

PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FRAZIER, WILBER, STAMMEL, FARWELL, OBERACKER
June 14, 2019

DISTRICT ATTORNEY- JOHN MUEHL

District Attorney John Muehl requested to fill a vacant, funded Secretary to the District Attorney position. Representative Oberacker moved to fill the position. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,476. Absent: 1,010 (487-Wilber and 523-Stammel). Motion carried.

Mr. Muehl and the Committee discussed instances in which law enforcement responds to cases of animal cruelty and how often the Susquehanna SPCA pays for the care of these animals and helps find them homes. Currently, the County does not have a policy or mechanism to help pay the Susquehanna SPCA for their emergency services. The Committee discussed ways to compensate the Susquehanna SPCA for their role, for example setting up an emergency fund, and Mr. Muehl said he would ask other counties how they handle these types of instances.

Representative Wilber and Representative Stammel entered during the above discussion.

PROBATION- DAN NAUGHTON

Representative Frazier stated that due to scheduling, Dan Naughton's Performance Evaluation has been moved to December.

Dan Naughton discussed working with Oneonta Police Department to provide Active Shooter Training at Oneonta High School. Dates for the training are forthcoming.

Dan Naughton discussed his need for additional funding in 2020 due to unfunded Criminal Justice Reform mandates, especially additional funding for training.

Dan Naughton updated the Committee regarding developing security plans for 242 Main Street, Oneonta, after the June 7, 2019 meeting.

SUSQUEHANNA SPCA- STACIE HAYNES

Stacie Haynes updated the Committee on the Susquehanna SPCA's Capital Project, including but not limited to:

- the project is funded in part by a NYS grant in the amount of \$500,000, with additional funding from private donors
- the scope of the project includes a new building designed by firm specializing in the construction of animal shelters
- former Executive Director of Erie County SPCA Barbara Carr has been a valuable consulting resource (during her tenure, Ms. Carr helped build a \$17 million shelter)
- the new recovery and surgery rooms will greatly increase SPCA's capacity to provide services, including offering more low cost opportunities for residents in need
- Susquehanna SPCA is a member of the New York State Animal Protection Federation and Ms. Haynes is currently on their Board of Directors

Ms. Haynes invited any interested Board members to visit the current shelter, and to review the plans and budget of the project or agency.

Ms. Haynes asked the Committee to consider making a 5-year commitment, \$5,000 per year (total: \$25,000), to fund the SPCA Capital Project or operating funds. The Committee discussed bringing the decision to the full Board and Ms. Haynes agreed, as well as the possibility of seeking funding from other County departments including the Sheriff's department or the Department of Health.

Ms. Haynes and the Committee discussed ways to update municipal contracts so that fees from the contracts will come closer to covering actual costs of shelter services and will cover animals other than dogs only.

PUBLIC DEFENDER- MICHAEL TROSSET

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

- staffing additions: Full Time Assistant Public Defender Attorney David Taylor has been added and will be working on CAFA (Counsel at First Arraignment) assignments and Part Time Assistant Public Defender Attorney Ryan Miosek has also been added
- present list of court assignments: Mr. Trosset has attended all but 3 courts, Attorney Miosek has attended all of his assigned courts and is taking 18B assignments
- Mr. Trosset has submitted 1st year OILS contract proposal in the amount of \$168,378.15 and is working on 2nd year contract proposal

Michael Trosset requested approval to fill a vacant, funded Secretary to the Public Defender position in the amount of \$38,544. Representative Wilber

moved to fill the vacancy. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Representative Oberacker requested to meet with Mr. Trosset regarding the Towns of Maryland and Decatur's recent resolution opposing the Centralized Arraignment Program (CAP).

Representative Farwell asked if there was a fact sheet available for constituents to help them know their options regarding delinquent property tax sales. Representative Stammel suggested contacting the Legal Aid Society.

