



He stated that system will be upgraded to a trunking system, which will allow for seamless communication from here to Albany. He stated in order to do that a new microwave system was needed as well as additional towers. He stated the microwave system has been ordered and is being built, but may take a little while to come in. He stated the two (2) towers that were approved are being putting in and they are looking at one (1) other tower in the area.

Legislator LoBue questioned how much money would be left after the grant is received.

Director Lannon stated there would be about \$200,000 which would be used for additional equipment.

Legislator LoBue questioned what the total cost of the project is. She questioned how much the microwave system costs.

Director Lannon stated the microwave system costs \$2.6 million. He stated everything is covered by the grant, which has no matching funds. He stated the State benefits from the County's system being upgraded because they will use the system for their emergency management vehicles in this area.

Legislator LoBue questioned what the cost would be to complete the project.

Director Lannon stated he does not have the exact numbers with him. He stated the towers are not costing anything other than the infrastructure of the buildings. He stated the State will not allow radios ("subscribers") to be purchased from that part of the grant, although there is another part that will allow for the purchase of subscribers and will recur every year. He stated they wanted the backbone of the system done first. He stated everything needed for the microwave and towers is covered through the grant.

Legislator LoBue clarified that this budgetary amendment would cover the backbone of the infrastructure.

Director Lannon stated it will cover the infrastructure, tower, shelters, generators, etc.

Legislator Goldman questioned if the Fire Departments and Ambulances across the County will be able to utilize this system.

Director Lannon stated yes, they are the core of the system. He stated with the trunk radio system, every vehicle would have the opportunity to move to a new trunk to communicate with different agencies. He stated for instance, representatives from the police departments and fire departments can speak. He stated their goal is to offer this to the school districts as well. He stated the SROs (Special Resource Officer) in the school have at least two (2) radios on them; one (1) for the school and the other for the Sheriff's Department. He stated the goal is for the school to have the ability to switch their radio to a frequency that would allow them to speak directly to the SRO, which would be monitored by the Sheriff's Department. He stated they would also like to have

this communication system in the buses. He stated they are working toward true interoperability.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if 100% of the County would be covered by this system.

Director Lannon stated the system will cover as close to 100% as possible. He stated Putnam is a difficult County to cover with radios. He stated there is iron in the mountains, which interrupts the radio reception. He stated there is 98% mobile coverage. He stated their goal is to get mobile coverage for the police departments and fire departments. He stated currently, the communication is not seamless. He stated when a deputy is out of their vehicle, they are reliant on the portable radio. He stated there are representatives from each agency that sit on a radio committee to try to move this forward.

Chairman Castellano requested clarification on the SROs in schools.

Director Lannon stated the SROs would have one (1) County radio that would be able to scan the school frequency and the Sheriff's frequency. He stated there would be an intermediary channel that the SRO's radio would be set on.

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

**c. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 17A065/ Planning Dept./ Account for Grant Funding Pursuant to Consolidated Grant for Federal Fiscal Years 2017 & 2018 (Also reviewed in Physical)**

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

**d. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 17A067/ Sheriff's Dept./ Donation for Canine Ballistic Vest (Also reviewed in Protective)**

Legislator Gouldman thanked the Stillwell family for their kind donation.

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

**e. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 17A068/ Veterans Service Agency/ Veterans Peer to Peer Program Funding (Also reviewed in Rules)**

Chairman Castellano made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Legislator LoBue questioned who the program coordinator is for the Veterans Peer to Peer Program.

Veterans Service Agency Director Karl Rohde stated John Bourges is the Program Coordinator.

Legislator LoBue stated the total administrative cost for this program for salaries is \$105,992.

Chairman Castellano stated that number is the annual salaries and the amount goes to a considerable amount of people.

Legislator LoBue stated the budget for the year is \$185,144 and more than half of that goes to administrative salaries.

Chairman Castellano stated there are a number of people who receive salaries through this budget.

Legislator LoBue stated the total salaries come to \$90,428. She questioned what the \$2,000 for employee benefits was for.

Director Rohde stated he would need to speak with Megan Castellano, the Executive Director of the Mental Health Association.

Legislator Jonke stated 30 hours per week has been allocated, but that does not mean the Program Coordinator works the full amount of hours.

