

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**WILBER, FARWELL, FRAZIER, STAMMEL, MICKLE**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 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 – present, via Zoom  
Representative Farwell - present, via Zoom  
Representative Frazier - present, via Zoom  
Representative Stammel – present, via Zoom  
Representative Mickle – present, via Zoom

Also present via Zoom: Allen Ruffles, County Treasurer and Penney Gentile, Personnel Officer

**EMERGENCY SERVICES – ART KLINGLER via Zoom**

Art Klingler submitted mileage reports for January 2021 to the committee.

Art Klingler requested approval to extend contract agreement with Asher Group for a 3-year extension of HyperReach service at a cost of \$27,000 from A3642.547857. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

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

Rob O'Brien along with Art Klingler revisited and discussed the topic of a solution to the EMS crisis in Otsego County. Mr. O'Brien mentioned that the volunteers are struggling and doing the best they can but it's not meeting the needs of the County. Mr. O'Brien would like to revisit the past conversations about scenarios related to a fly car and an ambulance.

Representative Wilber entertained a motion to give approval for this task force (E-911, Emergency Services and Public Safety) to pick up and continue where they left off and continue on. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Oral vote. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER – REBEKAH TELFER for MIKE TROSSET via Zoom**

Rebekah Telfer requested approval to include a piece of the Hurrell-Harring grant for Year 3 of the contract to include the office transition for the

Public Defender's Office. The piece of the budget is a total of \$61,500 and requesting approval for this to be included in the full grant proposal for Year 3. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Noes: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

#### **TREASURER – ALLEN RUFFLES via Zoom**

Allen Ruffles requested approval to pursue 2 vehicles through Enterprise for the Sheriff at a higher cost of \$350 - \$400 per vehicle for the entire year. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

#### **SHERIFF - RICH DEVLIN and CAM ALLISON, UNDERSHERIFF via Zoom**

Sheriff Devlin mentioned a hot water pipe leak in the jail and is concerned with the condition of the piping and noted other prior issues. Sheriff Devlin asked questions pertaining to the most recent spending freeze resolution.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to spend \$5,000 for the dry cleaning contract for uniforms from the "Other" line. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to purchase 8 chairs through W.B. Mason for the work stations at cost of \$1,600. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. After further discussion, it was agreed to only purchase 4 chairs. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to purchase 15 ballistic vests for the jail at a cost of \$10,500. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to purchase explosive training supplies at a cost of \$3,000. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to purchase 25 weapon holsters for road patrol at a cost of \$3,000. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to fill a Corrections Officer PT position. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to fill a Deputy Sheriff (23) position. Representative Mickle moved for approval. Seconded, Frazier. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to fill a Deputy Sheriff (21) position. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to hire a Deputy Sheriff above base salary. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY – MELANIE FABIANO for ELLEN COCCOMA**

Melanie Fabiano requested approval to spend \$2000 for subscriptions, legal books and Lexis Nexis for the year. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Frazier. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

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

Sarah Purdy requested approval to pay for Language Line Interpreter Services from the "Other" budget line at a cost not to exceed \$200 for the calendar year 2021 if needed. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Sarah Purdy gave an update on the satellite CAC stating that they have located a space at Center Street Elementary School in Oneonta for the federal grant and the lease has been approved by the County Attorney.

There being no further business to discuss, Representative Frazier moved to adjourn. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.