

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

Members: Chairman Jonke & Legislators Nacerino & Sullivan

Monday

6:00PM

October 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM 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 – 2020 Budget Review

Department: Judicial Expense (Cty. Share) Account # 1162 Exp/ Rev Page 3

Finance Commissioner Carlin explained the Judicial Expense lines are the costs associated with the Courts which the County charges back to the Office Court Administration (OCA).

Department: District Attorney Account # 1165 Exp/ Rev Pages 4 – 6

District Attorney Tendy stated the District Attorney's Office tentative budget has a \$1,037.44 increase over last year's, 2019. He stated that includes the raises he requested for four (4) of the Assistant District Attorneys. He began to provide his justification in support of his request for the referenced raises.

Legislator Nacerino stated the District Attorney's raise request will be discussed at the Personnel Budget Committee meeting on October 15, 2109. She stated that this is not the correct committee meeting to have that discussion.

District Attorney Tendy stated he is projecting that he will end 2019 \$50,000 under budget, due to some vacancies that have not been filled. He stated there were two (2) positions not filled. He stated for the past couple of months his department was able to get by without those positions. He stated one (1) of the vacancies he projects will be filled next week. He stated the second position he anticipates will be filled in a couple of weeks. He stated there were other savings from expenditures that were paid for out of the Asset Forfeiture line, instead of taking out of the department's direct budget line allocations.

Chairman Jonke stated for clarification in 2020 the two (2) positions will not be vacant.

District Attorney Tendy stated that is correct. He repeated for the record that his 2020 tentative budget is an increase of \$1,037.44.

Legislator Gouldman questioned the increase on page 4, 52110 – Furniture and Furnishings 2020 request amount is \$2,000.

District Attorney Tendy stated that reflects the anticipating of furnishing an office on the third floor. He stated he is not sure that the money will need to be spent. He stated this year is the first year he used funds from that line. He stated that he replaced a very dilapidated desk in his office.

Legislator Gouldman questioned the increase on page 4, 52130 - Computer Equipment 2020 request is \$3,500.

District Attorney Tendy stated he was recently advised by Senator Harckham's office that a grant up to \$50,000 is going to come through. He stated if that does occur that funding will be able to be used toward the new computers. He stated the new computers are needed to work with the new Discovery Laws that have been passed. He stated the plan is to have a computer portal to all the law enforcement agencies and defense council as well. He stated the current computers in his office would be able to handle the new programs. He explained however there would be slow downs and a high risk for system crashes. He stated the hope is that within three (3) to six (6) months the money from the grant will be available.

Commissioner Carlin stated the part of the District Attorney's budget that is being discussed on page 4 comes from the seized Asset Forfeiture funds. He stated what the revenue is will match the expenses.

Legislator Nacerino stated then there is no need to question those line items as explained by Commissioner Carlin.

Legislator Montgomery requested an explanation of what falls under Special Services on page 4, 54682.

District Attorney Tendy stated anything that needs to be contracted to an outside agency. He stated two (2) main things that come to mind are court reporters and expert witnesses.

Legislator Sullivan stated that the actual of the Special Services on page 5 is \$19,664.53 and \$65,000 was budgeted. He would like to move \$30,000 to sub-contingency.

Legislator Sullivan made a motion to move \$30,000 from Special Services 101165500 54682 into a Sub Contingency Account; Seconded by Chairman Jonke. All in favor.

Legislator Sayegh questioned the Investigations budget line, page 5 - 54683. She stated it is a flat amount of \$24,000 across the lines.

Commissioner Carlin stated it is funding that the District Attorney's office utilizes in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department. He stated there are different scenarios in investigations involving drugs when this cash is utilized.

District Attorney Tendy stated he cannot speak in any detail regarding that budget line.

