

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**WILBER, FARWELL, FRAZIER, STAMMEL, MICKLE**  
**JANUARY 14, 2021**  
**1:00 p.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 - absent  
Representative Farwell - present, via Zoom  
Representative Frazier - present, via Zoom  
Representative Stammel – present, via Zoom  
Representative Mickle – present, via Zoom

Also present via Zoom: Ellen Coccoma, County Attorney, Allen Ruffles, County Treasurer, Penney Gentile, Personnel Officer, Representative Basile and Representative Oliver

**PROBATION – DAN NAUGHTON via Zoom**

Dan Naughton requested approval to extend contract with Catholic Charities to continue with the ATI Program (Res. 71-20200205). Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

**E911 - ROB O'BRIEN via Zoom**

Rob O'Brien requested approval to purchase Motorola telephone system upgrade at a cost not to exceed \$299,000 (from budget line A3020.520000). Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien requested approval to purchase audio recorder system upgrade at a cost not to exceed \$80,000 (from budget line A3020.520000). Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien requested an executive session to discuss personnel. Representative Stammel moved for approval. Seconded, Frazier. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Representative Stammel moved to come out of executive session. Seconded, Frazier. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES – ART KLINGLER via Zoom**

Art Klingler submitted mileage reports for December 2020.

Art Klingler requested approval to purchase firefighter training books for an upcoming BEFO class at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 (from budget line 3641.540600). Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Art Klingler requested approval for the following purchase orders:

- Enterprise \$16,217 - for vehicle lease payments from 3641.546250.A
- NYSEG \$2,025 - for heat and lights at training center from 3641.541500.A
- American Heart Association \$5,000 – for the purchase of CPR cards and materials from 3641.4050.A

Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Art Klingler requested approval to reappoint the following Deputy Fire Coordinators:

Raymond Smith Jr.  
3026 US Highway 20  
Richfield Springs, NY 13439

David Chase  
PO Box 599  
Worcester, NY 12197

Jeremy Hilton  
343 Main Street  
Unadilla, NY 13849

Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Art Klingler mentioned that Victor and Bob have taken on the task of certifying approximately 30 EMS volunteers to help the DOH in participating with the vaccine clinics. Ellen Coccoma added that NYMIR has specifically extended insurance for the volunteers and are required to have HIPAA training.

#### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY – JOHN MUEHL**

John Muehl requested approval to fill the vacant funded Legal Secretary position. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

#### **DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK – JENNIFER BASILE**

Jennifer Basile requested approval to increase the mortgage tax from  $\frac{3}{4}\%$  to 1%. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Jennifer Basile requested approval to continue contract with IQS, the record data management system, for the year 2021. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

#### **CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER - SARAH PURDY via Zoom**

Sarah Purdy requested approval to contract with a private Mental Health Provider to attend monthly CAC meetings at a cost not to exceed \$1,440 for the year. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Sarah Purdy gave an update stating that they received and were awarded a \$25,000 grant through the National Children's Alliance. The purpose of this grant is to create a satellite CAC in the Oneonta area. Ms. Purdy gave a brief report for 2020 stating that the CAC interviewed 129 children and 191 children were served by the center.

Representative Farwell asked about the CAC staff and being vaccinated.

#### **SHERIFF - RICH DEVLIN via Zoom**

Sheriff Devlin recommended that the County conduct a security review of all county offices and complexes after a recent incident at the District Attorney's office. Ellen Coccoma mentioned that she would run this by the County's insurance coordinator and have him contact the Sheriff. Brian Pokorny mentioned that after the incident, he inquired with Rob O'Brien about security

cameras and integrating an intercom system with the existing system and is working with vendors of what the cost would be to secure that building. Penney Gentile stated she has been trying to get a light in the parking lot for 8 years. Representative Frazier and Penney will discuss the light with Garth Brown. Representative Farwell mentioned that we need someone looking at all the systems at once.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to purchase interactive first aid kits for the cost of \$10,500 and explosive rated containers for the cost of \$8,500 from Homeland Security grant funding. Representative Stammel moved for approval. Seconded, Frazier. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to upgrade the Jail surveillance system from analog to digital for a cost of \$270,000 and repairs to the Duress alarm system at a cost of \$27,000. Representative Mickle moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to fill (4) four full-time vacant funded Corrections Officer positions. Representative Mickle moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin expressed the need for the Corrections Officer positions and sent committee members a petition prior to the meeting. In discussion, Representative Frazier mentioned that he likes the monthly breakdowns and going forward would like to see how the overtime costs have been effected; and it is impossible to eliminate all the overtime. Sheriff Devlin mentioned the decrease in overtime results would take a few months. Representative Farwell mentioned that the petition comments were insightful.

Representative Farwell stated that Garth Brown, Building Services Director, said that he would like to come up with a long-term capital improvement plan. Sheriff Devlin mentioned the idea of a Public Safety Complex including not only the Sheriff's Office but also Emergency Services, 911 and other agencies involved. Representative Farwell mentioned that the committee has received the Sheriff's Strategic Plan.

## **OTHER**

Representative Stammel introduced and presented a resolution – Condemning the January 6, 2021 Attack on the U.S. Capitol and Reaffirming the Board's Commitment to the Rule of Law, Free and Fair Elections, and the

Peaceful Transfer of Power. Representative Stammel moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. After further discussion the proposed resolution was withdrawn by Representative Stammel, Representative Farwell withdrew her Second.

Representative Farwell requested an executive session for two reasons: (1) to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation inviting Penney Gentile, Tony Gentile and Ellen Coccoma and (2) to consult with the County Attorney inviting Ellen Coccoma and Penney Gentile. Representative Stammel moved for approval of an executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried. Representative Farwell moved for approval of an executive session to consult with the County Attorney. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried. Representative Farwell moved for an approval to adjourn in executive session. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

The committee adjourned in executive session.