

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
WILBER, FARWELL, FRAZIER, STAMMEL, MICKLE
April 15, 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 – absent
Representative Mickle – present, via Zoom

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

PUBLIC DEFENDER – MIKE TROSSET via Zoom

Mike Trosset requested an executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or persons. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Representative Frazier moved to come out of executive session at 1:20 p.m. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Mike Trosset requested approval to create, fund and fill a full time Assistant Public Defender (Family Court) position and unfund the current part time Assistant Public Defender (Family Court) position. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Representative Wilber requested approval to amend Res. No. 372-20201214 by reducing the salary from \$78,828 to \$74,285. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Mike Trosset gave updates on including but not limited to: filling the vacancy of the Grants/Data Officer position, mentioning there are three approved candidates; seeking new opportunities for Public Defender's office

space to move closer to the court, village and public transportation and working on details to make sure they're approved by the state (abandoned the Fly Creek option); and, a review of the previously approved Year 2 Hurrell-Hearing Contract, CAFA/CAP coverage by Public Defender office lawyers was suspended (until a better fiscal situation) and have not been compensated due to cash flow concerns, Mr. Trosset alerted the committee that he would like to go back to the old policy that was negotiated, and the state is contractually obligated to pay, the County advances the payment and then Public Defender's office would immediately seek reimbursement including reimbursement for Mr. Trosset. Mr. Trosset plans to discuss the Year 3 Hurrell-Hearing Contract once he has a more comprehensive Year 3 program.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY – JOHN MUEHL

John Muehl gave an update on his staff, stating that he has a new secretary starting April 19th and is not back up full time running as far as discovery goes and may be asking to unfund a part time ADA position and create another full time ADA position. Mr. Muehl discussed and explained a new diversion program for uninsured motorist that he would like to implement. Mr. Muehl asked the committee if this is something he should look into and pursue. After further discussion it was mentioned that Mr. Muehl should present this at the May 5th Board Meeting.

SHERIFF - RICH DEVLIN and CAM ALLISON via Zoom

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to spend from the "Other" budget line for the following:

- ABC Fire Extinguisher Service \$512.17
- Law Books \$254.95
- Royal Ford \$68.59
- Approved Towing \$250.00

Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to purchase two (2) Speed Trailers to replace two aging non-functional units at a cost of \$19,500. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to purchase two (2) generators at a cost of \$3,600. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to purchase thirty-five (35) Axon Body Cameras at a cost of \$36,000. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Frazier. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin informed the committee that in the first quarter of this year, five (5) officers between the (2) jail and (3) road patrol that have received injury while on duty. Sheriff Devlin gave a power point presentation and explained the magnitude of their current operation issues. The power point presentation was sent to the full Board. Sheriff Devlin stated there needs to be a comprehensive review of the facility; it can be phased but has to be all inclusive. The committee asked for quotes from the three entities. Sheriff Devlin asked about the reallocation of the housing units. The cost of the reconfiguration is \$20,000 for plexiglas dividers. Representative Wilber requested a meeting with the Commission of Corrections.

COUNTY CLERK – JENNIFER BASILE, DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK in Board Chambers

Jennifer Basile requested approval to spend from the “Records Maintenance” (4823) budget line for IQS to digitize records at a cost of \$9,972. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,460; Absent: 1,026- Farwell, Stammel. Motion carried.

Representative Farwell left the meeting during the above request.

EMERGENCY SERVICES – ART KLINGLER and VICTOR JONES; E911 - ROB O'BRIEN via Zoom

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

Art Klingler requested approval to for EMT Instructors and Practical Skills Exam for Basic EMT class in the amount of \$4,665.50 from budget line A3641.540500 (Training). Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Representative Farwell joined the meeting via Zoom during the above request.

Art Klingler forwarded the EMS Proposal on the fly car to the committee; assuming a start date of July 1st, the total start-up for the remainder of 2021 would be approximately \$283,500. Rob O'Brien stated the ambulance would be about \$153,000 and based on 24/7 365 the total expense for the ambulance is \$620,000; after billing and county allocation is about \$300,000 annually, if started this summer the figures would be significantly reduced. Mr. Klingler suggested having

a plan more advanced toward what they are doing before getting the Certificate of Need. After further discussion it was mentioned that there would be a list of questions composed by Emergency Services and the committee including but not limited to: operational costs, funding, long-term source, requirements to obtain, billing, department it will fall under, personnel structure and location for the County Treasurer, County Attorney and the Personnel Officer.

Rob O'Brien requested approval to retain the E911 vehicle (2016 Ford Explorer) and to utilize it as the fly car. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – MELANIE FABIANO for ELLEN COCCOMA

Melanie Fabiano requested approval to spend from the "Materials and Supplies" budget line in an amount not to exceed \$500 for needed items. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Frazier. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT - TONY GENTILE via Zoom

Tony Gentile requested approval for the following budget transfer:

\$100 from A3620.541000 Telephone
\$100 to A3620.545150 Vehicle Repair

Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Tony Gentile submitted the March revenue reports and noted that the year-to-date totals for 2021 remain consistent with 2019 and pre-Covid numbers.

Tony Gentile mentioned that they are continuing to analyze the possibility of changing their Codes office software (BAS-IPS) to Muncity. They have met with the City of Oneonta to view the program and find it more user friendly and provides public access to some information and is a web-based product. Mr. Gentile has sent literature on Muncity to the IT Department.

Tony Gentile asked about the department head evaluation.

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER - SARAH PURDY via Zoom

Sarah Purdy requested approval to virtually send a Mental Health Consultant to the 2021 Brainspotting Conference in July 2021 at a cost of \$1,100.

Representative Mickle moved for approval. Seconded, Frazier. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Sarah Purdy requested approval to virtually send up to 12 team members to Dallas Crimes Against Children Conference from August 9 through December 17, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$4,800. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Sarah Purdy requested approval to purchase furniture, decorations and other items for satellite CAC at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Frazier. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Sarah Purdy requested approval to purchase Child Safety Matters education program at a cost of \$1,500 for the next 3 years, NYS Children's Alliance (NYSCA) agreed to reimburse the CAC once it is purchased. Representative Mickle moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

PROBATION – DAN NAUGHTON via Zoom

Dan Naughton requested approval to create, fund and fill a Probation Officer I position and unfund a Probation Assistant position. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Frazier. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

OTHER

Representative Frazier asked about getting the training center back on track. Representative Wilber requested a motion to restore the training center plan pending the funds from rescue/stimulus money. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Representative Wilber requested in executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person. Representative Frazier moved to go into executive session. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned in executive session.

