

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
ROOM #318
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512
Members: Chairman Jonke & Legislators Nacerino & Sullivan**

Tuesday

September 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:35PM by Chairman Jonke who requested that Legislator Nacerino lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislator Nacerino and Chairman Jonke were present. Legislator Sullivan arrived at 5:35PM, Legislator Sayegh was asked to sit as a member of the Committee until Legislator Sullivan's arrival.

Item #3 - Approval/ Protective Services Meeting Minutes/ August 14, 2019

Chairman Jonke stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #4 - Approval/ Application for the 2019 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula-Based Grant/ Deputy Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services Robert Lipton

Chairman Jonke invited Deputy Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services Robert Lipton to speak to this agenda item.

Deputy Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services Robert Lipton stated this is a grant that has been available annually since 2014. He stated the application is formula based, so the County is not sure what amount of funding will be awarded at this point.

Chairman Jonke questioned what the deadline date is for the application.

Deputy Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services Robert Lipton stated he did not have that information with him.

Clerk of the Legislature Diane Schonfeld stated the application deadline date was September 9, 2019.

Legislator Nacerino questioned what the funding was used for last year.

Deputy Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services Robert Lipton stated it was used for the radio project. He stated the money can be used towards the costs related to the cell towers.

Legislator Nacerino requested more specific information related to what the funding was spent on last year.

Deputy Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services Robert Lipton stated it went towards the cost of the Tower Equipment. He stated that this year the money will be put towards the Cell Towers and the Radio Equipment.

Legislator Nacerino questioned if this funding will fund the costs to the County related to Next Gen.

Deputy Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services Robert Lipton stated no.

Legislator Sullivan stated as discussed previously the County is moving forward to upgrade the entire system for everyone, the microwave towers etc. as quickly as possible.

Deputy Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services Robert Lipton stated that is correct.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve Application for the 2019 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula-Based Grant; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #5 - Approval/ Application for the FY2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)/ Deputy Commissioner Bureau of Emergency Services Robert Lipton

Deputy Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services Robert Lipton stated the funding from this grant is used to offset salaries in the Bureau of Emergency Services Department on the administrative side. He stated the 50% match will be against his salary.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve the Application for the FY2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG); Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Item #6 - Approval/ Budgetary Transfer (19T222)/ Balloon Payment for E911 Equipment/ Commissioner Bureau of Emergency Services Kenneth Clair

Deputy Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services Robert Lipton stated in 2012 the previous Administration signed a maintenance contract for the radio equipment. He stated the terms of the contract included that after the Maintenance Agreement was paid off a balloon payment of approximately \$200,000 (actual: \$241,000) was due, which the County would be responsible for. He explained after receiving a notice from Motorola stating the balloon payment of \$241,000 was due, he has been working with the Finance Department to assure that gets done. He clarified that there was a balance of approximately \$200,000 left in the E911 Equipment budget line at the beginning of this year, 2019. He stated Deputy Finance Commissioner Anita Gilbert contacted him to notify him of that. He stated again, he was not aware that the balloon payment existed and Deputy Finance Commissioner Gilbert did not recall that either therefore that money was transferred out of said budget line and put into the Contingency budget line. He stated the request tonight is taking a \$133,000 from Contingency and transfer it into the E911 Equipment budget line. He stated there is a balance of \$108,000 in the E911 Equipment budget line currently.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve Budgetary Transfer (19T222)/ Balloon Payment for E911 Equipment; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Item #7 - Discussion/ Grant Funds Through the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee – The Public Services Grant/ Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Kevin McManus (See # Other Business 9a. – for approval)

Chairman Jonke invited Sheriff Langley and Lieutenant McManus to speak to this item.

Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Kevin McManus stated the Public Services Grant (PBS Grant) is funding that has been received for the past six (6) years. He stated that he has taken over as coordinator for the last couple of years and was unaware that something like this had to go before the Legislature for approval of the grant application. He stated that he had applied for the grant and the Sheriff's Department was awarded the grant and here we are.

