

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

**Members: Chairman Gouldman & Legislators Gross & Wright**

**Wednesday**

**6:00p.m.**

**July 13, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Chairman Gouldman who lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislator Gross and Chairman Gouldman were present. Legislator Wright was absent. Chairman Gouldman stated that Legislator Scuccimarra has agreed to participate as a member of the Committee for tonight's meeting, pursuant to the Legislative Manual.

**Item #3 – Approval/Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes/ April 14, 2016**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Item #4 - Approval/Fund Transfer (16T145)/Transfer to OT Due To Open Personnel Line/Sheriff's Dept. - Corrections**

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve and move Fund Transfer 16T145 to the Audit and Administration meeting; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

**Item #5 - Approval/Budgetary Transfer (16T163)/Funding for Anticipated E911 Dispatcher Overtime to be incurred through year end/Commissioner Bureau of Emergency Svcs. Sutton**

Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Anthony Sutton stated that the Sheriff's department has two (2) part time dispatchers and they are currently interviewing two (2) more applicants.

Legislator Gross questioned if the positions that the department desired to fill were full time.

Commissioner Sutton stated that the Bureau would have liked to have filled the open full time positions but it was too late in the budget period.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve and move Budgetary Transfer 16T163 to the Audit and Administration meeting; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

**Item #6 – Approval/Grant Application/2016-2017 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Operations Grant/Deputy Commissioner Bureau of Emergency Services Lipton**

Deputy Commissioner Bureau of Emergency Services Lipton was in attendance to request the Legislature to approve the annual PSAP Operations Grant application.

Legislator Scuccimarra questioned how much money the grant is for.

Deputy Commissioner Lipton stated that the grant application process has changed. He stated that in previous years the Bureau had to provide justification for how the grant would be used. He stated that it is now a straightforward application that is put through a formula. He added that this means an exact number for the grant money is not yet available.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Operations Grant application; Seconded by Legislator Roger Gross. All in favor.

**Item #7 – Discussion/Grant Application/NYS Senator Murphy 2016- 2017Criminial Justice Funding/Director Probation Funicelli**

Director of Probation Gene Funicelli explained that this is a one-time grant for \$15,000.00 that Senator Murphy obtained for the Treatment Court and Sherriff’s Department. He explained that it needed to go through the Probation Department because it had to be associated with a County agency. The Treatment Court is a State run agency. Director Funicelli explained that \$10,000.00 dollars of the grant money would go to the Treatment Court for use on supplies, plaques, and coins of recognition. He stated that this is needed because the State does not provide funding for these things. He stated that other specific uses have yet to be determined. He stated there is consideration for using some of the funding in the Probation Department. He added there is the possibility of using some of the funds to cover overtime costs for “Home Visits” conducted after 5:00pm.

Legislator Gross questioned if this could be an annual grant.

Director Funicelli stated that the grant is not annual; however Senator Murphy recognizes the need for funding in these areas. He stated he is sure Senator Murphy will continue to secure funds whenever possible.

Legislator Gross commended Senator Murphy on his fight against drugs.

Director Funicelli agreed with Legislator Gross and adds that he and Senator Murphy are well aware of the drug crisis and are looking to do as much as possible.

Legislator Scuccimarra cited her meeting with the Sheriff Smith and Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Social Services Joe Demarzo prior to tonight’s meeting. She stated the daily efforts put forth by the Sheriff’s Office and other agencies. She stated that she would like to see public recognition given to them for the efforts they are putting forth to address the drug crisis.

Chairwoman Nacerino questioned the criteria for the grant.

Director Funicelli stated that the way it has been presented to him, the Sherriff's Department will work with Senator Murphy's office in regards to how to use the funding they receive. He added that the funding will be beneficial to Judge Reitz's Drug Court that works with a very limited budget.

Legislator Addonizio questioned if the overtime probation home visits are considered overtime because they occur after 5pm.

Director Funicelli stated that is the reason.

Legislator Albano questioned if a new, night time probation officer position should be created, to help alleviate overtime costs.

Director Funicelli stated that he does not believe it would be a good idea due to the infrequency and short timeframe of these night time visits. He adds that this grant money would be specifically for home visits conducted of the Treatment Court participants.

#### **Item #8 - FYI/Correspondence/Nassau County Pilot Program to Combat Texting While Driving**

Chairman Gouldman stated that the Sherriff's Department confirmed that they will work with the District Attorney's office to research possibly instituting a program in Putnam County that would combat texting while driving.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated she believes this to be a good initiative because of how dangerous and prevalent it is.

#### **Item #9 – Other Business**

There is no other business.

#### **Item #10 - Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 6:15 p.m., Chairman Gouldman makes a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Gross. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant, Ed Gordon.