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AGENDA
PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
ROOM #318

CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Members: Chairman Jonke & Legislators Nacerino & Sullivan

Tuesday **6:00PM** **March 10, 2020**

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval/Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes/Dec. 11, 2019 & Feb. 11, 2020**
- 4. Discussion/ Approval Special License For People With Autism/ Legislator Nacerino**
- 5. Discussion/ Approval Automated - License Plate Reader Policy/ Sheriff Langley**
- 6. Approval/ Pending the Approval of a Putnam County Automated - LPR Policy/ Budgetary Amendment (20A008)/ Asset Forfeiture Funding**
- 7. FYI/ Letter from Town of Southeast Fireworks Committee – Regarding the Annual Event to be Held July 3, rain date July 11, 2020/ Chairman Jonke**
- 8. Update/ FYI – Bail Reform/ Feb. 13, 2020, Memorandum From County Executive Odell**
- 9. Update/ FYI – Uninsured Vehicle ID System Overview/ Feb. 14, 2020, Memorandum From County Executive Odell**
- 10. Other Business**
- 11. Adjournment**

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Wednesday

December 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:34PM by Chairman Jonke who requested that Legislator Sullivan lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Jonke requested at the conclusion of the Pledge of Allegiance for all to remain standing and offer a moment of silence. He stated December 10th there was an anti-Semitic and anti - Police attack in Jersey City, which left (1) one Police Officer and (3) three civilians dead. He requested everyone please take a moment and remember these people. Upon roll call Legislators Nacerino & Sullivan and Chairman Jonke were present.

Item #3 - Discussion/ Approval/ Resolution Imploring NYS To Immediately Amend Or Delay Implementation Of Bail and Discovery Reform Laws That Will Endanger The People Of New York And Reverse Decades Of Bipartisan Progress in Reducing Crime/ Legislator Toni Addonizio

Chairman Jonke invited District Attorney Tandy to speak to this matter to provide his professional background and recommendation regarding this matter.

District Attorney Tandy stated New York State is set to implement on January 1, 2020 Bail Reform Laws and Discovery Reform Laws. He stated he is aware that this Legislature Board is considering the approval of a Resolution that would request a delay of and suspend the implementation of these laws. He stated a lot of Counties are taking the same action. He stated when the laws were written and posted, in a very quick process, it was done without any input from any of the District Attorneys in New York State or Law Enforcement. He stated it was immediately recognized there is an entire host of dangerous factors in these laws, particularly in Bail Reform. He offered a few examples of cases that Bail will no longer would be permitted to be set on. He stated he implores this Legislature to pass this resolution and he requested the Press to get the word out. He stated that the District Attorneys' Association of New York was trying to inform the State Legislators what they were considering was not a good idea, and they asked to be allowed to address the State Legislators. He stated unfortunately that did not happen. He is in full support of this Legislature's approval of this resolution.

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

Chairman Jonke accepted an email from District Attorney Tandy regarding agenda item #3. He stated his appreciation to District Attorney Tandy for being present to bring his professional insight to this very important matter. He stated he believes this Legislature should move quickly on this and let our State representatives know how Putnam County feels about this.

Legislator Nacerino stated such a law is very scary, because it threatens a civil society.

District Attorney Tendy stated that is correct.

Legislator Addonizio questioned how this would affect Putnam County's Drug Court.

District Attorney Tendy stated it will have serious adverse effects on the County's Drug Court program.

Legislator Sayegh stated she had a discussion with a local Defense Attorney who also agrees, this is not a law that should be implemented. She stated the Defense Attorney went as far to say that it will take a tragic event to occur as a result of the new law, to force a change.

Legislator Montgomery stated that the hope is the passing of this resolution and sending it to Albany will have some affect. She stated unfortunately she is not confident based on past resolutions that have been sent to Albany. She questioned what amendments need to be requested to make this a better law.

District Attorney Tendy stated that there is something missing. He stated unfortunately the statement that Legislator Sayegh made, there will be a tragic incident that will happen and that will be what will wake somebody up.

Legislator Montgomery stated hopefully that will not happen. She stated hopefully after the County sends this resolution to Albany a meeting will occur and Putnam County could come compile and send to Albany suggested amendments to the law to make it better.

Legislator Sullivan stated he has spoken to Putnam's elected officials in Albany and we all have communicated how we feel about this matter. He stated it is now a matter of the Governor making and approving changes. He stated the Governor seems to be the one who is in favor of the current law.

District Attorney Tendy stated that is correct.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she believes there will be a time when amendments will be made to this law. She stated at that time she would like the County's District Attorney and Sheriff's opinion as to what we would like to see in the amendments.

District Attorney Tendy stated every Senator and Assembly person he spoke to, regardless of how they voted on it, did not read the law that was replaced. He stated the law that was replaced was a very forward-thinking law. He stated the Bail Reform Laws, in his opinion, were problematic because Judges and certain Defense Attorneys were just not doing their jobs. He stated the Discovery Law needed a lot of reform, but they took it too far, again this is his opinion. He stated minor tweaks to the Bail Reform would have fixed it fine.

Legislator Nacerino stated the resolution before this Committee speaks to the perils of the legislation put forth. She stated the body of the resolution contains some of the things that

should be reconsidered and reviewed again in terms of what the consequences of said legislation may be.

District Attorney Tandy stated that is correct.

Jerry Ravnitzky, resident, questioned if there are any ideas as to how to change the law to make it more fair and appropriate.

District Attorney Tandy stated that the purpose of Bail in New York State has always been to assure that a person came back to Court. He stated a high bail could only be set if the person was considered a risk to flee, and that risk was proven before a Judge. He stated the only way to change the new law is to have the NYS Legislature recognize their new law is changing the purpose of Bail in the State of New York. He stated the new law makes Bail now punitive with regards to some charges because of the seriousness of the crime. He stated in his opinion that is not wise. He provided an overview of how the process used to work.

Jerry Ravnitzky, resident, stated he wants the law to be fair on all sides.

Andrew DeStefano, Town of Patterson resident, stated the Governor of New York recently made a statement, "I wasn't going to see another year pass without criminal justice reform." He stated based on that statement he does not believe this law was very well thought through. He stated his opinion is that the Governor is working to appeal to the residents of New York City. He continued to express his opinion on the Bail Reform Law, which he was not in favor of in its current form. He stated that he does support the Putnam County Legislature sending a letter to New York State expressing concern.

Sheriff Langley requested permission to submit to the Committee from Queens Senior Executive District Attorney James Quinn a list of crimes that people would just get an appearance ticket on under the new Bail Reform Law.

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

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve Resolution Imploring NYS To Immediately Amend Or Delay Implementation Of Bail and Discovery Reform Laws That Will Endanger The People Of New York And Reverse Decades Of Bipartisan Progress in Reducing Crime; Seconded Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #4 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (Revised: 19T360)/ Four (4) License Plate Readers for the Cold Spring Police Department/ District Attorney Robert Tandy (Tabled from the November 19th Protective Svcs. Committee Mtg.)

Chairman Jonke stated this matter was discussed at the November Protective Services Meeting. He stated that the he and his Committee members and colleagues on the Legislature wanted to hear from District Attorney Tandy regarding the use of License Plate Readers.

District Attorney Tandy stated a License Plate Reader (LPR) is a digital camera that captures an image of a license plate. The image is sent to a software program that reads the plate number, and it creates a record of GPS coordinates, identifying the exact time and place of where the plate was and is then stored in a data base of tens of thousands of license plates. He stated people have a fear that the information will be used for illegal purposes. He stated all tools can be abused. He stated the real point is LPRs are truly very useful law enforcement tools. He stated they are used on amber alert situations, to solve homicides, for various kidnappings, on drug trafficking cases, they are used in a whole host of situations legally and extremely effectively. He stated there have been some abuses noticed in Minnesota. He stated they could be abused. He stated that NYS has a proposed law. He stated he does not see it being passed anytime soon. He stated however, it is a prototype that Putnam County could use to create the County's requirements. He stated he is not in support of the proposed law in the State, in its current format. He provided his reasons for that. He stated that the Putnam County Sheriff's Department has a policy manual regarding Plate Readers. He stated that he believes the Sheriff's manual along with some of what is in the Assembly Law would result in an effective LPR protocol.

Captain James Babcock stated he had a discussion with the District Attorney about creating a working group with the District Attorney and making a presentation to the Legislators and involve the other Police Departments of the County. He stated this year alone the LPRs that the Sheriff's Department currently has, have been very successful in solving all sorts of crimes.

District Attorney Tandy stated the request is to fund the purchase of LPRs for the Cold Spring Police Department. He stated if the Legislators agree that they want to wait until a protocol is approved for the County that is fine. He stated if it is decided to table this request, that is fine as well. He stated there is a great need and use for LPRs. He continued to explain the need for LPRs. He stated again he is in support of having a protocol in place, because abuse can occur.

Chairman Jonke stated in the discussions with his colleagues of the Legislature there has been concern raised regarding the collection of all of this information without a plan in place. He stated that he recognizes this is a useful tool for law enforcement.

Legislator Sullivan stated we all agree the LPR is a useful tool. He appreciates the District Attorney's comments about waiting until there is a policy and procedure in place for the use, capture and storage of the data. He stated the County Executive took the funding out of the 2020 Budget because she feels very strongly about the LPRs and waiting to purchase them until there are policies and procedures in place around the collection, usage, storage and all of the other issues that come up with LPRs. He stated the Sheriff has explained to the Legislature on numerous occasions how they are helpful, and the Legislature agrees. He repeated that they want to make sure that they have the procedures and policies in place, before they are purchased. He stated he thanks District Attorney Tandy for offering to wait. He stated this matter will be tabled until the procedures and policies are in place. He stated once that is all done, then the Legislature will be happy to discuss going out to purchase the LPRs. He stated there is a lot of data that is captured on people through the use of the LPRs.

District Attorney Tandy stated it does not capture information on people, just the license plates.

Legislator Sullivan stated license plates can lead to the people. He stated there are many articles listing the pros and cons of the LPR.

District Attorney Tandy stated there are departments that are currently, lawfully using LPRs. He stated he believes it would be dangerous to tell law enforcement agencies to shut down their use of the LPRs.

Legislator Sullivan stated the Legislature has no plans to do that.

Captain Babcock stated the requested transaction tonight is to help the Cold Spring Police Department fund the purchase of LPRs.

Legislator Nacerino stated there has been discussion about this matter. She stated that there has been reluctance. She stated the Legislators understand the merits and the importance. She stated there are also conversely some other issues that might be problematic or perhaps not suitable for Putnam County.

District Attorney Tandy stated there are certain programs that have been brought to his attention and the County Executive's and believes the Sheriff as well. He stated they involve outside companies wanting to come into the County and install LPRs and use them as revenue generating devices. He stated many Counties and Towns have used them. He stated he is not sure that he is in favor of that. He stated that is not the same kind of use of an LPR that is being considered and discussed.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she was not implying that it was. She stated that she does have questions and believes it would be premature to approve this tonight. She stated she is in favor of tabling this tonight.

