AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING Held In Room #318 of the County Office Building CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Members: Chairman Castellano, Legislators Nacerino & Tartaro

Wednesday 6:30pm November 19, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 P.M. by Chairman Castellano who requested Legislator Nacerino lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Nacerino, Tartaro, and Chairman Castellano were present.

Item #3 - Approval of Minutes - October 27, 2014

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #4 - Update/ Off-Track Betting Meeting/ Transportation Manager Tamagna

Chairman Castellano stated Transportation Manager Vincent Tamagna is unable to make the meeting to provide the update. He stated he would like to have Transportation Manager Tamagna come before the Committee in December.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to table this item; Seconded by Chairman Castellano. All in favor.

Item #5 - Update/ Drug Testing Machine/ Probation Department/ Director Funicelli

Director of Probation Gene Funicelli stated testing began on October 16, 2014. He stated there is one (1) primary operator, Probation Assistant Jessica Flannigan. He stated Ms. Flannigan works the machine Monday through Friday as well as Thursday evenings. He stated there is one (1) secondary operator, Treatment Court Coordinator Sue Fitzgerald. He stated Ms. Fitzgerald works the machine on Tuesdays and Tuesday evenings. He stated it is working well.

Legislator LoBue questioned how many tests have been conducted.

Director Funicelli stated as of November 17, 2014, 203 samples have been tested. He stated a sample is a specimen and 15 tests may be performed on one (1) sample. He stated the average time to test is 20 minutes. He stated quality control is done daily and takes 25 minutes.

Probation Supervisor John Osterhout stated calibrations can take up to one (1) hour to complete. He stated one (1) day they had a calibration last five (5) hours. He stated

there is daily, weekly, monthly, and annual maintenance to be done on the machine. He stated they just completed the monthly maintenance and it took about three (3) hours.

Legislator Nacerino questioned if this was effective.

Director Funicelli stated it is effective, especially for the Treatment Court Program. He stated the rapidness of the results allows Judge Reitz to deal with each situation immediately. He stated in that respect, it is exactly what Judge Reitz was looking for. He stated the drug testing machine has been effective for regular probationers as well as they understand that the department now has a lab quality testing machine that allows the Probation Officers to have confidence in the results.

Legislator Nacerino questioned if the machine is meeting the department's expectations.

Director Funicelli stated yes, it is. He stated the process they use is that they have the probationer first test in a cup with a built in slide that provides an instant result. He stated if the slide comes up positive, the sample is then run through the machine to confirm. He stated if the slide comes up negative, it is considered negative. He stated they tested over 100 Treatment Court Program cup specimens with the machine and the cups had a 98% accuracy rating.

Legislator Albano questioned if the time for calibration and maintenance would decrease moving forward.

Probation Supervisor Osterhout stated the time would not decrease. He stated when the calibration took five (5) hours, the machine was still new to them and they now know how to problem solve better so that should not happen again.

Director Funicelli stated they printed a log of tests from the machine which shows how many tests were done, when the tests were done, and how much time it took.

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

Probation Supervisor Osterhout stated the total running time of the machine this far is 118 hours and 13 minutes within the 21.5 working days the machine has been utilized. He stated 50 hours has been for quality control and maintenance and 68 hours and 13 minutes has been testing. He stated this equates to 17 full working days. He stated the majority of the time, the operator of the machine must be present at the machine or accessible to the machine.

Director Funicelli stated the primary operator; Ms. Flannigan's office has been relocated to be closer to the machine.

Probation Supervisor Osterhout stated originally, they had estimated the running time of the machine to be 9.5 days. He stated they see now, by the print out that it is nearly double their original thought.

Director Funicelli stated when the discussion about this machine first began, there was no hard evidence to base anything on and now they have that hard evidence.

Legislator Tartaro questioned if the number of samples within those 21 days are indicative of a typical month.

Director Funicelli stated yes, it is typical. He stated a little more than 100 samples were from Treatment Court and the rest were probationers.

Chairman Castellano questioned if there was a situation over the past 21 days where a test came up positive and it was able to be further tested immediately, rather than that person being released to the street while awaiting test results.

Director Funicelli stated the difference between how it was done in the past and how it is done now is the immediacy of the results. He stated the immediacy allows Judge Reitz to be confident in the action taken with the Treatment Court participants.

Chairman Castellano stated prior to obtaining the machine, the person would be sent home while their sample was being tested in the lab.

Director Funicelli stated the test only shows that the person took a drug within a range of time. He stated Probation Officers know their probationers very well and if they suspect a probationer may be under the influence, the Officer will not allow them to leave. He stated the immediate result cuts down the time that a probationer may feel they can get away with having a substance in their system, which has resulted in the probationers being more forthcoming with their Officers.

Legislator Nacerino stated this process seems to be accurate and efficient.

Director Funicelli stated the only issue they have experienced is work management. He stated people are doing extra work to run the machine. He stated he will pursue this with the Administration and come back.

