

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held in Room #318**  
**Members: Chairwoman Nacerino & Legislators Sayegh & Sullivan**

**Thursday**

**September 16, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chairwoman Nacerino who requested Legislator Albano lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislator Sullivan and Chairwoman Nacerino were present. Legislator Sayegh was absent, Legislator Albano sat as a member of the Committee in her absence.

**Item #3 - Approval/ Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes/ July 21 & August 19, 2021**

Chairwoman Nacerino stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Item #4 - Update/ Radio Project and Equipment Staging/ Chairwoman Nacerino**

Chairwoman Nacerino stated Director IT/GIS Tom Lannon will be providing the update to this matter.

Director IT/GIS Tom Lannon stated the equipment that will go on the towers is ready. He stated the next step is to go to Chicago, inspect and inventory the County's equipment, and there will be an actual test conducted of running the equipment. He stated they are going to Chicago next week. He stated that Chair of Protective Services, Legislator Nacerino will be going with them. He stated they will also visit Motorola's Innovative Center, where they will see the new technology that will be coming out and how it may fit into Putnam County. He stated after their visit the equipment will be delivered to different areas throughout the County. He stated it is estimated that it will take approximately a month to be delivered. He stated the equipment will then be installed on the towers. He stated the hope is to begin the necessary testing of the equipment in the Spring of 2022. He stated the goal to go live is the Summer of 2022. He discussed briefly the installation process and the fact that NYCOMCO (New York Communications Company) will be responsible for the installation of the equipment on the towers. He stated a representative from NYCOMCO will be on the Chicago trip as well.

Legislator Albano stated it sounds as though there is a lot of work to be done for sure. He questioned if there would be any chance the system could go live before Summer 2022.

Director IT/GIS Tom Lannon stated it is highly unlikely based on what he has learned from other counties who have been through the process. He stated Putnam has about 90 percent of the tower space needed, but there is more to secure.

Legislator Sullivan requested Director Lannon speak to the need of additional tower space and what steps the County needs to take.

Director IT/GIS Tom Lannon stated the tower at the Putnam County Golf course is still in the process of being finalized. He stated the space is considered park land, and for that reason they

are working with New York State. He stated a tower in Patterson is in the process. He stated there are two (2) matters that are dragging the tower at Piano Mountain and he provided some details to the challenges there. He stated there is a backup plan if needed. He stated the tower in Nelsonville is in litigation still, once that is resolved they are ready to proceed.

Legislator Sullivan questioned, realistically, when will the tower at the Putnam County Golf Course go up.

Director IT/GIS Tom Lannon stated he would say approximately 9 – 10 months. He stated they are waiting to get the lease from Homeland Towers and provide that to the State. He stated then they must work with New York State and are at the mercy of their schedule and calendar.

**Item #5 - Update/ Tropical Storm IDA- Aftermath in Putnam County/ Chairwoman Nacerino**

Chairwoman Nacerino stated Director of Emergency Management John O'Connor will address this matter.

Director of Emergency Management John O'Connor stated Tropical Storm Henry hit the Putnam County area within a week of Post Tropical Depression Ida. He stated we had over six (6) inches of rain fall in a short period of time. He stated Putnam County has received category "B" declaration from FEMA, which is related to the funding and assistance the Putnam County area will receive. He stated they are trying to get into category "A", which would include debris removal and a few other things. He stated right now Putnam County is the only county in the Lower Hudson Valley that hasn't met the criteria for category "A". He stated a certain threshold of cost in terms of damage needs to be met, \$387,000. He stated he was with members of FEMA and Homeland Security in Philipstown. He stated Philipstown, roughly has \$1 million worth of infrastructure damage and on Fair Street there was about \$2 million worth of damage that FEMA and Homeland Security validated. He stated that puts us well over the threshold of \$387,000. He stated that he is confident that in the next day or two FEMA and the State will put Putnam County in the category "A" declaration. He stated with the proper documentation 75% of the funds expended would be reimbursed back to the County. He stated this falls under the category of public assistance, which means the public sector. He stated the other programs available for individuals and private businesses those metrics are measured in a different way. He provided a broad overview of those options and other programs. He stated dealing with the aftermath of Tropical Storm Isaias in 2020 was very different, because of the fact that it occurred in the height of the COVID-19 Pandemic. He stated the takeaway from the storms is there needs to be more outreach to the general public in terms of the assistance that is available for post damage recovery and assessment. He stated this way they can get their businesses up and running and get their homes back in order, if they are eligible. He stated the municipalities expenses incurred during storms may qualify for reimbursement, such as the overtime in the Sheriff's Department, the Highway & Facilities Department expenses, etc. He stated also any equipment usage during the storm and during the recovery phase may be eligible.