Legislator Sullivan read the following into the record: "License Plate Readers can serve a legitimate law enforcement purpose when they alert police to a location to a car associated to a criminal investigation. But such instances account for a tiny fraction of License Plate Reader scans. Too many Police Departments are storing millions of records about innocent drivers. Moreover, private companies are also using License Plate Readers and sharing the information they collect with Police Departments with little or no oversight or privacy protections. The lack of regulations means that policies governing how long our location data is kept very widely. Automatic License Plate Readers have the potential to create permanent records of virtually everywhere any of us have driven. Radically transforming the consequences of leaving your home to pursue private life and opening up many opportunities for abuse by the tracking of people's locations constitutes a significant invasion of privacy which can reveal many things about our lives such as what friends, doctors, protests, political events or churches a person may visit. In our society it is a core principal that government does not invade peoples' privacy and collect information about citizens innocent activities just in case they may do something wrong. Clear regulation must be put in place to keep the government from tracking our movement on a massive scale."

District Attorney Tandy stated he does not disagree with any of that statement.

Legislator Sullivan stated that is why the County wants to have the policies and procedures in place to prevent that type of use.

Legislator Nacerino stated that is what she was focusing on. She stated in a small County like Putnam County, the residents value their privacy. She stated the Legislators want to be able to see the full scope of this and understand it before placing a vote.

Sheriff Langley stated we can all agree that there needs to be a good solid procedure in place for the use of LPRs. He stated as a point of reference approximately 95% of the data gathered is never looked at. He stated when the LPR data is reviewed it is driven by a specific case, hence there would be a specific license plate that would be searched for. He stated it is a crime fighting tool.

Chairman Jonke stated no one is disputing the usefulness of the tool. He stated the concern is what happens to the 95% of the data that is not specific to a case.

Legislator Sullivan questioned and who would be looking at it.

Sheriff Langley stated that there is a SAM Grant for \$75,000 that was tabled by the Legislature in October. He stated it needs to be approved by the end of the year. He stated the money will not be spent until there is a solid policy. He stated he believes steps should be taken to safeguard this funding.

District Attorney Tandy verified that is a concern that the Sheriff's Department is in danger of losing the SAM grant.

Sheriff Langley confirmed that is correct.

Chairman Jonke questioned how long it will take for the Sheriff's Department to present a policy.

Captain Babcock stated that he has a copy with him tonight which he could submit to the Committee and a copy of the policy has been given to the District Attorney for his review.

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

Captain Babcock stated it does address the records retention policy. He confirmed this is the finalized draft policy. He stated it has not been published to their membership yet. He stated there are some procedures associated with it that they are still drafting. He stated that he has no doubt that they can come up with a policy that everyone will be in agreement of. He stated this is one of the best law enforcement tools he has seen in his career. He stated he would like to mention that anyone who drives in Westchester County and any major metropolitan city drives through probably a dozen LPRs. He stated that New York City has LPRs.

Legislator Sullivan stated there are some in the Town of Carmel. He stated that there are some in place and in use. He stated this discussion is addressing the proposal to add additional LPRs.

Legislator Albano stated that he would be in favor of approving this request tonight pending use of the LPR until a policy is in place. He stated that he sees that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. He stated his smart phone tracks where he goes, it is the world we live in. He stated he agrees with securing the funds through the SAM Grant.

Legislator Montgomery stated through the Chair she recognized Officer-In-Charge Larry Burke from the Cold Spring Police Department. She stated she would like him to have an opportunity to speak to this matter and then she would like to present some questions.

Cold Spring P.D. Officer-In-Charge Larry Burke stated he is thankful for the opportunity to speak this evening. He stated there are no LPRs or surveillance of any kind the Western side of the County. He stated there is a main corridor that travels from Poughkeepsie to Beacon down through the traffic circle to Bear Mountain Bridge. He stated until a motorist enters into Westchester County or goes over the Bear Mountain Bridge there is no surveillance tool. He stated that is why he is requesting the LPRs for use by the Cold Spring Police Department. He stated he would like to caution that a delay in this process hinders the efficiency in tracking people. He stated recently there were two (2) residents of Cold Spring who have Alzheimer's were missing for two (2) days. He stated they would have been tracked based on the location that they want to put the LPRs. He stated they were found a day and a half later in Connecticut. He explained the LPRs are used as a law enforcement tool and are used to assist in locating individuals. He stated he would like to see this request approved this evening. He stated the Cold Spring P.D. would agree to wait until the requested LPR Policy is in place.

Chairman Jonke stated he is not sure that the Sheriff's Policy would have to be accepted by the Cold Spring P.D.

Legislator Sullivan stated that Legislative Attorney Robert Firriolo stated it could be a condition upon acceptance of the LPR Funding for the Cold Spring P.D. to agree to adhere to the Sheriff's LPR Policy.

Cold Spring P.D. Officer-In-Charge Larry Burke stated there would be no problem with that, and if things needed to be tweak as time progresses that would be addressed.

Legislator Montgomery questioned what the "partnership initiative" is referring to that is written on the Fund Transfer (19T360).

District Attorney Tandy stated the funding is coming from is Asset Forfeiture Budget.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if any funding was provided to the Town of Kent and or the Town of Carmel to purchase their LPRs.

District Attorney Tandy stated money was provided to the Town of Carmel.

Legislator Montgomery stated said funding was provided to the Town of Carmel to purchase LPRs and the Town of Carmel does not have a policy, or she restated, the Town of Carmel does not have the Sheriff's Department LPR Policy.

District Attorney Tandy stated it is not fair to say the agencies do not have a policy. He stated they all have a policy in the sense that it is illegal for any of the Officers to use the LPR information for any other purpose than what it is intended for. He stated it is correct that they do not have a County approved policy.

Legislator Montgomery stated LPRs were provided to the Town of Carmel, they are using them, they do not have a County policy, they probably have their own policy. She stated it is generous of Officer-In-Charge Larry Burke to say that they will adopt the County's policy. She stated that she believes that would also need to be reviewed and considered by the Mayor of Cold Spring and Village Board because they oversee the Cold Spring P.D. She questioned are we going to mandate that the Cold Spring P.D. use the County's LPR policy.

District Attorney Tandy stated he believes the discussion was that it would be contingent upon an agreement that there is a uniformed policy before the LPRs could be put into use.

Chairman Jonke conversed with Legislative Counsel as to the options available to the Committee in terms of handling this matter.

Legislator Sullivan stated he does not see the urgency to purchase the LPR in the next weeks or month or two. He stated he cannot imagine this policy could not get through the review of the County Attorney's Office within a couple of months leading to an eventual approval.

District Attorney Tandy stated this is an urgent matter for the Sheriff's Department because they could lose the SAM Grant funding.

Legislator Albano stated he is in favor of approving this and putting verbiage that the use of the LPRs is contingent on a Policy.

Legislator Sayegh stated that with Putnam County being designated as a high drug trafficking area in the State of New York and the Towns of Carmel and Kent already using LPRs she does not see a reason to keep Cold Spring from getting their LPRs.

Legislator Sullivan made a motion to Table the Fund Transfer (Revised: 19T360)/ Four (4) License Plate Readers for the Cold Spring Police Department to the first scheduled Protective Services Committee Meeting in 2020; Seconded by Chairman Jonke. All in favor.

Legislator Nacerino stated the Committee just tonight received the proposed LPR Policy. She stated that there was supposed to be a meeting with all of the Putnam County Police Department's which she does not believe has transpired. She stated in addition to all the points raised this evening there is still more work to be done. She stated the Committee Members recognize the merit. She stated she would venture to say in Cold Spring she does not know how

much crime has been committed to demonstrate a urgent need, preventing the Legislature from doing this systematically and correctly, as a policy making board.

Captain Babcock stated that he agrees with the District Attorney, that the need is now, they are used now, and every Law Enforcement Agency within New York State is using them. He stated it is a crime fighting tool. He stated he does not agree with delaying this approval for another couple of months until a retention policy is agreed upon. He stated his personal opinion is the decisions should be made to lean on the side of public safety and solving crimes. He stated he knows firsthand that LPRs in Putnam County have been responsible for solving crimes and saving lives. He strongly agrees with District Attorney Tendy, that this should be approved tonight, even if contingent on the approval of the LPR Policy.

Chairman Jonke explained he will now recess this meeting and the Personnel Committee Meeting will reconvene. He stated at the conclusion of the Personnel Meeting, this Protective Services Meeting will reconvene.

7:30PM

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Recess the Meeting; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

8:20PM

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Reconvene the Protective Services Meeting; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Item#5 - Approval/ Authorization Agreement for a Countywide 700 MHZ Project- 25 Phase- 2 Trunked Radio System For The Period 2019 – 2030/ IT/GIS Director Tom Lannon

Chairman Jonke stated IT/GIS Director Tom Lannon is present to talk to this item. He stated that the Putnam County Trucking Radio System Project report was received at the Legislative Office on December 5, 2019 permitting time to review it. He stated that Captain Babcock and Bureau of Emergency Services Ken Clair, who are members of the Putnam Radio Committee along with Director Lannon, were present and invited to participate in the discussion and consideration of this matter. He stated, as a point of reference, this matter was reviewed and discussed at the November 19th Protective Services Meeting. He questioned if Director Lannon had anything additional he would like to add before this is opened up for discussion.

IT/GIS Director Tom Lannon stated that he believes all of the facts have been presented. He stated at this point they are requesting the Legislature's support which will allow the Putnam County Radio Project to move forward. He stated that there are grants that are getting ready to expire. He stated the County needs this new system.

Chairman Jonke requested that Director Lannon be specific in terms of the amount of grant funding and when the application is due.

IT/GIS Director Tom Lannon stated Motorola is offering \$1.2 million in incentives that must be enacted before the end of 2019. He stated that there is another grant in the amount of approximately \$1.4 million. He stated the funding will be lost if the appropriate action is not taken before the end of 2019.

Chairman Jonke stated that the contract has been agreed to.

IT/GIS Director Tom Lannon stated a bid was done by the County and Motorola won the bid.

Legislator Nacerino stated there has been a lot of discussion and the Legislators understand the importance and the necessity of this. She stated she is in full support.

Legislator Sullivan stated this matter has been thoroughly discussed over many years. He stated it is all about the safety and security of our first responders, Sheriff's Officers, Local Police Departments, the Fire Departments and the School Districts. He stated many will benefit from this significant communication upgrade. He stated in addition to the focus of the safety of all of our first responder agencies, it will also be a positive for our residents. He stated that he is in full support of this.

Legislator Addonizio stated that she is also in full support of this request.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if a Fire Department does not purchase the new equipment right away will it be more expensive for them down the line.

BES Commissioner Clair stated with this incentive Motorola has said that they will lock in the price. He stated the Departments will be permitted to purchase additional radios, at the locked in price for five (5) to six (6) years.

IT/GIS Director Tom Lannon stated that the County is providing a majority of the radios, but there will still be radios the Departments will need to purchase. He stated the Members of the Fire Department are working with the assistance of Motorola to apply for Federal Grant Funding that is available, specific to radios.

Legislator Sullivan requested an overview of the timetable of this project from this point forward and when it is thought that it will be implemented.

IT/GIS Director Tom Lannon stated that it is probably going to be at least a year by the time it gets installed. He stated there is a lot of testing that Motorola does. He stated that Motorola has provided coverage maps, and they guarantee the coverage is provided otherwise it is on them financially to make the necessary changes. He stated that there are still Tower issues that need to be rectified, but that could not be done until this was done.

Legislator Gouldman questioned what is the amount of coverage Motorola is committing to.

IT/GIS Director Tom Lannon stated that Motorola is committing to 95% coverage throughout the County.

