

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN ROOM #318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Thursday

October 20, 2016

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M. by Chairwoman Nacerino who requested Legislator Gross lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Scuccimarra, Gouldman, Addonizio, Albano, Gross, Castellano, LoBue, Wright and Chairwoman Nacerino were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Van Ross.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that they would now review the proposed changes submitted by each Committee.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Gouldman & Gross)**

Item #1 – Putnam County Visitors Bureau – Tourist Promotion Agency.

Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Addonizio, Chairwoman of the Economic Development & Energy Committee.

Legislator Addonizio stated the Committee was waiting for the letter from the Board of Directors confirming the appointment of Frank Smith as the acting Director of the Visitors Bureau. She stated that it was received today. She read the letter from Barney Malloy, Chairman of the Putnam County Visitors Bureau, Inc.

Legislator LoBue stated that no financials from 2016 have been provided.

Acting Director of the Visitors Bureau Frank Smith stated what has been provided is the most up to date information available from the accountant. He stated the 2016 work is not yet completed.

Legislator LoBue questioned if Acting Director Smith has submitted all the receipts and invoices, up to date, to the accountant.

Acting Director Smith stated the accountant has received a portion of 2016 but not all.

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in Favor.

Acting Director Smith stated this packet was the economic breakdown of Tourism in 2015 in regards to the I Love New York matching grant program.

Legislator LoBue stated that it appears there is \$71,000 in arrears for 2013 and \$30,000 in arrears for 2015. She stated she would like to see the bank statements for the accounts. She stated this is a main reason why the 2017 funding should be in subcontingency.

Acting Director Smith stated up until March of 2016 he was a seasonal intern in the Visitors Bureau. He stated after he graduated college he came back to the position of Deputy Director. He stated he was not very much involved in the finances. He explained that he did not know how he could answer things from the past.

Legislator LoBue questioned who was signing the checks.

Acting Director Smith stated himself.

Legislator LoBue questioned if the Visitors Bureau was in arrears.

Acting Director Smith stated not to his knowledge; especially a number that large.

Legislator LoBue questioned who gets the bank statements.

Acting Director Smith stated he does not have bank statements. He stated the accounting office has taken care of the financials for the Visitors Bureau since he started as an intern.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated seeing as the arrears are from previous years, these are problems Acting Director Smith inherited.

Legislator LoBue questioned if the bills were up to date and if the accountants have been paid.

Acting Director Smith stated the accountants are owed money.

Legislator LoBue questioned how much money they are owed.

Acting Director Smith stated they are currently double checking the number. He stated the amount given by the accountants was \$24,000 which also included invoices from 2013 that were not received by the Visitors Bureau until 2016.

Barney Malloy, Chairman of the Visitors Bureau Board of Directors stated certified audits were conducted for 2012, 2013, and 2014 and all 990's were filed; there were no deficits. He stated whatever the deficit was during a running historical ledger was reconciled during the fiscal year it pertained to. He stated the 2015 audit or 990 are not due until the end of November. He stated the new Board has adopted new policies for procurement and conflict of interest. He stated that they are also working on a standards and

procedure policy. He stated the Board has been in touch with the Attorney General's office and they are more than satisfied with how the new Board is executing along these lines. He stated, through the procurement policy, Acting Director Smith has authorization to sign checks up to \$500. He stated anything between \$500 and \$3,000 needs a dual signature from Acting Director Smith and a member of the Board. He stated anything above \$3,000 is protected by the Putnam County Procurement Policy which requires an RFP or RFQ. He stated that the Board has adopted the same policy which applies to every other department, including this Legislature. He stated the Board is looking into doing an RFP or RFQ form for all services that are event oriented. He stated they are down to 12 candidates, who will be interviewed in the next two (2) to three (3) weeks, for the Executive Director position. They hope to hire someone by the end of the year. He stated that they have spoken with New York State Empire State Development and any funds not spent in the matching grant fund will be rolled over into next year's allocation. He stated they will come up with a marketing plan with the new Executive Director. He stated they will not be making any additional commitments until they have a marketing plan in place and until we have a cost benefit analysis going forward as to how those monies will be expended. He stated as of last week they have started a 90 day accounts receivable. He explained the different resources and skill sets the new Board Members have brought to the Visitors Bureau. He stated the contract with Putnam County expires at the end of the year and needs to be redone with the County Executive.

Chairwoman Nacerino questioned if the reports Mr. Malloy refers to as a check register, does he believe them to be accurate in light of the fact that the filings and the reconciliations were done.

