



Chairwoman Addonizio requested clarification on the hours; the fund transfer lists the position as going from 25 to 30 hours. (It was later determined the fund transfer correctly lists the increase from 25 to 30 hours)

Legislator Regan stated it is his understanding that GIS is handled by the IT Department and questioned if there are employees in Real Property doing GIS.

Director McLoughlin stated Real Property works hand in hand with the IT Department for GIS services. She explained the benefit of the involvement of the GIS in the Real Property department.

Legislator Regan followed up by questioning if Director McLoughlin has had any conversations with the director of IT about staffing for GIS next year.

Director McLoughlin stated the IT Department is completely separate from Real Property.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor.

**Item #6 – Approval – Fund Transfer 26T071 – Dept. of Social Services – Mandated CPS Case Overtime**

Sara Servadio, Commissioner of the Department of Social Services stated that the transfer was necessary to cover mandated overtime associated with CPS case responsibilities and staffing requirements.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if the representative is seeing an increase in child protective cases.

Commissioner Servadio stated that there has been a steady increase over the last year, explaining that it is difficult to estimate the possible budget needed for these situations.

Michael Strauss, resident, questioned why there is an increase in child service cases.

Commissioner Servadio explained that the increase of cases is a combination of time of year and education of public of what is an appropriate CPS referral.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

**Item #7 – Approval – Fund Transfer 26T094 – Dept. of Social Services – Compensate Temporary Employee**

Commissioner Servadio explained that the request was needed in order to compensate a temporary employee for work done within the department.

Legislator Montgomery questioned what the TA unit was.

The representative explained TA stood for Temporary Assistance.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor.

**Item #8 – Approval – Fund Transfer 26T084 – Finance – Increase District Attorney Salary pursuant to Judiciary Law 183-a**

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that the requested transfer would increase the District Attorney salary pursuant to Judiciary Law 183-a.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

**Item #9 – Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A024 – DPW – Reallocate & Eliminate 2026 County Soil & Water Budget**

Legislator Birmingham questioned if the \$6,000 decrease in estimated revenue is going to the Soil and Water Conservation District Board (SWB).

Thomas Feighery, Commissioner of DPW stated yes.

Legislator Regan confirmed that the position within this budget will no longer be associated with Soil & Water.

Commissioner Feighery stated that is correct.

Cassandra Roth, Chairperson of the SWB stated she is very happy to see this consideration. She stated she would like to ensure that there will not be an issue in the future if the Board wants to hire a District Manager.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if the Program Manager and the Soil & Water positions are tested.

Commissioner Feighery stated yes, they are.

Chairwoman Addonizio requested that the Personnel Department address the concern about the SWB hiring a District Manager in the future.

Patricia Rau, Senior Personnel Specialist, stated Personnel would be able to go through the processes in place to create any new title required.

Legislator Birmingham stated he believes the concern is that the position would not be a County position moving forward.

Ms. Roth stated she would like to avoid any duplication because the position exists elsewhere.

Senior Personnel Specialist Rau stated there are many titles that go in and out of use; it is common practice to discontinue use of a title. She explained the job classification number is different for County jobs and non-County jobs and they can also see the history of each job.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

**Item #10 – Approval – Fund Transfer 26T095 – Health Dept. – Reorganization Effective May 1, 2026 – Create New Positions of Deputy Public Health Director and Environmental Health Aide – Title Change from Grade 5 Office Assistant to Account Clerk II**

Public Health Director Rian Rodriguez stated that the proposed reorganization would create the positions of Deputy Public Health Director and Environmental Health Aide and would also include a title change from Grade 5 Office Assistant to Account Clerk II. He stated these budget-neutral changes would enhance operational efficiency and oversight while having more “boots on the ground” employees.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Chairwoman Addonizio questioned if there would be an internal candidate for the deputy and questioned the requirements.

Director Rodriguez stated yes, and explained the requirements as knowledge and skill set, as well as a Master’s Degree in public health. He stated the candidate just began their program to earn their Master’s Degree.

Legislators Sayegh stated she appreciates Director Rodriguez’s ability to recognize how to make the Health Department stronger and more efficient.

Legislator Russo thanked Director Rodriguez for his work on this reorganization and keeping it within the budget.

Legislator Montgomery stated she believed there needed to be a larger discussion about the reorganization of this department. She stated she is happy to see another Environmental Health Aid being added, but the elimination of the Director of Environmental Health position is concerning. She stated the Health Department does not have a Director of Nursing either. She stated her concern, based on recent experience, with putting an individual into a position while they complete the requirements and not after. She stated she would like to see the Account Clerk II and Environmental Health

Aide positions move forward, but she would like to have more discussion about the Deputy Public Health Director position.

Director Rodriguez stated the candidate has been reviewed by the State and is eligible to serve in the capacity of Deputy Public Health Director. He stated he would be happy to open this up to a larger conversation.

Legislator Birmingham questioned the importance of the May 1<sup>st</sup> start date.

Fiscal Manager of the Health Department William Orr explained that the approval is not time sensitive.

Legislator Montgomery stated she believed a split vote was necessary.

Legislator Crowley questioned if this approval was needed as well as if it is time sensitive to a degree so the new positions can begin working on programs currently ongoing.

Director Rodriguez stated yes.

Legislator Birmingham suggested splitting the vote and explained what changes would be made to the transfer. .

Chairwoman Addonizio suggested having further discussion at the Health Committee meeting in May.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if the Health Department was short of an Environmental Health Aide and if they had any candidates.

Director Rodriguez stated that yes, they are short one but no, do not have a possible hire.

Legislator Sayegh made a motion to amend Item #10 to split the question, moving forward only the Account Clerk II and Environmental Health Aide positions; Seconded by Chairwoman Addonizio. All in favor.

Fiscal Manager Orr explained the lines and where the funds are coming from.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to amend the second line personnel services and decrease estimated appropriations for \$33,584; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution with the amendments previously made; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

**Item #11 – FYI – Accident Report – Duly Noted**

**Item #12 – FYI – Incident Report – Duly Noted**

**Item #13 – Other Business – None**

**Item #14 – Adjournment**

There being no further business at 7:00pm, Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by PILOT Intern Molly Hall.