Legislator Sayegh stated there is a proposed Tower in her and Legislator Sullivan's district that may not come to fruition. She questioned what will happen?

IT/GIS Director Tom Lannon stated that there are alternative Towers that could be utilized, but it would cost the County money and it may require going onto two (2) Towers to achieve the coverage. He stated, but it is doable. He elaborated on the potential backup scenario.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she is happy to assist when the time is ready to begin discussion about Towers in Philipstown. She stated currently this will not serve Philipstown.

IT/GIS Director Tom Lannon stated that Philipstown is covered, it is Nelsonville and Cold Spring that are not covered. He stated they need a Tower in Nelsonville.

Legislator Montgomery stated anything she can do to help, just let her know. She stated she was assured that all of this information would be shared at the Chiefs meeting. She requested an overview of the information that was shared at that meeting. She questioned if they are all buying into this.

BES Commissioner Clair stated this is a monumental project and has been discussed in some format in the Fire Service for the past 15 – 20 years, much like the Sheriff's Department has. He stated there is an atmosphere of "we will believe it when we see it". He stated they are putting money away. He stated the application for the grant funding is being worked on and they will all be included - in the one application.

IT/GIS Director Tom Lannon stated that a positive to remember as grants continue to be applied for and awarded, the funding can be put to paying off Motorola.

Jerry Ravnitzky, resident questioned where the tower is located.

IT/GIS Director Tom Lannon stated that there are 11 towers throughout the County.

Jerry Ravnitzky, resident have there been any study done by an outside scientist to determine if a Tower might present any danger of radioactivity to people in the area.

IT/GIS Director Tom Lannon stated there are no new Towers being proposed at this meeting. He stated if that is something that needs to be done, they would come back. He clarified that is not part of tonight's agenda item.

Jerry Ravnitzky, resident stated he would be more comfortable if the opinion of an outside source was gotten by the County. He stated in past meetings there was a proposal to put a Tower up near ball fields that kids play on. He stated he has a real concern if that is the consideration. He stated that he worries about the potential health risk for those young people.

Chairman Jonke stated tonight's meeting is not addressing the placement of Cell Towers. He stated the committee is considering a Radio Package.

Legislator Montgomery stated there will eventually be a need for a Cell Tower somewhere in Nelsonville or Cold Spring, she stated there is a lapse in service. She stated the proper process will need to be followed. She stated the experts that will be involved will address the need for it and the location would be suitable for the community.

Jerry Ravnitzky, resident stated it may not be a decision being made this evening, he is expressing his concern and request that the County do its due diligence if additional Cell Towers will be needed.

Matt Monroe, stated he does work for the Sheriff's Department, this evening he is requesting to speak as a private citizen, homeowner and resident of the Town of Philipstown, husband and local business owner and father of two (2) children. He stated that he has spent years being extremely critical of the lack of radio coverage in Putnam County, in all of the different roles of his life. He stated he is thrilled to see that this is moving forward. He stated he wanted to publicly thank the Legislators for their support and the members of the Radio Committee, Director Lannon, Captain Babcock, Commissioner Clair and Frank Christian who have worked tirelessly and have not given up. He stated that Legislator Sullivan pointed out this project has been years in the making, probably a decade or more. He stated that he has been in a unique position to observe it, be a part of it at times. He stated he knows the extraordinary amount of work and dedication that these gentlemen, in particular, have put into this project.

Legislator Nacerino stated her appreciation for Mr. Monroe's comments. She stated that his expertise and bringing forward his opinion does speak volumes and the Legislature relies on the expertise in so many different areas to provide the informative information.

John Hyla, Sheriff's Investigator stated that he echoes the comments made by his colleague Matt Monroe. He stated that he thanks to Legislators for their support. He thanked the members of the Radio Committee, Director Lannon, Captain Babcock, Commissioner Clair and Frank Christian who all did a great deal of work to get to this point.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Approval/ Authorization Agreement for a Countywide 700 MHZ Project- 25 Phase- 2 Trunked Radio System For The Period 2019 – 2030; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Item #6 - FYI/ Response From Sheriff's Department to Request for Information from the November 19, 2019 Protective Services Meetings:

#1 – "Road Patrol Map"

#2 – 2019 Comp Time Paid from Overtime Budget Line

Chairman Jonke stated that Legislator Sullivan had requested that this matter be addressed. He questioned in terms of the Road Patrol of the Sheriff's Department how many sectors there are.

Captain Tompkins stated there are 16.

Sheriff Langley stated the big picture is between six (6) Towns and three (3) Villages the Sheriff's Department is responsible for four (4) Townships. He stated the four (4) Townships encompass 161.93 square miles area, with an approximate population of 51,362 residents.

Chairman Jonke questioned if the Sheriff's Department is in communication with the State Police in the surrounding areas, Brewster, Somers, Cortlandt, Wappingers and the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office. He stated in summary he is questioning if the other agencies help out.

Captain Tompkins stated if there is a large event that occurs then yes the surrounding agencies will assist.

Chairman Jonke stated that the focus of this question is related to Officer Safety. He stated if for example an incident occurs in the north west corner of the County, near Breakneck Mountain, and the responding Sheriff's Deputy's backup is 10 minutes away, would the City of Beacon or Fishkill Police respond.

Captain Tompkins stated that is not feasible. He stated the other agencies have their assignments. He stated again if there is a major incident that is a different scenario.

Chairman Jonke questioned if the State Troopers who patrol Interstate 84 could offer assistance.

Captain Tompkins stated Interstate Patrol is a completely different patrol. He confirmed they would be eligible to respond if there was an incident that warranted additional response. He stated however they are not mandated to be in Putnam County.

Captain Babcock stated as a point of reference currently there is a process and procedures plan being developed for the back up scenarios that take an officer outside of their jurisdiction to assist. He stated with a focus to develop a policy that addresses insurance coverage- liability in the event that an Officer from outside his/her jurisdiction gets hurt while offering assistance.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she has seen State Police come into Putnam County on a more investigative approach.

Captain Tompkins confirmed that does occur.

Legislator Sullivan stated the Sheriff's Road Patrol has six (6) cars out. He stated that he was under the impression that each car has a designated area they are responsible to cover. He stated that is the map he was looking for.

Captain Tompkins stated that can be provided.

Legislator Montgomery stated she would like to recognize and state that she appreciates the level of detail the Sheriff's Department has provided for the past couple of meetings. She stated that she wishes every Department did the same. She stated that she has a greater understanding of the Sheriff's Department.

Item #7 - FYI/ Fund Transfer (19T367)/ Purchase Uniform Accessories and Four (4) Sets of Uniforms for Promotion of Two (2) New Sergeants, One (1) Lieutenant and One (1) Captain/ Sheriff Robert Langley, Jr. (Audit & Admin. Committee approved to Re-commit back Dec. 11th Protective Svcs Mtg.)

Legislator Nacerino questioned why this was not anticipated in the 2020 Budget if the positions were in the budget.

Sheriff Langley stated they did not anticipate the Retirement of Undersheriff Corrigan. He stated as a result of said retirement, effective the end of 2019, Captain Cherverko is moving up to the position of Undersheriff. He explained this creates a chain reaction of movement in the Sheriff's Department.

Legislator Nacerino stated that the Legislature appreciates and realizes that there are unforeseen circumstances that dictate a need.

Item #8 - FYI/ Fund Transfer (19T368)/ To Purchase: New Fridge and Freezer for Evidence Room & Mini Fridge for Crime Scene Van for DNA Preservation – Purchase Various Computer Related Equipment for CSU – Replace ID Card Printer for Crime Scene Unit (CSU) – Replace CSU Camera Speedlight/ flash, trail Camera and camera for in-field interviews – Purchase work table and shelving for Property Evidence Room/ Sheriff Robert Langley, Jr. (Audit & Admin. Committee approved to Re-commit back Dec. 11th Protective Svcs Mtg.)

Captain Jon Jennings stated over the past year the evolution of the new evidence room progressed. He stated they repurposed an old collections bus into a crisis negotiation van also used as their crime scene unit. He stated the request included in Fund Transfer (19T368) falls into one of those categories. He stated additionally there were some equipment failures that need to be replaced ex: refrigerator and freezer. He stated the commercial grade freezer is used to store evidence, primarily DNA evidence. He stated in late September the freezer broke down. He stated the immediate fix, which is what was required, was the purchase of the largest residential freezer Home Depot carried. He stated that is still being used, it is at maximum capacity. He stated they want to get ahead of this now by purchasing a commercial grade Freezer and Refrigerator. He stated the current Refrigerator is close to the end of its service life. He stated the Freezer that was purchased will be kept on hand. He stated they also want to purchase a small refrigerator that would be put in the crime scene van. He stated there is also a request to purchase three (3) I-pads and Otter Boxes. He stated this will be used to upgrade their technology used to track evidence. He continued to provide a detailed list of equipment and its use of which the requested funds would be used for.

Item #9 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T375)/ Cover Overtime Expenses Due to Officers Openings and Three (3) on 207C/ Sheriff Robert Langley, Jr.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve Fund Transfer (19T375)/ Cover Overtime Expenses Due to Officers Openings and Three (3) on 207C; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Jerry Ravnitzky, resident stated when addressing overtime, he would like a focus put on public safety and keep that as a priority when considering a vote. He continued to express his opinion regarding overtime in the Sheriff's Department.

Item #10 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T377)/ Cover Overtime Expenses Due to Numerous Constant Watch/ Sheriff Robert Langley, Jr.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Approve Fund Transfer (19T377)/ Cover Overtime Expenses Due to Numerous Constant Watch; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #11 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T378)/ Cover Overtime Expenses Due to Officer Openings and Three (3) on 207C and Part Time Cook Resignation/ Sheriff Robert Langley, Jr.

Sheriff Langley explained they are utilizing employees who have been working in the Kitchen to fill the vacancy. He stated the 207C has incurred costs throughout the year.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Approve Fund Transfer (19T378)/ Cover Overtime Expenses Due to Officer Openings and Three (3) on 207C and Part Time Cook Resignation; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #12 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T406)/ To Cover Road Patrol Overtime Overage as MOBILTECH will not be Invoicing Remaining Maintenance Fee for 2019/ Sheriff Robert Langley, Jr.

Captain Babcock explained their hesitation initially. He stated that he has been in communication with Director IT/ GIS Lannon and Commissioner Clair. He stated it is agreed this is the right time to make this change.

Legislator Sullivan questioned what the CAD System is.

Captain Babcock stated the CAD System is the Computer Aided Dispatch system. He stated it is the same system the 911 Center uses.

Legislator Sullivan stated that there are still issues regarding Overtime that need to be addressed.

Sheriff Langley stated there are occurrences that occur during a year, such as retirements, that have an impact on overtime that cannot be planned upon. He stated that the Sheriff's Department has made sacrifices in purchases because of the recognition that the Overtime is an issue. He stated also as a reminder there is no way to project what amount of comp time will be cashed out, and that funding comes from the Overtime line.

Chairman Jonke question how much comp time was cashed in for 2019.

Fiscal Manager Kristen VanTassel stated \$68,731.70.

Sheriff Langley stated they have requested that a Comp Time Budget Line be created in the Sheriff's Department budget, versus taking the funding from the Overtime Budget Line.

Legislator Sullivan stated he would like to discuss the possibility of utilizing the County's other Police Departments when the Sheriff's Department is short on staffing as a result of a Road Patrol Officer being on vacation or out sick, versus generating Over Time.