Chairman Jonke explained typically for the purposes of book keeping all grant applications are brought forward to the Legislature. He stated even in times when there is a deadline to apply for a grant and the date is before the committee meeting that the matter would be brought to, the appropriate committee and the information regarding the application would be provided and presented for approval. He stated that is the proper procedure. He stated the Legislature requires notification when a department of the County has or plans to make an application for funding. He stated this procedure provides a paper trail for the Legislature. He stated in the event that funding is awarded in response to the application a request is the submitted to the Legislature to accept the awarded funding. He explained it is important in keeping complete records that this procedure be followed by all departments of the County.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Chairman Jonke questioned what the funds are used for.

Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Kevin McManus stated it is split up, one use being seatbelt detail, Buckle Up New York. He stated the funds are used to cover the cost of Deputies going out on overtime for about a week only to enforce the seatbelt law and issue tickets. He stated they do not answer any other calls. He stated the other half of the funding is spent on aggressive driving, speeding, passing, passing a school bus etc. He stated that they are four (4) hour shifts.

Sheriff Langley stated that the Deputies on these assignments are strictly dedicated to traffic enforcement under these grants.

Chairman Jonke questioned are there certain areas that are focused on in Putnam County.

Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Kevin McManus explained part of the application includes information as to where the accidents occur. He stated in our jurisdiction of Putnam County that is along the major thorough fares, Route 312, Route 22, Route 6, Route 52 and Route 9. He stated that is where the patrols are.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo advised Chairman Jonke to move the Additional Item, which is an approval, to agenda item #9- Other Business. He explained because this item, #7, is listed as a Discussion item.

Chairman Jonke stated per the advisement of Legislative Counsel Firriolo in terms of procedure the additional item, a proposed resolution addressing this matter, will be addressed under agenda item #9- Other Business.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated that the Legislative Staff has received notice that increasingly the State is requiring Legislative approval of grants. He stated he points it out as a future requirement of the grants that are applied for by the County Departments.

Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Kevin McManus stated this is the first year that the State attached a contract to this grant. He stated it has nothing to do with the Sheriff's Department it has to do with people in the County, who need to read it and approve it. He stated a copy has been provided to Putnam County Senior Deputy County Attorney Anna Diaz for review.

Chairman Jonke explained that is where the additional item for this matter, the proposed resolution, is important to this process.

Item #8 – FYI/ Budgetary Amendment (19A060)/ Receipt of Joseph Stilwell Funds – Purchase Laptop and Laser Measuring Devices/ Sheriff Langley

Sheriff Langley stated the Laptop and Laser Measuring Devices are used for accident reconstruction. He explained the equipment the Sheriff's Department currently has, is outdated. He stated the information is sent to the State. He stated through the generosity of Mr. Joseph Stilwell the updated equipment can be purchased.

Legislator Nacerino stated Mr. Stilwell is a Town of Patterson resident, who has been very generous to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department in the past as well. She stated he donates to the items that will help to protect the health and safety of the Putnam County residents, he is extremely generous.

Legislator Nacerino stated it seems that the Legislature has seen, in 2019, quite a few requests to replace equipment in the County because it is outdated. She stated she would like to hear from Director of I/T GIS Tom Lannon. She stated that she would like to know what the process is that the County has to address the quickly advancing technology.

Legislator Sullivan stated that he agrees with Legislator Nacerino. He questioned if the Town Police have this equipment or do they rely on the equipment the Sheriff's Department has.

Sheriff Langley explained that the Town Police Departments rely on the Sheriff Department's equipment.

Item #9 - Other Business

Chairman Jonke made a motion to waive the rules and approve the additional item for agenda item #7 Grant Funds Through the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee – The Public Services Grant; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

a. Approval/ Ratification of Application for Grant Funds Through the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Public Traffic Services Grant

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve the resolution - Ratification of Application for Grant Funds Through the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Public Traffic Services Grant; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Item #10 - Adjournment

There being no further business at 5:55 PM Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.