

**PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
FRAZIER, WILBER, STAMMEL, FARWELL, OBERACKER  
January 15, 2019**

Absent: Representative Wilber

Also Present: Representative Kennedy

**CODE ENFORCEMENT- TONY GENTILE**

Tony Gentile informed the committee that he will be creating Annual Purchase Orders as directed by Purchasing for office supplies, Enterprise lease vehicles and other vehicle maintenance.

Tony Gentile discussed a comparison report of Code Enforcement Productivity for 2015-2018.

Representative Stammel entered the meeting during the above discussion.

Tony Gentile gave a personnel update and stated that he may ask approval to fill a vacant position within the next few months.

Tony Gentile requested approval to reclassify the Building/Fire Inspector positions, stating that the Personnel Officer reviewed the request and gave approval contingent upon approval from the appropriate Committee and Board. Representative Oberacker moved for approval to reclassify the Building/Fire Inspector positions from grade 8 to grade 10. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Tony Gentile stated that his goal for the year is to update local code enforcement laws and procedures concerning property maintenance.

Representative Farwell asked if Tony Gentile would like to participate in the energy task force discussions.

**OTHER**

Representative Frazier apprised the committee members of what took place at the Strategic Plan meeting held earlier in the day and discussed the walk through conducted yesterday at 242 Main St, Oneonta.

**SHERIFF- RICH DEVLIN, CAMERON ALLISON**

Rich Devlin requested approval for Blanket Purchase Orders for car seats not to exceed the grant amount of \$5,000. Representative Stammel moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Rich Devlin stated he will email a copy of the department's 2019 strategic plan to the committee members.

Rich Devlin informed the committee that the NYS office of Public Safety conducted a staffing analysis of the Sheriff's Road Patrol which showed the need for additional Deputy Sheriffs to handle the workload as well as to expand to 24-hr police coverage and provide adequate police supervision. Therefore, in the 2020 budget the Sheriff will ask for additional Deputy Sheriffs to provide adequate police coverage. In addition, the Sheriff stated he will be asking for school resource officers to patrol the schools in the 2019-2020 school year.

Rich Devlin requested approval to fill a Deputy Sheriff position due to a promotion. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin stated that he received notice that his FT cook plans to retire in the near future and discussed the advantages/disadvantages of contracting with Trinity Services.

Rich Devlin expressed concern regarding the manner in which employee negotiations were handled noting a letter is impersonal but would prefer having a meeting to discuss contract language.

Rich Devlin requested that the Jail and Personnel records collected during the investigation be returned. Representative Frazier stated he will discuss his request with the County Attorney. Rich Devlin also requested that the Resolution concerning the investigation of the Sheriff's office be brought to closure.

Representative Oberacker discussed the meeting held at the Public Safety Building on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

The committee discussed the Jail renovations RFP due back January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ellen Coccoma and Dan Naughton entered the meeting to discuss pre-employment evaluations.

Representative Oberacker moved for approval to use Public Safety Psychology to provide psychological evaluations for Sheriff Deputies, Probation, the District Attorney and any other employee who is required to carry a firearm. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Representative Oberacker moved for approval that Corrections Officers undergo evaluations provided by Psychological Resources. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Penney Gentile entered the meeting during the above discussion.

The Sheriff inquired about adding language to the appropriate job descriptions concerning physiological testing and meeting standards of physical fitness, agility, etc.

## **PERSONNEL –PENNEY GENTILE**

Representative Oberacker moved to enter into an executive session to include Ellen Coccoma and Penney Gentile to discuss matters leading to the

appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

The committee reconvened.

### **E-911 –ROB O'BRIEN**

Rob O'Brien requested support to utilize 2019 SICG funds for the encryption of the primary law enforcement channel. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien requested approval to make the following purchases off of NYS Contract, out of Communications & Maintenance line 3020-4810:

- Microwave radio maintenance, not to exceed \$80,000
- CAD maintenance, not to exceed \$38,200
- Security Camera maintenance and support, not to exceed \$6,500
- Priority Dispatch service & support, not to exceed \$32,700
- Audio recorder maintenance & support, not to exceed \$17,300

Also, the following purchases out of Communications & Maintenance line 3020-4810:

- AVTEC (radio console) labor & support, not to exceed \$35,000
- AVTEC Scout Care (program support), not to exceed \$35,000
- Tait Radio support and maintenance, not to exceed \$200,000
- DPS Alarm System maintenance, not to exceed \$20,000

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

Rob O'Brien expressed concerns regarding Frontier Telephone systemic issues and notified the committee of his efforts to seek a resolution. Representative Stammel moved for approval to have the full Board prepare a resolution calling on the PSC to take action regarding Frontier Telephone service. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES –ART KLINGLER, VICTOR JONES**

Art Klingler emailed the December mileage reports for OC1 and OC2 prior to the meeting.

Art Klingler discussed the facts and findings of the EMS discussion, and if conducting a study would be advantageous. Art Klingler discussed shared services and whether or not the County would be a source of funding to local

agencies. The committee and those present discussed the possibility of moving towards simultaneous dispatch, applying for a temporary Certificate of Need, and the future of commercial EMS services. Representative Oberacker moved for approval to allow the 911 Communications Director and the Emergency Services Coordinator to determine call down procedure based on response capabilities to be reviewed and revised as needed. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Victor Jones reported on EMS class enrollment numbers.

Art Klingler requested approval to reappoint the following individuals as Deputy Fire Coordinators for a one-year term, January 1, 2019 -December 31, 2019:

Carl French, Jr. (Fire) OC-4  
Raymond Smith, Jr. (Fire) OC-9  
David Chase (Fire) OC-10

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

Art Klingler requested approval to create a Blanket Purchase Order in the amount of \$15,000 to Laerdel for the purchase of CPR cards and materials for 2019. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Art Klingler gave an update regarding the Fire Training Center and requested approval to bypass the competitive bid process in order to hire an architect specialist. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

The committee chose Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at the County Office Building as the date for the next regular committee meeting, exact time to be determined.

Art Klinger requested approval to enter into an executive session. Representative Stammel moved for approval to enter into an executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,999; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

The committee adjourned while in executive session.