Captain Babcock stated that type of action would result in overtime for the assisting Police Department. He stated also six (6) patrol officers on road patrol is the bare minimum.

Legislator Sullivan stated that Sullivan County whose population may be a little less, have four (4) Road Patrol Officers on duty. He stated that he believes it is important to look at comparable size Counties to see what they do. He stated that he would like the Sheriff's Department to come back to the Legislature with a report of findings.

Captain Tompkins stated six (6) Road Patrol Officers in Putnam County is the bare minimum. He stated any reduction lower than six (6) would be absurd.

Legislator Montgomery stated she is astounded at the mention of reducing the number of Patrol Cars. She stated Putnam's location is in close proximity to major metropolitan areas where there is a lot of crime. She stated she lives across the river from Newburgh, which statistically is one of the most dangerous Cities in the Country. She stated her constituents want to see more road patrol. She stated she would not be in support of reducing the Road Patrol.

Sheriff Langley stated the Sheriff's Department is the primary responder to all calls. He stated their primary focus is the safety of the residents.

Chairman Jonke stated that the Legislature understands the Sheriff's Department is doing their job. He stated the Legislators have a job to do as well. He stated in the end we are all concerned with what happens to our residents.

Legislator Gouldman stated that he sees the challenges in terms of sending let's say Town of Kent Officers to the Town of Carmel. He stated that would be ideal, however the Kent residents who pay the taxes to have their police department and would not want their Officers patrolling outside of their Town.

Sheriff Langley stated that Putnam County is a high intensity drug traffic area (HIDTA).

Legislator Sullivan requested that a report of the crimes in the County for the last year. He requested that they be categorized in the way that the Sheriff's Department categorizes them ex: burglaries.

Sheriff Langley stated in 2018 crime was reduced by 25% and the last time he reviewed the numbers mid-2019, crime was down another 25%. He stated that the Sheriff's Department is keeping on top of crime. He stated however, if the number of Patrol Officers is cut, he is confident in saying the cases will go up.

Legislator Sullivan requested clarification on what went down, and if it was arrests.

Sheriff Langley stated he is referring to the crimes that are reported.

Legislator Nacerino stated she does not believe Legislator Sullivan was suggesting that the number of Patrol Officers be decreased. She stated she believes he was questioning if it would be feasible, it was just an inquiry.

Captain Babcock stated he would be happy to sit down and have a dialogue about this.

Chairman Jonke facilitated further discussion.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Approve Fund Transfer (19T406)/ To Cover Road Patrol Overtime Overage as MOBILTECH will not be Invoicing Remaining Maintenance Fee for 2019; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

One Nay Legislator Sullivan

Motion Carries.

Item #13 - FYI/ Fund Transfer (19T376)/ Cover Overtime Expenses Due to Part Time Cooks Resignation/ Sheriff Robert Langley, Jr. – Duly Noted

Item #14 - FYI/ 2019 Coroner Report/ Coordinator of Coroners' Dr. Michael Nesheiwat –

Duly Noted

Item #15 - Other Business

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Waive the Rules and Accept the Additional; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

a.) Approval/ Senator Harckham - LPR SAM Grant Application / Sheriff Langley

Chairman Jonke stated Sheriff Langley submitted a “Letter of Necessity” for this matter. He stated it is a time of the essence matter dealing with a SAM Grant that NYS Senator Pete Harckham is submitting on the Sheriff’s Department behalf. He stated that he would support approving, since this is an opportunity to secure grant funds, on the condition that the LPRs not be deployed until the Policy and Procedures for the LPRs is in place.

Legislator Sullivan stated there is not a resolution in front of the committee this evening. He requested that verbiage be placed in a resolution that will be considered by the Full Legislature at the Year End Meeting stating the funds cannot be used to purchase LPRs until there is an approved LPR Policy, approved by the Legislature.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated that can be done, additionally there will need to be a vote on the funds when/ if they are awarded because there is “matching funds”.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Approve Senator Hareckham - LPR SAM Grant Application; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

b.) Approval/ DCJS RFP 20 – 21 Grant Application / Sheriff Langley

Chairman Jonke stated Sheriff Langley submitted a “Letter of Necessity” for this matter.

Captain Babcock stated the LiveScan Equipment is mandated by New York State and this grant would cover 50% of the \$60,000 cost. He stated the deadline for the application is January 13, 2020.

Legislative Firriolo stated the resolution will need to specify “up to \$30,000 in Matching Funds”.

Captain Babcock stated that is correct.

Chairman Jonke stated this will be moved to the Year End meeting for consideration by the Full Legislature.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Approve the DCJS RFP 20 – 21 Grant Application; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #16 - Adjournment

There being no further business at 9:55 PM Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsky.

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

Wednesday December 11, 2019
(Immediately Followed The 6:30PM Personnel Committee Mtg.)

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Discussion/ Approval/ Resolution Imploring NYS To Immediately Amend Or Delay Implementation Of Bail and Discovery Reform Laws That Will Endanger The People Of New York And Reverse Decades Of Bipartisan Progress in Reducing Crime/ Legislator Toni Addonizio
4. Approval/ Fund Transfer (Revised: 19T360)/ Four (4) License Plate Readers for the Cold Spring Police Department/ District Attorney Robert Tendy (Tabled from the November 19th Protective Svcs. Committee Mtg.)
5. Approval/ Authorization Agreement for a Countywide 700 MHZ Project- 25 Phase- 2 Trunked Radio System For The Period 2019 – 2030/ IT/GIS Director Tom Lannon
6. FYI/ Response From Sheriff's Department to Request for Information from the November 19, 2019 Protective Services Meetings:

#1 – "Road Patrol Map"

#2 – 2019 Comp Time Paid from Overtime Budget Line

7. **FYI/ Fund Transfer (19T367)/ Purchase Uniform Accessories and Four (4) Sets of Uniforms for Promotion of Two (2) New Sergeants, One (1) Lieutenant and One (1) Captain/ Sheriff Robert Langley, Jr. (Audit & Admin. Committee approved to Re-commit back Dec. 11th Protective Svcs Mtg.)**
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14. **FYI/ 2019 Coroner Report/ Coordinator of Coroners' Dr. Michael Nesheiwat**
15. **Other Business**
 - a. **Approval/ LPR (License Plate Reader) SAM Grant/ Sheriff Langley**
 - b. **Approval/ Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Request for Proposals (RFP) 2020- 2021 Grant/ Sheriff Langley**
16. **Adjournment**

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**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
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Tuesday February 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM 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 Committee Meeting Minutes/ November 19, 2019

Chairman Jonke stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Item #4 - Approval/ Re- Appointments – Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board/
County Executive Odell**

- **Eric Gross, Chairman for (3) three-year term commencing January 1, 2020 to Expire December 31, 2022**
- **Ed Butler, Chief's Association Rep. for (3) three-year term commencing January 1, 2020 to Expire December 31, 2022**
- **Town of Carmel, Sergeant Laura Smith for (3) three-year term commencing January 1, 2020 to Expire December 31, 2022**

Chairman Jonke stated he has attended several of the Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board Meetings. He stated this is a very active and valuable board in our communities. He stated he is in full support of the re-appointment of these three (3) members.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve Re- Appointments – Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board; Seconded Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item#5 - Discussion/ Procedure and Protocol Related to Use of the County's Emergency Response Team (ERT)/ Legislator Neal Sullivan

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

Chairman Jonke stated Legislator Sullivan requested that this matter be discussed. He stated that Sheriff's Deputy Kevin McManus who is the Commander of the ERT and Town of Carmel Lieutenant John Dearman who is the Assistant Commander on the County's ERT were present to speak to this matter.

Legislator Sullivan stated the purpose of this discussion is not to address any specific event. He stated it is more to give the Legislature an overview of the ERT. He stated he is interested in

learning the makeup of the team, the training of the team and the different aspects of how the ERT may be utilized. He stated he would like to know the when, where and chain of command. He stated he would also like to hear who makes the decision that an event warrants the ERT dispatched. He stated he is not asking for names, if that is not appropriate, but is interested in a broad overview.

Sheriff's Deputy Kevin McManus stated currently the ERT is made up of members from the Sheriff's Department, the Town of Carmel Police Department and the Town of Kent Police Department. He stated there are 25 people on the team, not including the negotiators from each of the Police Departments. He stated 15 are from the Sheriff's Department, six (6) from the Town of Carmel Police Department and four (4) from the Town of Kent Police Department. He stated he is the current leader of the ERT and Lieutenant Dearman is the Assistant Team Commander. He stated there is a second Assistant Team Commander, who is currently at training, he is from the Sheriff's Department. He stated there are three (3) other Team Leaders, one (1) from the Town of Carmel and two (2) from the Sheriff's Department.

Legislator Sullivan questioned who pays the members of the ERT, is it the Police Department they work for. He questioned if the County is responsible for any of the cost related to the ERT.

Sheriff's Deputy Kevin McManus stated the team is primarily funded by a Homeland Security Grant. He explained the funding from said grant covers about half of the training costs. He stated there is another \$35,000 that is allocated to pay for equipment and \$10,000 is set aside to cover call outs for the Towns of Carmel and Kent.

Legislator Sullivan stated if the ERT gets called out who pays for the Carmel and Kent members.

Town of Carmel Lieutenant John Dearman stated approximately four (4) years back the County set aside the \$10,000 budget line to be used to pay the Town of Carmel Officers and Kent Officers when the ERT is called to respond to an event outside of their jurisdiction. He stated the County uses that funding to reimburse the Towns. He stated each member of the team receives \$200 towards training through the grant and the member's agency picks up the balance of the training costs.

Legislator Sullivan stated the other areas he was looking into that have an ERT compiled of members of different police departments operate differently. Each of the corresponding Police Departments pay for their employees. He stated in Putnam County the County actually reimburses the Towns.

Legislator Nacerino questioned what constitutes the need for the ERT and who makes the final decision to dispatch the ERT.

Sheriff's Deputy Kevin McManus stated a request can be made from any Department. He stated a briefing of the incident is provided. He stated a decision is made based on the circumstances of the event.

Chairman Jonke questioned who determines how many of the members of the ERT will respond.

Sheriff's Deputy Kevin McManus stated it depends on the level of the threat. He stated they send a request out to all of the members to see who is available to respond. He stated they never all are available.

Chairman Jonke questioned if the incident is brought under control after the ERT has been requested, can the call for the ERT members to respond be cancelled.

Town of Carmel Lieutenant John Dearman confirmed that can be done.

Legislator Albano questioned how many times was the ERT called out in 2019.

Sheriff's Deputy Kevin McManus stated in 2019 the ERT responded to two (2) incidents. He stated the average yearly number of calls is four (4).

Legislator Sullivan stated the County has a new focus on keeping control of all the County's assets. He questioned if the Asset Manager John Nuculovic has been in contact with the Sheriff's Department to conduct an inventory of the ERT's equipment.

Sheriff's Deputy Kevin McManus stated no one has been in touch with them. He stated they would welcome him.

Legislator Sullivan stated Asset Manager Nuculovic will be in touch with the Sheriff's Department to arrange that. He questioned who handles getting information out to the public via Social Media, when the ERT is going to be involved.

Sheriff's Deputy Kevin McManus stated the ERT does not have social media. He stated ultimately, he believes it would come down to whatever department is handling the incident.

