

Item #5 - Correspondence/ Commissioner of Finance

a. Overtime/Temporary Report – Duly Noted

b. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 19A068/ Planning Dept./ Account for UPWP Grant Procured (Also reviewed in Personnel & Physical)

Legislator Castellano stated this rail line has been dead since about 2007 and he is looking forward to exploring all possible opportunities. He stated this project has great potential for both Putnam County and the City of Danbury.

Legislator Montgomery requested clarification on the third paragraph of the memorandum attached to the Budgetary Amendment from Commissioner of Planning, Development, & Public Transportation Sandra Fusco to Commissioner Carlin which stated \$50,000 will be expended in 2019. She questioned if this amount would come from the In-kind Services or from the Federal funding. She stated the paragraph also states that the \$15,000 annual stipend is prorated for September 5, 2019 – December 31, 2019.

Commissioner Carlin stated the prorated stipend makes up \$5,000 of the \$50,000 and the remaining \$45,000 is being allocated from the Planning Department's time.

Legislator Montgomery requested clarification on the stipend.

Legislator Nacerino stated the stipend is \$15,000 per year and has been prorated to \$5,000 for the period of time in 2019.

Commissioner Carlin stated that is correct; the prorated amount covers the last quarter of 2019.

Legislator Montgomery stated this is an important project as it will help the residents of the Town of Southeast and could be a boom for the Danbury economy. She stated she is in favor of this with hesitation. She stated her first hesitation is that the MTA (Metropolitan Transit Authority) would be spending money on this project when they have yet to address multiple issues in need of attention. She stated her other hesitation is how the project manager is chosen and if they have experience in project managing. She stated as this grant moves forward next year it is her hope that the Legislature receives updates on this project. She stated she believes this is being approved without a lot of information such as the scope of the project or the job description for the project manager. She stated the Legislature requires more information from some departments and not others.

Legislator Albano stated this is a very complicated study and the MTA, NYMTC (New York Metropolitan Transportation Council), and Danbury are all a major part of this. He stated the representative from Putnam will be part of the project and will handle the work that continues to be necessary.

Legislator Sayegh requested input from Commissioner Fusco.

Commissioner Fusco stated Putnam County is just one (1) of the players in this major project and this piece is the feasibility planning study. She stated this study will determine if it is fiscally viable to extend rail service from the Town of Southeast to the City of Danbury. She stated this is MTA jurisdiction, but since Putnam County is a stakeholder we are directly involved with this project. She stated it is anticipated that this project will take two (2) to three (3) years because it is so in depth and complicated. She stated for that reason, a representative from Putnam County needs to be available to attend all the meetings. She stated Putnam County has been involved in this project since July 2019 by attending meetings and conference calls trying to convene all necessary parties and make sure everyone is on the same page. She stated this is a very expensive study being funded through the Federal Government through NYMTC. She stated Transportation Manager Vincent Tamagna has experience as a Project Manager; therefore he is a good fit to undertake this role. She stated as Project Manager he will be directly involved with the project, attending meetings, and bringing parties together. She stated last Friday; he made a presentation at a public forum in New York City in regard to this project where representatives from the City of Danbury and NYMTC were present.

Chairman Gouldman questioned if \$800,000 was the total project cost or the annual project cost.

Commissioner Fusco stated it is the total project cost.

Sheriff Langley stated when MTA originally purchased these rail lines there was discussion about having a Danbury connection and a connection between the Harlem and Hudson lines. He stated as was previously mentioned, having this connection to Danbury would open parking spaces for the residents of Southeast. He stated the volume of traffic would also be decreased, which would increase safety on the roadway in that area. He stated he would love to see this project go through, he believes it would be a benefit to the community, would increase ability to travel through the town without the traffic congestion, and reduce the number of accidents in the Town of Southeast. He stated when there is an accident on Route 6 the Sheriff's Department receives complaints about commuters cutting through the residential areas to avoid the traffic.

Legislator Jonke stated this is an exciting project for the Town of Southeast. He stated right now, commuters utilize the Route 6 corridor rather than Interstate 84 as a bypass to get into the Town of Southeast. He stated a lot of this traffic will be alleviated if this project goes through. He stated as Sheriff Langley mentioned, this project would open up a lot of parking to Putnam residents and he would like to see priority given to Putnam residents in terms of obtaining parking permits. He stated this project is an example of great partnership between Putnam County and the City of Danbury. He stated this will help Danbury develop their downtown area. He acknowledged the amount of work Commissioner Fusco has already put into this project and stated it will benefit Putnam County.