Department: Legal Aid Account# 1170 Exp/ Rev Page 7

Legal Aid Chief Attorney David Squirrell stated the only change in the Legal Aid budget that affects the County is the base amount formulation. He stated the Legal Aid Office is now jointly funded through New York State Grants and by the County. He stated the County provides funding, and then receives reimbursement from New York State. He stated that the base in the past from the County was approximately \$586,000. He stated that Legal Aid handles a large number of Family Court cases. He stated when there are issues involving custody and visitation a court is allowed to order a Forensic Evaluation. He stated professional interviews are conducted with every person involved. He stated the parties have to share in the cost. He explained in past years \$30,000 was budgeted for the Forensic Evaluation. He stated the Forensic Evaluator enters a report which can be admitted at any hearing. He stated the reports are often very helpful towards a resolution and sometimes it is evidence. He stated over the years, for a variety of reasons, there have been less Forensic evaluations conducted. He stated also the costs associated with the Forensic Exams are shared in a manner that has decreased Legal Aids financial responsibility. He stated that in his original budget submission he requested an extra \$19,000 to fund making a part-time Administrative Assistant, full-time, and be dedicated to Family Court work. He stated through the budget process, it was decided instead of receiving \$30,000, for the Forensic Exam budget line, it will be reduced to \$11,000. He stated that the \$19,000 will be added to the Legal Aid Budget. He stated Commissioner Carlin stated since the money was being provided and returned it would have a neutral impact. He stated that is the only change. He spoke briefly about the cost of 18b lawyers. He explained when there is a conflict, which does happen in such a small County. He cited an example: there are times when the Legal Aid Office has represented one of the parties in a case, at which time an 18b Attorney would be appointed.

Legislator Sullivan questioned how many cases does Legal Aid handle in as year. He stated that in his review of Legal Aid's Budget he saw the County Contribution for 2018 was approximately \$983,000, the 2019 Revised Budget was approximately \$1,078,000 and the 2020 Requested Budget is \$1,289,052 which is quite an increase. He questioned if that is as a result of more cases being handled by the Legal Aid Office.

Legal Aid Chief Attorney David Squirrell stated that there are more cases and the Legal Aid Office is doing a lot more for each case. He stated the additional work being done per New York State. He stated the increase in the budget amount is coming from New York State. He stated the case load has increased as well. He stated that there should not be a difference between the services provided by a Legal Aid Society or a Public Defender versus a private Attorney. He stated in summary the number of cases has increased slightly, but the increased funding is really designed to improve the quality of the legal representation.

Department: Legal Defense (County Appointed Indigents) Account# 1171 Exp/ Rev Page 8

Commissioner Carlin stated Chief Attorney Squirrell spoke briefly of the 18b lawyers. He explained this budget line pays for Court Appointed Attorneys, 18b lawyers, when there is a conflict determined. He stated it is a mandated service and the rate of pay is \$75/per hour. He

stated that it is difficult to predict a budget for this line because most of the appointed Attorneys do not submit their bills until the end of the current year. He stated the County has no control over the billing process.

Department: JP & Constables Account# 1180 Exp/ Rev Page 9

Commissioner Carlin stated this amount is a requirement of a Section of the General Municipal Law. He stated the funding is sent to the State Comptroller.

Department: Coroners Account# 1185 Exp/ Rev Pages 10 - 11

Commissioner Carlin stated that he will speak on behalf of the Coordinator of Coroners, Dr. Nesheiwat. He stated the Coroners Department Budget is based on the number of Autopsies, which he believes was 80. He stated all of the contracts, post mortem exams are built off of the projected number of Autopsies.

Department: Sheriff Account# 3110 Exp/ Rev Pages 52 - 71

Sheriff Dept. Administration:

Sheriff Langley stated the Sheriff's Department tentative budget has a .2% decrease from last year's budget.

Legislator Sullivan questioned what specifically is Sheriff Langley referring to when he says the Sheriff's Department budget.

Sheriff Langley stated it includes the operational end of the budget. He stated the fringe costs would be better addressed by Commissioner Carlin. He stated that has increased. He stated the department's revenue has increased for 2019. He stated the Board— In daily rate was increased from \$90.00 a day to \$150.00. He stated the Civil Division has an increase in revenue. He stated page 52 – 51094 Temporary budget line was decreased and there was an increase proposed in the Traffic Safety Administrative budget line. He explained there is an increase in complaints coming to the Traffic Safety Board, therefore there is a need for increased staffing.

Legislator Sullivan questioned on page 53 – 54710- Maint and Repairs, previous year that line had zero funds, but this year there is a tentative amount of \$10,000.