Legislator Sullivan questioned how much training the members receive. He questioned where the training takes place.

Sheriff's Deputy Kevin McManus stated once a month for eight (8) hours. He stated that he would like to get more training time. He stated they utilize different locations: Paladin Center, the Fire Training Center, East Fishkill's Range, Westchester County's indoor range. He stated they have trained in the practice of movement drills at Temple Beth Shalom in Mahopac, the Temple in Southeast and in most of the County Schools.

Legislator Castellano stated there was a reference made in order to get accredited the amount of training time would need to double. He questioned how does not being accredited affect the ERT.

Sheriff's Deputy Kevin McManus stated there is no deterrent, accreditation is not required. He stated if you are accredited in New York State it opens the opportunities to receive grant funds. He stated teams that are not accredited are not receiving grant funds.

Erin Crowley, constituent, questioned what if they need a specific piece of equipment to address a situation, such as a robot, if Westchester has that equipment would the Putnam County Sheriff's Department have to pay Westchester County to use their robot.

Sheriff Langley stated there would not be an exchange of money. He explained there is a Memorandum of Agreement with Westchester County.

Legislator Nacerino stated she would like to applaud Legislator Sullivan for placing this on the agenda. She stated the work the ERT Team does and the training and expertise are paramount to the safety we have here in Putnam County. She thanked Sheriff's Deputy McManus and Town of Carmel Lieutenant Dearman for being present and providing the insight to the workings of the ERT.

Legislator Sullivan expressed his appreciation and stated that the members of the ERT provide a very valuable services to the County. He stated without the tactical training the ERT members have the County would have to rely on outside agencies. He stated in a crisis time is of the essence.

Item #6 - Discussion/ Draft- License Plate Reader (LPR) Policy/ Sheriff Robert Langley

a. Memo To: County Attorney Bumgarner Dated: February 5, 2020

From: Chairman of Protective Services Paul Jonke Re: Draft LPR Policy

Chairman Jonke made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor. (letter dated February 11, 2020 From: District Attorney Tandy and Email dated February 6, 2020 from County Attorney's Office)

Sheriff Langley requested he be allowed to submit a letter from Town of Kent Chief Kevin Owens as additional to this matter, LPR Policy.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor. (letter of support for LPRs from Town of Kent Police Chief Owens Dated: February 11, 2020)

Chairman Jonke stated he will begin by stating he is in support of the LPRs technology and the role they play in crime fighting. He stated he is also in favor of the County having an LPR Policy. He stated he attended a meeting where a presentation by Undersheriff Cheverko was given about the use of LPRs in law enforcement. He stated also in attendance at the presentation were representatives from the County's District Attorney's Office, the Chief of Cold Spring, the Chief from the Town of Kent. He stated after hearing the information presented and shared by the professionals whose work is impacted by LPRs he is compelled to support having the LPRs. He stated he agrees privacy does need to be protected as best as we can. He stated the Sheriff's Department did submit a Draft LPR Policy, which he sent to the Law Department for them to provide their professional opinion. He stated the County Attorney requested more time for her office to review the policy. He stated the County Attorney's Office will present their feedback at the March Protective Services Meeting. He stated that he is in support of this technology and

believes it is a great tool for crime fighting. He stated he does have concerns of what New York State may do in the future.

Legislator Sullivan stated this discussion began about 2 months ago. He stated at which time everyone agreed LPRs are a valuable tool for the Sheriff's Department. He stated there is money in the budget to purchase additional LPRs for use in Putnam County. He stated however, the Legislature wants to have a Policies and Procedures in place before additional LPRs are purchased. He stated the Administration wants there to be Policies and Procedures in place as well. He stated we are in favor of LPRs, but not in favor of having them without having the Policies and Procedures in place. He stated the draft Policy was sent to the Legislature, it is now being reviewed by the County Attorney's Office for any fine tuning that may be needed, at that point it will be reviewed and further tweaked if necessary. He stated the LPRs will get out there as soon as possible. He stated he wants to make sure that there is no misunderstanding on what we are trying to do.

Legislator Nacerino stated the County Executive did send a memo sighting her concerns pertaining to the protection and rights of our constituency. She stated we all acknowledge that. She stated conversely there is the letter from District Attorney Tandy that speaks to the safety and utilization of LPRs is paramount. She stated she does not believe the use of LPRs is an intent to jeopardize people's personal privacy. She stated the intent is to use LPRs to solve crimes. She stated she agrees with having a Policy in place and recognizes the merits.

Chairman Jonke requested that Captain Babcock provide a summary of what was presented at the meeting he attended regarding the usefulness of the LPRs.

Captain Babcock stated at the January 8, 2020 meeting there were representatives present from the agencies that currently use the LPR Technology as well as representatives from the County's District Attorney's Office and a Sheriff's Department Investigator. He stated there were at least 12 cases presented. He stated there were crimes committed in Putnam County. He stated with the LPR data arrests and crimes were solved. He stated the LPR data has become very valuable to law enforcement in criminal investigations. He stated it is a valuable tool. He stated LPRs would be used for law enforcement purposes only. He stated there are two (2) bills in Albany since about 2017. He stated they are written with a focus on limiting private entities from using LPRs. He stated they also have proposals that would prohibit some of the criminal investigations that law enforcement are using the LPR data for now. He stated the Sheriff's Department would not support either pieces of the proposed legislation. He stated the members of the Sheriff's Department appreciate the Legislators concern regarding privacy and not allowing the data to be utilized for non- law enforcement purposes.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor. (Sheriff Langley presented a copy of the Assembly Bill 7254)

Legislator Sullivan questioned how many LPRs are in the Sheriff's Department currently.

Captain Babcock stated there are three (3) and one (1) fixed LPRs. He stated Town of Carmel, Kent and the State Police utilize them as well.

Legislator Sullivan stated LPRs are already in use in Putnam County. He stated this discussion is about adding more.

Chairman Jonke stated the big question is not about how many LPRs are being used. He stated the main concern that he has heard is related to the retention of the data. He stated that he has heard compelling arguments the data should be stored forever. He stated the scenario attached to that were murder case, when a body is found years from now the data from an LPR can be valuable. He stated for him the retention time is the big question.

Captain Babcock stated he would be in favor of storing the data for as long as possible, for cases such as murder cases. He stated currently there is an LPR Policy they have reviewed that has a data retention time frame of six (6) years. He stated that would be agreeable to the Sheriff's Department. He stated some of the State legislation recommends 180 days retention, which is just not enough time.

Chairman Jonke suggested that the District Attorney be asked for his professional recommendation.

Legislator Sullivan stated he wanted to make a point and make the members of the public aware that there are LPRs in Putnam County in use. He stated this conversation is about adding more, which will be discussed once a Policies and Procedures Plan is in place.

District Attorney Tandy stated he would like to point out that LPRs are also used to exonerate people. He stated as Captain Babcock mentioned it is valuable to keep the data as long as possible. He stated the data collected by an LPR is subject to the restraints of the Constitution, it is subject to Fourth Amendment Restrictions, it is subject to Judges interpreting what those restrictions mean. He stated there will always be concerns, which he believes in our Country are fairly addressed. He stated LPRs are simply another aspect of the proper understanding and use of the Fourth Amendment requirements and procedures.

Legislator Albano stated he is in full support of the use of LPRs and believes it to be a priority to have these tools. He stated the privacy issue is important, however in comparison to the value of the LPR to law enforcement he finds that to be the priority. He stated he supports getting more LPRs now and address the other concerns, but as stated they are already used throughout the county.

Legislator Nacerino stated she agrees with Legislator Albano's statements. She questioned Captain Babcock on how he believes the LPRs could impede on people's privacy.

Captain Babcock stated he does not believe the use of LPRs will impede on people's privacy. He stated if you are a law-abiding citizen there is probably a 99.9% chance that your data would never be looked at.

Legislator Sullivan questioned where the data would be stored. He questioned who is responsible for the protection of the data.

Captain Babcock stated he addressed that topic in the data that he sent to the Legislators marked "Confidential". He stated they will be password protected and the person would need to be in a police facility with the proper credentials to access the data. He stated to address the question of hacking, they would take all the measures to secure, however in today's age, there have been many hacks. He stated the data would be stored in the Sheriff's Department, IT and the Cloud.

Legislator Castellano question are the LPRs used for traffic violations, like the ones that are posted on traffic lights.

Captain Babcock stated the LPRs in Putnam County would not be used for traffic violations.

Sheriff Langley explained the cameras used on the Traffic Lights use different technology.

Sheriff's Department Civil Bureau Captain Lisa Ortalono stated there was a concern stated by the County Executive in her memo, dated February 10, 2020, that the information from the LPR would be subject to the Freedom of Information Law. She stated that is not accurate, the courts have held that the LPR data is not subject to disclosure. She continued to provide further details on the courts' decision.

Chairman Jonke stated he will follow up with the County Attorney and request that the review of the draft LPR Policy be completed in time for the March Protective Services meeting to get this moving as soon as possible.

Item #7 - Other Business

a. Discussion/ Constituent Erin Crowley - Putnam County Radio Project

Erin Crowley, resident, stated she had sent an email to the Legislature regarding the radio issues.

Chairman Jonke stated a response was sent back to Ms. Crowley. He stated the response stated that the appropriate members of the County's Radio Committee, with the expertise, would provide a response to her inquires. He stated that Captain Babcock, who is one of the members of the Radio Committee is present this evening.

Erin Crowley, resident, stated she would like to know when the implementation schedule for the upgrade would take place and when will the system be live.

Captain Babcock stated there is not a specific answer at this time, as a great deal of factors will be dictated by the acquisition of the antenna leases. He stated there are meetings that have taken place and more are still scheduled to occur.

Chairman Jonke facilitated further discussion. He brought the discussion to an end. He thanked Captain Babcock for responding to many of Ms. Crowley's questions, in spite of the fact that the topic was not on the agenda. He stated the appropriate members of the Radio Committee will respond to Ms. Crowley's questions.

Item #8 - Adjournment

There being no further business at 8:00PM Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.

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AGENDA

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
ROOM #318

CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Members: Chairman Jonke & Legislators Nacerino & Sullivan

Tuesday

February 11, 2020

(Immediately Following the 6:30PM Personnel Mtg.)