Chairman Castellano stated as the department has more data, a decision can be made. He stated he would like to have Director Funicelli back in a few months for another update.

Item #6 - Correspondence/County Auditor

- a. Sales Tax Report Duly Noted
- b. Board In Revenue Report Duly Noted
- c. OTB Report- Duly Noted
- d. Transfer/Revenue Report- Duly Noted

e. Contingency/Sub-Contingency Report— Duly Noted

Item #7 - Correspondence/Commissioner of Finance a. Overtime/ Temporary Report

Legislator Nacerino questioned why the Philipstown court security was high.

Commissioner Carlin stated it varies depending on when they need the help and how many people need to go there. He stated it is fully reimbursed. He stated it depends on how many inmates have to attend Town Court.

Legislator Nacerino questioned how the temporary lines will impact the County in regards to Obamacare.

Commissioner Carlin stated as of January 1, 2015, temporary workers will not work more than 29 hours per week. He stated a consultant was hired to guide the County through Obamacare.

Legislator Nacerino stated the limited time may effect departments.

Commissioner Carlin stated the departments that will see an effect will need two (2) part time workers to work fewer hours each, rather than one (1). He stated there are not many "full time/part time workers."

Legislator Nacerino questioned if the workers would still be in the temporary line in 2015.

Commissioner Carlin stated they would remain in the temporary line, but there may be more people within the temporary line.

b. Approval/ Bond Resolution/ Bond \$2,251,276/ Peekskill Hollow Road/Bridge

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Tartaro. All in favor.

Legislative Counsel Clem Van Ross stated the SEQRA also needed approval.

Chairman Castellano made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

c. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (14A105)/ Probation/ DWI Crackdown Enforcement and DRE Callouts

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Chairman Castellano. All in favor.

d. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (14A106)/ District Attorney/ Asset Forfeiture Program

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Chairman Castellano. All in favor.

e. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (14A107)/ Finance/ Peekskill Hollow Road Project PIN 8757.48

Chairman Castellano made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Tartaro. All in favor.

f. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (14A109)/ Finance/ Vacancy Control/ Sept. – Oct. 2014

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Tartaro. All in favor.

g. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (14A110)/ Health Dept./ State Aid Performance Incentive Initiative

Commissioner Carlin stated the County is looking to be reimbursed for purchases made in preparation for Ebola.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Tartaro. All in favor.

Item #8 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (14T269)/ Health Department/ Cover Temp/ Two WIC Peer Counselors Through End of 2014

Legislator Tartaro made a motion to approve fund transfer 14T269; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #9 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (14T271)/ Board of Elections/ Election Night IT Support

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to approve fund transfer 14T271; Seconded by Legislator Tartaro. All in favor.

Item #10 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (14T280)/ Sheriff's Dept./ Clear Negative Lines and Cover Overtime Through Year End

Chairman Castellano made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #11 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (14T281)/ Sheriff's Dept./ Purchase Needed Vehicle Cut from 2015 Budget

Chairman Castellano stated this Fund Transfer was received late in the month, and therefore missed the Protective Services Committee Meeting and was put onto the Audit Agenda.

Legislator LoBue questioned why this wasn't pushed to next month's Protective Services Meeting.

Legislator Nacerino stated her concerns with the flexibility of the budget lines.

Commissioner Carlin stated there are plans to tighten the budget lines. He stated if gasoline prices stay low, money will be pulled from department's gas lines beginning in 2015. He stated the price that was budgeted for is about \$1.00 more than the price of gasoline today. He stated the Sheriff's telephone line has already been addressed. He stated in terms of the cars, a couple have been approved for use by Social Services from the Sheriff's Department. He stated departments were asked to find money within their budgets this year, which the Administration would support. He stated to their credit, each department has done that, which allowed the Administration to lower the 2015 budget.

Legislator LoBue questioned how often the vehicle purchased for the K9 unit is used.

Fiscal Manager of the Sheriff's Department Pat Butler stated the vehicle was purchased with grant money and it is used by one (1) officer.

Legislator LoBue clarified that the vehicle is specifically for one (1) officer and is not deployed 24/7.

Chairman Castellano stated the dog must be transported and the K9 unit is needed.

Legislator LoBue stated many new cars were purchased this year. She stated she would rather save the money for next year.

Chairman Castellano stated the Dodge Durango costs \$27,634 and the money will come from the gasoline line. He stated the other vehicle is \$27,474.08 and the money will come from the telephone line.

Fiscal Manager Butler stated one (1) vehicle was inspected by the Highway Department and they reported that the vehicle is being held together, but is not going to make it.

Chairman Castellano questioned what year that vehicle is and how many miles are on it.

Fiscal Manager Butler stated she is unaware of the exact year, but there are over 150,000 miles on one (1) and over 120,000 miles on the other. She stated the car is constantly in the shop.

