

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

Absent: Representative Stammel  
Also Present: Representative Kennedy

**PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE –PENNEY GENTILE/ELLEN COCCOMA**

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

The Committee reconvened.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT- TONY GENTILE**

Tony Gentile distributed the revenue report for February.

Tony Gentile requested approval to fill a vacant funded Full time Building/Fire Inspector, Grade 10, \$31,392-\$37,027. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

**SHERIFF- RICH DEVLIN, CAMERON ALLISON**

Rich Devlin requested approval to send staff to Civil Supervisor's School in Saratoga Springs at a cost of \$625.00. Representative Wilber moved for approval. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Rich Devlin requested approval to send a Deputy to the SRO Conference and Training in Lake George, August 26<sup>th</sup>-August 30<sup>th</sup> and allow them to use their camper for lodging and get reimbursed at a cost not to exceed \$1200. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523-Stammel. Motion carried.

Rich Devlin requested approval to purchase vehicle emergency warning equipment at a cost of \$46,000 from JPJ Electronics for the 4 new vehicles as budgeted. Representative Wilber moved for approval. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523-Stammel. Motion carried.

Rich Devlin requested approval to purchase night vision devices at a cost of \$19,000 and reimbursable through DSHS (Homeland Security). Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523-Stammel. Motion carried.

Rich Devlin offered his support for Rob O'Brien's request to modify the current radio system to P-25 encrypted. The committee and Rich Devlin agreed that it would be beneficial if he came in with Rob O'Brien to discuss it further.

Rich Devlin asked for an update on his request for a Resolution bringing closure to the investigation of the Sheriff's office. Representative Frazier stated that Board Chair Bliss and County Attorney, Ellen Coccoma would be discussing this with him.

Rich Devlin gave an update on the bids for the Jail noting there was 1 general and 2 subcontractors that bid and it will be discussed at the Public Works Committee meeting next week.

### **CAC- DENISE OLIVER**

Denise Oliver stated that the National Children's Alliance Grant was approved. Denise Oliver requested approval to fill a Full Time position of Commercial Sexually Exploited Children Advocate that was requested in the grant noting the grant covers employment until 12/31/19 and there may be a possibility of continuing it. Representative Oberacker moved for approval pending the signatures of the Personnel Director and the Treasurer's Office on the creation form. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523-Stammel. Motion carried.

Denise Oliver stated that 6-8 members of the CAC Multi-Disciplinary Team will be part of a panel for the Oneonta School District Conference Day on March 22, 2019 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. noting that members will discuss the Child Advocacy Center and the Multi- Disciplinary Teams roll in the investigation of child abuse.

Denise Oliver distributed Save the Date flyers to the committee for the CAC Exam Room Ribbon Cutting Ceremony that will be held on April 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. asking that everyone come to help them celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month at the CAC along with Bassett Healthcare Network.

Denise Oliver requested approval to apply to OVS (Office of Victim Services) for a grant for a Part time Forensic Interviewer position. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Oberacker. Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523-Stammel. Motion carried.

## **E-911- ROB O'BRIEN**

Rob O'Brien, Sheriff Rich Devlin and Undersheriff Cameron Allison discussed modifying the radio system to P-25 encrypted off of the NYS Contract. Rich Devlin stated that his office only has 1 channel and should have another one. Rob O'Brien stated that the long term plan is to get the Sheriff another channel.

Rob O'Brien stated that encrypting the channel makes sure the Deputies are safe without the rest of the world listening and stated that there is an obligation to the public and law enforcement to keep everyone safe. Rob O'Brien stated that the State Police, DEC, and Sheriff's Office are good about communicating with the public after an event has happened to keep them informed.

Representative Wilber expressed his concern with the channel being encrypted noting that there needs to be a level of transparency.

Rob O'Brien requested approval to modify the current radio system to P-25 encrypted off of NYS Contract in an amount not to exceed \$532,698.59 with funding for this through the 2018 SICG Grant line, 3020.4905. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523-Stammel. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien requested approval to purchase radios and installation for the P-25 encryption upgrade in an amount no to exceed \$134,357.50 out of the 2018 SICG Grant, line 3020.4905. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523-Stammel. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien requested approval to purchase a CAD to RMS interface out of communications and radio maintenance, line 3020.4810 in an amount not to exceed \$6400. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523-Stammel. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien gave an update on the Frontier telephone issues noting that problems are persisting, they are reported to Frontier as soon as they are reported to 911 but the time frames for a tech to get dispatched and the resolution of the issue is unacceptable. Rob O'Brien stated that a meeting has been scheduled with Frontier for March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in 911.

Representative Frazier stated that a letter was received from the Public Service Commission as well as from Senator Gillibrand regarding the Frontier phone issues.

Representative Oberacker gave an update on the tower contract with Diamond noting that they will be reviewing it next week at Public Works.

The committee discussed how to get cell service in areas of need in the County. Representative Wilber suggested we look into buying the antennas ourselves.

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

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

Art Klingler requested approval to go with Van Bortel Ford off of State Contract to purchase a Ford F350 HazMat response truck. Representative Wilber moved for approval. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523-Stammel. Motion carried.

Art Klingler requested approval to go with HeartSmart out of Connecticut for the purchase of the 33 AED's. Representative Oberacker moved for approval. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 523-Stammel. Motion carried.

Victor Jones gave an update on the follow up meeting with AMR and Rob O'Brien noting they will be speaking weekly, they are very willing to work with us and the transition from CMT to AMR will be on March 29<sup>th</sup> at midnight.

Art Klingler stated that he will reach out to Ed Lentz from the Town of New Lisbon regarding the proposal for a County Wide ambulance noting it is not what the County is looking for.

Art Klingler noted that due to ambulance services losing Medicaid reimbursement, Johnston Ambulance Service, Fulton County, and MOVAC are closed or will be closing.

Representative Frazier encouraged inter-municipal cooperation among all municipalities to come up with their own efficiencies as we are far away from implementing anything at the County level.

Art Klingler gave an update on the fire training center noting that he is waiting on Onondaga County on the RFP, he called again yesterday, he has talked with the architect and he is working on the plans, the estimated build time is 8-10 weeks once awarded, construction will hopefully begin in June with an anticipated completion date of 8/31/19.

The committee chose Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. at the County Office Building as the date for the next committee meeting.

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The committee adjourned while in executive session.