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approval/Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes/ November 19, 2019
4. Approval/ Re- Appointments – Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board/ County Executive Odell
 - Eric Gross, Chairman for (3) three-year term commencing January 1, 2020 to Expire December 31, 2022
 - Ed Butler, Chief's Association Rep. for (3) three-year term commencing January 1, 2020 to Expire December 31, 2022
 - Town of Carmel, Sergeant Laura Smith for (3) three-year term commencing January 1, 2020 to Expire December 31, 2022
5. Discussion/ Procedure and Protocol Related to Use of the County's Emergency Response Team/ Legislator Neal Sullivan
6. Discussion/ Draft- License Plate Reader (LPR) Policy/ Sheriff Robert Langley
 - a. Memo To: County Attorney Bumgarner Dated: February 5, 2020
From: Chairman of Protective Services Paul Jonke Re: Draft LPR Policy
7. Other Business
 - a. Discussion/ Constituent Erin Crowley - Putnam County Radio Project
8. Adjournment

RESOLUTION #__ of 2020

DRAFT

APPROVAL/EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR STATE LAW ADDING A SPECIAL MARK TO DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR PERSONS WITH AUTISM

WHEREAS, bills A-8711 and S-6890, introduced to the New York State Legislature, would amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law to allow for the inclusion of a distinctive mark on a person's driver's license if a person has an autism spectrum disorder; and

WHEREAS, the bill's justification states that according to academic studies, approximately 34 percent of all adults in the United States with autism spectrum disorder have driver's licenses; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would require the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to add a distinctive mark upon request indicating that a driver has autism spectrum disorder; and

WHEREAS, the bill's justification further states that the new law would allow for medical professionals, members of law enforcement, and other members of the community to recognize that individuals with autism spectrum disorder may have an impediment that will keep them from communicating efficiently with responding medical professionals or members of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the option to add the distinctive mark would also be made available to non-license New York State identification cards; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam hereby respectfully urges the County's state legislative delegation – Senator Peter Harckham, Senator Susan Serino, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, and Assemblywoman Sandra Galef – to support enactment of A-8711/S-6890 or any other similar state legislation designed to denote an autism spectrum disorder on a driver's license; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature encourages all members of the New York State Legislature and Governor Andrew Cuomo to enact legislation designed to denote an autism spectrum disorder on a driver's license; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature shall forward a copy of this Resolution to each in the County's state legislative delegation, and to Assembly Transportation Chair William B. Magnarelli, Senate Transportation Chair Timothy M. Kennedy, and Governor Andrew Cuomo.

BY POLL VOTE:

GN/PJ/ST

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February 26, 2020

Mr. Peter Gagliardo
61 Allen Drive
Brewster, NY 10509

Dear Mr. Gagliardo:

Please be advised that Chairman of Protective Services Committee, Legislator Paul Jonke, has confirmed that the discussion, which you spoke with me about regarding the potential for people with Autism to receive special driver's licenses will be on the meeting's agenda for March 10, 2020.

Attached are the previous documents that were sent to you. Unfortunately, you were unable to attend the February meeting. It is my hope that the March 10th date will work with your schedule. The meeting will be held in the County Office Building at 40 Gleneida Avenue, in Carmel, conference room #318 and will begin at 6:00PM.

Respectfully, I request that you confirm your attendance by calling the Legislative Office at 845-808-1020. I look forward to the discussion. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ginny Nacerino

Ginny Nacerino
Legislator, District #4

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January 28, 2020

Peter Gagliardo
61 Allen Drive
Brewster, NY 10509

Dear Mr. Gagliardo:

As a follow up to our conversations, I have sent the attached request regarding Assembly Bill A08711 to the Protective Services Committee Chairman Paul Jonke for this matter be discussed at the Committee's February 11, 2020 meeting. I would like to extend the invitation to you to attend said meeting to discuss the potential for people with Autism to receive special driver's licenses. The meeting will immediately follow the Personnel Committee meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 6:30pm in room 318 of the County Office Building at 40 Gleneida Avenue, in Carmel.

Thank you for your efforts on this matter. I look forward to the discussion.

Sincerely,

Ginny Nacerino
Legislator, District #4

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 18, 2019

TO: Paul Jonke
Chairman, Protective Services Committee

FROM: Ginny Nacerino *GN/eg*
Legislator, District #4

RE: Special Driver's License for People with Autism

Recently, the New York State Assembly has been discussing the attached bill A08711, which would allow people with Autism to receive a special driver's license denoting their condition. I respectfully request this matter be discussed at the December Protective Services Committee meeting.

Also, I request my constituent, Peter Gagliardo, be invited to speak on this matter. Mr. Gagliardo was instrumental in this topic being addressed by the State Assembly. If this is agreeable to you, I will follow up with a letter inviting Mr. Gagliardo.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Attachment

A08711 Summary:

BILL NO A08711
SAME AS No Same As
SPONSOR Sayegh
COSPNR D'Urso, Stern, Mosley
MLTSPNSR

Amd §5490 & 504, rpld & add §502 sub 1, V & T L

Includes a distinctive mark on a person's driver's license if a person has autism spectrum disorder.

A08711 Actions:

BILL NO A08711
10/23/2019 referred to transportation

A08711 Memo:NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY
MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION
submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)BILL NUMBER: A8711SPONSOR: Sayegh

TITLE OF BILL: An act to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to including if a person has autism spectrum disorder on his or her driver's license; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto

PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL:

Related to including if a person has autism spectrum disorder on his or her driver's license; repealer

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

Section 490 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-a to ensure that an applicant has space to indicate if he or she autism spectrum disorder

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ORIGINAL AND AMENDED VERSION (IF APPLICABLE):

N/A

JUSTIFICATION:

According to academic studies, approximately 34 percent of all adults in the United States with autism spectrum disorder have driver's licenses. This legislation would require the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to add a distinctive mark upon request indicating that a driver has autism spectrum disorder. This would allow for medical professionals, members of law enforcement, and other members of the community to recognize that individuals with autism spectrum disorder may have an impediment that will keep them from communicating efficiently with responding medical professionals or members of law enforcement. The option to add the distinctive mark will also be made available to non-license New York State identification cards.

PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

None

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

None

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect immediately

A08711 Text

STATE OF NEW YORK

8711

2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

October 23, 2019

Introduced by M. of A. SAYEGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to including if a person has autism spectrum disorder on his or her driver's license; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Section 490 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by
 2 adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:
 3 2-a. Autism spectrum disorder. In addition to the provisions of subdi-
 4 vision two of this section, the commissioner shall ensure that space is
 5 provided on the application so that the applicant shall indicate if he
 6 or she has autism spectrum disorder and that the following is typed in
 7 clear and conspicuous type:
 8 "You must fill out the following section: Are you a person with autism
 9 spectrum disorder? Check box for 'yes' or 'skip this question'."
 10 The commissioner shall make whatever provisions are feasible and
 11 desirable to maintain and issue all suitable documents regarding
 12 advanced directives at driver's license examining offices.
 13 § 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 490 of the vehicle and
 14 traffic law, as amended by chapter 429 of the laws of 2014, is amended
 15 to read as follows:
 16 (b) The identification card shall contain a distinguishing number or
 17 mark and adequate space upon which an anatomical gift, pursuant to arti-
 18 cle forty-three of the public health law, by the holder may be recorded
 19 and shall contain such other information and shall be issued in such
 20 form as the commissioner shall determine; provided, however, every iden-
 21 tification card or renewal thereof issued to a person with autism spec-
 22 trum disorder shall contain a distinctive mark; provided, however, every
 23 identification card or renewal thereof issued to a person under the age
 24 of twenty-one years shall have prominently imprinted thereon the state-

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
 [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 ment "UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE" in notably distinctive print or format.
2 Provided, further, however, that every identification card issued to an
3 applicant who was a member of the armed forces of the United States and
4 received an honorable discharge or was released therefrom under honor-
5 able conditions shall, upon his or her request and submission of proof
6 as set forth herein, contain a distinguishing mark, in such form as the
7 commissioner shall determine, indicating that he or she is a veteran.
8 Such proof shall consist of a certificate of release or discharge from
9 active duty including but not limited to a DD Form 214 or other proof
10 satisfactory to the commissioner. The commissioner shall not require
11 fees for the issuance of such identification cards or renewals thereof
12 to persons under twenty-one years of age which are different from the
13 fees required for the issuance of identification cards or renewals ther-
14 eof to persons twenty-one years of age or over, nor fees to persons
15 requesting a veteran distinguishing mark which are different from fees
16 that would otherwise be required. Provided, however, that notwithstand-
17 ing the provisions of section four hundred ninety-one of this article,
18 the commissioner shall not require any fees for the duplication or
19 amendment of an identification card prior to its renewal if such dupli-
20 cation or amendment was solely for the purpose of adding a veteran
21 distinguishing mark to such identification card.

22 § 3. Subdivision 1 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law is
23 REPEALED and a new subdivision 1 is added to read as follows:

24 1. Application for license. Application for a driver's license shall
25 be made to the commissioner. The fee prescribed by law may be submitted
26 with such application. The applicant shall furnish such proof of identi-
27 ty, age, and fitness as may be required by the commissioner. With
28 respect to a non-commercial driver's license or learner's permit which
29 does not meet federal standards for identification, in addition to the
30 acceptable proofs of age and identity approved by the commissioner as of
31 January first, two thousand nineteen, acceptable proof of identity shall
32 also include, but not be limited to, a valid, unexpired foreign passport
33 issued by the applicant's country of citizenship (which shall also be
34 eligible as proof of age), a valid, unexpired consular identification
35 document issued by a consulate from the applicant's country of citizen-
36 ship, or a valid foreign driver's license that includes a photo image of
37 the applicant and which is unexpired or expired for less than twenty-
38 four months of its date of expiration, as primary forms of such proof.
39 Nothing contained in this subdivision shall be deemed to preclude the
40 commissioner from approving additional proofs of identity and age. The
41 commissioner may also provide that the application procedure shall
42 include the taking of a photo image or images of the applicant in
43 accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the commissioner. In
44 addition, the commissioner also shall require that the applicant provide
45 his or her social security number or, in lieu thereof, with respect to
46 an application for a non-commercial driver's license or learner's permit
47 which does not meet federal standards for identification, an affidavit
48 signed by such applicant that they have not been issued a social securi-
49 ty number. The commissioner also shall provide space on the application
50 so that the applicant may register in the New York state organ and
51 tissue donor registry under section forty-three hundred ten of the
52 public health law with the following stated on the application in clear
53 and conspicuous type:

54 "You must fill out the following section: Would you like to be added
55 to the Donate Life Registry? Check box for 'yes' or 'skip this ques-
56 tion'."

1 The commissioner of health shall not maintain records of any person
2 who checks "skip this question". Except where the application is made in
3 person or electronically, failure to check a box shall not impair the
4 validity of an application, and failure to check "yes" or checking "skip
5 this question" shall not be construed to imply a wish not to donate. In
6 the case of an applicant under eighteen years of age, checking "yes"
7 shall not constitute consent to make an anatomical gift or registration
8 in the donate life registry, except as otherwise provided pursuant to
9 the provisions of paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section forty-
10 three hundred one of the public health law. Where an applicant has
11 previously consented to make an anatomical gift or registered in the
12 donate life registry, checking "skip this question" or failing to check
13 a box shall not impair that consent or registration. In addition, an
14 applicant for a commercial driver's license who will operate a commer-
15 cial motor vehicle in interstate commerce shall certify that such appli-
16 cant meets the requirements to operate a commercial motor vehicle, as
17 set forth in public law 99-570, title XII, and title 49 of the code of
18 federal regulations, and all regulations promulgated by the United
19 States secretary of transportation under the hazardous materials trans-
20 portation act. In addition, the commissioner shall ensure that space is
21 provided on the application so that the applicant shall indicate a
22 declaration relating to if the applicant is a person with autism spec-
23 trum disorder that the following is typed in clear and conspicuous type:
24 "You must fill out the following section: Are you a person with autism
25 spectrum disorder? Check box for 'yes' or 'skip this question'."
26 The commissioner shall make whatever provisions are feasible and
27 desirable to maintain and issue all suitable documents regarding
28 advanced directives at driver's license examining offices. In addition,
29 an applicant for a commercial driver's license shall submit a medical
30 certificate at such intervals as required by the federal motor carrier
31 safety improvement act of 1999 and Part 383.71(h) of title 49 of the
32 code of federal regulations relating to medical certification and in a
33 manner prescribed by the commissioner. For purposes of this section and
34 sections five hundred three, five hundred ten-a, and five hundred ten-aa
35 of this title, the terms "medical certificate" and "medical certifi-
36 cation" shall mean a form substantially in compliance with the form set
37 forth in Part 391.43(h) of title 49 of the code of federal regulations.
38 Upon a determination that the holder of a commercial driver's license
39 has made any false statement, with respect to the application for such
40 license, the commissioner shall revoke such license.