Sheriff Langley stated First Sergeant Bill Meyer who is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the building requested funding to carry out some basic maintenance when needed.

Chairman Jonke requested an example of such maintenance.

Sheriff Langley stated lockers for the Deputies would be purchased from that budget line, fence repairs, etc.

Legislator Nacerino requested an explanation for the budget line on page 53 – 54641 Employee Incentive Awards.

Sheriff Langley explained when a member of the public or a member of the Sheriff's Department do things that are outstanding, he believes those acts need to be recognized. He stated that is done by the Sheriff's Department.

Undersheriff Corrigan stated that Sheriff's Department does receive a lot of help from the members from the public. He stated they do not want that help to go unnoticed.

Legislator Sayegh requested an explanation in the reduction of the Overtime budget line on page 52 - 51093.

Sheriff Langley stated that line used to include the Overtime for BCI - ID. He stated that overtime is now in the BCI budget. He stated the \$20,000 that is in 51093 on page 52 under the Administration budget pays for overtime worked by Deputy Sheriff's First Sergeant Meyer and Senior Account Clerk Van Tassel.

Sheriff Dept. Communications:

Chairman Jonke questioned the Overtime Line on page 54 – 51093. He stated that the requested amount for 2020 was \$238,400 and the tentative 2020 amount is \$160,000.

Captain James Babcock stated his initial request took into consideration all of his projections of overtime costs that will come in 2020. He stated he was planning for 100% exposure. He stated that included days off being taken, sick time, a leave or compensation; he was planning for all of that. He stated if a Deputy takes a Compensation Day (s) off, the shift would need to be filled with overtime. He stated after meeting with Commissioner Carlin an agreement was made to continue to try to decrease this amount down. He stated there will be required training for the Dispatchers in 2020, it is required for the Sheriff's Department accreditation purposes. He explained it is an eight (8) week course. He stated it is an online course that will require a one (1) day a week commitment. He stated the shifts will need to be filled. He provided an overview of his calculations based on days off, and compensation time that are on the books.

Chairman Jonke stated in March of 2019 the Sheriff came to the Legislature at which time two (2) Civilian Dispatchers were on board. He stated it was presented to the Legislature that having the two (2) civilian dispatchers would result in a \$248,000 savings to the taxpayers. He questioned what happened.

Captain James Babcock stated that he believes the amount projected was \$220, 000.

Chairman Jonke stated it was actually \$242,000.

Captain James Babcock stated the two (2) Deputies were sent back to the road patrol. He provided an explanation that entailed a lot of personnel juggling, which did not go as planned.

He clarified that the \$242,000 savings projection would have shown up in the Patrol Overtime budget line.

Chairman Jonke questioned how can it be stated that there would be a savings of \$242,000, which had to be based on factual data.

Legislator Nacerino stated the request for the approval for the two (2) Civilian Dispatchers was approved based on the fact that it was presented that such action would result in a substantial savings.

Captain James Babcock stated they worked with Commissioner Carlin on the calculations that showed if the action was taken there was the potential to save \$242,000. He stated they took the overtime and split it between the deputies, the part timers and full time dispatchers. He stated that they believed it was a reasonable expectation.

Undersheriff Corrigan stated the difficulty that arose in filling the second Civilian Dispatcher position was not anticipated. He stated also the retirements that occurred, which can never be predicted, had a negative impact on the projected savings. He stated now they are in a better position as far as being up to speed on the vacancies.

Chairman Jonke facilitated further discussion on this matter. He requested that Commissioner Carlin speak to this.

Commissioner Carlin stated based on the information provided, he believed the projection was a solid number. He stated the theory is that two (2) more Officers assigned to the Road Patrol would have contributed to a reduction of the Road Patrol Overtime.

Undersheriff Corrigan stated the two (2) Officers were assigned to fill Road Patrol positions that were being filled by Overtime.

Legislator Nacerino stated it has been stated that employees taking vacation time and comp time cause some scheduling problems in the Sheriff's Department. She questioned if the use of time off such as using vacation, or comp time needs prior approval and what is the process.

Captain James Babcock stated approval is needed. He provided an overview of the process.

Chairman Jonke requested an explanation of the Motor Vehicle line page 54 – 52650 \$47,500.