Chairman Malloy stated that from his experience of other nonprofit organizations that he has been involved with, a 990 and a certified audit has been conducted and filed in each of the preceding years. Those were done which attests to the fact that the books balanced or showed whatever assets or deficits in place at that moment in time. He stated that no number even approximating \$70,000 or rolled over from those three (3) prior years that they have access to, has been manifested. He stated that the 2015 audit will not even be conducted until next month. He stated that for 2012, 2013 & 2014, those audits do not support what is in the check register. It is a working draft.

Chairwoman Nacerino facilitated further discussion on the accuracy of the money due to the accountants.

Chairman Malloy stated the new Board will request proper documentation be provided for the past invoices from the accountants.

Legislator LoBue questioned if the new Board has the files from the previous Director of the Visitors Bureau.

Chairman Malloy stated he has whatever Acting Director Smith is able to provide.

Chairwoman Nacerino explained that this discussion is about funding the Visitors Bureau for 2017.

Legislator Albano believed that the Visitors Bureau money for 2017 should be kept whole and not be put into subcontingency. He believed the issues of the past needed to be resolved.

Legislators Scuccimarra, Castellano, and Addonizio agreed with Legislator Albano regarding moving forward.

Legislator Castellano stated the money should be taken out of subcontingency.

Legislative Counsel Clement Van Ross stated there is no money currently in subcontingency, the vote is to put the funding into subcontingency.

By Roll Call Vote: One Aye - Legislator LobBue. Eight Nays – Legislators Addonizio, Albano, Castellano, Gouldman, Gross, Scuccimarra, Wright and Chairwoman Nacerino. Motion Fails.

Putnam Tourism Promotion Agency

	FROM:	TO:
Advertising 25641000 54664	5,000	0
Leased Transportation 25641000 54678	10,000	0
County Contribution 25641000 54950	141,996	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54981	0	156,996

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Legislator Wright questioned if the accountants sent a summary bill stating to pay the \$24,000.

Acting Director Smith stated that they did.

Legislator Wright questioned if it has been formally responded to in such a way that this bill is disputed and to provide all backup documentation. He stated that failure to do so within 30 days allows them to move on an accounts dated basis.

Chairman Malloy stated that the letter is being drafted stating that the bill is being disputed and will go out on Monday through a Board motion last night.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Gross & Wright)

Item #2 – Coroners – Postage.

Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Gouldman, Chairman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gross and Wright, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

Coroners

	FROM:	TO:
Postage		
10118500 54314	750	150

A DIFFERENCE OF: (600)

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Castellano & Wright)

Item #3 – Sheriff’s Department – Reflect Current Allocation of Deputy Sheriff Positions.

Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following:

Sheriff’s Department

Reflect Current Allocation of Deputy Sheriff Positions

	FROM:	TO:
Sheriff		
10311000 51000	2,196,564	2,194,854

A DIFFERENCE OF: (1,710)

Sheriff – Narcotics		
14311000 51000	872,198	873,908

A DIFFERENCE OF: 1,710

Sheriff – Road Patrol		
17311000 51000	3,389,409	3,344,106
A DIFFERENCE OF: (45,303)		

Sheriff – Security Services DSS		
19005060 51000	91,677	90,377
A DIFFERENCE OF: (1,300)		

Sheriff – Building Security		
19311000 51000	50,079	91,677
A DIFFERENCE OF: 41,598		

Adjust Fringes & Revenue Accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4 – Office for Senior Resources – Reflect Impending Retirement in December.

Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following:

Office for Senior Resources

	FROM:	TO:
OSR – RSVP		
Reflect Retirement		
10677300 51000		
(677310104)	283,455	270,198

A DIFFERENCE OF: (13,257)

Adjust Fringes & Revenue Accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5 – Legal Aid – County Contribution.

Legislator LoBue requested that Legal Aid Attorney, Patrick Brophy, provide a synopsis of the request for additional funding.

Attorney Brophy provided an overview on the reasons for the request to place additional funding in subcontingency such as; the uncertainty surrounding grant funding from the State, the changes in guidelines for eligibility for indigent legal services, the projected increased caseload due to these changes and the staff needed to provide these mandated services.

Chairwoman Nacerino requested clarification on if the \$75,000 requested is for salaries and not for services.

Attorney Brophy stated it is for new hires if needed due to anticipating having a higher caseload. He explained that there were guidelines on how many cases an attorney could have in order to properly represent clients.