Director Rohde stated the breakdown shows the allocation of hours for the positions of Program Coordinator, Veterans Outreach Specialist, and Direct Care Staff as "up to" a certain amount of hours. He stated very few of the employees work the full amount of hours.

Legislator Jonke stated this program is valuable for the Veterans and he does not believe the numbers shown on the breakdown are out of line for the services provided.

Legislator Albano stated the numbers are reasonable for the benefit of this program.

Legislator Gouldman questioned why the amount on the breakdown for benefits is low.

Director Rohde stated he would need to check on that.

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

Chairman Castellano stated this incoming money from the State is providing a lot for Putnam County.

**f. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 17A070/ Sheriff's Dept./ Overtime Expenses Reimbursed through DEA Tactical Diversion Squad Task Force (Also reviewed in Protective)**

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

**g. Approval/ Bond Resolution/ Authorizing Replacement of the Hot Water System at the Jail/ \$350,000 (Also reviewed in Physical)**

Legislator Albano questioned how long the bond is for.

Commissioner Carlin stated the PPU (period of probable usefulness) is 10 years.

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

**h. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 17A071/ Highways & Facilities/ Correctional Facilities Water Project (Also reviewed in Physical)**

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

**i. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 17A072/ Health Dept./ Mandated Transportation Costs/ Early Intervention Program**

Commissioner Carlin stated this is a mandate and therefore must be done.

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

Legislator Gouldman stated because this is a mandate, if the Legislature did not approve it, it would be done anyway.

Legislator Albano stated it is a matter of where the money will come from.

**Item #6 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 17T223/ Sheriff's Dept./ Overtime for CFR Training (Tabled from November Full Mtg. & Protective Mtg.)**

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

**Item #7 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 17T246/ Sheriff's Dept./ Overtime for CFR Training (Tabled from November Full Mtg. & Protective Mtg.)**

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

**Item #8 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 17T282/ Ethics Board/ Temp No Longer Necessary (Also reviewed in Personnel)**

Legislator Gouldman questioned if this temporary position is not necessary moving forward.

Commissioner Carlin stated it is not.

Legislator LoBue questioned if this position is part of the Ethics Board.

Commissioner Carlin stated yes, the position is still there but it will no longer be done by Temporary, it will be done by an employee in the Personnel Department.

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

**Item #9 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 17T291/ Sheriff's Dept./ Overtime for CFR Training (Tabled to Audit from Protective Mtg. and Personnel Mtg.)**

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

**Item #10 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 17T292/ Highways & Facilities/ Properly Allocate Funds for Equipment & Supplies through Year End (Also reviewed in Physical)**

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

**Item #11 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 17T293/ Highways & Facilities/ Cover Overtime through Year End (Also reviewed in Physical)**

Legislator Albano made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 17T293; Seconded by Chairman Castellano. All in favor.

**Item #12 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 17T294/ Sheriff's Dept./ Cover Overtime through Year End (Also reviewed in Protective)**

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

**Item #13 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 17T307/ Health Dept./ Preschool Evaluations/  
Fund Account for 2017 Billing (Also reviewed in Health)**

Legislator Jonke questioned if this is a mandate.

Commissioner Carlin stated yes, it is a mandate and covers ages 0-2.

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

**Item #14 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 17T310/ Sheriff's Dept./ Equipment for New ID  
Lab**

Sergeant William Meyer stated the ID lab took three (3) years to build and is now completed. He stated a sliding gate and lock will be added to separate two (2) areas. He stated a stainless steel table will be placed along with some other pieces of equipment, which will complete the lab project. He stated seized asset money will be used to purchase the needed equipment.

Chairman Castellano questioned if the lab is located in the jail.

Sergeant Meyer stated the lab is on the law enforcement side. He stated this lab will be used to process evidence, fumigate evidence, and find fingerprints.

Legislator Gouldman questioned how those things were getting done prior to the lab being built.

Sergeant Meyer stated there was always a lab and when the Sheriff's Department looked into becoming accredited through the State, some changes had to be made. He stated this included separating office space from lab space and separating storage for evidence. He stated the whole space needed to be redesigned. He stated they are now compliant for accreditation.

Legislator Gouldman questioned what accreditation would mean for the Sheriff's Department.