Captain James Babcock stated that is to purchase a vehicle for one (1) of the Investigators whose current vehicle is at the end of its service life. He stated the current vehicle had 135,000 miles, when this proposal was presented to the County Executive back in the summer. He stated the 2012 Chevy will be transferred to the Highways and Facilities Department. He stated this Investigator is on call 24/7. He confirmed to Legislator Sullivan that it is an unmarked vehicle.

Chairman Jonke questioned if the Investigator lives in Putnam County.

Captain James Babcock stated he does not.

Legislator Sayegh questioned why there is a substantial increase in the Cellphones line page 55 – 54635.

Captain James Babcock stated that all of the cellphones have been consolidated to that budget line.

Sheriff Langley stated on page 54 – 52680 Other Equipment, \$15,000 was requested, but removed. He stated \$33,000 for a Motor Vehicle in the Narcotics budget page 56 – 52650 was supposed to be removed, but was not. He requested that the \$15,000 be reinstated to the Other Equipment budget line to go towards the License Plate Reader Program (LPR), and remove the \$33,000 from the Narcotics Motor Vehicle line.

Legislator Sullivan stated he would not support that request. He stated the LPR is not just about the cost of the equipment. He stated it is more about the overall issue of using LPRs. He stated before any funding is allocated for the LPR, we would like to see an overall policy for the data that would be collected. He stated specifically how would the data be used, who would the Sheriff's Department share it with, how long would it be kept and who has access to the data. He stated these issues have all come up in Albany, in response to a bill in the Assembly and the Senate that is asking all of those questions. He stated in his opinion "Big Brother has gotten too big" in a lot of cases. He stated our outlook will not change on the LPRs.

Sheriff Langley stated there was recently a drive by shooting in a Putnam County community. He stated if the Sheriff's Department had the LPR readers in place, it would have been a tremendous help in solving the case. He stated the LPRs are necessary tools for public safety to solve crimes.

Legislator Sullivan stated we are not trying to stop the Sheriff's Department from doing their job.

Chairman Jonke questioned if Dutchess County has a policy in place for the LPR and if they do he recommends that the Sheriff's Department get a copy and work from that in the creation of a policy for Putnam County.

Captain James Babcock stated they will do that. He stated they will show the Legislature first-hand how they can help make Putnam County safer.

Undersheriff Corrigan stated that is why he sent the invitation to the Legislators to attend the Real Time Crime Center last weekend. He stated it is very informative and explains a lot of what is being discussed here. He stated that they are not recreating the wheel. He stated that there are good policies in place.

Sheriff Langley stated he would like the Legislature to reconsider reinstating the \$15,000 to the Other Equipment line.

Chairman Jonke after some discussion, confirmed that \$15,000 from the Narcotics Motor Vehicle line will be put in sub-contingency for the LPR.

Legislator Nacerino stated as much merit as the LPR program may have it also begs a lot of questions and concerns. She stated they have not really vetted it out appropriately from where they are sitting.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to take \$33,000 from the Narcotics budget 52650 Motor Vehicles, and put \$15,000 in the Communications budget Sub-contingency for Other Equipment budget line 52680 for possible use for the LPR Program; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Sheriff Dept. Narcotics:

Chairman Jonke stated at the October 3, 2019 Public Hearing on the Budget Address a constituent spoke and publicly bashed the Legislature for the lack of a PBA Contract and that there needs to be more done addressing the Opioid crisis. He stated with that said he questioned why there is a reduction in the Narcotics Overtime line 51093 pg. 55.

Captain Jon Jennings stated that there will be a reimbursement from the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) as stated in a Memorandum of Understanding. He stated the Sheriff's Department has not received the confirmed amount.

Chairman Jonke stated in the 2019 the Original Budget for 51093 was \$99,000 and the 2019 Revised Budget amount was \$116,443.88. He stated that is a difference of approximately \$17,000.

Commissioner Carlin further explained that the amount from the DEA will be added to both the Overtime budget line and the Revenue line of the Narcotics Department budget. He stated that he will work with the Sheriff's Department and provide the Legislature with an adjusted amount if appropriate.

Captain Harry Tompkins stated that the Patrol of the Bike Path is very well received by the community. He stated there is an increase of \$5,000 in the Overtime line Pg 62 – 51093. He stated there will be additional patrols on the Bike Path in 2020.