Legislator LoBue believed that the issue is that Legal Aid funding has been cut and without this grant they have a shortfall in funding.

Legal Aid Attorney, David Squirrell, explained that the grant funding was approximately \$99,000 which expires at the end of this year. Legal Aid will not have it next year.

Legislator LoBue explained that the \$75,000 request was not additional funding. It would be to make Legal Aid whole as to what their funding is for 2016. She stated that she would like to increase the request by another \$75,000 for a total of \$150,000. She stated that if it is not needed, it would not be spent.

Legislator LoBue made a motion to amend the proposed resolution to place \$150,000 in subcontingency; Seconded by Legislator Wright.

Legislator Nacerino believed that it is not the County's responsibility to make Legal Aid's budget whole; it is an outside agency.

Attorney Brophy explained that by New York State County Law, the County must provide indigent legal services. It can be provided through Legal Aid or by a public defender County employee.

Legislator Gross stated that Legal Aid is losing the grant funding and will have an increased caseload because of the change in the law. He stated that he supported the proposal of \$150,000.

Legislator Albano explained that the problem is with New York State and they have put the County in this position. He believed it was a bad statement for us to say, "don't worry we got your back."

Legislator Scuccimarra questioned the total budget for Legal Aid.

Attorney Brophy stated that the County's funding is approximately \$616,000.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated it is yet another mandate that is hindering the County's budget. She believed \$150,000 is too much when the County is trying to stay below the tax cap.

Legislator Castellano believed that \$150,000 was too much and would take up much of the tax cap. He questioned what would happen if Legal Aid shut down due to lack of funding.

Attorney David Squirrell stated 18B attorneys would be assigned and they are paid \$75 per hour. He stated that is much more expensive than the salaries for the Legal Aid employees.

Attorney Brophy stated he had calculated the cost for using strictly 18B attorneys and it would cost the County well over \$1 million dollars. He believed that the bargain the County is getting with Legal Aid is substantial.

Legislator LoBue believed the revenue could be raised another \$75,000 and still be within the tax cap.

Legislator Wright believed the tentative budget fails to take into account the change in formula eligibility imposed by the State. He stated if the money in subcontingency is not used it goes into revenue and can be used for the 2019 budget. He stated the obligation for funding falls on the County's shoulders. He stated the County is not financially harmed by putting the money in subcontingency. He stated if the court has to order 18b attorneys the cost could wind up being much higher than \$150,000. He stated he supported placing \$150,000 in subcontingency.

Chairwoman Nacerino believed that we were speaking about hypothetical situations without statistical facts to back them up. She questioned Commissioner Carlin if the Legislature was afforded the possibility, should the additional \$75,000 be needed, to take it from contingency at a later date.

Commissioner Carlin stated that was correct. He stated that the County Executive would need to initiate the change to the budget. He explained that if the Legislature put the money in subcontingency, the County Executive would still be involved in the process; signing or vetoing the resolution.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if raising it to \$150,000 would break the tax cap.

Commissioner of Finance Carlin stated that you need to look at all the changes and then at the end you would see how it balances. You cannot look at just one item on its own. It would depend on what you do on the revenue side of the budget.

Chairwoman Nacerino called for a roll call vote on putting \$150,000 in subcontingency.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FOUR AYES - LEGISLATORS GOULDMAN, GROSS, LOBUE AND WRIGHT. FIVE NAYS- LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ALBANO, CASTELLANO, SCUCCIMARRA AND CHAIRWOMAN NACERINO. MOTION FAILS.

Chairwoman Nacerino called for a roll call vote on putting \$75,000 in subcontingency.

Legal Aid

	FROM:	TO:
Increase County Contribution		
Subcontingency 10199000 54981	0	75,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 75,000

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY- LEGISLATOR SCUCCIMARRA. MOTION CARRIES.

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman LoBue, Legislators Albano, Castellano & Scuccimarra)**

Item #6 – Cornell Cooperative Extension – Increase County Contribution.

Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator LoBue, Chairwoman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano, Castellano and Scuccimarra, Legislator LoBue moved the following:

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that she was in favor of this increase. She believed that Cornell Cooperative Extension did a fantastic job.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

	FROM:	TO:
Increase County Contribution 25875000 54950	311,965	315,185

A DIFFERENCE OF: 3,220

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7 – National Association of Counties (NACo) Membership.