Chairwoman Nacerino questioned what the plan is to get the information out to the communities.

Director of Emergency Management John O'Connor stated he has been looking at different options, informational pamphlets are used in many different areas, which he is researching. He stated the Towns, Schools and Fire Departments, he believes need to have a better understanding of how they can get reimbursement for the costs they incurred during and after storms. He concluded that he is working on establishing a plan to get the information out to the members of the public.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated this is a serious matter and seems these storms are more and more frequent. She stated it seems taking this approach will prove to be beneficial in the future.

Legislator Albano stated his agreement that there is room for improvement in getting the information to the residents.

Director of Emergency Management John O'Connor stated if there is any resident in the County seeking information, as a result of damage from the storms, they should be directed to call the County Executive's Office or his Office in the Bureau of Emergency Services. He stated he cannot guarantee anyone anything, but he will try to help.

Legislator Montgomery stated a great way to start the outreach to the members of the public would be to include the Legislators on the information being sent to the Town Supervisors and Village Mayors. She stated constituents contacted her who experienced great devastation to their main living spaces. She requested clarification is there a monetary threshold for the homeowner's assistance.

Director of Emergency Management John O'Connor stated there is not a monetary threshold. He stated he believes if there are enough applicants from a specific area, that can have an effect on the assistance. He provided further detail of different scenarios at private residence that may qualify for public assistance, that fall under the category of emergency procedures.

Legislator Montgomery requested that Director O'Connor keep the Legislature updated on whether Putnam County gets approved into category "A".

**Item #6 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A075)/ Seized Asset Funds to purchase Medical Kits Containing Lifesaving Equipment for Use by the Narcotics Enforcement Unit/ Sheriff Langley**

Chairwoman Nacerino stated Undersheriff Cheverko is present to speak to this item.

Undersheriff Cheverko stated these kits are basically trauma kits and can be used by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), the Narcotics Department and the Patrol Department.

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment (21A075)/ Seized Asset Funds to purchase Medical Kits Containing Lifesaving Equipment for Use by the Narcotics Enforcement Unit; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

**Item #7 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A076)/ Reimbursement Received from Rental Claims Services to Offset the Cost of Repairing a Sheriff's Patrol Vehicle Involved in an Accident July 7, 2021/ Sheriff Langley**

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment (21A076)/ Reimbursement Received from Rental Claims Services to Offset the Cost of Repairing a Sheriff's Patrol Vehicle Involved in an Accident July 7, 2021; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

**Item #8- Approval/ Fund Transfer (21T189)/ Overtime Costs Incurred in March by Road Patrol, Due to Shortage of Deputies/ Sheriff Langley (Also To be Reviewed at 9/20/21 Personnel Mtg)**

Chairwoman Nacerino stated tonight there are seven (7) fund transfers from the Sheriff's Department totaling \$215,684 to cover overtime costs for the months of March, April, May, June, July and August. She stated the overtime was incurred over the past months and noted all of the Fund Transfers are dated August 25, 2021. She stated she is happy that Undersheriff Cheverko is present but is disappointed that Sheriff Langley is not present. She referenced unanimously approved Resolution #34 of 2020 which adopted an overtime policy for all County Departments. She stated the fund transfers in front of this committee this evening request funding from Jail Personnel and sub-contingency budget lines. She stated there will still be a negative balance of \$60,038.43. She stated this is a violation to the Putnam County Charter (section 7.08) and of the Overtime Policy. She read from Resolution #34 of 2020. She stated it is troublesome that the policy has not been respected. She stated additionally there is reason for concern that the people in the positions such as these, Deputies, Correction Officers, which are very demanding positions, are having to put in so much overtime. She stated there is concern about their morale and mental health as a result of having to work all of these extra shifts. She stated the work has already occurred, therefore she encourages her fellow committee members to approve these fund transfers. She stated that does not undermine the essence of what she has said. She questioned, where will the overtime funding come from for September, October, November, and December.

