

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

**Members: Chairman Jonke & Legislators Nacerino & Sullivan**

**Wednesday**

**July 10, 2019**

**(Immediately Followed Personnel Meeting)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chairman Jonke who requested that Legislator Nacerino lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators Nacerino, Sullivan and Chairman Jonke were present.

**Item #3 - Approval/ Protective Services Meeting Minutes/ June 19, 2019**

Chairman Jonke stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Item #4 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A037)/ To Fund New School Resource Officer (SRO) to be Stationed at the CV Starr Elementary School in the Brewster School District/ Sheriff Langley**

Chairman Jonke invited Sheriff Langley to speak to this item.

Sheriff Langley stated this request came directly from the Brewster School District. He stated they had determined that they have a need for an additional School Resource Officer (SRO). He stated that the costs will be covered 100% by the Brewster School District.

Undersheriff Corrigan stated that currently there is an SPO (Special Patrol Officer) at the CV Starr Elementary School, which they will move to assist the SRO in the High School. He stated the SPO will then be replaced with the requested SRO.

Legislator Sullivan questioned if every SRO has a Sheriff's Vehicle.

Undersheriff Corrigan stated the SROs do have a Sheriff's Vehicle the SPOs do not.

Legislator Sullivan stated then a vehicle would be parked at the school all day.

Undersheriff Corrigan stated that is correct. He added that a Sheriff's Vehicle presence at any location can serve as a positive deterrent of potential problems. He stated that the vehicles assigned to the SROs are the vehicles that have a lot of mileage. He stated it helps to preserve the vehicles and contributes to its longevity.

Legislator Sullivan requested clarification that there is no need to purchase a new car for this new SRO position.

Undersheriff Corrigan stated that is correct. He stated for clarification there will need to be a new Deputy Sheriff hired to replace the Deputy who will be assigned to the SRO position at the CV Starr School.

Legislator Castellano stated he is in full support of the SRO Program. He requested a breakdown by school district of the SROs and SPOs.

Undersheriff Corrigan confirmed he will provide that.

Chairman Jonke stated there has been prior discussion of this matter. He stated that he would like clarification on what the Sheriff's plan is. He questioned with the addition of another SRO it will impact the administrative and supervision duties of the person in the Sheriff's department who manages the SRO and SPO program. He questioned if the Sheriff plans to propose through the budget process for 2020, a promotion for the position that oversees the SRO & SPO program.

Sheriff Langley stated he does plan to include an upgrade of a Deputy Position to a Sergeant Position in his 2020 proposed budget to address that matter.

Legislator Sullivan questioned if the School Districts are informed of the qualifications of an SPO. He stated he would like to make sure that the School Districts are aware that they do not need to spend the money on an SRO to have a highly trained person in their school. He stated the SPOs are highly qualified, they must be retired police officers. He stated the cost of an SRO is almost double the cost of an SPO.

Undersheriff Corrigan stated yes there is a meeting scheduled with the School Districts and the Sheriff's Road Patrol Captain Harry Tompkins when a request is made. He stated at said meeting Captain Tompkins fully explains the differences between the two (2) positions.

Chairman Jonke questioned what would happen if halfway through the one (1) contract, which he knows is very unlikely, the School Administrator says, due to budget restraints, we need to eliminate our SRO.

Undersheriff Corrigan stated hopefully there would be someone getting ready to retire and there is a position available for the Deputy.

Legislator Nacerino stated that the Deputy's job would be secure, regardless if there was a Deputy position available or not. She stated a different position and assignment would be given to the Deputy if need be.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Approve Budgetary Amendment (19A037)/ To Fund New School Resource Officer (SRO) to be Stationed at the CV Starr Elementary School in the Brewster School District; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

**Item #5 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A039)/ Putnam County Correctional Facility Request the Federal State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Funds to**

**Purchase the following: New Chevy Pioneer Van, Updated Computers/Software and Monitors and New Weapons and Uniforms/ Sheriff Langley**

Correction Facility Captain Kevin Cheverko stated the SCAAP program began in 1995. He stated SCAAP Funds are used to reimburse prisons throughout the Country that arrest people who are undocumented. He stated the funds can be put towards vehicle costs, which is often done in the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. He stated that they will be purchasing a transportation van. He stated the Sheriff's Department recently donated a Suburban to the Highway & Facilities Department. He stated the new Chevy Pioneer Van will replace the suburban. He stated the new van will have a feature that allows a divider to be used to divide the male and female inmates, so they can be transported at the same time rather than having to send two vehicles. He stated also SCAAP funds can be used on equipment. He stated there is a need to update all of the Jail Computers. He stated the current computers are over seven (7) years old.

Legislator Nacerino stated these are needed purchases, but are being done without having to use taxpayer dollars. She stated it is a great opportunity.

Chairman Jonke facilitated further discussion of the equipment that will be purchased, working with the process and procedures of ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and the obstacle of implementing Video Conferencing.

Sheriff Langley stated that he would like to see a centralized location selected to do the arraignments.

Legislator Sayegh questioned if there is a time restriction on the use of the SCAAP funds.

Correction Facility Captain Kevin Cheverko stated there is not. He stated it is difficult to budget for because the amount allocated is different each year.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment (19A039)/ Putnam County Correctional Facility Request the Federal State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Funds to Purchase the following: New Chevy Pioneer Van, Updated Computers/Software and Monitors and New Weapons and Uniforms; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

**Item #6 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T139)/ Bureau of Emergency Services Request the 2018 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Grant Funds to Purchase Three (3) Consoles for the County's 911 Dispatch Center/ Bureau of Emergency Services Deputy Commissioner Robert Lipton**

Chairman Jonke requested insight to this request.

Bureau of Emergency Services Deputy Commissioner Robert Lipton stated this is part of the consolidation of the Sheriff's Department and the 911 Call Center. He stated the equipment is needed to accommodate the dispatchers who will be coming to the 911 Call Center from the Sheriff's Department. He stated once the equipment is in, the process can move forward.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve Fund Transfer (19T139)/ Bureau of Emergency Services Request the 2018 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Grant Funds to Purchase Three (3) Consoles for the County's 911 Dispatch Center; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

**Item #7 - FYI/ Fund Transfer (19T143)/ Purchase and Installation of Radio Equipment for the Putnam County HAZMAT Truck #1/ Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner**

Chairman Jonke requested an explanation.

Bureau of Emergency Services Deputy Commissioner Robert Lipton stated HAZMAT Truck #1 has very old radio equipment. He stated the radio equipment will be updated and it will be able to work with the new trunk system. He stated it will be the first to be updated.

**Item #8 – FYI/ 2019 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Coroner Report – Duly Noted**

**Item #9 - Other Business**

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

**a. Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T156) / Patrol of the Southeast Fireworks Detail by the Sheriff's Department/ Sheriff Langley** *(also addressed at Personnel Mtg. 7/10 19)*

Chairman Jonke stated this matter was discussed at the previous meeting this evening, Personnel. He stated he will move forward with a motion.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve Fund Transfer (19T156) / Patrol of the Southeast Fireworks Detail by the Sheriff's Department; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

**Item #10 - Adjournment**

There being no further business at 7:30 PM Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.