BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN ROOM #318 PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Tuesday	October 19, 2021	6:00 P.M.
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The meeting was called to order at 6:09 P.M. by Chairwoman Addonizio who requested Legislator Montgomery lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Nacerino, Albano, Jonke, Castellano, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that they would now review the proposed changes submitted by each Committee.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

(Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Sayegh & Sullivan)

Item #1 – Probation Department – Stop DWI – Partnership Initiative – Increase to \$17,500. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:

Probation Department – Stop DWI		
	FROM:	TO:
Partnership Initiative		
10331500 54936	13,000	17,500
Revenue:		
Public Safety Other		
10331500 443890	(13,000)	(17,500)

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #2 – Sheriff's Department – Narcotics – Equipment Rental Lease (Body Cameras) \$\$16,588 Place in Subcontingency.

TO:

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that we have a revision to this resolution.

<u>Sheriff's Department – Narcotics</u>		
	FROM:	
Equipment Rental Lease		
(Body Cameras)		

14311000 54560	16,588	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54986	0	16,588

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Chairwoman Addonizio asked if there was a motion to accept the revision for Item #2. She explained that it lowers the amount moving to subcontingency by \$1,000.

Legislator Gouldman questioned what the \$1,000 was for.

County Auditor Michele Alfano-Sharkey stated that it was for the copier.

Legislator Sullivan requested clarification.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo explained that the Protective Committee originally moved \$16,588 to subcontingency, believing that it was the amount the Sheriff had for body cameras, when in fact \$1,000 of that amount was intended for a copy machine. He stated that if it is the intent for the Legislature to just move the body camera amount into subcontingency, the revised resolution would save \$1,000 of that money from going into subcontingency to be used for the copy machine.

Legislator Sullivan made a motion to accept the revision for Item #2; seconded by Legislator Albano. By Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Carried Unanimously.

Chairwoman Addonizio called for discussion on the item.

Legislator Montgomery stated that as we have seen throughout this budget, there are many budgeted items that we do not have complete details on. She did not understand the reason why this public safety, essential need item was being taken out of the budget. She stated that we have the policy from Lexipol and are awaiting the policy from the County Attorney. She stated that there are many budget items that are \$50,000 to \$100,000 that we do not have an RFP for or know what they are for. She stated that we are keeping those in the budget, but we are taking \$15,588 out for body cameras which we all know that we want and need.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that we are not taking them out. It is being placed in subcontingency.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she understood that, however, she explained there are other items that are remaining in the budget which we have no information on, and they are not being placed in subcontingency. She stated that the comments during the

Committee meetings were that we do not have a policy. She stated that the Sheriff does have a policy.

Legislator Sullivan stated that we all agree there is a need to have body cameras at the Sheriff's Department. He stated that we have also agreed that once there is a proper policy in place, reviewed by the Legislature and County Attorney, we would move the money out of subcontingency. He believed that the County Attorney's main concern was that there was no agreement with the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) yet. He explained that there is no agreement in the PBA contract about wearing body cameras. He stated that stipulations to the contract need to be settled before anyone will agree to wear body cameras.

Legislator Albano concurred. He believed that it would need to be reviewed by the Legislature and the Law Department. He stated that we want to make sure we cross our T's and have it right.

Legislator Sayegh stated that the Legislature has been asking about body cameras for a while. She believed that the Sheriff has always said that we would need to have an agreement with the PBA before this moves forward which has not been done. She stated that we also need our County Attorney who defends our officers and the County to make sure she understands the policy. She stated we are not only talking about \$15,588; we are talking about a transfer of over \$140,000. She stated that it is not just this one (1) transfer. She believed that we needed to protect the County and our officers and make sure we have an agreement in place with the PBA.

Legislator Nacerino stated that we are all in agreement. She believed this is more serious in nature than some of the other expenditures that Legislator Montgomery might be referring to. She stated that there is a great liability for both a passenger and an officer. She stated that the County Attorney did not recommend moving the body cameras forward because she was not included in the policy that was written by the Sheriff.

Legislator Jonke stated that he is in favor and has been in favor of the body cameras which have been spoken about for years. He stated that given the track record of the Sheriff and his spending and transferring of funds from account to account, he believed the funds should be placed in subcontingency so that it is spent at our discretion.

Legislator Castellano stated that he agrees with everything being said. He stated that he would like to see body cameras in the Sheriff's Department. He stated that his biggest concern from the meeting last week was that the County Attorney was not on the same page as the Sheriff and the fact that the PBA was not on board yet. He stated that he has no problems with placing the money in subcontingency so that it will be there when necessary.

Legislator Montgomery agreed that we should have all our ducks in a row before we allocate any funds for anything. She believed that we did not have our ducks in a row for many budgeted items. She believed the consensus was that this Legislature wants body cameras. She questioned what if the Sheriff, or if there is another Sheriff that decides that he does not want body cameras. She questioned if we can still make sure the Sheriff's Department has body cameras or is it up to the discretion of the Sheriff.

