Public Safety BOL Meeting Minutes -Final



Committee Chair: Terry Clements

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Monday, July 14, 2025

10:00 AM

Committee Room

Joint with B&A

CALL TO ORDER

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Others In Attendance:

BOL: Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson, Legislator Shanae Williams, Legislator Erika Pierce,

Legislator David Tubiolo

Present: Legislator Clements, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Boykin and Legislator Smith

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. <u>ACT-2025-150</u> <u>IMA-Reciprocal Programming of Radio Communication</u> Systems-Putnam

Guests: Department of Emergency Services

Commissioner Susan Spear

Deputy Commissioner Michael Volk

Commissioner Spear explained the first item is for authorization for Westchester County to enter into an IMA with Putnam County to enable reciprocal programming of public safety radios for better communication during mutual aid events. She emphasized this is particularly important for the northern part of the county. She provided several examples of where these radio operations could be helpful for both Westchester and Putnam County. There is no additional fiscal impact to us outside of normal licensing fees.

On motion of Legislator Cunzio, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Clements, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Boykin and Legislator Smith

2. ACT-2025-151 IMA-Granting Lease of County's Weapons of Mass Destruction Squad Vehicle-Eastchester Fire District

Guests: Department of Emergency Services

Commissioner Susan Spear

Deputy Commissioner Michael Volk

Chief of Special Operations Douglas Stiller

Commissioner Spear explained the IMA's are for box trucks to be pre-positioned at two of our hazmat squads because the current equipment they use is at the end of its useful life. These trucks will be easier and more efficient for the hazmat squads to respond to emergencies.

Legislator Clements asked what are some of the most common emergencies regarding hazardous materials throughout Westchester, that we respond to using this type of equipment. The guests responded that number one is typically bio spills but lithium ion batteries are catching up as number two very quickly.

Legislator Clements also asked if the County collects information regarding the fire fighters who will be operating the vehicle and where do they get t their training. Chief Stiller responded that the departments signing onto the agreement are required to provide a list of operators of the vehicle along with license plates. There is a yearly training and full scale exercise that we hold for them.

On motion of Legislator Clements, seconded by Legislator Cunzio, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ave: Legislator Clements, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Boykin and Legislator Smith

3. ACT-2025-152 IMA-Granting Lease of County's Weapons of Mass Destruction Squad Vehicle-Fairview Fire District

Guests: Department of Emergency Services

Commissioner Susan Spear

Deputy Commissioner Michael Volk

Chief of Special Operations Douglas Stiller

same as above.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Cunzio, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Clements, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Boykin and Legislator Smith

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Cunzio, the Committee adjourned at 11:16 AM by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Clements, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Boykin and Legislator Smith