Legislator Nacerino stated this project has great potential for both Putnam County and the City of Danbury. She stated Legislator Montgomery's point is well taken and she would like Project Manager Tamagna to report to the Physical Services Committee frequently throughout the year.

Legislator Albano questioned if the stipend for the Project Manager is reimbursable.

Commissioner Fusco stated that is correct. She stated a budget line was established for a Confidential Secretary however she has not yet found an adequate candidate. She stated for 2019, the prorated amount of \$5,000 from September 5, 2019-December 31, 2019 was taken from the Confidential Secretary budget line. She stated because Putnam County began working on this project in July 2019, we were able to submit for reimbursement for that time. She stated to answer Legislator Albano's question, the \$50,000 allocated for the Confidential Secretary is 100% fully reimbursable through the NYMTC UPWP (Unified Planning Work Program) Program. She stated the County receives a lot of funding from UPWP for program management in particular.

Legislator Castellano thanked Commissioner Fusco for all the work being done for this project. He agreed with the comments made by Sheriff Langley and Legislator Jonke. He stated he would like the Legislature to stay updated on this study. He stated he believes a different type of transportation such as a light rail system between Brewster and Danbury would be beneficial rather than having another Metro-North line. He stated his concern of losing revenue the County may be collecting from Connecticut residents that come into the County to take the train. He stated a light rail system would be cheaper to build and would benefit the residents of the Village of Brewster by providing an easy way to get to Danbury, and would also bring people from Danbury into Brewster.

Commissioner Fusco stated the study is going to analyze various alternatives. She stated \$800,000 is not a lot of money for what they are looking to do. She stated this is a very exciting project for the area. She stated if the study finds that the project is feasible, because it is a collaborative effort between municipalities in different states, this is the type of regionally beneficial project that could catch National attention, which could bring in grant funding.

Legislator Sayegh questioned if there are currently rail lines that connect New York and Connecticut.

Commissioner Fusco stated a Beacon line had been looked at many years ago, but the topography did not lend itself to a successful connection.

Legislator Sullivan questioned when the feasibility study is expected to be completed.

Commissioner Fusco stated the reason it may take some time is because NYS DOT (Department of Transportation) is involved in the contracting process, which could last

eight (8) – 10 months. She stated the study could take a total of two (2) or three (3) years. She stated she does not know what the results of the study might be, but everyone is anxious to see this move forward.

Sheriff Langley stated in reference to Legislator Sayegh's question regarding connections between New York and Connecticut, the only commuter rail that goes into Connecticut is the New Haven line which runs through Westchester County. He stated none of the lines in Putnam go into Connecticut. He stated in reference to Legislator Castellano's concern regarding the potential loss of revenue, he does not believe many commuters stop and spend money once they get off the train. He stated the benefits of this connection would far outweigh the minimal revenue that would be lost.

Legislator Nacerino questioned if the study is targeted at a connection between Danbury and the Town of Southeast or Danbury to Grand Central Station.

Commissioner Fusco stated the study is looking at the Danbury to Southeast link.

Legislator Nacerino stated from the perspective of the residents of the City of Danbury, they would park their car in Danbury, get on the shuttle train to Southeast and then get on another train to continue their commute. She stated this seems cumbersome and may make transportation more complicated than driving to Southeast.

Commissioner Fusco stated there have been many considerations during discussions while deciding whether to do a feasibility study. She stated she is also on the project advisory committee for the Danbury-Interstate 84 project. She stated they have collected a lot of statistics and found that 77,000 cars traverse on I-84 into Putnam County from Connecticut each morning and out of Putnam County into Connecticut each evening. She stated the congestion mitigation and safety components far outweigh other concerns.

Legislator Nacerino stated she understands the benefits the project would bring and was considering how advantageous it would be for the Danbury commuter. She stated the side roads are congested as well.

