



Sullivan County

Public Safety Committee

Meeting Agenda - Final

100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

Chairman Luis Alvarez
Vice Chairman Nicholas Salomone Jr.
Committee Member Joseph Perrello
Committee Member Matt McPhillips
Committee Member Brian McPhillips

Thursday, August 8, 2024

10:00 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Comments:

Reports:

- 1. Division of Public Safety**
- 2. Fire Bureau**
- 3. E-911**
- 4. EMS**
- 5. Probation**
- 6. Opioid Task Force**
- 7. Sullivan County Sheriff**
- 8. Sullivan County District Attorney**
- 9. County Coroner**
- 10. NYSP Update**

Discussion:

Public Comment

Resolutions:

- 1. Oppose OSHA's Emergency Response Standard as Currently Proposed**

[ID-6621](#)

2. To Authorize the County Manager to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Orange County to accept Sullivan County's portion of the FY2023 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Award from NYS DHSES [ID-6638](#)

Adjourn



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Legislative Memorandum

100 North Street
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File #: ID-6621

Agenda Date: 8/8/2024

Agenda #: 1.

Narrative of Resolution:

Oppose OSHA’s Emergency Response Standard as Currently Proposed

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: N/A

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE OPPOSING
OSHA’S EMERGENCY RESPONSE STANDARD AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED**

WHEREAS, the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recently released its proposed Emergency Response Standard, outlining new standards for emergency response personnel and agencies, both volunteer and paid; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County’s public safety and emergency response leaders have shared grave concerns with one another and this Legislature about this proposal, should it be enacted; and

WHEREAS, all but one of Sullivan County’s 40 fire districts are completely volunteer and operate on small, taxpayer-supported budgets; and

WHEREAS, the proposal’s “one size fits all” approach makes it virtually impossible for rural fire districts to implement without significant tax hikes and costly procedural changes, including the hiring of clerical staff and as much as a 40% increase in annual budgets in order to maintain compliance; and

WHEREAS, the time given to review the proposal has not been sufficient, with comments due by July 22, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Association of Counties, Conference of Mayors, Association of Towns and other large organizations have agreed this proposal threatens to deeply harm, even shut down, struggling fire departments across New York State and beyond;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature joins firefighters and advocacy organizations in demanding OSHA make changes to this proposed rule that would not be unduly burdensome on our volunteer first-responders serving rural areas such as ours; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature requests the comment and review period be extended at least to September 21, 2024, as requested by the NYS Association of Counties, to permit a thorough understanding of the impacts of this proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature asks our Federal representatives to join it in advocating for an OSHA proposal that is technically and economically feasible for small-sized emergency response

agencies such as those that serve Sullivan County.



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Agenda Date: 8/8/2024

Agenda #: 2.

Narrative of Resolution:

To Authorize the County Manager to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Orange County to accept Sullivan County’s portion of the FY2023 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Award from NYS DHSES

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Amount to be authorized by Resolution: N/A

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures: N/A

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE (ORANGE COUNTY) TO ACCEPT THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN’S (SULLIVAN COUNTY) PORTION OF FY2023 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (HMEP) GRANT AWARD FROM THE NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, funding was made available to benefit regional Hazardous Material Response Teams (“HazMat Teams”) by the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services with the FY2023 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has limited hazardous material response capabilities and relies on the Upper Hudson Valley Regional HazMat Team (“Regional HazMat Team”) comprised of Sullivan, Orange, Ulster and Rockland Counties to provide those services through the mutual aid plan; and

WHEREAS, Orange County has applied for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant on behalf of the Regional HazMat Team as the “submitting partner/fiduciary agent” which grant contract period is December 13, 2023 - December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Orange County has been sub-awarded a total of \$16,000.00 for reimbursement of costs for certain services for the benefit of the Regional HazMat Team; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County wishes to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Upper Hudson Valley Regional HazMat Team, which is required to outline their respective responsibilities pursuant to the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant award, at no cost to the counties; and

WHEREAS, the inter-municipal agreement is made under the authority of Article 5-G of the NYS General Municipal Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes

the County Manager, Chairman of the County Legislature, and / or their authorized representative (as required by the funding source - Fire Coordinator) to execute any and all necessary documents as a collaborative partner with Orange County to accept the award, and enter into an award agreement or contact with the collaborative partner, in such form as the County Attorney shall approve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the funding be terminated, the County shall not be obligated to continue any action undertaken by the use of the grant.