Undersheriff Cheverko stated they acknowledge the budget amendment should have been sent last month. He stated the way we got to where we are today is due to the fact there are two (2) Deputies out on Military Leave, which results in 176 shifts and 133 shifts that need to be covered. He stated there are four (4) Deputies at the Police Academy. He stated to cover those six (6) positions alone costs approximately \$300,00 in overtime. He stated additionally there is a Deputy at Canine Training. He stated there is an Officer out on 207C. He stated there have been six (6) retirements. He continued to explain the causes that have led to these requests. He stated they are still faced with managing coverage for vacation, sick time and comp time. He stated also in accordance with County Policy, they are not allowed to back fill a position until all of the vacation time is used up.

Sheriff's Fiscal Manager Kristen VanTassel explained her approach to cover these expenses.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated these are very reasonable and rational statements. She stated this could have all been done in advance. She stated you can project based on the number of

Deputies on Military Leave and some of the other vacancies as well, to ignore the process and procedure in the County Charter, in her opinion, there is no need for that. She stated this should not be brought to the Legislature after the fact. She stated the Sheriff's Department should have been proactive in approaching this. She recognizes there are certainly circumstances that are unexpected. She stated, based on what was reported this evening there were some facts that should have been anticipated in terms of what the expenses would be. She stated per the charter a memo should have been sent to the Legislature in anticipation of running over the anticipated budget.

Sheriff's Fiscal Manager Kristen VanTassel stated they knew when the 2021 Budget was adopted that the Sheriff's Department would go over the \$520,000 budgeted for overtime with the salary raises. She stated those who are out on Military Leave are still being paid. She stated there are also a lot of the personnel moves throughout the departments of the Sheriff's Department that add to the challenge of tracking the finances.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated she understands all of that, however the Charter and Policy cannot be ignored.

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

Chairwoman Nacerino stated Personnel Director Eldridge is not aware of 11 vacancies in the Road Patrol Division. She stated the 11 vacancies are listed as a contributing cause of this excessive overtime.

Undersheriff Cheverko stated they are not all actual vacancies there are Deputies in the academy, but they are counted as a vacancy because those Deputies are not available to cover a shift.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated a chart was provided by Personnel Director Eldridge late today. She stated they have not had a chance to review it. She stated it shows vacancies in the Sheriff's Department from January 2021 to September 2021. She stated Director Eldridge stated not all of the vacancies have an impact to the Road Patrol.

Legislator Sullivan stated he has some comments. He clarified his comments are not necessarily directed to the Undersheriff, he would prefer that the Sheriff was present. He stated he feels bad that the Undersheriff has to be here and take all of the heat related to this matter. He stated the Sheriff is the one responsible to manage his department, and to have the Undersheriff in a position of having to justify managing and overspending, in his opinion, is not fair. He stated these comments and questions are for the Sheriff. He stated in February of 2020 the Legislature specifically made an amendment to the County Charter. He stated it addressed this issue of overspending overtime. He stated it is not allowed. He stated no other department exceeds their budget, no other department comes to the Legislature after the fact of spending the money. He stated he is very perplexed as to why we are here again asking why didn't someone from the Sheriff's Department contact the Legislature a month or two (2) ago, when it was evident all of the reasons listed as causes to the overtime, were clear to see. He stated now the Legislature is put in a very bad position of having to approve the transfer of funding that has already been

spent. He stated again this is directed to the Sheriff, why can he not do something to manage this overtime better. He stated the Legislature approved half a million dollars in the budget for overtime, that is a lot of money. He stated now another \$200,000 and he believes there will be even more requested in November or December with a request for another \$100,000 to be transferred because they were off budget for some reason. He stated we have not discussed the impact of COVID. He stated there were 426 shifts of people out on COVID that should not have been out on COVID. He stated they should not have been out on COVID because the Sheriff did not follow the County Policy related to COVID. He stated the County Attorney is not present to address that. He stated the Sheriff did not follow the County Policy or the New York State Policy. He stated he followed his own policy. He stated to cover the 426 shifts, that adds up to approximately \$250,000 of overtime. He stated that is not mentioned here, which he finds interesting. He stated there is nothing that states there needs to be a certain number of patrols on the road at one time. He stated to keep spending the taxpayers money like this is upsetting to him. He stated he is looking forward to the Bonadio Group Report. He stated he is hoping it will provide guidance on changing some things that will result in better management of the overtime. He stated the Legislature has been asking for better management of the overtime for two (2) years now. He stated he understands there are issues outside of the realm of control. He stated that is why there was \$520,000 budgeted for Overtime in the 2021 budget. He stated he does not agree with the way things are handled when it comes to the overtime. He stated he is not in favor of approving any overtime transfers.