Legislator Sayegh stated that she uses the Bike Path often, but has not seen them.

Sheriff Langley stated that the Bike Path is lengthy and they are assigned to the different sections. He stated they are out there.

Legislator Sayegh questioned if they are mainly on the path on the weekends.

Captain Harry Tompkins stated they will focus on a specific area of the Bike Path, if matters or concerns have been reported to the Sheriff's Department. He stated they are patrolling the area and will do so even more in 2020 with the additional funding.

Legislator Sullivan questioned how many Bike Patrol officers are there.

Captain Harry Tompkins stated 10-12 members, there is a one (1) week training course.

Chairman Jonke questioned the Overtime budget line page 62 – 51093. He stated that the 2019 Revised budget amount was \$508,310.38 the request for 2020 was \$762,000, and the Administration has revised the requested amount to \$624,000.

Captain Harry Tompkins stated that is the amount that was agreed upon. He stated that he wished it was more. He stated the challenge with the Patrol Officers, is when one of them is out, whether it be for training, out sick, vacation etc. the shift must be filled. He stated there are six (6) members assigned to post and it is required that each of the six (6) positions is filled.

Chairman Jonke questioned where/ whose requirement is that.

Captain Harry Tompkins stated it is the guidelines of the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Langley stated it is the National Standard for a population of 50,000 to 100,000 is 3.5 Officer every 1,000 people. He stated this County is way below the National Standard.

Legislator Sullivan questioned if that includes the Town Police Departments.

Sheriff Langley confirmed he is including the State Police, the Sheriff's Department and the Town Police Departments, the National Standard is not met.

Undersheriff Corrigan stated it is an Officer safety issue. He stated that they need to make sure they have six (6) cars on a shift. He stated they could use more cars on a shift to increase safety for the Officers.

Chairman Jonke stated that is understood that there are guidelines to be adhered to. He stated in terms of the overtime and not just for the Road Patrol, the amount is staggering.

Undersheriff Corrigan stated law enforcement is an expensive business. He stated that the mandated training that is required which the Sheriff's Employees receives, has a direct impact on overtime. He stated that they agree that the overtime is a lot. He stated that they are working to do the best they can to eliminate the unnecessary overtime. He stated they try to make use of other agencies when it is appropriate, such as the Fire Police and REACT. He stated that they have been taking actions to try to reduce the amount of Officers they assign to an event by adding these other resources.

Chairman Jonke questioned if there is a potential to utilize part-time Deputy Sheriff's.

Sheriff Langley stated that would need to be negotiated in the contract. He stated that is per the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) rulings.

Chairman Jonke stated two (2) years ago Sheriff Langley stated he planned to cut the overtime and hire part-timers to cover events.

Sheriff Langley stated now that he has all of the facts, as stated, there are PERB decisions that do not allow him to hire part-timers. He repeated that would need to be negotiated in the contract. He stated if you hire part-timers, without the inclusion in the PERB contract, it would be a violation.

Chairman Jonke questioned what about cutting the overtime.

Legislator Sullivan stated that as Chairman Jonke mentioned Sheriff Langley did speak about reducing overtime by eliminating some posts that were deemed unnecessary and reducing two (2) or three (3) Officers to one (1) where applicable.

Sheriff Langley stated he would do that, however when the court makes a decision, you do not go against the court.

Legislator Sullivan stated that he would like an effort to be put forth to carry that commitment out.

Undersheriff Corrigan stated the events take place while the other calls are still happening, while there are a lot of things being done.

Legislator Nacerino stated this begs the question if such action will be entertained. She stated that from the Legislature's positions each Legislator is looking to save taxpayers' dollars. She stated and we all know that an SPO is well trained and very good at what they do, we would like to see the SPOs utilized in more of the non-threatening situations. She stated this would not be compromising or jeopardizing the safety of the people of Putnam County.

Chairman Jonke stated also keeping the safety of the Officers as a priority.

Undersheriff Corrigan stated he agrees and so does the Sheriff. He stated it all comes down to the bargaining unit. He stated he will bring the recommendation up during negotiations and see if there will be cooperation on the matter. He stated he can promise it will be brought up.