41 § 4. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 504 of the vehicle and
42 traffic law, as separately amended by chapters 568 and 639 of the laws
43 of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

44 (a) Every license or renewal thereof shall contain a distinguishing
45 mark and adequate space upon which an anatomical gift, pursuant to
46 section forty-three hundred ten of the public health law, by the licen-
47 see shall be recorded and shall contain such other information and shall
48 be issued in such form as the commissioner shall determine; provided,
49 however, every license or renewal thereof issued to a person under the
50 age of twenty-one years shall have prominently imprinted upon it the
51 statement "UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE" in notably distinctive print or
52 format; provided further, however, every license or renewal thereof
53 issued to a person making an anatomical gift shall have prominently
54 printed upon the front of such license or renewal thereof the statement
55 "ORGAN DONOR" in notably distinctive print or format; provided that
56 every license or renewal thereof issued to a person who has indicated on

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1 an application or renewal that he or she is a person with autism spec-
2 trum disorder shall have imprinted on the front of such license or
3 renewal thereof a distinctive mark which indicates such. The commission-
4 er shall not require fees for the issuance of such licenses or renewals
5 thereof to persons under twenty-one years of age [☞], to persons making
6 an anatomical gift or to a person with autism spectrum disorder which
7 are different from the fees required for the issuance of licenses or
8 renewals thereof to persons twenty-one years of age or over [☞], to
9 persons not making an anatomical gift or to persons who did not indicate
10 on an application or renewal that they are a person with autism spectrum
11 disorder.

12 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
13 section three of this act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth
14 day after it shall have become a law.

by: Josh Navarro

Posted: Oct 29, 2019 / 11:49 AM EDT / Updated: Oct 29, 2019 / 11:49 AM EDT

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (WROC) – A new bill in New York state would allow people with Autism Spectrum Disorder to obtain a special driver's license. Supporters say it would help law enforcement on routine stops, but the bill does raise concerns among advocates.

Assembly Bill A08711, establishes a system for people on the Autism spectrum to receive a special driver's licenses. It was introduced by Assemblymember Nader Sayegh of Yonkers. It is a way for law enforcement and first responders to immediately know a person has autism and react appropriately towards them.

“Anything we can do to increase awareness with regards to an individual having autism is a great thing,” said Lawana Jones, President & Ceo of the Autism Council of Rochester. “The part we need to be careful about is how do we roll this out. We need to make sure parents and those that are on the spectrum have given their input on how we need to roll this out.”

While the bill makes its way through the state legislature, other states have passed similar laws. Just last month in Texas The Samuel Allen Law went into effect. It was named after a young man who has aspergers and spearheaded a campaign to get his law passed.

“Communication impediment will be privately placed in the statewide computer system thus alerting the officer prior to approaching the vehicle during a traffic stop. This unprecedented law could save lives by averting misunderstandings,” said Allen in a Public Service Announcement.

To learn more: <https://aspergers101.com/>

Meanwhile Jones says the New York bill will bring more awareness to the public. But says it needs to be more comprehensive. According to Jones, lawmakers must also consider those with Autism who may not want a distinct mark on their driver's licenses.

“Sometimes people who are on the spectrum and want to work would have to utilize that identification as far as their employer goes. but what if they don't want their employer to know on the autism spectrum. something we have to look

at," said Jones.

The bill was recently introduced in the committee of transportation. It would take effect immediately if passed.

Protective Services Committee Mtg.
March 10, 2020
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**Discussion/ Approval Automated - License Plate Reader
(LPR) Policy/ Sheriff Robert Langley**

WILLIAM J. CARLIN, Jr. CPA
Commissioner Of Finance



Protective → Pending Approval
3/10 of A-LPR Policy
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Chief Deputy Commissioner Of Finance

SHEILA BARRETT
Deputy Commissioner Of Finance

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PUTNAM COUNTY
CARMEL, NY

February 28, 2020

Ms. Diane Schonfeld, Clerk
Putnam County Legislature
40 Gleneida Avenue
Carmel, NY 10512

Dear Ms. Schonfeld,

Pursuant to Code Section 5-1, A dated February 14, 2010, I am advising you of the following request to amend the District Attorney's **2020 Budget** which was submitted for approval:

Increase Revenue:

10001000	District Attorney	
427152	Asset Forfeiture Program	<u>\$13,399</u>

Increase Appropriation:

10001000	District Attorney Asset Forfeiture Program	
54936	Partnership Initiative	<u>\$13,399</u>

2020 Fiscal Impact -0-
2021 Fiscal Impact -0-

The District Attorney respectfully requests the use of forfeited asset reserve funds to enter into a partnership initiative as outlined on the attached memo.

AUTHORIZATION:

3/2/2020

Anita Z Gilbert

Date Department of Finance/Designee: Initiation by - between \$0 - \$5,000.00

3.5.20

Patricia Annunzio For Meo

Date County Executive/Designee: Authorized for Legislative Consideration - between \$5,000.01 - \$10,000.00

Date Chairperson - Audit between \$0 - \$10,000.00

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Date Audit & Administration - between \$10,000.01 - \$25,000.00

**COUNTY OF PUTNAM
FUND TRANSFER REQUEST**

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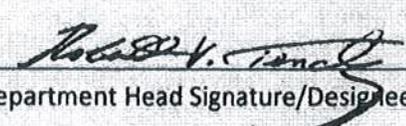
TO: Commissioner of Finance
FROM: Robert Tendy, DA
DEPT: District Attorney
DATE: November 8, 2019

I hereby request approval for the following transfer of funds:

FROM ACCOUNT#/NAME	TO ACCOUNT #/NAME	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
10001000 52110 Furniture	10001000 54936 Partnership Initiatives	\$ 799.00	TO PURCHASE 4 plate readers for Cold Spring Police Department
10001000 52130 Computer	10001000 54936 Partnership Initiatives	\$2000.00	
10001000 54313 Books	10001000 54936 Partnership Initiatives	\$1000.00	
10001000 54640 Education	10001000 54936 Partnership Initiatives	\$3000.00	
10001000 54675 Travel	10001000 54936 Partnership Initiatives	\$1000.00	
10001000 54682 Special Services	10001000 54936 Partnership Initiatives	\$5600.00	
Total		\$13,399.00	

SIGNATURES NOT NEEDED – THEY WILL BE AUTHORIZED VIA COMPUTER SYSTEM

2019 Fiscal Impact \$ 0
2020 Fiscal Impact \$ 0


 Department Head Signature/Designee 11/8/19
 Date

AUTHORIZATION:

- Date _____ Commissioner of Finance/Designee: Initiation and \$0-\$5,000.00
- Date _____ County Executive/Designee: \$5,000.01 - \$10,000.00
- Date _____ Chairperson Audit/Designee: \$0-\$10,000.00
- Date _____ Audit & Administration Committee: \$10,000.01 - \$25,000.00

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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 20, 2019

To: Robert Tendy
Putnam County District Attorney

From: Paul Jonke
Chairman Protective Services Committee

Re: Fund Transfer (19T360)/ License Plate Readers for Cold Spring Police Department

Please be advised that Fund Transfer (19T360) for the purchase of Four (4) License Plate Readers for Cold Spring Police Department you submitted for consideration by the Protective Services Committee at the November 19th Protective Services Committee Meeting was tabled to the December 11th meeting. The December 11th meeting will immediately follow the 6:30PM Personnel Committee Meeting.

The Committee had "divided the question" and through a Committee vote "the purchase in-car computer station as well as an office computer station for Brewster Village Police" (BVP) was approved. The request to purchase "4 plate readers for Cold Spring Police Department" was tabled. I am confirming that Auditor Michele Sharkey notified me today that said Fund Transfer was incorrectly submitted. In fact the BVP portion of the fund transfer was erroneously submitted and does not require Legislative approval. The Clerk of the Legislature has received the revised fund transfer for submission to the December 11th meeting.

Please be advised that there were questions related to the request to purchase "4 plate readers for Cold Spring Police Department", and as there was no one present to address the questions the matter was tabled to the December meeting. Respectfully, I request that you and or a representative from your office attend the December 11th Protective Services Meeting to speak to this request. Thank you.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Paul Jonke, Chairman
Protective Services Committee

William Gouldman, Chairman
Audit & Administration Committee

FROM: Diane Schonfeld 
Legislative Clerk

DATE: November 20, 2019

RE: Fund Transfer (19T360) – District Attorney Partnership Initiative Discussed at Protective Services Committee Meeting

At the Protective Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, the Committee reviewed the District Attorney's fund transfer (19T360) regarding a Partnership Initiative for the purchase of computers for the Brewster Police Department (Brewster PD) and four (4) license plate readers for the Cold Spring Police Department (Cold Spring PD). The Protective Committee divided the question and approved the computers for the Brewster PD and tabled the license plate readers for Cold Spring PD until the December Protective Committee meeting.

Today, Wednesday, November 20, 2019, I asked the County Auditor to request that amended fund transfers be provided in order to show the amount approved for computers, which would then be sent to the Audit & Administrative Committee for review at the November 25, 2019 meeting. The amount for the license plate readers which was tabled would then go to the December Protective meeting.

I was provided with the attached email which explains that the total amount of the original fund transfer only pertained to the license plate readers for the Cold Spring PD, as there was enough money in the District Attorney's budget to fund the computers for the Brewster PD. Auditor Michele Alfano-Sharkey provided the attached REVISED fund transfer which removed ONLY the explanation that cited the purchase of computers for the Brewster PD. Therefore, the attached Revised fund transfer (19T360) will be reviewed by the Protective Services Committee at its December meeting and there is nothing that needs the Audit Committee's approval for November.

Att./

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TOWN OF SOUTHEAST RECREATION DEPARTMENT

February 7, 2020

Legislator Paul Jonke
Chairman, Protective Services Committee
Putnam County Legislature
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PUTNAM COUNTY
CARMEL, NY

Dear Mr. Jonke,

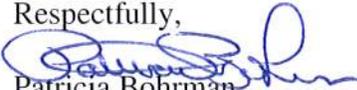
I am officially reaching out to the Putnam County Legislature to ask that you again partner up with The Town of Southeast for our annual Fourth of July celebration. The Town of Southeast's Fireworks display is part of the Town's history and is a hallmark event that has taken place for over 25 years. For most, if not all of those years, the Sheriff's Department, State Police, Brewster Fire Department, MTA Authority and County Legislature have been an integral part of the event. We are again asking for your financial help this year.

This Town sponsored event is one that the residents of Southeast along with bordering towns and municipalities have come to look forward to and enjoy in these tough economic times, when all have been asked to do more with less. It is one of the few, if not quintessential events that not only helps us share a sense of Patriotism on our nation's birthday but unites us as a community.

The event will take place on Friday, July 3, 2020 at the Highlands Shopping Center on Independent Way with a rain date of Saturday, July 11, 2020. The live band will begin at 8 pm and the fireworks will commence at 9:30 pm and last approximately 30 minutes.

