

PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FRAZIER, WILBER, STAMMEL, FARWELL, OBERACKER
May 10, 2019

Absent: Representatives Wilber and Oberacker

PUBLIC DEFENDER- MICHAEL TROSSET

Michael Trosset gave updates on the following including but not limited to:

- Staffing- additions and retention- hiring a PT Assistant PD
- Justice Court Plan- coverage at each court
- 18b Attorneys- costs will decrease as there will be a PD at every Court
- Attorneys in Otsego County are decreasing, need to make it attractive to have more move to the County
- CAFA- Counsel at First Arraignment Plan-consolidation and better record keeping to get reimbursed for CAFA related cases
- CAP- Centralized Arraignment Plan- in progress
- Changes to New York State Law – Criminal Justice Reform
- Need to reduce County costs and increase State funding
- Split Family Court vs. Criminal Court to reduce the number of conflicts of interest (have Criminal Court be in Oneonta)

Michael Trosset requested approval for himself and Jhil Ghaleb to attend the 52nd Annual NYDA Meeting, July 21-July 23, 2019, in Saratoga Springs, NY, lodging costs not to exceed \$1,000. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,465; Absent: 1,021- Wilber and Oberacker. Motion carried.

SHERIFF- RICH DEVLIN, CAMERON ALLISON

Rich Devlin requested approval to send one Deputy to the Drug Recognition Expert training in Ontario County at a total cost of \$1500. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,465; Absent: 1,021- Wilber and Oberacker. Motion carried.

Rich Devlin requested approval to send two Deputies to Filed Training Office School at a total cost of \$400. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,465; Absent: 1,021- Wilber and Oberacker. Motion carried.

Rich Devlin asked for an update on his request for a Resolution bringing closure to the investigation of the Sheriff's office as he has not heard anything

and has been asking for 5 months. Representative Frazier stated that the labor Attorney is drafting a report to close out and finalize the investigation.

Rich Devlin stated that he has not gotten an update on where the 6 DVDs are that were not returned as part of the subpoenaed records noting they were originals, not copies and need to be returned. Rich Devlin stated he has been asking since February and communication is a problem in this County. Rich Devlin stated that he considers his records stolen at this point and will be taking steps forward.

Rich Devlin stated that there is lack of communication between the Public Safety Committee Chair and himself and he feels the Chair is not doing his job. Rich Devlin stated that for the record, he is requesting that Representative Frazier step down as Public Safety Chair and that they get somebody in here who will do their job and communicate.

COUNTY CLERK- KATHY SINNOTT-GARDNER

Kathy Gardner requested approval to attend the New York State Association of County Clerks training on June 4th - June 6th, 2019 in Corning, NY for 2 nights of lodging at a cost of \$111 per night and a \$150 registration fee for a total cost of \$372. Representative Stammel moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,465; Absent: 1,021- Wilber and Oberaacker. Motion carried.

Kathy Gardner gave an update on staffing in the office noting that she will be looking to fill a vacancy in the DMV office next month.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY- JOHN MUEHL

John Muehl gave an update on the new state legislation noting that it will be moving forward so a Full Time Assistant DA is needed to help with the workload increase. John Muehl stated that he has some funds from the Traffic Diversion program and forfeiture money that can help fund this position and it would be best to have this individual start in October.

John Muehl requested approval to create, fund, and fill a Full time Assistant District Attorney position at a salary of \$80,000 per year, with a start date of 10/1/9, funding to be \$12,000 from the DA's budget and the remaining portion from Contingency for 2019. Representative Stammel moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,465; Absent: 1,021- Wilber and Oberaacker. Motion carried.

John Muehl stated that he will be losing his secretary of 14 years which will be hard, noting that she is going to a State job for better pay.

E-911- ROB O'BRIEN

Rob O'Brien gave an update on the Frontier phone issues noting that they continue to have them on a daily basis and are addressing them with Frontier as they occur. The committee discussed how the infrastructure is old and needs replacement but there is no capital or plans for that.

