

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN ROOM #318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Members: Chairman Regan and Legislators Addonizio & Montgomery

**Wednesday March 11, 2026
(Immediately Following the Health Committee Mtg. at 6pm)**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Regan who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislator Addonizio, Legislator Montgomery, and Chairman Regan were present.

Chairman Regan made a motion to go out of order on the agenda and address Item #7 – Other Business first. Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Item #7 – Other Business

a. Certificate – Captain Corrinne Pitt

Chairman Regan invited Captain Pitt forward. He invited Captain Pitt forward. He read a proclamation signed by Legislative Chairman Birmingham and County Executive Byrne.

Sheriff Brian Hess read a certificate of recognition signed by Governor Kathy Hochul.

Captain Pitt stated this is not just a job, but a vocation. She is honored to have had opportunities and community connections throughout the years. She recognized the importance of the support and recognition from her male colleagues. She thanked the Legislature, Governor Kathy Hochul, Sheriff Anderson, Sheriff Smith, Sheriff Langley, Sheriff McConville, Sheriff Hess, and Undersheriff Menton. She stated her appreciation for this honor.

Legislator Montgomery congratulated Captain Pitt.

Item #3 – Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A017 – Probation – Ignition Interlock Grant Award

Director of Probation John Osterhout stated the State has been doing an ignition interlock grant to different localities for several years and they offered it to Putnam County this year. He stated he has met with the law enforcement in Carmel and Kent along with the Sheriff's Department to bring the grant together. He requested permission from the Legislature to accept the \$35,000 grant.

Chairman Regan questioned if the grant was restrictive about the overtime and if this was a new program or something he has participated in before.

Director Osterhout stated this is a new program, but it is not unlike the high visibility engagement events that the Stop DWI Program does with local law enforcement. He stated that this will hold people accountable who are supposed to have an ignition interlock device in their car.

Legislator Addonizio stated she wanted the public to be aware, and this is for DWI cases and ignition interlock. She questioned how that works.

Director Osterhout stated that every person who is convicted of a DWI in NYS is required to have an ignition interlock device installed in their vehicle. He explained there are currently 183 ignition interlock orders within the county, but only about a third install the devices in their cars. He added that sometimes there are legitimate reasons for that.

Legislator Crowley questioned if fees are still being collected on DWI cases.

Director Osterhout stated yes, they continue to collect fees on DWI cases, and the ignition interlock devices are paid for by the defendants.

Legislator Crowley questioned what happens if they do not pay.

Director Osterhout stated if individual does not pay for device, the vendor of the device will sue them as well as possibly disable the device, in which case that would be a violation of probation.

Legislator Crowley questioned the timeline to install device.

Director Osterhout stated that most individuals walk out of court without a license, so the device is a non-issue, but those who still have their driver's license have within 10 days to install the device, however the ignition interlock restriction goes on their license immediately.

Chairman Regan made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolutions; Seconded by Legislator Montgomery. All in favor.

Item #4 – FYI – Fund Transfer 26T043 – Sheriff's Office – Correct Clerical Error to Appropriate Budget Line

Sheriff Brian Hess stated that the budget line error was simply because the money was added to the wrong line, it is supposed to be a grant line but was put in the building maintenance section.

Item #5 – FYI – Fund Transfer 26T040 – Emergency Services – Replace 2 Screens on 911 Dispatch Center Video Wall

Commissioner of Emergency Services James Oster stated that EMS is looking to transfer money from the equipment line of \$10,000 into audiovisual of over \$5,000 and \$6,000 from the automotive line to also audiovisual over \$5,000 to purchase replacement screens for two monitors on the video wall at the 911 center that are currently broken. He stated it is grant money so there will be no cost to the County.

Legislator Montgomery questioned how long the devices last.

Commissioner Oster stated that the monitors are robust and last approximately two (2) to three (3) years because they are turned on 24 hours 7 days a week.

Legislator Montgomery questioned how many monitors are needed.

Commissioner Oster stated the video wall consists of 6 monitors in addition to other monitors and screens throughout the 911 center.

Legislator Montgomery questioned the replacement schedule.

Commissioner Oster stated that it is difficult to predict when the monitors are going to need to be replaced because of the need to be on 24 hours a day.

Item #6 – FYI – Fund Transfer 26T046 – Emergency Services – 911 Backup Center at Sheriff's Office

Commissioner Oster stated this fund transfer is a move from the rescue equipment line into the audiovisual equipment line of under \$5,000 and is intended for purchases to upgrade and replace broken or damaged equipment at the backup 911 center located at the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if the Sheriff's center can operate at full dispatch capacity if the primary center goes down.

Commissioner Oster stated that the Sheriff center has the capabilities of doing the same functions but cannot handle the number of dispatchers that are currently on duty at the 911 center.

Legislator Crowley questioned the backup plan for 911 center if needed.

Chairman Regan stated he was hesitant to discuss backup plans outside of executive session and requested the question be redirected.

Legislator Crowley questioned who would take over the Sheriff's 911 center if needed as well as if it was up to date to be functional if needed.

Commissioner Oster stated that the dispatchers from the 911 center would relocate to the Sheriff's Office to man those stations. Also the backup center is checked monthly to make sure it is operational if needed.

Sheriff Hess stated that the fund transfer is to reinvigorate that room and to use it for alternative purposes in the interim.

Item #7 – Other Business – None

Item #8 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 6:57pm, Chairwoman Regan made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Montgomery. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by PILOT Intern Molly Hall.