

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

Members: Chairman Regan and Legislators Addonizio & Montgomery

**Wednesday June 10, 2026
(Immediately Following the Health Committee Mtg. at 6pm)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:58pm by Chairman Regan who requested Commissioner Jim Oster lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislator Addonizio and Montgomery and Chairman Regan were present.

Item #3 – Introduction – Bureau of Emergency Services Leadership Appointments
a. Deputy Commissioner Drew Kinash
b. Director of Emergency Management Matthew Nadolny

Commissioner of the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services Jim Oster stated they have hired two (2) new members to the Department. He stated Drew Kinash is a retired FDNY firefighter and he will be performing the duties of the Deputy Commissioner position, he explained he is very excited to have his help and support. He stated the other new addition to the team is Director of Emergency Management Matthew Nadolny. He stated he is a recently retired police officer from the Town of Newburgh and has a degree with a concentration in emergency management. He stated he would like to formally recognize them both and thank them for becoming a part of the team.

Chairman Regan stated he would like to welcome them both and wish them the best. He stated they all very much support the mission of Commissioner Oster and the work they all do is essential.

The other Legislators present welcomed the new employees.

Item #4 – Approval – Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board (ESSAB) Appointment – Bradley

Commissioner Oster stated that Mr. Bradley will fill a vacancy on the ESSAB for a term ending December 31, 2026.

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

Item #5 – Approval – Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board Reappointments – Cuomo, DiMarco, Prentice, and Lewis

Commissioner Oster stated that these four individuals have been on the ESSAB for quite some time now and are seeking reappointment.

Chairman Regan stated all of these appointments would run through December 31, 2028.

Legislator Montgomery stated she would like to thank these Board Members for their volunteerism and hard work.

Legislator Russo stated she would like to thank them as well.

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

Item #6 – Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A046 – Sheriff's Office – Use T-Commission Funds to Purchase Furniture

Putnam County Sheriff Brian Hess stated they were lucky enough to have DPW help them with their conference room and is requesting this money to be transferred for new furniture. He stated T-Commission funds are being utilized.

Legislator Sayegh questioned if the T-Commission funds needed to be used to the benefit of the inmates.

Sheriff Hess stated no, that is the commissary funds.

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

Item #7 – Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A050 – Emergency Services – Statewide Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant Award

Commissioner Oster stated Putnam County has received an award of \$3 million dollars under the NYS combined 2024 and 2025 SICG, which is the Statewide Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant Program. The \$3 million will be used for the continued build up and buildout of the radio communications system.

Chairman Regan questioned if costs that have already been paid for can be covered by this grant.

Commissioner Oster stated no, there has not been any specific purchase for the grant.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if the \$3 million is allocated toward anything specific.

Commissioner Oster stated they are still in the process of completing radio towers, which is very expensive. Additionally, they need other components of their radio system that will allow them to operate more efficiently.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if there is a specific plan for the money, specifically questioning if it will be used for shelters and what type.

Commissioner Oster said the shelters being discussed are built at the tower site, which houses all the electronic equipment, computers, radio equipment, etc. He stated it can be difficult to assign money to specific purposes when the needs may change as the project progresses.

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

Item #8 – Approval – Grant Application – Emergency Services – Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program

Chairman Regan questioned if there is any commentary on the current interoperability.

Commissioner Oster stated there is a significant issue with the departments being able to interact with radio communications to neighboring departments or counties, specifically the County of Westchester. He stated millions of dollars are coming from the State so that they can have communications between agencies, and the fact there is none right now is unacceptable and needs to be resolved.

Chairman Regan questioned if during the horrific fire in Mohegan Lake, how much did this hinder the response because it had to go through so many departments.

Commissioner Oster stated he did not think it hindered the response, some departments have taken it upon themselves to go to a vendor and have the inter-agency channels put into their radios.

Chairman Regan questioned if Putnam Valley was able to communicate.

Commissioner Oster stated no, Putnam Valley was not able to communicate with Westchester departments directly.

Legislator Montgomery stated she is looking forward to seeing how all this operates together.

Commissioner Oster stated it is a lot of money dedicated to communications. He stated some grants are targeted and others are non-targeted.

Legislator Crowley stated reports came out on July 23rd and the Deputy Commissioner of Westchester stated they were working with Putnam County Bureau of Emergency

Response. She questioned if The Law Department had heard anything since it left their office.

Senior Deputy County Attorney Katherine McNeal stated not to her knowledge, but she would have to check.

Chairman Regan stated he wanted everyone to understand how important this is.

Legislator Crowley stated she would send a memo to follow up as the Fire Advisory Board Liaison.

Commissioner Oster stated it is his understanding that Westchester County has authorized each department that does respond to mutual aid to have their radios programmed. He stated he does not see it as a County legal issue to have the fire departments take it upon themselves to deal with Westchester County.

Senior Deputy County Attorney McNeal stated the IMA (Inter-Municipal Agreement) is necessary for protection. She stated even inter-departments will always have something in writing.

Legislator Crowley stated that it was done per the response of Commissioner of Westchester. She questioned who has signed the Simple User Agreement.

Chairman Regan stated the Simple User Agreement requires Putnam County to go to their vendor to have the keys installed in the radio.

Senior Deputy County Attorney McNeal stated a user agreement is a contract, she stated if they go through the Law Department and have it looked at, that will protect everyone.

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

Item #9 – Approval – Grant Application – Emergency Services – Public Safety Answering Point Operation Grant Program

Commissioner Oster stated this is a request to approve a grant application, they have already applied because the deadline was last week prior to the meeting. The grant is a Public Safety Answering Point Grant, if approved County will receive \$248,182 with no County matching funds. He stated the money would cover around \$140,000 worth of Dispatcher Salaries and the remainder to be used to cover software purchases and leases for the 911 Center.

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

Item #10 – Other Business

Legislator Birmingham stated last month they had approved a home rule request to the State to alienate Parkland for a tower, and both the State Senate and Assembly have passed the home rule request.

Item #11 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 8:33pm, Chairman Regan made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Montgomery. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by PILOT Intern Molly Hall.