

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
WILBER, FARWELL, OBERACKER, FRAZIER, STAMMEL
AUGUST 13, 2020
9:00 a.m.**

Under the current COVID-19 emergency/Executive orders, this committee meeting was not physically open to the public at the County Office Building. The meeting was streamed via facebookLIVE.

Members: Representative Wilber- present, in Board Chambers
Representative Farwell- present, via zoom
Representative Oberacker- present, via zoom
Representative Frazier- absent
Representative Stammel- absent

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER- DENISE OLIVER FOR SARAH PURDY via zoom

Denise Oliver informed the committee of two grants, an OCFS (Office of Children and Family Services) and an OVS (Office of Victim Services) grant, in which money needs to be spent or may receive less next year; due to the spending freeze she is asking to spend money that is already in the budget for the grants.

Denise Oliver requested approval to pay for 20 CAC-MDT team members to attend Dallas Crimes against Children Virtual Conference at a cost of \$300/person, total cost \$6,000. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

Denise Oliver requested approval to pay for disposable child sized medical exam gowns to be used at the CAC medical exam room at a cost not to exceed \$200. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

Denise Oliver requested approval to pay for office supplies at a cost not to exceed \$130. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

Denise Oliver requested approval to pay for program supplies at a cost not to exceed \$139.04. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

Denise Oliver requested approval to pay for family supplies at a cost not to exceed \$2,200. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

Denise Oliver requested approval to purchase a laptop and monitor at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Representative Farwell moved for approval.

Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

Denise Oliver requested approval to pay for a Forensic Interviewer to attend the Dallas Crimes Against Children virtual training at a cost of \$300. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

Denise Oliver requested approval to pay for office/program supplies at a cost not to exceed \$3,200. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

SHERIFF- RICH DEVLIN AND CAM ALLISON via zoom

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to purchase ten tire deflation devices with free lifetime supply barb kits at a total cost of \$4,500. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to purchase vehicle emergency warning equipment in the amount of \$9,134.20 for a new unmarked vehicle. This equipment should have been in the Enterprise lease for the vehicle and funds will come out of the vehicle lease line. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

The following item requests are from Homeland Security Funding and are 100% reimbursable.

Sheriff Devlin requested to purchase handheld thermal imaging devices in the amount of \$10,500. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested to purchase an explosive rated container for the K9 team at a cost of \$7,500. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested authorization to fill four full-time and two part-time Corrections Officer positions and one Registered Nurse position. Discussion with the committee included but was not limited to interested candidates with proper testing and evaluations, overtime hours currently, corrections officers being "burned" and stressed out, reducing overtime by hiring positions, part-time positions more difficult to fill, medical needs and budget. Representative Oberacker moved for approval of hiring four full-time Corrections Officers and the Nurse position. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,037; Noes: 487; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion failed.

After further discussion of the impacts on operations and the budget, Representative Farwell moved for approval to hire the Nurse and two full-time

Corrections Officer positions. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to purchase PPE and jail medical items up to \$10,000. Sheriff Devlin stated that there has to be a better way to get approvals or to purchase PPE supplies as the nationwide pandemic makes it hard to get supplies. Representative Wilber mentioned needing a future conversation with the County Attorney to simplify the purchasing of PPE supplies in emergency conditions. Representative Oberacker moved for approval to purchase PPE equipment not to exceed \$10,000. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin updated the committee on CAP Court. Phase 2 is scheduled for September 1. Representative Wilber mentioned the committee needs to visit the facility and asked Sheriff Devlin to send the committee the commission's protocols, guidelines and recommendations on quarantine. It was asked and mentioned that FEMA may be able to cover some of the Covid-related economic impacts and issues but would need to be explored.

Sheriff Devlin asked if there were any comments or questions on the Agency Audit and Review that was sent to the committee; there were none.

Sheriff Devlin briefly discussed the 2021 budget and mentioned that there will be a noticeable increase. There are yearly discussions of increasing Road Patrol and Security positions for County buildings. Sheriff Devlin commented that he has the lowest budget in the state for a full-functional sheriff's office. He was asked and it was discussed that there has been an increase in crime across the county and more issues once school begins. Representative Farwell and Oberacker thanked the staff.

E911 COMMUNICATIONS- ROB O'BRIEN via zoom

Rob O'Brien mentioned he has purchase requests that have been run by the Treasurer's Office, and all are reimbursable through various grant funds that need to be used by the end of the year.

The following item requests are from the SICG grant.

Rob O'Brien requested approval to purchase mobile radios at a cost not to exceed \$29,500. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien requested approval to purchase portable radios for law enforcement at a cost not to exceed \$78,000. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien requested approval to purchase dispatch chairs for the 911 Center at a cost not to exceed \$3,100. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien mentioned that his 2021 budget should be down significantly and plans to utilize grant funds to offset some support costs usually supported with local dollars; approximately a \$500,000 reduction.

SOCIAL SERVICES- EVE BOUBOULIS via zoom

Commissioner Bouboulis informed the committee that the S & T Security contract was extended through November 2020 and an RFP needs to be written with some changes including but not limited to adding ten additional hours per week as the Mental Health Clinic and ARS have different hours than the standard county business hours, causing the prevailing wage rate to change.

There being no further business to discuss, Representative Farwell moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.