Commissioner Fusco stated the City of Danbury Mayor Boughton has been vocally supportive of this project. She stated in fact, at the meeting where Project Manager Tamagna gave his presentation Mayor Boughton appeared via video conference and expressed his support. She stated it is her understanding that there is a new parking garage in downtown Danbury which would be beneficial to the Danbury commuters.

Legislator Jonke stated he believes 5,000 housing units are being built in downtown Danbury right near the train station, which would eliminate the need for many Danbury commuters to drive to the train or even own a vehicle.

Legislator Nacerino stated there could still be commuters living in residential areas in Danbury that would need to drive to the train station. She stated it seems like the commuter would be traveling more rather than less.

Legislator Albano stated this project has tremendous potential and the study will show the information needed to have more in depth conversations.

Commissioner Fusco stated in reference to Legislator Montgomery's question pertaining to the project scope; it is attached to the submission for the resolution. She stated the project scope took some time to come up with because of how many municipalities were involved.

Legislator Sayegh stated the attached material outlines the project between 2018 and 2045.

Commissioner Fusco stated NYMTC is required by the Federal government to have a long-range plan. She stated the long-range plans are developed every five (5) years. She stated they are currently working on project 2050.

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

c. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 19A083/ Planning Dept./ SAM Grant/ ADA Compliant Bathrooms in Veterans Memorial Park (Also reviewed in Physical)

Legislator Addonizio stated Veterans Memorial Park was in desperate need to these bathrooms and she is glad to see this moving forward.

Commissioner Carlin questioned if Senator Pete Harckham secured this grant.

Commissioner Fusco stated that is correct, this grant came through Senator Harckham.

Legislator Sayegh stated she attended the press conference at Veterans Memorial Park where Senator Harckham announced the grant. She stated it is so great to have accommodations for Veterans who may be disabled and visiting the Park.

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

d. Approval/ Bond Resolution/ County Facility Roof Replacements/Rehabilitation/ \$1,327,500 (Also reviewed in Physical)

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

Commissioner Carlin stated this bond will address the roofs on the following County facilities: Buildings #2 and #3 on the Donald B. Smith Campus and the Kern Building. He stated this work is part of the Article 9 project.

Legislator Sayegh questioned if this is the only bond that will be necessary for this project.

Commissioner Carlin stated yes, this is the only bond.

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

e. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 19A085/ Fund Article 9 Energy Efficiency Program (Also reviewed in Physical)

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

Chairman Gouldman requested a breakdown of the Budgetary Amendment.

Commissioner Carlin stated the County will contribute \$2,272,500 from the General Fund Balance as the cash contribution to the project, \$1,327,500 is being bonded, \$123,742 is an estimated amount from energy rebates and incentives, and the remainder of the amount, \$4,184,693, will be financed through TELP (Tax Exempt Lease Payments). He stated those payments will be paid for with energy savings that are guaranteed. He stated about \$1,000,000 is currently budgeted for utilities, which will go down, and those payments will be offset by the savings in energy costs. He stated a lot of energy efficient upgrades are being done to County facilities. He stated this project has been years in the making and he is glad it is being brought to fruition.

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

f. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 19A086/ County Attorney/ Judgements & Claims (Also reviewed in Rules)

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

g. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 19A087/ Dept. of Social Services/ Grant Award from NYS Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance/ Project Balance of State Rapid Rehousing (Also reviewed in Health)

Legislator Addonizio stated her support for this temporary housing assistance that will fund 15 cases over the next two (2) years. She stated this is a great program.

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

h. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 19A088/ Finance/ Year End Journal Entry #1

Commissioner Carlin stated each year a series of budgetary amendments is done to tie up loose ends and make sure there are no negative variances. He stated doing this helps the County's bond rating, which is Aa1 as of this year.

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

i. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 19A089/ County Clerk/ Deed Scan Project

Commissioner Carlin stated this scanning project will preserve years of valuable history while making information available to residents who need to access it.