Legislator Nacerino stated she believes the expertise of a Sheriff's Deputy seeking overtime could be put to better use than, directing traffic at the Villa Barone, standing around at a Friday night football game, and or standing around at the County Executive's State of the County presentation. She stated the use of a Special Patrol Officer (SPO) in the non-threatening situations would be a better use of staff.

Captain Harry Tompkins stated some of the scenarios that Legislator Nacerino just mentioned, Friday night football games, basketball games, Villa Barone those patrols are reimbursable from the schools and from Villa Barone.

Legislator Nacerino stated that is just taking the money from one pocket to another. She stated the school taxes are high. She stated that we are all taxpayers here. She stated when there is an examination of streamlining services to be more effective and efficient; the questions are posed what action needs to be applied.

Legislator Albano agrees there has got to be a way to address this overtime matter. He stated possibly it would require putting another Sheriff's Deputy on duty or two (2) more. He stated that way the gaps would be filled with an employee at a regular pay rate, versus overtime.

Chairman Jonke stated as you divide the overtime for Road Patrol and the Jail, it works out to be \$7,500 a day, which is just overtime. He stated to the average person that sounds like a lot of money. He stated that does not include salaries. He stated there needs to be a way to approach that.

Undersheriff Corrigan stated we are talking about the road patrol. He stated but the constant watches in the Jail, which are mandated, have a huge impact on the overtime.

Chairman Jonke stated he understands there is some overtime that cannot be changed.

Legislator Sullivan stated, he understands that fact as well, however there must be something that could be done, that is the point they are making.

Sheriff Langley stated they were down six (6) people on the patrol end.

Legislator Albano stated that is the scenario that has been presented in past years also. He stated that it seems they are never caught up.

Legislator Nacerino stated if new hires are brought in they start at a lower salary, possibly a different Health Insurance contribution, resulting in a savings. She stated this does not only apply to the annual budgets, but also the legacy costs that our kids will have to pay for. She stated the pensions, the Health Benefits and everything else that comes with the overtime, which is in some cases as much as a base salary of some of the Officers. She stated the overtime is staggering. She stated she knows it is a balance between not compromising safety, but there are also the taxpayers that need to be considered. She stated Putnam County went from the fastest growing County in New York State to the young and the senior citizens leaving because they cannot afford to stay here anymore.

Captain Harry Tompkins stated to sum up what everyone is saying it comes down to Personnel or Overtime. He stated obviously it is more cost effective to have the Personnel.

Sheriff Langley stated he will work on a proposal of staffing recommendations that could potentially reduce overtime.

Legislator Sullivan requested confirmation that there are six (6) Sheriff Deputies on the Roads throughout Putnam County.

Captain Harry Tompkins stated the patrols are split by the Taconic Parkway. He stated that there are three (3) Deputy Sheriffs assigned to this side of the County, referred to as zone one (1) and three (3) to the other side of the Taconic Parkway and a Supervisor.

Legislator Sullivan questioned if that is 24/7.

Captain Harry Tompkins stated on each day other than Friday and Saturday evenings there are six (6) on duty and then at midnight they reduce the number of Deputies on duty down to five (5). At which time there would be three (3) patrols on this side of the County and two (2) on the other side of the Taconic Parkway.

Legislator Sullivan questioned how many hours is a shift.

Captain Harry Tompkins stated they are eight (8) hour shifts. He stated as the Sheriff spoke to the fact that there are incidents that require possibly four (4) Deputies.

Legislator Sullivan questioned if other officers need to be called in.

Captain Harry Tompkins stated if it is a projection of a long term incident, then they will call people in to help cover. He stated that they do request assistance from the State Police. He stated they are helpful, but in their defense they cover a large area, so they are not always available. He stated the Sheriff's Department is fortunate to have Carmel, Kent and on the western side the Cold Spring Police who offer backup when an incident warrants it.

Legislator Sullivan stated that is what we are trying to get at to use the services of the other Police Departments to help out as opposed to having to call employees in, resulting in overtime. He stated the hope is that can be done.

Captain Harry Tompkins stated the other Police Departments have their responsibility and their jurisdiction to cover related to their municipalities.

Legislator Gouldman requested confirmation that the Range Supplies costs have all been consolidated into one (1) budget line page 63 – 54305.