Legislator Montgomery stated she could not hear clearly what Fiscal Manager VanTassel stated regard the policy that must be follow when back filling a position.

Sheriff's Fiscal Manager Kristin VanTassel provided a broad explanation of the Vacancy Control County Policy.

Legislator Montgomery stated that seems like an impossible policy for the Sheriff's Department especially since from the beginning the Sheriff's Department did not get what was requested in his proposed budget for 2021. She stated the Sheriff planned for overtime, but it was cut by the County Executive and the Legislature. She stated the COVID Policy that Legislator Sullivan mentioned that the Sheriff did not adhere to, did not come out until after the fact. She stated there was no policy provided the Sheriff's Department or to the Legislators. She questioned why the Bonadio Group draft is being given to the County Executive and not given to the Legislature at the same time. She stated we are equal branches of Government.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated tonight is the first she is hearing of this. She stated she does not have an answer.

Legislator Albano stated he is sure the Legislature will get a copy soon.

Legislator Montgomery stated she believes that to be unethical, that the Legislature was not presented the Bonadio Group draft report at the same time it was presented to the County Executive.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated she would like to get back to the core of this discussion, observing and respecting the County policies put forth by the Legislature. She stated we expect that a memo would be sent before the work has occurred and the transfers are sent. She stated there is a half of year's work of fund transfers that have been submitted for consideration by the Sheriff's Department. She stated that is a violation of the policy. She stated as a law enforcement agency you pride yourself on the following of rules and regulations and enforcing them. She stated this is a concern, especially since this is not the first time this conversation has occurred. She stated she is baffled how we will get through the end of the year. She stated she will not support transferring funds from Office Equipment.

Sheriff's Fiscal Manager Kristin VanTassel stated she is confident they will not have to do that this year.

Undersheriff Cheverko stated for the record it was mentioned, there was no Putnam County COVID Policy. He stated the Sheriff's Department followed the CDC COVID Guidelines throughout the entire pandemic and continue to do so, now along with the County's policy. He stated the reference of the \$520,000 to cover overtime does not only relate to Military Leave. He stated vacation, sick time, personal days they all have an impact on the \$520,000 overtime budget and there are the unexpected contributing factors as well.

Legislator Sullivan stated he spoke to County Attorney Bumgarner who informed him that the Sheriff never contacted her inquiring what the County COVID Policy is. He stated just like every other Department Head, which the Sheriff is, he must follow the County COVID Policy. He stated for the Sheriff to go off on his own and make the decision to follow the CDC COVID Policy and never even touch base with the County Attorney to say this is what he is doing resulted in a lot of money being spent on Deputies being out on COVID leave when another County employee in a different Department, would not have been out. He stated the Sheriff thinks he can run the Sheriff's Department any way he wants, and that is not correct. He must follow the rules that the entire County does. He stated he wished the Sheriff was present to defend his actions, he is not expecting the Undersheriff to do that. He stated he would like to hear why the Sheriff did not contact the County Law Department and rather decided to handle COVID the way he thought he should handle it.

Undersheriff Cheverko stated they did meet with the County Attorney, Personnel Director Eldridge and Commissioner of Health Dr. Nesheiwat and there was no direction given. He stated there was no communication. He stated if they were directed to contact the Law Department, they would have done that.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated it is the Legislature's understanding that there were employees directed to quarantine and still got paid, but there was no documentation or real guidelines to justify the quarantines. She stated while at the same time other County Employees who possibly had similar scenarios of exposure, had to come to work. She stated so there may have been Sheriff Employees that were unjustifiably quarantined and paid, we do not know for sure. She facilitated further discussion on this matter.