On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Albano, Castellano and Scuccimarra, Legislator LoBue moved the following:

Chairwoman Nacerino expressed her concern over the additional funding due to NACo being more on a federal level rather than a State level.

Legislator Albano stated there are many benefits to this membership. He stated Putnam County is surrounded by counties that are members. He suggested having someone from NACo come in to do a presentation.

Legislator LoBue noted that Commissioner Carlin stated that Putnam County used to be a member, however, it appeared that many of the issues discussed were not relevant to Putnam County and the membership was not renewed.

Legislator Wright stated his past experiences with NACo were that it presented a good opportunity to speak with the County’s national representatives.

Legislator Gross believed that most of these national organizations were not necessary. He believed that if something critical comes down related to New York State, he stated that we would hear about it from Albany. He did not believe this membership was necessary.

Chairwoman Nacerino explained that we were not committed to becoming a member. We were committing the \$2,000 in funding, should we decide to move forward based on an overview from a NACo representative.

NACo - Dues

	FROM:	TO:
Books & Supplements		
10192000 54313	15,000	17,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 2,000

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY- LEGISLATOR GROSS. MOTION CARRIES.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #8 – Parks & Recreation – Maintenance & Repairs – Subcontingency.

Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following:

Parks & Recreation

	FROM:	TO:
Maintenance & Repairs		
10711000 54710	15,000	0
Subcontingency		
10199000 54985	0	15,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #9 – Putnam Arts Council – Increase County Contribution.

Legislator LoBue listed organizations that benefit from the County’s contribution to the Putnam Arts Council.

Legislator LoBue made a motion to increase the County contribution by \$3,000; seconded by Legislator Gross.

Legislator Gross stated due to the money being spread across many organizations, many people would benefit from the increase.

Legislator Scuccimarra noted that the Putnam Arts Council did not request more funding.

Legislator Albano explained that there was no request for the increase.

Legislator Addonizio stated that she supported the arts, however, the Putnam Arts Council did not requested an increase. She stated that Cornell Cooperative Extension requested an increase of 2.9% and we reduced that to 1%. She explained that since we did not give Cornell Cooperative Extension the full 2.9% that was requested, she could not be in favor of a \$3,000 increase for Putnam Arts when they did not request it.

Chairwoman Nacerino called for a Roll Call.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: TWO AYES- LEGISLATORS LOBUE AND GROSS. EIGHT NAYS – LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ALBANO, CASTELLANO, GOULDMAN, SCUCCIMARRA, WRIGHT AND CHAIRWOMAN NACERINO. MOTION FAILS.

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Scuccimarra, Legislators LoBue & Addonizio)**

Item #10 – Office of Senior Resources – Janitorial Services.

Legislator Scuccimarra explained that per the question asked at the Health Committee Budget meeting, the slight increase in Janitorial Services requested by the Office of Senior Resources was for the Butterfield Senior Center opening.

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Gross & Wright)**

Item #11 – Arson Team.

Legislator Gouldman explained that per questions asked at the Protective Budget meeting, Commissioner of Emergency Services, Anthony Sutton provided that the Fire Investigation Team was dispatched 35 times in 2015 and has been dispatched 37 times so far in 2016. He stated in the past 12 months, four (4) fires have been determined to be arson.

Item #12 – Increased Costs in Special Patrol Officer (SPO) Temporary Line.

Legislator Gouldman explained that per questions asked at the Protective Budget meeting, Undersheriff Convery provided that the increase in the cost is due to the increase in salaries for the SPOs from \$21 per hour to \$25 per hour. He also noted that the number of hours the SPOs are needed at County buildings have increased.

Legislator Wright did not believe this was all responsive to what took place at the Committee meeting.

Chairwoman Nacerino asked Legislator Wright to express his concern in order to request clarification before the Public Hearing.

Legislator Wright stated that with regard to Undersheriff Convery's explanation that the number of hours the SPO's are needed due to increases at County buildings, could you please provide past year numbers and projection per building for 2017 and what the underlying reasons for authorizing those hours where the departments are deficient.

Item #13 – Number of Cell Phones Used by Coroner and District Attorney’s Office.

Legislator Gouldman explained that a question was asked at the Protective Budget meeting regarding the number of cell phones used. County Auditor Sharkey provided that the Coroner has one (1) County cell phone and the District Attorney’s Office has 13.

Item #14 – Access to Cell Phone Records.