Captain Harry Tompkins stated that is correct, it was all consolidated under the Road Patrol budget in line 54305.

Chairman Jonke stated last year at the end of the year, funds were moved \$11,000 from Range Supplies to cover Overtime. He questioned if \$53,000 which is the budgeted amount for Range Supplies page 63 – 54305, is actually what is needed.

Captain Harry Tompkins stated that last year it was transferred to Overtime because there was a lapse in a refund payment. The money that was transferred was reimbursed.

Chairman Jonke stated that currently the Overtime line is running at a deficit. He stated that he wanted to make sure that the increase in the Range Supplies budget line is not connected to covering Overtime.

Captain Harry Tompkins repeated the reason for the increase in the Range Supplies budget line is because they were all consolidated.

Chairman Jonke questioned how many miles are put on a Patrol car in a year.

Captain Harry Tompkins stated approximately 40,000- 50,000. He explained they get as much as they can out of a vehicle. He stated as it reaches the maximum efficiency as a patrol car, it is then passed on to one of the Sergeants, then from one of the Sergeants to a School Resource Officer (SRO).

Chairman Jonke stated next will be a review the Bureau of Criminal Investigations budget pages 69 -71.

Captain Jon Jennings provided an explanation for the \$10,000 request in the Travel budget line, page 70 -54675. He explained there are Sheriff's Officers who work with Federal Agencies such as the FBI, DEA and there are times when a request comes in for an Officer to fly somewhere. He stated he would like to have the money available to assist in a quick turnaround time to the request.

Chairman Jonke stated that is a reasonable request.

Captain Jon Jennings stated there is an increase on page 70 – 54782 Software Accessories. He stated that is in response to a State mandated improvement in the LiveScan Work Stations. He stated they are work stations for fingerprints. He stated there are three (3) in Putnam County: Nelsonville, the Sheriff's Department and the Jail. He stated it is a nondiscretionary increase. He stated New State contracted the vendor, IDEMIA. He stated the hardware and software of the three (3) work stations will need to be upgraded. He stated it will cost approximately \$20,000 to update each work station.

Legislator Nacerino requested an explanation for the increase on page 70 – 54783 Licensing Software.

Captain Jon Jennings stated approximately \$18,000 of the total \$25, 275 is to pay for Forensic Analysis software called Grayshift. He explained it is specific to analyzing I-Phones.

Department: Jail Account# 3150 Exp/ Rev Pages 76 - 81

Captain Kevin Cheverko stated the tentative budget for 2020 was reduced by \$13,242 from the previous year.

Chairman Jonke stated on page 79 – 51093 Overtime budget line. He stated he sees that the 2020 request was \$450,000, the tentative 2020 shows a reduction of \$36,000, bringing the

tentative amount for this budget line to \$414,000. He requested the explanation in support of this adjustment.

Captain Kevin Cheverko stated they have been short staffed all of 2019. He explained three (3) people were out on job injury. He stated two (2) are expected back soon. He stated that there are two (2) new hires that will be graduating from the Academy in three (3) weeks. He stated and there are two (2) candidates who are going through the hiring process. He stated the reduction in the overtime line is as of the result of the filled vacancies. He explained that they work closely with Personnel Director Eldridge to get the vacancies filled. He explained the lag time in filling the positions is due to the number of candidates who fail the psychological polygraph exam. He stated the amount of Overtime also is largely impacted by the requirement of medical overtime. He explained when people are brought into the jail and diagnosed with mental illness they are placed on a constant watch. He stated there is one (1) inmate currently that has cost approximately \$68,000 in overtime.

Legislator Sullivan questioned what affect Captain Cheverko believes the “Cashless Bail”, that will go into effect January 2020 will have.

Captain Kevin Cheverko stated that the consensus is that there will be an initial decrease in the population in the jail. However, the population may climb steadily due to warrants for people failing to appear in Court.

Chairman Jonke facilitated further discussion on the projection of the effects of the New York Bail Reform Law, “Cashless Bail”.

Legislator Gouldman stated he wanted to thank the Sheriff’s Department for negotiating an increased rate for Board-Ins.