Legislator Nacerino stated that the PBA could decide that as well. She did not believe that the Sheriff could move forward without that contractual agreement. She believed that common sense should prevail because during the Police Policy Review process, we had outcry from the public and she thought it would behoove the Sheriff, PBA and this Legislature to move forward with the body cameras. She believed that if we did not it would be a great injustice to the public.

Legislator Albano stated that it is a good question, however, he believed that we should vote on where to put the money.

Legislator Castellano concurred with Legislator Albano. He believed that the worst-case scenario would be having the money available to the Sheriff, the Sheriff purchasing body cameras and then not being able to use them. He believed that there needed to be an agreement with the PBA. He believed that the body cameras are not only beneficial for the public, but for the officers as well. He did not believe there was any reason to spend the money prior to having an agreement. The money would be in subcontingency when needed.

Chairwoman Addonizio called for a Roll Call Vote.

Sheriff's Department – Narcotics REVISION				
Equipment Rental Lease				
(Body Cameras)				
14311000 54560	16,588	1,000		
Subcontingency				
10199000 54986	0	15,588		

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #3 – Sheriff's Department – Road Patrol – Equipment Rental Lease (Body Cameras) \$97,800 Place in Subcontingency. Chairwoman Addonizio moved the following:

<u>Sheriff's Department – Road Patrol</u>	FROM:	TO:
Equipment Rental Lease		
(Body Cameras)		
17311000 54560	190,800	93,000
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Subcontingency		
10199000 54986	0	97,800

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4 – Sheriff's Department – BCI – Equipment Rental Lease (Body Cameras) \$23,376 Place in Subcontingency. Chairwoman Addonizio moved the following:

Sheriff's	Department - BCI

Equipment Rental Lease	FROM:	TO:
(Body Cameras) 32311000 54560	23,376	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54986	0	23,376

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE (Chairman Albano, Legislators Castellano & Gouldman)

Item #5 – Parks & Recreation – Building Maintenance & Repairs (Tilly Foster Farm) \$20,000 Move to Subcontingency. Chairwoman Addonizio moved the following:

Parks & Recreation

	FROM:	TO:
Bldg Maintenance & Repairs		
(Tilly Foster Farm)		
10084000 54710	20,000	0
Move Park Maintenance		
To Subcontingency		

Subcontingency 10199000 54985

0

20,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #6 – Sheriff's Department – Adjustments.

Chairwoman Addonizio asked if there was a motion to add Item #6 to the agenda.

Legislator Jonke made a motion to add Item #6 to the agenda; seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Chairwoman Addonizio asked if there was a motion to approve Item #6.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to approve Item #6; seconded by Legislator Sullivan.

Chairwoman Addonizio explained that these were eight (8) adjustments to the Sheriff Department's budget. The first item is a \$4,325 increase due to a promotion to 1st Sergeant.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated that they are all on the same resolution unless someone moves to sever them.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that the second item is a \$2,000 increase due to an EMT stipend.

Commissioner of Finance Carlin stated that items 1 & 2 are contractual. He explained that the Administration submits the budget to the Legislature on October 1st. He stated that personnel changes do not end on that day. He stated that when a promotion was made to 1st Sergeant, whoever that is carries their longevities with them into the new salary. He stated that the 1st Sergeant for that individual is contractual. He stated that it is the same for the EMT stipend. The Administration received notice after October 1st that someone completed their course and by contract, they receive a stipend.

Legislator Albano questioned if these items could be moved separately in one (1) motion.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated that you could make a motion to sever one (1) or all of them in one (1) motion.

Legislator Albano made a motion to sever and vote on each one (1) separately; seconded by Legislator Sullivan. By Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Carried Unanimously.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated that you would now need to vote on the eight (8) items separately.

Item #6(1) Chairwoman Addonizio asked if there was any discussion on the following:

<u>Sheriff's Department - Adjustments</u>		
	FROM:	TO:
Personnel Services - Admin		
10311000 51000	1,176,148	1,180,473
(Promotion to 1 st Sgt.		
10311000 51000 10108)		
A DIFFERENCE OF: 4,325		

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6(2) Chairwoman Addonizio asked if there was any discussion on the following:

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6(3) Chairwoman Addonizio asked if there was any discussion on the following:

Legislator Nacerino requested Commissioner Carlin to brief us on this.

Commissioner Carlin stated that the resolution for Civil, Community & Youth, and Road Patrol are similar. He stated that the Sheriff has the same number of personnel but has decided that a certain deputies would go to Youth, Civil and Road Patrol. He stated that these numbers reflect where the Sheriff is assigning these deputies; which is his prerogative to do.
 Personnel Services – Civil
 291,959

 15311000 51000
 291,959

 (Move to Civil 15311000 51000 15105)
 A DIFFERENCE OF: 40,255

332,214

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6(4) Chairwoman Addonizio asked if there was any discussion on the following:

 Personnel Services – Community & Youth

 16311000 51000
 1,260,199
 1,251,594

 (Move to Youth

 16311000 51000 16115
 16311000 51000 16117

 16311000 51000 16117
 16311000 51000 16118)

 A DIFFERENCE OF: (8,605)

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6(5) Chairwoman Addonizio asked if there was any discussion on the following:

Legislator Sayegh questioned what the difference was between Road Patrol and Road Patrol.