Legislator Montgomery stated the County policy should have been given from the top position in the County. She stated she would like to speak on behalf of her constituents' requests that there be more Sheriff Patrols to her district. She stated on the western side of the County there is one (1) Deputy who is shared between Philipstown and Putnam Valley. She stated the western side of the County area is one of the most popular tourist attraction areas in the Hudson Valley. She stated thousands of people every weekend come there. She stated she is concerned about public safety. She stated she is also concerned about overtime cost and adhering to policy, but the bottom line here is public safety. She stated the Sheriff submitted a budget for 2021 that would fund his department's overtime to provide the coverage needed. She stated that request was denied and now we are faced with this matter. She stated moving forward she would like to hire additional deputies, so we have the coverage needed to address public safety in our County.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that consideration will be reserved for the 2022 budget process. She stated it is up to the Sheriff to demonstrate the need for such a request.

Legislator Albano stated he agrees with the comments made by Legislator Sullivan and Chairwoman Nacerino. He stated a budget is approved annually and that is the budget that needs to be adhered to throughout the year. He stated if the approved budget is not meeting the needs of a department, it is up to the members of the department to contact the Legislature and communicate the matter. He stated then based on the information, if there is a need for an amendment, decisions will be made.

Undersheriff Cheverko stated they did request additional funding to meet the Department's needs, but it was reduced.

Legislator Albano stated he still believes the key component is the need for communication.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that can be looked at comprehensively. She stated when Sheriff Langley was first elected one of the things he said was he was going to reduce overtime. She questioned what overtures have been made to analyze or decipher what needs to be or not and whether or not there could be cost cutting measures. She stated so we have volumes of overtime dollars but we, the Legislators, do not know what justifies the overtime. She stated the purpose of the budget process is to look at ways to improve efficiencies and eliminate redundancies.

Legislator Sullivan stated he would not make the statement that we need more people without knowing the data behind it. He stated to say add more deputies because people are complaining, he does not support that approach. He stated he needs to see data. He stated if more deputies are needed in an area, a phone call should be made to the Sheriff and discuss the need. He stated the Sheriff makes the decisions of where his patrols are assigned. He stated we give the Sheriff an overall budget and the decisions for the department, including patrols, are made by the Sheriff.

Legislator Castellano requested confirmation that there will not be a shortage in the Jail Personnel lines, since the fund transfers are requesting the fund from those lines.

Sheriff's Fiscal Manager Kristin VanTassel confirmed that is correct she is tracking it closely.



Legislator Castellano stated in relation to the military leaves. He questioned if the employees are still getting paid by the County and if there is any reimbursement the County can receive.

Undersheriff Cheverko stated the County pays an amount to the employee to offset the difference between the military salary the individual's salary. He stated the County does not receive any reimbursement.

Sheriff's Fiscal Manager Kristin VanTassel stated that is addressed in the new Military Leave Policy approved by the County (R/141 of 2021).

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to Approve/ Fund Transfer (21T189)/ Overtime Costs Incurred in March by Road Patrol, Due to Shortage of Deputies; Seconded by Legislator Albano. By Poll Vote: One Nay Legislator Sullivan. Motion Carries.

**Item #9- Approval/ Fund Transfer (21T190)/ Overtime Costs Incurred in April by Road Patrol, Due to Shortage of Deputies/ Sheriff Langley (Also To be Reviewed at 9/20/21 Personnel Mtg)**

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to Approve/ Fund Transfer (21T190)/ Overtime Costs Incurred in April by Road Patrol, Due to Shortage of Deputies; Seconded by Legislator Albano. By Poll Vote: One Nay Legislator Sullivan. Motion Carries.

**Item #10- Approval/Fund Transfer (21T191)/ Transfer Jail Overtime from sub-contingency to Road Patrol Overtime/ Sheriff Langley (Also To be Reviewed at 9/20/21 Personnel Mtg)**

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to Approve/ Fund Transfer (21T191)/ Transfer Jail Overtime from sub-contingency to Road Patrol Overtime; Seconded by Legislator Albano. By Poll Vote: One Nay Legislator Sullivan. Motion Carries.

**Item #11- Approval/ Fund Transfer (21T193)/ Overtime Costs Incurred in May by Road Patrol, Due to Shortage of Deputies/ Sheriff Langley (Also To be Reviewed at 9/20/21 Personnel Mtg)**

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to Approve/ Fund Transfer (21T193)/ Overtime Costs Incurred in May by Road Patrol, Due to Shortage of Deputies; Seconded by Legislator Albano. By Poll Vote: One Nay Legislator Sullivan. Motion Carries.

