

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
WILBER, FARWELL, FRAZIER, STAMMEL, MICKLE
May 13, 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 - absent
Representative Stammel – present, via Zoom
Representative Mickle – present, via Zoom

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

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER - SARAH PURDY via Zoom

Sarah Purdy requested approval to virtually send up to 6 Mental Health Professionals to TF-CBT training July and August, at a cost not to exceed \$1,800. Representative Mickle moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,047; Absent: 439- Frazier. Motion carried.

Sarah Purdy requested approval to fill upcoming vacant part-time Forensic Interviewer, federally grant funded and guaranteed until October 2022. Representative Mickle moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,047; Absent: 439- Frazier. Motion carried.

SHERIFF - RICH DEVLIN, LT. O'CONNOR and CAM ALLISON via Zoom

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to abolish the Maintenance Worker/Cleaner position in the Sheriff's Department. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,047; Absent: 439- Frazier. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to fill a vacant, funded, full-time Corrections Officer position. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,047; Absent: 439- Frazier. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin commented that inmate population is up 35% from a year ago and continues to climb.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to purchase scheduling software in the amount of \$4,500 to computerize scheduling and to interface with the payroll system. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,047; Absent: 439- Frazier. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to purchase computer interface to export warrant information to Sheriff App for the public in the amount of \$5,000. Representative Wilber moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,047; Absent: 439- Frazier. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to purchase crowd control and safety equipment in the amount of \$15,000. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,047; Absent: 439- Frazier. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin gave an update on the housing issues mentioning that they have a temporary solution to delay the additional cost in last month's presentation. If the inmate population continues to rise, and they need to open the female housing units to bring female inmates back, they will have to revert back to the earlier quote as planned. This will give them some time to see if the CDC and COC guidelines are eased at all.

Sheriff Devlin informed the committee that they still have fire code violations and are in violation of minimum standards section 7039. Lt. O'Conner explained some details. In reference to the 2020 Building Code of New York State Chapter 10, Section 1010.1.9.11: requires doors in means of egress in correctional facilities to unlock manually by not less than one of the following means: activation of an automatic sprinkler system, activation of an approved manual fire alarm box or a signal from a constantly attended location, Representative Wilber mentioned that you don't use a building code for an existing building, you use a fire code. Sheriff Devlin mentioned that it is a Corrections violation.

Sheriff Devlin received three quotes for the comprehensive review of the facility. Representative Wilber requested an executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person (contracts) inviting Treasurer Ruffles and Brian Pokorny. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,047; Absent: 439- Frazier. Motion carried.

The Committee reconvened,

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to contract with SMRT for a comprehensive review of the correctional facility at a cost of \$24,000. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,047; Absent: 439- Frazier. Motion carried.

Representative Wilber asked about how they are moving forward on the executive order on reform. Representative Wilber asked for a more comprehensive list for the June PS&LA meeting.

E911 - ROB O'BRIEN via Zoom

Rob O'Brien requested approval to purchase portable and mobile Motorola radios for law enforcement from the 2019 SICG grant at a cost not to exceed \$166,000. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,047; Absent: 439- Frazier. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien requested approval to fill an upcoming vacant, funded full-time Dispatch position. Representative Mickle moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,047; Absent: 439- Frazier. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY SERVICES – ART KLINGLER and VICTOR JONES via Zoom

Art Klingler submitted mileage reports for April 2021.

Art Klingler requested approval to pay for EMT Instructor Basic EMT Refresher class in the amount of \$1,900 from budget line A3641-540500 (Training). Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,047; Absent: 439- Frazier. Motion carried.

Art Klingler requested approval to purchase traffic incident management trailers and equipment for cost not to exceed \$40,000.00, from the 2017 grant funds (3642-443904). Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,047; Absent: 439- Frazier. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL – PENNEY GENTILE via Zoom

Penney Gentile requested approval to fill the Emergency Services Coordinator position. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,047; Absent: 439- Frazier. Motion carried.

PROBATION – DAN NAUGHTON via Zoom

Dan Naughton requested approval to replace Judge Burns from the ATI Board and add Judge Lambert. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,047; Absent: 439- Frazier. Motion carried.

Dan Naughton requested approval to allow extended 10 hours days for July and August to save on overtime. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,047; Absent: 439- Frazier. Motion carried.

Representative Stammel left the meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT - TONY GENTILE via Zoom

Tony Gentile requested approval to unfund the Keyboard Specialist position. Representative Mickle moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

Tony Gentile requested approval to create, fund and fill a Clerk position. Representative Mickle moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

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

OTHER

Representative Wilber requested in executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person inviting Penney Gentile. Representative Farwell moved to go into executive session. Seconded, Mickle. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,524; Absent: 962- Frazier, Stammel. Motion carried.

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