Legislator Gouldman addressed a question asked at the Protective Budget meeting. He stated IT Director Thomas Lannon has access to all cell phone records for all phones issued by Putnam County. He stated this includes calls made, amount of data used, and equipment used.

Legislator Wright believed that it may not be responsive to the inquiry. He cited a situation in California where a government agency could not access their employee’s phone. He believed there is data contained in a phone that, in the absence of unlocking codes preset by each employee, the County is powerless, as was the FBI, to know important information contained in a public agency phone. He explained that his inquiry questioned if the County had the ability to override codes set on an employee’s County cell phone.

Chairwoman Nacerino concurred that the information received from Director Lannon did not address the inquiry brought forth by Legislator Wright. She suggested asking Director Lannon if the County has the ability to have access to codes on County owned cell phones.

Legislator Castellano suggested for future purchases of County cell phones, we should see if they can come with a master code, in order to give the County the ability to unlock the device no matter what passwords are set by the employee.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that the questions would be addressed to Director Lannon.

Item #15 – K-9 Unit

Legislator Gouldman explained that per discussions at the Protective Services Budget meeting, Captain Christian provided the supporting documentation needed regarding the K-9 unit.

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Albano, Legislators Castellano & Scuccimarra)

Item #16 – Putnam National Golf Course – Improvement Line & Cost for Kitchen at Butterfield.

Legislator Albano spoke about a memo received from Deputy Commissioner of Highway and Facilities John Tully, dated October 20, 2016, which addressed questions asked at the Physical Budget Committee meeting pertaining to the following: a list of projects that fall under the \$100,000 for improvements, cost of Butterfield kitchen at the Lahey Pavilion site and a larger copy of the Butterfield Lahey Pavilion site Plans.

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman LoBue, Legislators Albano, Scuccimarra, & Castellano)**

Item #17 – RFP for Electrical Inspection Services

Legislator Gouldman questioned how many RFP bids there are now.

Commissioner of Finance William Carlin stated he is not sure.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the amount of money was based on revenue or fees.

Commissioner of Finance Carlin stated it is an estimate based on the fee for the contracts.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the fees would be a hindrance to future bids due to vendors not wanting to pay the \$80,000 fee.

Legislator Scuccimarra believed that more information was needed.

Legislative Auditor Michele Sharkey read section #6 – Contract Fee in the bid which addressed the annual fee of \$81,360 payable to Putnam County. This section notes that the fee will be used to cover the administrative expenses incurred by the County to issue and process electrical inspection permits.

Chairwoman Nacerino expressed her concerns about whether or not this would be passed on to the consumer and if there should be a provision for a cap on what a consumer could be charged.

Legislator LoBue expressed her concern that this was never brought to the Legislature's attention before the RFP was issued. She also expressed her concern that the fee would be passed on to the consumer. She stated that it was her understanding that the contractor charges a fee and out of that amount the County now receives a \$30 fee per application.

Chairwoman Nacerino questioned how the \$80,000 fee was decided upon. She believed that the parameters on this issue were not known.

Legislator Gouldman stated that he did not believe that each town used the County's electrical inspector.

Legislator Wright stated a collateral issue to be looked at is the fact that the Electrical Board did not want to become further involved in the process.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that is correct, the Electrical Board was opposed to the idea.

Legislator Wright stated the Electrical Board is appointed by the Legislature. He believed that the Board should have had a policy discussion with the Legislature in regards to upcoming changes that they wanted the County to undertake.

Legislator LoBue believed that the Director of Consumer Affairs took this on. She explained that it should have been brought to the Legislature's attention.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated an explanation should be requested from the Administration. She believed that we shouldn't speculate until we know the facts.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that County Auditor Sharkey pointed out a section of the RFP, #5 – Inspection Rates, which provides that “vendors may not alter inspection rates more than 10% without prior written approval from Putnam County. Rates may only be increased once in a twelve month period.”

Legislator Addonizio questioned both the Electrical Inspection Services line of \$40,000 and the Electrical Inspections line of \$40,000 on page 70. She stated that the Electrical Inspections line in 2016 was \$110,000.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that we need more information.

Legislator Castellano requested that the Director of Consumer Affairs, Michael Budzinski be invited to the Audit meeting to give us an overview. He also requested that Deputy County Executive Walker and Purchasing Director Mazzotta be invited.

(The next day, October 21, 2016, Deputy County Executive Walker sent a memo requesting that the Legislature remove the \$40,000 revenue and that it was decided not to award the RFP.)