**Item #12- Approval/ Fund Transfer (21T194)/ Overtime Costs Incurred in June by Road Patrol, Due to Shortage of Deputies/ Sheriff Langley (Also To be Reviewed at 9/20/21 Personnel Mtg)**

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to Approve/ Fund Transfer (21T194)/ Overtime Costs Incurred in June by Road Patrol, Due to Shortage of Deputies; Seconded by Legislator Albano. By Poll Vote: One Nay Legislator Sullivan. Motion Carries.

**Item #13- Approval/ Fund Transfer (21T195)/ Overtime Costs Incurred in July by Road Patrol, Due to Shortage of Deputies/ Sheriff Langley (Also To be Reviewed at 9/20/21 Personnel Mtg)**

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to Approve/ Fund Transfer (21T195)/ Overtime Costs Incurred in July by Road Patrol, Due to Shortage of Deputies; Seconded by Legislator Albano. By Poll Vote: One Nay Legislator Sullivan. Motion Carries.

**Item #14- Approval/ Fund Transfer (21T196)/ Overtime Costs Incurred in August by Road Patrol, Due to Shortage of Deputies/ Sheriff Langley (Also To be Reviewed at 9/20/21 Personnel Mtg)**

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to Approve/ Fund Transfer (21T196)/ Overtime Costs Incurred in August by Road Patrol, Due to Shortage of Deputies; Seconded by Legislator Albano. By Poll Vote: One Nay Legislator Sullivan. Motion Carries.

**Item #15- FYI/ Fund Transfer (21T210)/ Purchase Estimate for Vehicle at Auction for Bureau of Emergency Services (BES)/ Commissioner Bureau of Emergency Services Clair**

Chairwoman Nacerino stated representatives from the Bureau of Emergency Services will speak to this item.

BES Commissioner Ken Clair stated there is a great opportunity to bid on equipment that Putnam County is in need of. He stated Director of Emergency Management John O'Connor has a great deal of knowledge of the Auction process and has been very instrumental. He stated the purpose of the fund transfer is to establish a budget line for the Auction Sites.

Director of Emergency Management John O'Connor stated one of the vehicles, a high-water rescue vehicle, is useful in cases of serve flooding situation, as we have recently dealt with in this area. He stated essentially it is a truck that can navigate through 50 inches deep water on land. He stated the auction items are used items, with a guarantee that they work. He explained there is a tremendous cost savings, versus purchasing such equipment brand new.

Deputy Commissioner Lipton stated Director O'Connor spearheaded this option of utilizing the auction opportunity. He stated as we face more natural challenges and construction projects there is certain equipment that is needed. He stated utilizing the auction option, allows the County to purchase the equipment needed to meet the current needs at a great cost savings.

BES Commissioner Ken Clair stated the Town of Southeast's Highway Department has been utilizing the auction process for some time and purchasing used military equipment.

Legislator Sullivan stated he thinks it is great that the members of the County's BES are looking for ways to save taxpayers money, while meeting the needs of the County and its residents.

Chairwoman Nacerino expressed her appreciation as well for the innovative approach to purchasing needed equipment at a cost savings. This item will go to the Audit and Administration Committee for signature by the Chair of the Committee.

**Item #16- Approval/ Fund Transfer (21T211)/ Purchase Audio Log/ Commissioner Bureau of Emergency Services Clair**

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

Chairwoman Nacerino stated the additional documentation was sent to the Legislature this evening, by Sheriff's Captain Babcock.

BES Deputy Commissioner Robert Lipton stated the Audio Log is a piece of equipment used by dispatch at the Sheriff's Department and the 911 Call Center which records all the incoming phone calls. He stated the current Audio Log equipment is old and in need of replacement. He stated it is a collaborative contribution of funding from the District Attorney' Office, the Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Emergency Services. He explained there is further work that will be done through the assistance of the County Law Department, who is working on an agreement that will show an object line.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated for clarification that the fund transfer before the committee is a request from the Bureau of Emergency Services to transfer \$1,500.00.

Legislator Sullivan requested confirmation that this equipment will be sufficient to handle the consolidation of the Sheriff's Dispatchers and the 911 Call center.

BES Deputy Commissioner Robert Lipton stated that is correct.

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to approve Fund Transfer (21T211)/ Purchase Audio Log; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

**Item#17- Other Business - None**

**Item #18- Adjournment**

There being no further business at 7:26pm Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.