectuate the Installation of Mobile Radios for the Police Departments Participating in a Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

**Item #8 – Approval/ Appointments to the PC Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board/ Michael Moculski & Catherine Lewis/ County Executive Kevin Byrne**

Chairwoman Nacerino motioned to approve Appointments to the PC Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board/ Michael Moculski & Catherine Lewis; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

**Item #9 – FYI/ 2024 Coroner Cases by Quarter – Duly Noted**

**Item #10 – Other Business**

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to Waive the Rules and Approve the Other Business; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

**a.) Approval/ Resolution Advocating Against OSHA Reforms in New York State for Firefighters/ Legislator William Gouldman**

Chairwoman Nacerino stated Legislator Gouldman requested this item be placed on the agenda. She stated what is being proposed regarding the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Reforms will result in a negative impact on our volunteer Fire Departments.

Legislator Gouldman stated OSHA is a great organization and he is glad they are trying to improve the safety of fire service in New York State. He stated the volunteers in Putnam County and the surrounding Counties cannot do what this would require. He stated these proposed reforms would require the volunteers to commit an extraordinary amount of time, which they do not have. He stated if this proposed OSHA Reform goes through many of the volunteers will leave their departments, which could result in not having a volunteer Fire Department anymore. He stated it may result in Volunteer Fire Departments closing. He stated then paid Fire Departments will need to come into those communities. He stated that will result in a big financial impact on the communities. He stated another requirement in the proposed OSHA Reform speaks to equipment. He offered an example that Putnam Valley has a Fire Truck that is 20 years old with 8,000 miles on it. He stated it is a perfectly good truck, however the proposed OSHA Reform would require that the truck be replaced, where would they get the funding for a new fire truck. He stated the proposed resolution he brought forward is asking OSHA to allow each municipality to strategize on how best to handle this and not pass their OSHA Reforms yet.

Legislator Crowley stated that she agreed with Legislator Gouldman. She stated the one size fits all approach is just not appropriate for us. She stated potentially it could result in raising property taxes 50%. She stated what the State is proposing is an unfunded mandate.

Chairwoman Nacerino agrees, we cannot afford the financial burden of the unfunded mandate. She stated additionally we hear of the lack of volunteerism and the challenge in the retention of our volunteers. She stated if we lose the volunteers we have that would have a devastating effect on our County and our safety etc. She stated she is in favor of moving this forward. She stated this resolution is requesting more time be given allowing the agencies to give consideration of what is being proposed.

Legislator Sayegh stated OSHA is an agency in place to protect workers, and if they agree to give more time, it will allow the departments to evaluate and determine if they can phase some of this into their departments.

Legislator Gouldman stated he is not saying what is being proposed by OSHA is wrong. He stated it is approximately a 900-page document from OSHA. He stated it will take time for them to review and consider the proposals.

Legislator Montgomery stated she believes the County's Bureau of Emergency Services (BES) could do more in terms of training, to help the volunteer agencies. She stated this opens the conversation that the BES could offer fire department training programs.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that is why we need the Fire Department Training Center, so training in Putnam County could be offered.

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to Approve Resolution Advocating Against OSHA Reforms in New York State for Firefighters; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

**Item #13 – Adjournment**

There being no further business at 9:11pm Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk of the Legislature Diane Trabulsy.