

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019
3:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Kevin W. Hines, Chairman
Thomas Faggione, **Kevindaryán Luján**, Rob Sassi,
Joel Sierra, Kathy A. Stegenga, John S. Vero

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman
Katie Bonelli, Majority Leader
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Dan Bloomer, Director of Operations and Cost Control
Karen Edelman-Reyes, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Brendan R. Casey, Commissioner of Emergency Services
Craig Cherry, Deputy Commissioner, Emergency Services/ Police Liaison Services
Vini Tankasali, Deputy Commissioner, Emergency Services/ Div. of Fire Services
Gretchen Riordan, Budget Analyst

Chairman Hines opened the meeting at 3:33 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present.

Before the meeting began, Mr. Hines announced that the Sheriff's Office is not able to attend today because Lieutenant Duane Lopez is retiring and they are doing his "walkout" at 3:30 p.m., so all issues pertaining to the Sheriff on the agenda will be postponed until next month.

Mr. Faggione moved to approve the request appropriation of proposed Capital Project No. 68 in the 2018 Capital Plan in the amount of \$40,000.00 for Phase Two of the Renovations and Improvements to the Emergency Services Center and Fire Training Center. Phase Two is for the construction of a Tech Rescue garage at the Fire Training Center. The \$40,000.00 is for the engineering and environmental review (SEQRA) portion of the entire \$400,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Lujan.

Mr. Casey stated this is part two of the overall five-year plan for the Fire Training Center. It is a Tech Rescue garage, currently they do not have one.

Mr. Tankasali explained that the Tech Rescue Team for the county cover four disciplines; rope rescue, trench rescue, structural collapse rescue and confined space rescue. It is comprised of members of different departments throughout the county as well as Monticello and Sullivan County that also participates. They have secured a lot of equipment through grant funding; however, it does not fund somewhere to store the equipment, so they need the funds to build a pole barn.

Mr. Hines asked if they have a location picked out.

Mr. Tankasali replied that there is a spot at the Fire Training Center which is in the five-year plan.

Chairman Brescia asked the size of the pole barn.

Mr. Tankasali replied that there will be three bays, an office and a storage room. He does not have the exact size of it.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Lujan moved the request to accept and appropriate 2019 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant to be used for exercise consultant, tech rescue vehicle, EMS and other equipment, various supplies, EOC enhancements, citizen preparedness, etc. in support of Orange County's homeland security capabilities, including the addressing of threats from terrorism and other hazards, \$675,254.00, seconded by Mr. Faggione.

Mr. Cherry stated this is a three-year reoccurring grant for \$680,000.00.

Mr. Hines clarified that the other portion of the grant goes to the Sheriff's Office for law enforcement equipment.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Stegenga moved the request for supplemental appropriation of proposed Capital Project No. 69 in the 2019 Capital Plan in the amount of \$300,000.00 for Law Enforcement GPS Dispatch Support (bonding), seconded by Mr. Lujan.

Mr. Casey stated this request is for the new modems and AVL's in police cars that needs to be replaced because of technology upgrades.

Mr. Cherry added that the system they have now were brought in 2010 and can no longer be repaired. Over 250 police cars need these new modems. They are also moving over to a new platform of broadband with a great price that is a decrease to what they currently pay.

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.