

**SPECIAL  
PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
Held In Room #318  
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

**Members:  
Chairman Gross, Legislators Gouldman & Nacerino**

**Thursday**

**January 29, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Chairman Roger Gross. He requested that Legislator Gouldman lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators Gouldman, Nacerino and Chairman Gross were present.

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

**Item #3) Approval/Re-establishment of the Putnam County Fire Advisory Board (FAB)**

**a. Approval/Memo Fr: Deputy County Attorney A. Diaz Dated: 01/21/15**

**Requesting approval of Two (2) – Proposed Resolutions:**

- 1) Resolution Re-establishing the Putnam County Fire Advisory Board**
- 2) Resolution/Appointment/Putnam county Fire Advisory Board**

Chair Gross provided some background on the Fire Advisory Board (FAB). He stated that it was originally created in 1958. He stated that the FAB was dismantled in 2009 per the recommendation, of then Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services Robert McMahon. He stated that in 2014 this Committee was approached by representatives from the Bureau of Emergency Services and the Fire Departments expressing their wish to have the FAB re-established. He stated that the County Law Department was asked to review the proposed Rules and Regulations of the re-established FAB that was provided by Acting Commissioner Lipton at the December 9, 2015 Protective Services meeting. He stated that Putnam County's Deputy County Attorney Diaz did provide a legal opinion after her review. He stated that in summary there were no legal concerns or conflicts for the County.

Acting Commissioner Lipton stated that the Legislature, at this point, has been provided with all of the background documentation.

Chair Gross read excerpts from the proposed resolution. He stated that the Board Membership of the FAB would consist of nineteen (19) members: one member from each of the thirteen (13) Fire Departments in the County, one member from each of the four (4) Ambulance Corps in the County, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services, and one member of the Putnam County Legislature. He stated that it is documented in the resolution that all the members of the FAB will serve a three (3) year term, will have one (1) vote each and will serve without compensation. He stated that there have been names supplied by Acting Commissioner Lipton of proposed members to serve on the Board. He stated at this time there are only fourteen (14) of the seventeen (17) Fire Departments who have made their recommendation for their representative.

Acting Commissioner Lipton stated that the reason that there are three (3) missing is because those departments have not had their meetings to discuss this matter and provide the name of their representative. He stated that as soon as he receives them he will provide them to the Legislature.

Legislator Nacerino questioned if the names are made available to the Legislature before the February 4, 2015 Full Legislature Meeting could they be incorporated into the resolution.

Chair Gross stated that he would support that. He facilitated further discussion regarding what was included in the proposed resolution and an amendment to be made to the resolution re-establishing the FAB in terms of staggered terms and whether the appointment would be the position "Chief" or the actual person. He stated that the three (3) departments who still need to provide the name of their "delegate" are Cold Spring, Philipstown and Putnam Valley. He stated that getting the FAB re-established is predicated on getting things set to find the new Putnam County Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services.

Acting Commissioner Lipton questioned when will the Legislator be selected to be on the FAB. He stated that he is on a tight time table with the County Executive.

Chair Gross stated that would be handled by the Chairman of the Legislature. He questioned if it would be a conflict of interest to have a Legislator as a member of the Committee to select the new Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services; it is his opinion that the Legislature Representative would have to recuse them self from the vote.

Legislator Albano stated that he agrees with that consideration, and would like to discuss that matter further with Legislative Legal Counsel VanRoss.

Legislative Legal Counsel VanRoss stated that the first matter to be address is the approval of the Resolution to re-establish the FAB. He stated that the second resolution is to approve who will be appointed to the FAB. He stated to approve the second resolution at this point is premature until the County Executive approves the resolution re-establishing the FAB. He stated that the Legislature at the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting cannot establish the FAB and appoint.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to move the Resolution Re-establishing the Putnam County Fire Advisory Board (FAB), as Amended; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Chair Gross stated that the Resolution/Appointing the Putnam County Fire Advisory Board Members is Tabled.

**Item #4) Approval/Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) w/NYSEG/Distribution of Dry Ice In Emergency Situations/Location at County Facility**

Legislator Nacerino stated that it should be clarified that this is not speaking to the distribution of Dry Ice for Personal use it is for Municipal Distribution only.

Acting Commissioner Lipton reiterated the statement made by Legislator Nacerino. It would be a depot for NYSEG to drop off water and dry ice to municipalities. He stated it would not be a public distribution. He stated that the Municipalities will pick up their supplies and bring them back to their

Towns and Villages for them to distribute to the public. He stated that there will not be a ton of traffic moving in and out of the Board of Elections, which is where the pickup location will be.

Legislator Gouldman made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding w/ NYSEG/ Distribution of Dry Ice In Emergency Situations/Location at County Facility; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

**Item #5) FYI/Fund Transfer(14T375)/Sheriff's Department/Reallocated Wrong-Per Finance Department – Duly Noted**

**Item #6) Approval/Budgetary Amendment (14A123)/District Attorney's Office/Payment to Vendor, Jack Ward Fire Consultant, LLC, from the D.A. Asset Forfeiture Program Special Services Line**

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment (14A123); Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

**Item #7) FYI/Budgetary Amendment (14A124)/Sheriff's Department/Cover overtime costs for the Sheriff's Youth Division –Duly Noted**

**Item #8) FYI/Budgetary Amendment (14A125)/Sheriff's Department/Cover overtime costs provided to the Town of Philipstown for Court Security - Duly Noted**

**Item #9) Approval/Budgetary Amendment (15A002)/District Attorney request the use of D.A. Reserve Forfeited Asset Funds to establish the 2015 Asset Forfeiture Program**

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment (15A002); Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

**Item #10) FYI/Fund Transfer (15T004)/Sheriff's Department/Reallocation/Based on 1<sup>st</sup> Full Year of Actual Costs –Per Finance Department - Duly Noted**

**Item #11) Approval/Fund Transfer (15T005)/To provide hiring of two (2) part-time Victim Witness Assistants- the funds were put into subcontingency during the budget process**

Chair Gross stated that there is an additional correspondence to be addressed with this agenda item. It is agenda item “additional #11” : Resolution #26 from the January 6, 2015 Organizational Meeting/Fund Transfer (15T001). He stated that he would like Commissioner Carlin to speak to this matter.

Commissioner Carlin stated that the Legislature passed a transfer ( (15T001) Resolution #26 from the January 6, 2015 Organizational Meeting) in the beginning of 2015. He stated that at the end of last year there was discussion pertaining to how best to set up this function. It was determined to have two (2) permanent part-time positions. He stated until then a transfer was made of \$2,500 to start the program rolling until this Committee could be addressed. He stated that this resolution (Fund Transfer (15T005) ) will repeal the other resolution and it will establish the two (2) positions and any expenditures incurred in the month of January will be transferred to the proper accounts.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to approve Fund Transfer (15T005)/To provide hiring of two (2) part-time Victim Witness Assistants- the funds were put into subcontingency during the budget process; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

**Item #12) FYI/Fund Transfer (15T008)/Bureau of Emergency Services/Cover Purchase of Generator for the Sheriff's Office Sub Station – Duly Noted**

**Item #13) Other Business -None**

**Item #14) Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 6:25 P.M., Legislator Nacerino made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

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