

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
Held In Room #318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512
Members:
Chairman Gross, Legislators LoBue & Wright

Wednesday

November 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:50p.m. by Chairman Roger Gross. He requested that newly elect Legislator Toni Addonizio lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators LoBue, Wright and Chairman Gross were present.

Chairman Gross made a motion to waive the Rules and Accept All the Additional; Seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

Item #3) Approval/Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes: September & October 2014

Chairman Gross stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #4) Approval/Budgetary Amendment (14A105)/Probation DWI/Contract with NYS Governors Traffic Safety Committee

Chairman Gross stated that the acronym DRE that is in the verbiage of Budgetary Amendment (14A105) stands for "Drug Recognition Expert".

Legislator LoBue made a motion to approve the Budgetary Amendment (14A105)/Probation DWI/Contract with NYS Governors Traffic Safety Committee; Seconded by Legislator Wright. All in favor.

Item #5) Approval/Budgetary Amendment (14A106)/District Attorney's Office/Use of DA Reserve Forfeited Asset Funds

Legislator Wright made a motion to approve the Budgetary Amendment (14A106)/District Attorney's Office Use of DA Reserve Forfeited Asset Funds; Seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

Item #6) Approval/Grant Award/FY2014 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant Program

Chairman Gross stated that the application for this grant was already done, it was due in July of 2014. He stated that the Sheriff's Department has been awarded the \$59,800. He stated that it is a 100% funded grant. He clarified that there is no matching amount required from the County.

Legislator LoBue stated that this would be the second explosive detection dog in Putnam County. She stated she would like to see statistics that support the need, in Putnam County, to have two (2) explosive detection dogs. She stated that the grant funding is one facet to this matter; there will be additional costs associated to this grant if it is accepted. She stated that the Officer who is assigned to the dog receives overtime for bringing the dog home.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that she agrees with Legislator LoBue. She stated that once the County gets the dog there will be maintenance expenses associated with the dog. She stated she has no problem with the dog, however there are expenses and additional costs that need to be reviewed before consideration for approval.

Legislator Oliverio stated that there was a request made to the Sheriff's Department, last year he believes, for a calculation of expenses associated, beyond what the grant paid for, the Drug Dog. He stated as he recalls the amount was nominal.

Legislator LoBue stated that she has questions that she would like answered, before moving this item forward.

Chairman Gross facilitated further discussion on this item and whether it would be moved to the November Audit or Tabled to the December Protective.

Legislator Wright stated that he does not see any urgency to move this item to the November Audit meeting. He stated that he would like it Tabled to the December Protective. He stated that the additional costs can go on and on.

Chairman Gross stated that he will send correspondence to the Sheriff's Department requesting information and ask that a representative from the Sheriff's Department be present at the December Protective meeting.

Legislator Wright made a motion to Table Approval/Grant Award/FY2014 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant Program to the December 2014 Protective Services Committee Meeting; Seconded by Legislator LoBue . All in favor.

Item #7) Other Business
7a.) Approval/Fund Transfer 14T280 – Sheriff's Department

Chairman Gross stated that this fund transfer is to cover overtime.

Legislator LoBue stated for the record the amount is \$53,002.

Chairman Gross stated that there were some events that popped up that contributed to this total: a Congressman's Wedding in Cold Spring and the Fireworks event on the 4th of July. He stated that he understands this is a large amount, however he does recognize that these were unanticipated events.

Legislator Oliverio stated the Legislature cannot negate the importance of the health and safety of the people.

He stated that he agrees the overtime needs to be watched, however when the need is there, it needs to be taken care of.

Legislator LoBue stated that she does not believe that there is anyone present who does not agree with protecting the health and safety of the people. She stated that the responsibility of the Legislative Branch of government is to make sure every dollar is spent appropriately. She stated that she attended a

firework event in Peekskill this year. She stated that there were a couple of thousands people at the event. She stated that she did not see a quarter of the police presence at the Peekskill event in comparison to the police presence at events in Putnam County. She stated there is a higher rate of crime in Peekskill versus Putnam County. She stated that she believes that there needs to be a better to schedule police presence at events in Putnam County.

Legislator Wright made a motion to approve Fund Transfer (14T280) – Sheriff’s Department; Seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

7b.) Approval/2014-2015 Public Service Answering Point Award (PSAP)- Update

Commissioner Bureau of Emergency Services Stiebeling stated that they did receive the grant that they had applied for, however the amount was reduced by \$1,571.00. The total amount awarded is \$127,915.00.

Legislative Counsel Van Ross stated that the original amount of \$129,486.00 is included in the 2015 Putnam County Budget. He stated that in 2015 the Commissioner of Finance will need to submit the appropriate documentation to the Audit and Administration Committee reflecting the \$1,571.00 reduction. He stated that he prepared a resolution for review and consideration by this Committee that documents what has transpired with the funding of this grant and the need for an amendment to be submitted by the Commissioner of Finance in 2015 to reflect the deduction.

Commissioner Bureau of Emergency Services Stiebeling provided background on the process and their notification of the awarded amount.

Legislator Wright questioned if there is a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) component associated with this grant.

Commissioner Bureau of Emergency Services Stiebeling stated that there is.

Legislator Wright stated for the record that he will recuse himself from voting on this agenda item, due to the fact that his son works for the DHS.

Legislator LoBue made a motion to approve the Amendment of 2014-2015 Public Service Answering Point Award (PSAP); Seconded by Chairman Gross. All in favor.

7c.) FYI/O’Connor Davies- Cyber Space Crimes–Verbal-Chairman Gross

Chairman Gross stated that he attended a meeting hosted by O’connor Davies a week ago pertaining to Cyber Space Crimes. He stated that it was very interesting and disturbing. He stated that one of the most recent identity theft crimes is people getting a hold of your social security number and whatever other information related to your job and they will file an Income Tax Return, as soon as you are allowed to submit. He stated they receive the “reimbursement check” then when you get your Income Tax Return filed, it gets kicked back because it has already been processed. He stated that the IRS is working on it to try and rectify that problem. He stated that there was a representative from the FBI there who addressed Cyber Space intrusion. He stated the bottom line to those crimes is to stay aware. He stated it was reported that everyone will likely be hacked at some point.

Item #8) Adjournment

There being no further business at 7:08P.M., Legislator LoBue made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Wright. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature Diane Trabulsy.