County Clerk Michael Bartolotti stated in May the County Clerk's Office switched to a new software vendor, IQS, which has provided more functionality and resulted in a cost savings. He stated with the savings they were able to contract with the same vendor for a new product called Infodex, which has the ability to scan index books for the deeds kept in the County Clerk's Office. He stated currently, the deed indexes dating back to mid-1972 are available online. He stated Infodex can digitize the remaining 49 index books from 1812 to mid-1972. He stated the files will be digitized and loaded onto the system already in use in the County Clerk's Office. He stated in addition, the documents will be programmed to be searchable which will quickly bring up the correct liber (book of public records) and page number to look in while reducing the handling of the aging, handwritten index books. He stated once the digitized files are in the system they will be accessible in the County Clerk's Office as well as on the Internet. He stated he is excited to move forward with this project, which should come to fruition in a few months. He stated while learning about Infodex he became interested in digitizing all the deeds, which would be 423,000 images from film, microfilm, or libers. He stated because of the size of this project an RFP (Request for Proposal) would have to go out. He stated he spoke with Commissioner Carlin about this project and the smoothest way to accomplish it would be to use the revenues from the Department of Motor Vehicles, which as of November 30, 2019 was in excess of the budgeted amount by \$200,000. He stated although they will not have their December numbers until January, he is confident the revenue will be exceeded by close to \$350,000. He stated in looking into estimates for the digitization of the deed documents, they believe \$165,000 would be enough to cover a project of this size. He stated the request being made tonight is earmark \$165,000 against their excess revenues to be put into a 2020 budget line for this project so an RFP can go out in the beginning of the year. He stated once this project is complete all deed images and index books will be available on the system and online. He stated this will provide the ability to search all documents from 1812 to

today. He stated there will also be incoming revenue from copies and downloads of these documents.

Legislator Sayegh requested clarification on how a transaction would be charged.

County Clerk Bartolotti stated to search the system and view the documents is free of charge. He stated once an individual finds what they need, a \$5 print or download fee is charged to obtain the document. He stated for professionals who would require access more often, a fee of \$125 per month is charged for unlimited access.

Legislator Sayegh questioned if there is a security risk involved.

County Clerk Bartolotti stated all the documents are public records therefore it does not present a security risk.

Commissioner Carlin stated this system will be very helpful with FOIL (Freedom of Information Law) requests because it will save a lot of time locating the documents.

Legislator Jonke stated his support for this project that moves the County into the 21st Century. He stated this will be a great convenience for those in the real estate business.

Legislator Castellano stated this is definitely the right way to go. He stated the efficiency created for the employees of the County Clerk's Office is a great benefit as well. He stated in regard to Legislator Sayegh's question about security; he stated a benefit of this system is quick access to the history of the deeds. He stated people sometimes receive scam telephone calls saying their deed was stolen and this can be double checked in a much more efficient manner. He stated also, title searchers will have the ability to work from home.

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

**Item #6 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 19T341/ Legislature/ Partnership Initiative/
Town of Kent/ Tornado Damage at Smalley Corners Cemetery (Also
reviewed in Rules)**

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

Item #7 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 19T367/ Sheriff's Dept./ Corrections/ Purchase Uniform Accessories and 4 Sets of Uniforms for Promotion of 2 New Sergeants, 1 Lieutenant, and 1 Captain (Recommitted to 12/11/19 Protective from 11/25/19 Audit Mtg.)

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 19T367; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #8 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 19T368/ Sheriff's Dept./ Purchase New Fridge & Freezer for Evidence Room/ Mini Fridge for Crime Scene Van for DNA Preservation/ Various Computer Equipment & ID Card Printer for CSU (Crime Scene Unit)/ Replace CSU Camera Speedlight, Flash, Trail Camera, and Camera for In-Field Interviews/ Work Table & Shelving for Property Evidence Room

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 19T368; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #9 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 19T375/ Sheriff's Dept./ Corrections/ Overtime due to 2 Officer Openings and 3 on 207C (Also reviewed in Protective)

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

Item #10 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 19T376/ Sheriff's Dept./ Corrections/ Overtime due to Part-time Cook Resignation (Also reviewed in Protective)

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 19T376; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #11 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 19T377/ Sheriff's Dept./ Corrections/ Overtime due to Numerous Constant Watches (Also reviewed in Protective)

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

Item #12 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 19T378/ Sheriff's Dept./ Corrections/ Overtime due to Officer Openings and 3 on 207C and Part-time Cook Resignation (Also reviewed in Protective)

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

Item #13 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 19T392/ Highway/ Overtime & Temporary (Also reviewed in Personnel)

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

Item #14 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 19T403/ Dept. of Social Services/ Cover OCFS Chargeback for March-August 2017 (Also reviewed in Health)

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

Item #15 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 19T404/ Tourism/ Advertising/ Cover Prior Agency's Shortfalls (Also reviewed in Economic Development)

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 19T404; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #16 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 19T406/ Sheriff's Dept./ Road Patrol Overtime (Also reviewed in Protective)

Legislator Sullivan stated as discussed in prior committee meetings, he is looking forward to 2020 when road patrol overtime, which is excessively over budget, will not be paid for by transferring funds from other budget lines.