Commissioner Carlin explained that they moved to different lines within the Road Patrol.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item \$6(6) Chairwoman Addonizio asked if there was any discussion on the following:

Personnel Services – Jail

10315000 51000 Retirement 10315000 51000 10137) A DIFFERENCE OF: (31,454)

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6(7) Chairwoman Addonizio asked if there was any discussion on the following:

Commissioner Carlin stated that this was a correction from one (1) line to another.

Jail – Food Services		
Pay Differential		
10010000 51091	4,400	0
Comp Time Payout CSEA		
10010000 51092	0	4,400

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6(8) Chairwoman Addonizio asked if there was any discussion on the following:

Legislator Sayegh questioned why it was being reduced.

Commissioner Carlin stated that it was a typographical error when posted which included an extra zero.

Jail – Bldg Maintenance Grounds 10011000 54751	10,000	1,000
A DIFFERENCE OF: (9,000)		
TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: (60,312)		
Adjust Fringes & Revenue Accordingly.		

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7 – Sheriff's Department – Communications – Equipment Rental Lease (Body Cameras) \$3,897 Place in Subcontingency.

Legislator Sullivan made a motion to add Item #7 to the agenda; seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Chairwoman Addonizio moved the following; seconded by Legislator Castellano.

Sheriff's Department - Communications	FROM:	TO:
Equipment Rental Lease		
(Body Cameras)		
13311000 54560	3,897	0
Subcontingency		
10199000 54986	0	3,897

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #8 – Sheriff's Department – Civil Division (Body Cameras – Omitted from Budget) **\$3,897 Add to Subcontingency.**

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to add Item #8 to the agenda; seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Legislator Sullivan moved the following; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

<u>Sheriff's Department – Civil Division</u>		
	FROM:	TO:
(Body Cameras)		
Add to Subcontingency		
10199000 54986	0	3,897

A DIFFERENCE OF: 3,897

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #9 - Parks & Recreation – Maintenance & Repairs (Omitted from Budget) \$15,000 Add to Subcontingency.

Legislator Albano made a motion to add Item #9 to the agenda; seconded by Legislators Nacerino & Sullivan. All in favor.

Legislator Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislators Castellano & Nacerino.

Parks & Recreation

	FROM:	TO:
Maintenance & Repairs		
Add to Subcontingency		
10199000 54985	0	15,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 15,000

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #10 – Proposal by Legislator Montgomery – Health Department Recycling – Restore Village of Cold Spring Garbage Removal \$7,500.

Chairwoman Addonizio asked if there was a motion to accept this item onto the agenda.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to add the following to the agenda.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that since there was no second there would be no discussion on this item.

Health Department - Recycling

	FROM:	TO:
Partnership Initiative		
(Restore Village of Cold Spring		
Garbage Removal)		
10027000 54936	0	7,500

A DIFFERENCE OF: 7,500

Item #11 – Proposal by Legislator Montgomery – Sheriff's Department – Restore Marine Unit on Hudson River \$25,000.

Chairwoman Addonizio asked if there was a motion to accept this item onto the agenda.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to add the following to the agenda; seconded by Legislator Gouldman. By Roll Call Vote: Two Ayes – Legislators Gouldman and Montgomery. Seven Nays – Legislators Albano, Castellano, Jonke, Nacerino Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio. Motion Fails.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if discussion was allowed after the motion to add it to the agenda.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated after the motion is seconded to add an item to the agenda there can be discussion if it is requested. He stated that it is at the Chairwoman's discretion whether to call for a discussion or not. He stated that normally motions to add are not debatable, however there is no reason the Chair cannot allow discussion if she chooses.

Sheriff's Department	FROM:	TO:
Restore Marine Unit – Hudson River Overtime		
17003000 51093	25,000	50,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 25,000

Adjust Fringes & Revenue Accordingly.

Item #12 – Proposal by Legislator Montgomery – Sheriff's Department – Restore funding for Civil Sergeant \$113,500.

Chairwoman Addonizio asked if there was a motion to accept this item onto the agenda.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to add this item to the agenda.

There being no second, Chairwoman Addonizio moved onto the next item.

<u>Sheriff's Department - Civil</u>		
	FROM:	TO:
Restore Funding – Deputy Sheriff Sergeant		
15311000 51000 (15102)	0	113,500

A DIFFERENCE OF: 113,500

Adjust Fringes & Revenue Accordingly.

Item #13 – Proposal by Legislator Montgomery – Funding for Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub \$10,000.

Chairwoman Addonizio asked if there was a motion to accept this item onto the agenda.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to add this item to the agenda.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that there was no second on the motion.

Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub

FROM:	TO:
 0	10,000

Adjust Revenue Accordingly.

There being no further business, at 6:42 P.M., Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.