Sergeant Meyer stated having accreditation shows that the Sheriff's Department meets over 100 standards that are best practices in law enforcement that have been identified by the State. He stated the accreditation is a "feather in the cap" of the Department. He stated the existing lab space was from the 1980's and needed to be updated. He stated the County workers did a great job working on the lab. He encouraged the Legislators to visit the lab.

Legislator Albano stated the upgrade that has been done is great.

Legislator Addonizio questioned if any State funding comes along with being accredited.

Sergeant Meyer stated when grants are applied for the accreditation will be included and taken into consideration by the granting agency.

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

**Item #15 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 17T312/ IT/GIS / Purchase Vehicle not Approved in 2018 Budget**

Legislator Gouldman questioned why funding for this vehicle was not included in the 2018 budget.

Commissioner Carlin stated a policy decision was made to take most vehicles out of the budget and purchase them if funds were available in 2017. He stated this created a lot of space in the cap.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if this vehicle will be replacing an existing vehicle.

Commissioner Carlin stated yes, it will replace a 2008 Chevrolet Impala.

Legislator Jonke questioned who will be driving the vehicle.

Director Lannon stated he will be utilizing the vehicle.

Legislator LoBue questioned why the vehicle is needed.

Director Lannon stated he uses the vehicle to respond on calls for all alarms or server issues throughout the County. He stated there was an issue in the Sheriff's Department on Thanksgiving morning which he responded to. He stated he also responds for the Sheriff's Department as the Police Medic. He stated he has been a member of the Emergency Response Team (ERT) since its inception and responds on calls 24/7. He stated he goes to training near and far for the Sheriff's Department and for IT.

Legislator LoBue requested clarification on which department the vehicle will be for.

Director Lannon stated it was difficult to put it in the line where it belongs. He stated the vehicle is being purchased for the IT Department, where he is the Department Head, but he does utilize the vehicle to respond to calls from the Sheriff's Department. He stated he responds 24/7 on any IT related incident as well. He stated if there is network failure or a loss of lines he responds. He stated he also responds to all drills at the Bureau of Emergency Services.

Chairman Castellano questioned how many miles are on the vehicle being replaced.

Director Lannon stated the vehicle has almost 80,000 miles. He stated the vehicle was flooded, which is causing the inside to rust. He stated equipment is failing in the vehicle and at times does not start.

Legislator LoBue questioned if anyone else has access to the vehicle.

Director Lannon stated the vehicle could be used if needed, however he keeps his gear in the car which would need to be removed if it was being used for a long period of time.

Legislator LoBue stated 80,000 miles is not really a lot.

Legislator Jonke questioned if the gear fits in the current vehicle, the Impala.

Director Lannon stated yes, when both the trunk and back seat are utilized.

Legislator LoBue questioned if the equipment will fit in the new vehicle, the Chevrolet Equinox.

Director Lannon stated yes, he has measured everything.

Chairman Castellano questioned if the vehicle was all wheel drive.

Director Lannon stated yes, it is all wheel drive. He stated this is important so he can get to Emergency Services during an emergency.

Chairman Castellano questioned how long he has been using the current car.

Director Lannon stated about six (6) years. He stated current vehicle will not be "junked" and it could still be used locally.

Legislator LoBue questioned if the current car is marked.

Director Lannon stated the car has County license plates but there are no markings on the sides by request of the ERT.

Legislator LoBue stated it was her understanding that it was County policy that all vehicles had to be marked.

Commissioner Carlin stated he does not believe there is a written policy. He stated a decision needs to be made on which cars will be marked and how they will be marked. He stated some people consider a car with County license plates as marked, while others would rather see the County seal on the side of the vehicle. He stated there are more County vehicles that are marked than not.

Director Lannon stated his vehicle was cited to be marked, however it was requested by the Commander of the ERT that it not be marked so it would not stick out when used for the ERT.

Legislator LoBue stated there should be consistency in regards to the marking of County vehicles. She stated these are vehicles being paid for by taxpayer money and it should be known that they are government vehicles.

Commissioner Carlin stated deciding which vehicles should be marked would be a good topic to discuss at the committee level. He stated there are many different types of vehicles to consider.

Legislator LoBue stated a new vehicle was purchased to be used by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services and it did not have County license plates. She stated the license plate looks like a private plate. She stated she spoke to former Deputy County Executive Bruce Walker about this and it was changed because it is misleading. She stated there should be consistency among the County vehicles.

Chairman Castellano questioned how many miles would be put on the vehicle per year.