Legislator Montgomery questioned why there is no budgeted amount on page 81 – 44389F for the SCAAP (State Criminal Alien Assistance Program) Crim Alien CFDA budget line.

Captain Kevin Cheverko stated they cannot anticipate the amount they will receive. He stated they have submitted their application.

Legislator Nacerino stated she wanted to thank the Sheriff and his Department members for the meaningful conversation that was had this evening.

Department: Probation Account# 3140 Exp/ Rev Pages 72 - 75

Director of Probation Gene Funicelli stated there are two (2) line items in his budget that include an additional request in the amount from the 2019 budget. He stated the first is on page 73 – 54646 Contracts. He stated \$20,000 was requested for the 2020 budgeted. He stated the reason for the increase is related to the “Raise the Age”. He provided some history that led to this point. He stated in October 2018 16 year olds were added to the “Raise the Age” population. He explained that means that 16 year olds were not considered adults and would be handled in the Family Court system. He stated Probation did expect an increased workload as a result of that

change. He stated the State committed to reimburse any costs associated with this change. He stated so for the 2019 budget they put \$10,000 in the 54646 budget line. He stated they did not need to touch it. He stated the workload was minimal. He stated now 17 year olds have been added to the “Raise the Age” population. He stated they have reviewed the number of arrests of 17 year olds. He stated it is twice as many as 16 year olds. He stated the \$20,000 is a projection, and he wanted to make sure the money was available if it is needed. He stated that he does not see that there will be a need to hire someone, but they could potentially have an increase in overtime. He stated again, there was also a \$20,000 revenue line added, due to the understanding that the State will reimburse any additional costs related to “Raise the Age”. He stated so if any of the \$20,000 is spent he will submit to the State for reimbursement.

Chairman Jonke questioned why the Motor Vehicle line is a zero for the Tentative 2020 budget, when the requested 2020 amount was \$40,000 page 73 – 52650.

Probation Director Gene Funicelli stated he will allow Purchasing Director Mazzotta address that. He stated the need for a vehicle in the Probation Department does exist. He stated the funding was added to the Purchasing Department. He stated the second additional request for the Probation Department’s budget is in the Contracts budget line page 73 – 54646 \$5,000 was requested. He stated that is in response to the Bail Reform. He stated the Probation Department runs the Pre-Trial Release Program. He stated they are expecting to be impacted. He stated that they do not know exactly what the workload will be as of yet, but he wanted to have Electronic Monitoring covered. He stated that is what the \$5,000 is earmarked for. He stated previous to this Bail Reform, if the Court ordered Electronic Monitoring the individual had to pay for it. He stated the new law does not allow the individual to pay for it, therefore it will be a County expense. He stated again this is just a projection based on historical information related to the number of Electronic Monitoring cases.

Legislator Addonizio questioned what the daily cost is.

Probation Director Gene Funicelli stated it runs from \$4.00 to \$10.00 a day. He stated it depends on the type of monitor that is ordered by the Court.

Department: Stop DWI Account# 3315 Exp/ Rev Page 82

Legislator Gouldman questioned why there was a big increase in the Misc. Supplies budget line for the STOP- DWI Budget page 82 – 54300. He stated in 2019 the budget was \$2,000 and for 2020 it is \$9,500.

Probation Director Gene Funicelli stated he will have to provide the explanation, after he reviews his records.

(October 8, 2019 Director Funicelli emailed the explanation: It was an error in the previous year’s budget that \$2,000 was listed. The \$9,500 amount is in the annual STOP-DWI Plan that is submitted to the NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for approval, and should be reflected in our County’s budget.)

Department: Bureau of Emergency Services Account# 3989 Exp/Rev Pages 84 – 90

Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Ken Clair provided a broad overview of his budget. He did begin to discuss some Personnel Items.

Chairman Jonke stated Personnel matters will be addressed at the Personnel Budget Meeting.

Legislator Gouldman stated there is a reduction in the Cellphone budget line on page 84 – 54635.

Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Ken Clair stated that it was determined that some of the Cellphones were not necessary, which reduced that budget line.

Department: Homeland Security Account# 3645 Exp/Rev Page 83 – Duly Noted

Item #4 - Other Business - None

Item #5 - Adjournment

There being no further business at 8:45 PM Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn;
Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.