Rob O'Brien and the committee discussed getting cell phone carriers on the towers, especially in Morris and New Lisbon. Rob O'Brien stated that there is no interest even with offering free space noting that he met with cell phone carriers at the conference he attended recently and AT&T is interested in discussing it further.

Rob O'Brien gave an update on the Diamond Tower RFP noting that the recommendation is to send out the RFP again so he will be attending the next Public Works committee meeting to get approval.

Rob O'Brien gave an update on AMR noting that there have been 253 calls since April 1 that an AMR response was indicated and AMR was unavailable for 128 of those calls. Rob O'Brien stated that he is sharing this data with AMR every Friday, they are having bi-weekly conference calls, and they are short staffed having lost 20 employees with the transition and are bringing staff from Syracuse to help with the shortage.

The committee and Rob O'Brien discussed EMS in this County and the future of it noting that the Towns need to have local conversations first, it will be difficult to get everyone to agree on a solution, everyone won't be on the same page and EMS and Fire Department Volunteers are disappearing.

Rob O'Brien discussed attending the 911 Coordinator's Conference this week and the Association is strongly advocating for fair and equitable distribution of the 911 surcharge and the FCC has written a letter to the Governor's Office in support of this.

Rob O'Brien discussed the idea of a Dispatcher Mutual Aid program that was brought up at the conference noting that Counties would share Dispatcher resources especially in severe weather events and long events.

CAC- DENISE OLIVER

Denise Oliver requested approval to send 3 staff members to the NCAC Extended Forensic Interview Model, June 25-June 27th, 2019 in Burlington, Vermont at a total cost of \$1443 including lodging and meals. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,465; Absent: 1,021- Wilber and Oberaacker. Motion carried.

Denise Oliver requested approval to send 1 staff member to the 4th Annual OCFS Anti-Trafficking Summit in Syracuse June 11-12, 2019 at a total cost of \$280. Representative Stammel moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,465; Absent: 1,021- Wilber and Oberaacker. Motion carried.

Denise Oliver requested approval to pay for the Physical Assistant's meals at a cost not to exceed \$336 as she will be attending a conference in Pittsburg, PA. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486; Ayes: 1,465; Absent: 1,021- Wilber and Oberacker. Motion carried.

Representative Frazier asked about the mobile CAC in Delaware County. Denise Oliver stated that they received a \$250,000 grant from the State for it.

Denise Oliver stated that the open house at the Otsego County CAC went very well and there was very good attendance, and 2 more PA's will be getting trained to do exams.

EMERGENCY SERVICES –ART KLINGLER

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

Art Klingler gave an update on the vacant funded Deputy Fire Coordinator Position noting that 3 applications have been received so far and they are due Monday, 5/13.

Art Klingler gave an update on the fire extinguisher training request from an outside company noting that he spoke with the County Attorney and she was fine with it as long as a contract is done with the company to use the County's equipment and there needs to be a cost associated with it. Art Klingler stated that any money that is generated from this will be used for public education information at the County fair.

Art Klingler gave an update on the fire training center RFP noting that many of the companies did not bid on it because they do engineering not building construction and there were some questions not answered during the bid process. Art Klingler stated that Columbia County is doing a training center now so he is reaching out to their Coordinator, and the RFP will be put back out in the next 1-2 weeks.

Art Klingler stated that he received notification of a Homeland Security Grant of \$109,968 noting that 25% of it goes to the Sheriff's Department. Art Klingler stated that the remaining grant funds will be used for 2 magnetometers (\$7000 total) for 242 Main Street and the purchase of a Haz Mat sensing camera (\$56,000).

Art Klingler gave an update on trainings for 2019 noting that more staff have been added, the allocation has increased, and they will be starting to schedule summer and fall trainings next week.

Art Klingler stated that they will be having a tour bus accident training in Cooperstown and Oneonta for Emergency Responders. The committee asked that Art Klingler reach out to Leatherstocking Trolley on this training.

Representative Frazier asked how a school could get CPR training. Victor Jones stated that many schools do it through their Physical Education Department and the cards are issued through the County. Victor Jones stated that the schools can contact him directly to set it up.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned until Friday, June 14th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Office Building.