Sheriff Langley stated historically, the patrol overtime lines have been under-budgeted. He stated if he were to hire full-time employees it would cost the taxpayers more money in benefits and retirement costs. He stated money is being saved by utilizing overtime when there are open shifts. He stated there is no control over when employees retire, and when there are retirements, vacancies are created. He stated the Sheriff's Department has a duty to protect the residents of Putnam County, which sometimes generates overtime. He stated at times, they make sacrifices to cover that overtime by utilizing funds in other budget lines through a transfer. He stated this process is no different than what other organizations do within the State. He stated this is past practice that has been accepted from past administrations in the Sheriff's Department.

Legislator Jonke stated he supported this Fund Transfer at the Protective Services Committee Meeting. He stated if the overtime is under-budgeted that needs to be demonstrated to the Legislature. He stated he it is not past practice to cover a \$120,000 shortfall in the overtime line with funds from 40 various budget lines as was requested on Fund Transfer 19T379 and he does not support that request.

Sheriff Langley agreed that Legislator Jonke supported Fund Transfer 19T406 at the Protective Services Committee Meeting. He stated he believes it is more transparent to transfer the necessary funding all at once rather than a little bit at a time. He stated by waiting until the end of the year, he was able to make sacrifices in the lines used to fund

the overtime. He stated they saw the need for the additional overtime earlier in the year and were careful not to exhaust the other budget lines. He stated the sacrifices of the other budget lines were made at the end of the year in full transparency for the entire County of Putnam to see. He stated if the proper funding was allowed for the Sheriff's Department overtime, we would not be in this situation.

Legislator Albano stated the overtime has been questioned over the years and vacancies created by retirements have always been an issue. He stated these are ongoing issues that have been looked into many times throughout his time as Legislator.

Legislator Sayegh stated the Legislature considers fund transfer requests for the purposes of overtime in the Sheriff's Department on a monthly basis. She stated it is not just one (1) transaction that has culminated at the end of the year; it is an ongoing process. She stated Fund Transfer 19T379, which was taking funds from 40 lines does not seem to be transparent.

Sheriff Langley stated the monthly transfers Legislator Sayegh is referring to are for overtime in the Correctional Facility. He stated this fund transfer is for road patrol overtime.

Legislator Nacerino stated she believes what was in question was the practice of how Fund Transfer 19T379 was utilizing 40 budget lines not originally budgeted for overtime at the end of the year. She stated in her opinion, this is not good practice and she would like to strive to have a better policy and more realistic approach to the overtime. She stated perhaps some of the lines used in Fund Transfer 19T379, which Sheriff Langley mentioned were being saved until the end of the year, were not budgeted realistically. She suggested because those lines were not utilized for the purpose intended in the budget, perhaps taking funding from some of those lines and adding it to the overtime line would be a more realistic and transparent approach.

Sheriff Langley stated a request was made for an overtime line based on years past. He stated a request was also made to separate the comp time into its own line rather than taking it from overtime. He stated these requests were denied and the realistic overtime line they budgeted was cut in the budget process. He agreed that efforts should be made to save money; but there are things that cannot be controlled such as retirement. He stated every department deals with uncontrollable factors.

Legislator Nacerino acknowledged the need to fill the vacancy created by retirements and the need to pay the overtime and comp time for road patrol. She stated finding a more efficient and effective practice to deal with these necessary costs is important; transferring from 40 lines is not good management in her opinion. She stated it is not good practice for the Legislature, who oversees the budget. She stated in 2020 she would like to see a more realistic goal. She stated perhaps in the next budget process this can be addressed from a Legislative perspective, making the budget lines more appropriate.

Sheriff Langley stated budgeting responsibly and realistically is the first step. He stated having a specific line for comp time is important.