As always, your continuous support and assistance to the Town of Southeast and its residents is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of our request and we hope to see you there celebrating with us.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at work 845-279-3915 or my cell 845-803-7017. You may also reach out to Town of Southeast Councilmen Edwin Alvarez at 914-785-3025.

Respectfully,

Patricia Bohrman
Southeast Recreation

Cc: County Executive Mary Ellen Odell
Legislator Joseph Castellano

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Toni Addonizio, Chairwoman
Putnam County Legislature

FROM: MaryEllen Odell, County Executive

RE: Bail Reform

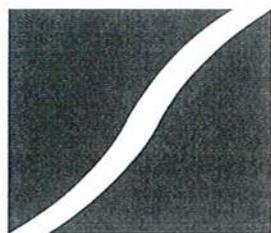
DATE: February 13, 2020

MaryEllen Odell

I respectfully request that you place on the agenda for discussion the attached memo from American Bail Coalition in reference to New York Bail Reform: Bipartisan Chorus of Local and State Officials call for repeal of Bail Reform as Local Judge Declares the Law Unconstitutional.

Thank you for your consideration.

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AMERICAN BAIL COALITION

New York Bail Reform: Bipartisan Chorus Of Local And State Officials Call For Repeal Of Bail Reform As Local Judge Declares The Law Unconstitutional

Dear Mary Ellen,

It's been a busy week in the Empire State of New York as the repeal of "catch and release" bail reform continues to draw bipartisan support...

For states considering similar policies...you've been warned.

The fallout of New York's bail reform continued this week as critics of the new law blasted the restricting of judicial discretion to set bail by issuing automatic get-out-of-jail free cards.

First, a bipartisan coalition of law enforcement leaders and other important state officials from around the State of New York stormed the Capitol building on February 3, 2020, assembling on the 444 steps of the so-called "Million Dollar Steps" in Albany. At the rally, Mayor Steve Buckley said: "This dangerous and misguided [bail reform] legislation needs to be repealed."



Second, the Chair of the New York State Democratic Party, Jay Jacobs, recently said that the bail reform law is “going to be a problem if we don’t do something.” In fact, the public outrage and ire with the law is so overwhelming that Jacobs is worried, according to the New York Post, **“Democratic lawmakers running for re-election in competitive districts this fall could be defeated if Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the Democrat-run Legislature refuse to revise the controversial bail reform law that lets loose dangerous criminal defendants.”** Said Jacobs: “More Democratic seats will be put at risk — and it will be tough — if we don’t do something.”

RELATED: [Jay Jacobs, chair of New York state Democratic Party, urges changes to bail reforms](#)

Third, a local judge ruled on February 3, 2020 that the bail reform law was unconstitutional, although the order has apparently been stayed for a period of two weeks. In the order, Judge Thomas Marcelle held that the bail reform law was unconstitutional insofar as it constrained judicial discretion by preventing judges from imposing monetary bail in situations where other non-monetary conditions would be more restrictive.

RELATED: [Cohoes judge issues order challenging state’s bail reform law](#)

In the Order, Judge Marcelle wrote...

The second restriction that the legislature placed upon the judiciary is to deny judges the ability to set bail in a certain category of cases. It is this categorical prohibition on judicial discretion that raises the question of whether the legislature impermissibly trespassed upon the judicial power.

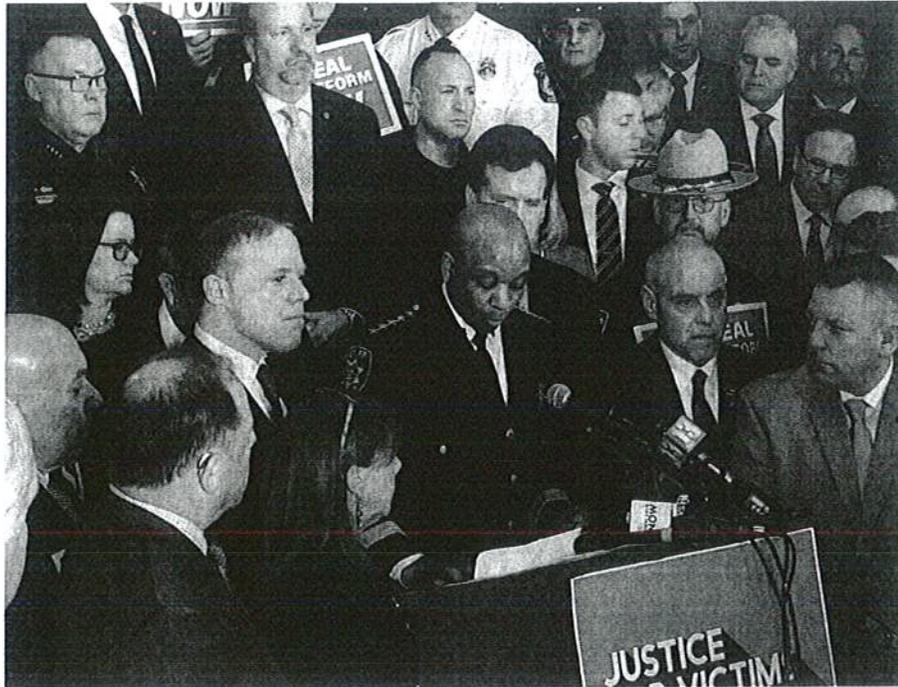
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Discretion to determine the means—including setting cash bail—for securing a defendant’s appearance in court is essential to a court’s ability to efficiently control the course of a criminal proceeding.

Finally, Sarah Wallace at NBC News 4 in New York recently did an [NB4 I-Team report](#) that noted that the battle over bail reform is raging, due to the intent of the law which was to release without bail 90% of defendants who otherwise would be stuck in jail without supervision or any other monitoring.

Thirty-Six days and counting and the results of New York’s failed bail reform are clear...it’s not working. According to the NYPD, total crime is up 16.9%, shootings up 28.8%, shooting victims up 41%, auto thefts up 72.5%, robbery up 36.8%, grand larceny up 10.7%, and felony assaults up 7.9%.

Perhaps Sheriff Errol Toulon, Jr. of Suffolk County said it best...



“Bail reform is negatively impacting the poor, the victims of crime, and the quality of life in our state.”

More about the American Bail Coalition...

The American Bail Coalition is the national trade association of commercial bail insurance underwriters whose members are responsible for underwriting criminal bail bonds throughout the United States of America.

The Coalition's primary focus is to protect the constitutional right to bail by working with local and state policymakers to bring best practices to the system of release from custody pending trial.

Jeff Clayton, Esq. is the Executive Director/Policy Director and can be reached at jclayton@americanbail.org or (877) 958-6628.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Toni Addonizio, Chairwoman
Putnam County Legislature

FROM: MaryEllen Odell, County Executive

RE: Uninsured vehicle ID system overview

DATE: February 14, 2020

MaryEllen Odell

I respectfully request that you place on the agenda for discussion the attached overview from Securix, LLC in reference to how Securix, can provide public safety agencies with proven solutions to ensure motor vehicle compliance by owners.

Thank you for your consideration.

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UNINSURED VEHICLE ID SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Who We Are

SECURIX, LLC is a technology company that provides public safety agencies with proven end-to-end solutions to ensure motor vehicle compliance by owners. SECURIX has established and operates Public Safety Companies in most states around the nation (see www.newyorkpublicsafety.com). As it is illegal to drive a vehicle without insurance in any state, the company's focus is (1) on creating and operating systems to reduce the rate of uninsured cars on the road; and (2) operating efficient diversion programs to provide a pathway to compliance. The primary goal is public safety, ensuring social responsibility and changing the behavior of offenders by getting all motorists insured.

Reducing Uninsured Automobile Rates

There are approximately 36 million uninsured vehicles traversing our nation's roads every day. As an example, Florida has the highest uninsured rate of 30% and New York's is 12%. SECURIX's InsureNet System (National Vehicle Insurance Status System) was developed to provide a full-featured, complete solution to the massive problems involving uninsured vehicles. Its focus is on solving this problem and reducing the burden on the law-abiding citizens -- not on incarceration and penalties. It also enhances officer safety and efficiency, has zero cost to agencies, yet enables governments to recover revenues and provide critical funds wherever needed.

The System is entirely law enforcement-based and controlled, and does not interfere with discretion. InsureNet is an NLETS Strategic Partner (the government-owned system that links all law enforcement agencies) and was chosen by NLETS to be the entity to deal with this issue nationally. Whereas unequal protection and enforcement is illegal, InsureNet solves this problem without targeting individuals or groups and fully supports law enforcement. The System is incapable of identifying any driver, has an oversight portal for ACLU/privacy advocate, and is instant, accurate and entirely respectful. It also provides an interactive diversion program and an easy, inexpensive path to compliance for violators.

How It Works

SECURIX developed a non-invasive proven artificial intelligence technology that detects uninsured vehicles on the road. The technology can be adapted to 90% of the security cameras already existing. (SECURIX is also a business partner of REKOR whose network has 84 cameras already deployed and utilized with tremendous success by the Westchester County Police Department.)

Insurance companies report uninsured vehicles to the DMV every night with a "hot list" of license plate numbers with matching VINs. This DMV information is then received by the Police. With 94% accuracy, InsureNet **ONLY** flags those vehicles which are uninsured, or those vehicles whose plates have been linked to a law enforcement alert. It can also link to the Mobile Automated License Plate Recognition (MALP) systems used by the police. All other vehicles remain "invisible."

This technology gathers the information from the rear license plate as opposed to some red-light and traffic cameras which photograph the driver. InsureNet is incapable of identifying or targeting any driver and receives no names or addresses associated with the owner of the vehicle when the plate is flagged, which protects privacy.

Partnership with the Municipality and Public Safety Agency

SECURIX installs the technology at no cost to the municipality. When tickets/citations are issued to uninsured motorists, the municipality splits the fee with SECURIX. It is a win for the municipality, public safety, and the company. Once operationalized, SECURIX offers services to the public safety agency to ensure their diversion program is as efficient and effective as possible.

The Diversion Program approach provides a pathway to compliance that is affordable, respectful, efficient, and non-punitive. It removes the stigma of failure while supporting respect for the rule of law. It also lowers the risk and costs for both the law-abiding and the vehicle owner so everyone benefits.

Once tickets/citations are issued, SECURIX can significantly aid the over-burdened court system by handling the law enforcement review, processing, mailing, and follow-up and reports. Not only does this improve the Courts efficiency, but it is far more cost-effective as it removes the job of the administration of tickets from court attorneys.

Funds Collected

The SECURIX solution greatly reduces the financial burden on the non-compliant vehicle owner and secures funds for local government use, dramatically benefiting the County. Each diversion ticket is \$400. One can pay in installments, must take the on-line course, and upon completion, will get a certificate to purchase discounted insurance. This is a far better option than the current \$750 in fines, \$750 to the DMV, additional court costs, a typical \$100 impound charge and possible towing charge which is often \$250 or more, as well as the uninsured motorist ending up with a DMV record and increasing insurance premiums for years to come.

The system could generate approximately \$10 Million in its first year of operation with almost \$5 Million going to the County, and over a 5-year period, at least \$25.0 Million could go directly to the County. There are no restrictions on how the County chooses the use of funds. For example, money can be directed to school programs, school security, infrastructure projects, and/or other much-needed public safety initiatives which would help garner public support both short- and long-term.