Director Lannon stated about 5,000-6,000 miles per year would be put on the vehicle.

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

**Item #16 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 17T313/ County Attorney/ Pay Settlement of Affiliated Care of Putnam, Inc. v. County of Putnam, et al. (Also reviewed in Rules)**

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

**Item #17 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 17T317/ Highways & Facilities/ Road Materials Needed through Year End (Also reviewed in Physical)**

Legislator Albano made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 17T317; Seconded by Chairman Castellano. All in favor.

**Item #18 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 17T321/ District Attorney/ Purchase License Plate Cameras, Overview Cameras, & Wireless Links**

Chairman Castellano stated the funds being used are part of the partnership initiative with the local municipalities.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the Sheriff's Department will be receiving these cameras.

Sergeant Meyer stated the Town of Carmel will be receiving the cameras.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if this is County money.

Commissioner Carlin stated it is County money, but is in the seized asset account.

Legislator Albano stated towns can apply for funding through the seized asset account.

Commissioner Carlin stated it is not County taxpayer money; it is money from the seized assets.

Chairman Castellano stated the categories on the fund transfer shows where this money was budgeted, but since the money was not spent, it was decided to fund this equipment for the Town of Carmel.

Legislator Gouldman stated the budget lists these funds separately than taxpayer money.

Commissioner Carlin stated that is correct, the funds are listed under District Attorney Seized Asset account. He stated each year, a letter is sent explaining how the money will be spent and a resolution is passed.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the Sheriff's Department has license plate specific cameras on their vehicles.

Sergeant Meyer stated the Sheriff's Department has four (4). He stated they are about \$20,000 each.

Commissioner Carlin stated the fund transfer states it will be used to purchase four (4) cameras.

Director Lannon stated he believes the cameras purchased for the Town of Carmel are to be fixed cameras on poles. He stated these are not vehicle mounted cameras.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the Sheriff's Department has any pole mounted cameras.

Sergeant Meyer stated the County does not have stationary cameras. He stated they have one (1) that is modified that can be put on a road block.

Chairman Castellano questioned what the stationary camera will do.

Sergeant Meyer stated that should not be discussed on record.

Legislator LoBue stated it is unusual to use the seized asset line to purchase equipment for other municipalities, especially if it is needed within the Sheriff's Department. She stated her concern with other municipalities requesting similar funds from the County. She stated she does not recall this money being spent outside of County Government.

Legislator Gouldman stated the District Attorney has purchased vests in the past.

Legislator LoBue stated the vests were purchased for the Town of Carmel.

Chairman Castellano stated he believed vests were purchased for the Town of Kent as well.

Legislator Albano stated municipalities can apply and if the criteria are met, the District Attorney can make the decision to approve the funding.

Chairman Castellano made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 17T321/ Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

**Item #19 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 17T327/ Sheriff's Dept./ Remaining Balance of K9 Vehicle Purchased with Donated Funds**

Legislator Gouldman stated he would like to again thank the Stillwell family for their donation. He stated they are very generous to the local law enforcement.

Chairman Castellano stated the Stillwells are good residents of Putnam County.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if this would be replacing a vehicle.

Sergeant Meyer stated it will be a new canine vehicle. He stated this fund transfer is to cover the balance of the vehicle purchased with donated funds.

Legislator LoBue questioned what kind of vehicle was being purchased.

Sergeant Meyer stated it is a Ford Explorer.

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

Legislator LoBue questioned if anyone in the Stillwell family is a former police officer.

Sergeant Meyer stated no, they are dog lovers and they respect and appreciate law enforcement.

**Item #20 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 17T328/ Dept. of Social Services/ Cover Overtime for Probation Officers through Year End**

Chairman Castellano made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 17T328; Seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

**Item #21 - FYI/ Putnam County's Deposit & Investment Policies/ Third Quarter Ended September 30, 2017 – Duly Noted**

**Item #22 - Other Business**

**a. Approval/ Fund Transfer 17T332/ County Clerk/ Purchase Items Related to LGRMIF Grant**

Chairman Castellano made a motion to waive the rules and accept the other business; Seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Commissioner Carlin stated this fund transfer is to allocate the final numbers into the proper lines before the year end so the purchase order can be placed.

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

**Item #23 - Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 7:26p.m. Chairman Castellano made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Beth Green.