Legislator Montgomery questioned what the budgeted amount for overtime was for 2019.

Legislator Sullivan stated the budgeted amount for overtime was increased in the 2020 budget from the amount in the 2019 budget.

Legislator Montgomery stated during the 2019 budget process the Sheriff's Department included an overtime budget which was an estimate of what the overtime would cost the department in the year 2019. She stated this budget line was cut by the County Executive and by the Legislature. She stated Sheriff Langley then had to operate with the amount in the line and overtime expenses were incurred. She stated she has gone through the minutes from the past six (6) years and did not find the Sheriff's Department overtime budget being scrutinized. She stated the budgeted amount in the Sheriff's Department in 2014 was \$200,000 and in 2015 it was \$126,000. She stated there were no questions being asked by the Legislature in those minutes. She stated it is fantastic to pay this close attention to the budget and she would like to see this across the board for each department. She stated for example, she requested the budget for a concert held at Tilly Foster Farm. She stated she received information saying it was handed over to an outside agency and the County received \$2,000 in revenue from the event. She questioned what the cost was to host that event and what the Highway Department overtime was as a result. She stated she asks for this information and does not receive it. She stated these questions should be asked of every department and not put public safety in the line of fire for partisan politics.

Legislator Sullivan stated other departments do not have excessive overages in their budgets, therefore they are not being questioned in the same manner the Sheriff's Department is. He stated he does not want to jeopardize public safety; he would like the managers of this department to be responsible for managing the funds. He stated it is the Legislature's job to make sure the departments stay within their budgets. He stated he looks forward to working with the Sheriff's Department in being presented with the overtime schedules before the budget is exceeded. He stated this will help the Legislature understand why the budget is being exceeded and why additional funding is being requested. He stated if the Legislature has a clear picture of the scheduling of the deputies and what is driving the overtime, we can better work together and not have to have these tough discussions after the fact.

Legislator Jonke stated he resents the accusation of partisan politics. He stated he has been the Chairman of the Protective Services Committee for the past two (2) years and has supported the Sheriff's purchase of every necessary tool that has been requested. He stated the issue at hand is that they have gone over budget. He stated other departments come to the Legislature with a fund transfer request for consideration before the funds are spent.

Legislator Montgomery stated the fund transfers show that there is no fiscal impact. She questioned if the Sheriff's Department was over budget.

Commissioner Carlin stated the line is over budget; but the Sheriff's Department has not exceeded their total budget.

Legislator Jonke stated funds are being taken from one (1) line to pay off another.

Legislator Montgomery stated many departments do the same.

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

Item #17 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 19T408/ Tourism/ Cover Remaining Bills since September (Also reviewed in Economic Development)

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

Item #18 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 19T409/ Highway/ Tilly Foster Farm/ Feed Costs through Year End (Also reviewed in Physical)

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 19T409; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #19 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 19T422/ Board of Elections/ Sheriff's Dept. Invoice for Election Day Security

Commissioner Carlin questioned if this was caused by the impounding of the machines.

Sheriff Langley stated he does not have that information.

Commissioner Carlin stated it would behoove everyone to be careful about when they want machines impounded.

Legislator Sayegh questioned what it means when a machine is impounded.

Commissioner Carlin stated when they impound the machines they have to put security on it.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 19T422; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #20 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 19T433/ Highway/ Properly Allocate for Snow Blades (Also reviewed in Physical)

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 19T433; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #21 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 19T436/ Highway/ Heating Costs through Year End (Also reviewed in Physical)

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 19T436; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #22 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 19T437/ County Attorney/ Cover Remainder of 2019 Invoices for Outside Counsel Fees

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

Item #23 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 19T438/ Dept. of Social Services/ Cover Projected Costs through Year End

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

Item #24 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 20T001/ Provide Funding for Stipend/ Project Manager for Southeast, NY-Danbury, CT Rail Link Feasibility Planning Study (Also reviewed in Personnel) (To go to 2020 Organizational Meeting)

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution to the 2020 Organizational Meeting; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #25 - Approval/ Authorization for Legislators to Attend January NYSAC Conference (To go to 2020 Organizational Meeting)

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution to the 2020 Organizational Meeting; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #26 - Other Business - None

Item #27 - Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:52 p.m. Legislator Sayegh made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Beth Green.