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Item #19 – Principal Typist – Office for Senior Resources.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that there was discussion at the Personnel Budget meeting about the request for an \$8,000 increase for the Principal Typist to the Director in the Office for Senior Resources. She stated that Personnel Director Eldridge was requested to provide more information about the confidential positions. She stated that Director Eldridge provided this documentation today. She stated that he verbally recommended to her, a \$2,500 increase for the Principle Typist in the Office for Senior Resources and the Confidential Secretary for the County Executive.

Legislator LoBue questioned if that number included the normal 2% increase.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated it does not, it is a straight increase, separate from the 2%.

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to increase both positions \$2,500; seconded by Legislator Albano.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #18 – Change from Maintenance Carpenter to Maintenance Plumber – Highway.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that there is a difference of 2,721 between the titles.

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to change the title of Maintenance Carpenter to Maintenance Plumber; seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

(there was further clarification of Item #18 at the end of the meeting)

Item #20 – Legislators' Salary - Legislature

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion for a 2% increase for Legislators in conjunction with the County Executive's proposed 2% increase for all administrators and elected officials in the tentative budget. She stated that the Chairman Committee stipend of \$7,000 would be removed. The new total of the increase would be \$6,503; seconded by Legislator Albano and Gross. All in favor.

Item #21 – Administrative Assistant – Legislature

Chairwoman Nacerino explained that there is a proposed change to the salaries of the Administrative Assistants in the Legislative Office of \$260.00 and \$120.00 to round them out and make them whole. She stated that it is a fiscal impact of \$380.00 however, there is a savings from removing the Chairman Committee stipend.

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to increase the salaries a total of \$380.00; seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Item #22 – Personnel Lines – District Attorney

Legislator Wright made a motion to revisit the proposed adjustments for the Personnel lines in the District Attorney’s office at half the amount which was requested; seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra.

Legislator Wright stated that the District Attorney had requested the upgrades, however, the Executive’s budget declined to fund the requested upgrades.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated her opposition to the increase due to the District Attorney only being in office for a year and now he is asking for significant increases.

Legislative Counsel Clement Van Ross questioned if the motion was for all four (4) of the salaries to be increased or if the motion was to split the question.

Legislator Wright stated he would split the question. He stated that during the discussion at the Personnel Budget meeting, the District Attorney explained that if the Committee did not agree to the proposals, his alternate request would be to consider the proposed increase for line #116510912.

Legislator Wright requested that line #116510912 be moved first at an increase of \$3,750.

Chairwoman Nacerino called for a Roll Call Vote.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: TWO AYES- LEGISLATORS SCUCCIMARRA AND WRIGHT. SEVEN NAYS – LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ALBANO, CASTELLANO, GOULDMAN, GROSS, LOBUE AND CHAIRWOMAN NACERINO. MOTION FAILS.

Legislator Wright made a motion to increase the salaries of lines 116510905 by \$3,500., 116510914 by \$2,500. and 116510922 by \$1,250.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: TWO AYES- LEGISLATORS SCUCCIMARRA AND WRIGHT. SEVEN NAYS - LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ALBANO, CASTELLANO, GOULDMAN, GROSS, LOBUE AND CHAIRWOMAN NACERINO. MOTION FAILS.

Item #23 – Capital Appropriations

Legislator Wright requested that the Legislature design a way, moving forward, to better deal with capital appropriations, whether they are bonded or otherwise. He stated that he has expressed over time concerns regarding cost modifications and cost overruns. He stated that he wanted to focus more specifically on anything that would fall under the

descriptive umbrella of a “design build concept”. He stated an example would be Tilly Foster Farm. He explained that with the absence of the design build out, the Legislature was saying yes to a project without an understanding of the fiscal impact. He stated it would be fiscally responsible, if on approval of Capital Construction Projects, to have a fairly accurate final cost that would be approved, with consequences elsewhere if the number cannot be met.

Legislator Gross explained that there are some unforeseen costs once the project is started, like with the septic and water issues at Tilly Foster Farm.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that unforeseen problems arise during projects all the time, no matter how much planning is done.

Item #18 – Change from Maintenance Carpenter to Maintenance Plumber – Highway – Continued

Legislative Auditor Michele Sharkey questioned if the Legislature wanted to take the money out of the temporary line to make up the difference of \$2,721.

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to take the money out of the temporary line to make up the difference; seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

There being no further business, at 8:20 p.m. Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Edward Gordon, Administrative Assistant.