Legislator Nacerino suggested moving this Fund Transfer to next month's Protective Services Committee Meeting. She stated she has concerns with the vehicle control factor. She stated purchasing a new vehicle should be a planned event based on the mileage on current vehicles.

Fiscal Manager Butler stated the Sheriff's Department tried to plan for the purchase by including it in their 2015 budget.

Legislator Nacerino stated two (2) vehicles were purchased last year with money received. She stated one (1) was included in the budget for 2015, and the K9 vehicle makes four (4) total cars. She stated she would like more information about how the vehicle control is utilized and how vehicles are used and retired.

Legislator LoBue stated she would like an inventory in time for next month's Protective meeting.

Legislator Nacerino agreed with Legislator LoBue's suggestion. She stated purchasing a new vehicle should not come as a surprise.

Fiscal Manager Butler stated many of the vehicles run 24 hours a day and are constantly on the road, which increases the mileage at a fast rate.

Legislator Nacerino stated there should be a vehicle replacement schedule in place so purchases may be planned accordingly.

Legislator LoBue stated in the past, the VIN was required with the inventory of the vehicles so they may be tracked. She questioned if the Dodge Chargers are assigned to a specific Officer.

Fiscal Manager Butler stated the Dodge Charger they are looking to purchase would be assigned to civil, and three (3) deputies would utilize it.

Legislator LoBue questioned who would be getting the K9 unit once purchased.

Fiscal Manager Butler stated the vehicle is not a K9 unit. She stated they prefer to purchase Durangos and Chargers because Highway has the parts for those cars.

Legislator LoBue questioned who would be getting the Durango.

Fiscal Manager Butler stated the Durango is being assigned to BCI (Bureau of Criminal Investigation)/Admin.

Legislator LoBue guestioned how many people would have access to that vehicle.

Fiscal Manager Butler stated she is unaware how many people would utilize the vehicle.

Legislator Tartaro questioned if the Charger costs \$31,000.

Fiscal Manager Butler stated the backup information included in the agenda shows the available packages, but they are not opting for that package. She stated the vehicle will cost \$21,747.

Legislator Tartaro stated earlier it was stated that this vehicle would be utilized by three (3) deputies, which lead him to believe it would be a road patrol vehicle.

Fiscal Manager Butler stated it is not a road patrol vehicle. She stated she would be able get more information to the Legislature tomorrow.

Chairman Castellano stated he has no qualms moving this forward. He stated the Department found the money in their budget needed to purchase the vehicles.

Legislator Nacerino stated she has no opposition moving this to the Full pending the information be received. She stated a clear understanding and schedule must be in place so there is no surprise when a vehicle needs to be replaced. She stated a vehicle replacement schedule should be put in place so it is known what vehicles are being retired and what vehicles are needed in the upcoming year. She stated she would like more knowledge upfront instead of having to request it after the fact. She stated it is not about opposing vehicles, it is about having the needed information.

Chairman Castellano stated he would like to have an update every six (6) months in either Audit or Protective Services.

Legislator LoBue stated this should come from Protective so a full dialogue may be had. She stated a lot of information is involved with this and it must be vetted fairly.

Legislator Albano stated the Highway Department purchases vehicles at different times so there is not so many at once. He stated a lot of cars were purchased this year.

Legislator Nacerino stated the Sheriff's Department has purchased vehicles this year with money that has come forth, however her concern is not having a clear handle on the inventory.

Chairman Castellano questioned if Fiscal Manager Butler would be able to provide the Legislature with an inventory of all vehicles in the Sheriff's Department, their mileage, year, and VIN prior to the December 2, 2014 Full Legislative Meeting.

Legislator Nacerino stated the expectancy of each vehicle should be included as well.

Fiscal Manager Butler stated she would provide that information.

Chairman Castellano made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #12 - County's Deposits and Investments/ Third Quarter Ended September 30, 2014/ FYI

Legislator LoBue questioned what the current bond rates were.

Commissioner Carlin stated he just issued an interest rate of 2.71.

Legislator LoBue questioned if the bond for Peekskill Hollow Road would be around that rate.

Commissioner Carlin stated that money will be borrowed over the next three (3) years. He stated the money is not borrowed until it is needed, so it depends on the interest rate at the time the money is borrowed.

Item #13 - Consumer Affairs/ Weights & Measures Fines and Revenue Report/ FYI

Chairman Castellano questioned the precious metal licenses that were deferred to 2015.

Director of Consumer Affairs Jean Noel stated registration is beginning now to be in place before December 31st. She stated in the past, the revenue was being accounted for in the current year, rather than the year the license is issued for. She stated a deferred revenue line was created for 2015.

Commissioner Carlin stated the revenue will belong to the year the license is issued for.

Director Noel stated the payments will be sent to 2015.

Item #14 - Other Business - None

Item #15 - Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:23 P.M., Legislator Tartaro made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Chairman Castellano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Beth Green