

PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
WILBER, FARWELL, OBERACKER, FRAZIER, STAMMEL
March 13, 2020
1:00pm

911 COMMUNICATIONS—ROB O'BRIEN and HENRY STEWART

Rob O'Brien, Director of 911 Communications, introduced Deputy Director of 911 Communications Henry Stewart to the Committee.

Rob O'Brien requested approval to move forward with purchasing security fencing and gating for the 911 Center out of the PSAP Grant A3020-547847 in an amount not to exceed \$33,989. Mr. O'Brien noted this amount is higher than what was initially approved at the February 19, 2020 due to additional material being necessary. Representative Oberacker motioned to approve purchasing the fencing and gating in an amount not to exceed \$33,989. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien requested approval to purchase paving services for the fence enclosure from account line Communications Backbone A3020-527500 in an amount not to exceed \$31,500. Representative Oberacker motioned to approve purchasing paving services. Seconded, Wilber, Frazier. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien requested the following budget modification:

- Increase: SICG Revenue A3020-433900 \$179,156
 - Increase: SICG Expense A3020-547848 \$179,156
- This modification is to match the actual granted amount.

Representative Farwell motioned to approve the budget modification. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien requested approval to fill a vacant, funded Dispatcher position. Representative Farwell motioned to approve filling the vacant, funded Dispatcher position. Seconded, Frazier. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien requested approval to purchase a County-issued cell phone for use by Deputy Director Stewart. Representative Oberacker motioned to approve purchasing the cell phone. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien requested a motion to enter into executive session. Representative Stammel motioned to enter into executive session to discuss the

medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or the matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation at 1:02pm, and invited Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Stewart to remain present for the discussion. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

The Committee reconvened at 1:15pm.

SHERIFF—SHERIFF DEVLIN, SERGEANT STALTER, TREASURER ALLEN RUFFLES, and DEPUTY TREASURER ANDREW CRISMAN

Sheriff Devlin, Treasurer Ruffles, and Deputy Treasurer Crisman briefed the Committee regarding the need for additional funds for inmate boarding as the Jail renovation and repair projects continue. The Committee and Treasurer Ruffles discussed possible amounts and funding sources for the additional monies needed. Representative Oberacker motioned to utilize Building Services Public Safety Renovations 1629-4904-A funding in the amount of \$165,000 for inmate boarding. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin and the Committee discussed considerations regarding the water systems at the Public Safety Buildings, including but not limited to developing a new well and fire suppression system maintenance. The Committee discussed funding sources. Sheriff Devlin noted that water system maintenance projects may require additional unbudgeted inmate boarding expenses if access to the water system is interrupted.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval for three (3) staff members to attend the Jail Administrators Conference on September 21-24, 2020 in Saratoga Springs, NY; total amount for lodging and meals not to exceed \$2,400. Representative Oberacker motioned to approve the conference expenses not to exceed \$2,400. Seconded, Frazier. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to for a School Resource Officer to attend a NYS School Resource Officer conference on August 31—September 4, 2020 in Lake Placid, NY; total amount for meals and lodging not to exceed \$1,200. Representative Oberacker motioned to approve the conference expenses not to exceed \$1,200. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested support of a resolution to renew the Public Safety Mutual Aid Agreement between the Sheriff's Office, the City of Oneonta Police Department, and the Village of Cooperstown Police Department for an additional five (5) year term from 2020-2025. Representative Oberacker

motioned in support of a resolution to renew the Public Safety Mutual Aid Agreement between the listed agencies through 2025. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Representative Oberacker discussed the implementation of more frequent sanitation procedures in County buildings in response to the coronavirus outbreak.

PUBLIC DEFENDER—REBEKAH TALBOT and KRISTEN STEVENS on behalf of ATTORNEY TROSSET

Rebekah Talbot, Grants Administrator, requested approval to extend the Office of Indigent Legal Services (OILS) contracts for Distribution #3 and Distribution #4. Representative Oberacker motioned to extend OILS Distribution #3 and Distribution #4. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Kristen Stevens, Secretary to the Public Defender, requested the following budget transfer:

- Transfer from: 18-B 1170-4755-A \$35,000
- Transfer to: Investigator 1170-4925-A \$35,000

Representative Oberacker motioned to approve the budget transfer as listed. Seconded, Frazier. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY SERVICES—ART KLINGLER and VICTOR JONES

Art Klingler emailed the January and February mileage reports to the Committee prior to the meeting.

Art Klinger updated the Committee on recent activities as related to the coronavirus outbreak, including but not limited to: the Emergency Services department has been working on collecting and reporting information to NYS, establishing transportation procedures for possibly contagious patients, and the department has been working in collaboration with the Health Department and NY Responds to procure personal protective equipment (PPE) and sanitizing solution for municipalities, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and healthcare agencies.

Victor Jones reported that Bassett Hospital has the capacity to test for coronavirus, and said interested persons should please call 607-547-5555 ahead of time to contact their health care provider before seeking treatment in person.

Art Klingler said the department is working with two (2) local college students with the goal of sponsoring internships.

Art Klingler emailed a list regarding the authorities having jurisdiction in County fire departments and EMS units prior to the meeting, and briefly reviewed the information.

Art Klingler and the Committee reviewed the revised information on the RFP for the Fire Training Center. The revised amount for the Training Center is \$132,540, with additional services needed for a topographical map, boundary survey, subsurface and geotechnical reports, and a storm water pollution prevention plan; total additional services in the amount of \$37,050 (partial funding already acquired). Art Klingler requested approval to proceed with the Fire Training Center in an amount not to exceed \$148,450 from budget line 3641-4803-A. Representative Oberacker motioned to approve Mr. Klingler proceed with the Training Center. Seconded, Frazier. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee scheduled their next regularly scheduled meeting for Friday, April 17, 2020 at 1:00pm at the County Office Building and adjourned.