EMERGENCY SERVICES- ART KLINGLER AND VICTOR JONES

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

Art Klingler requested approval to fill a vacant, funded Deputy Fire Coordinator position. Representative Oberacker moved to fill the position. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Art Klingler requested approval to recognize an employee at the July, 3, 2019 Board of Representatives meeting. Representative Wilber moved to approve recognizing the employee. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Art Klingler updated the Committee regarding the fire training center RFP. The revised RFP was submitted for re-release and responses are due on or about July 17, 2019. Art Klingler plans to award the bid by the end of the year for completion by April 1, 2020.

Art Klingler requested approval for OC1 to attend Fire Investigation training at Montour Falls during the weeks of September 16-20, 2019 and September 23-27, 2019 in the amount of \$492. He noted this item is budgeted for in Lodging, Meals, Tolls, and Training 3641-4010. He stated that effective 2020, Fire Investigators must be certified at the national level, NYS Certification is no longer sufficient. Representative Oberacker moved to approve the training. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Art Klingler requested approval to purchase refreshments for EOC Operations in support of Hall of Fame Induction, July 21, 2019 in the amount not to exceed \$300 from Lodging, Meals, Tolls and Training 3641-4010. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Victor Jones discussed AMR EMT services including but not limited to:

- there is a shortage of certified EMT providers because it is difficult work for no pay where it is volunteer only
- some towns participate in shared service agreements while others do not
- not all towns have paid for services
- it is a complicated issue including that another agency can't just come in and do the work
- should the towns or the County pay for the services?

The Committee discussed engaging a consultant to help with some of these questions.

COUNTY CLERK- KATHY SINNOTT GARDNER

Kathy Gardner requested approval to fill 2 funded, vacant DMV Clerk positions. Representative Wilber moved to fill the positions. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Kathy Gardner discussed with the Committee the possibility of creating an additional Supervisor position. She said she has discussed the position with Personnel and the Treasurer's office and will bring additional budget details to the Committee.

Kathy Gardner briefly discussed the recently proposed NYS legislation Green Light Bill saying her office will still need six points of identification or they won't do it.

SHERIFF- RICH DEVLIN AND CAMERON ALLISON

Rich Devlin requested the following budget transfers:

From Firearms Training Range	3110-4701-A	\$1,500
To Training	3110-4050-A	\$1,500
From Firearms Training Range	3110-4701-A	\$2,500
To Lodging, Meals and Tolls	3110-4010-A	\$2,500

Representative Oberacker moved to approve the budget transfers. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Rich Devlin requested approval to send two Deputies to Voice Stress Analyzer re-certification training in Ontario County in the amount of \$2,500. Mr. Devlin noted certification expires this year. Representative Wilber moved to

approve the training. Seconded, Representative Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Rich Devlin requested approval to purchase equipment and update VSA computer required for above training from Equipment 3110-2000-A in the amount of \$6,000. Representative Oberacker moved to approve the purchase. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Rich Devlin requested approval to purchase 9 mobile radios from JPJ Electronics from Equipment 3110-2000-A in the amount of \$19,000. Representative Wilber moved to approve the purchase. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Rich Devlin offered to instruct the NYS Office of Homeland Security Active Shooter training to all County employees. Rich Devlin and Cameron Allison discussed basic details of what is included in the training.

The Committee discussed security concerns at the Meadows and 242 Main Street, Oneonta, and ways to address them. Representative Oberacker said he would meet with the Commissioner of Social Services to discuss this more.

Rich Devlin stated the Committee needs to settle his request for a Resolution to close the investigation into the Sheriff's department. Representative Frazier said that the final report is being written. Rich Devlin said that he has asked for this for the past 6 months and that this needs to be resolved. Mr. Devlin said that the original records that were subpoenaed from his office were not returned and he will consider this a case of larceny. Representative Oberacker said we need closure by the next Public Safety and Legal Affairs Committee meeting.

CODES DEPARTMENT- TONY GENTILE

Tony Gentile reported that revenues are on track as estimated, revenues are 70% less than last year because the County lowered the fees on fire safety inspections.

Tony Gentile reported that NYS Codes department is considering new regulations on short-term rentals.

Representative Oberacker moved to discuss the matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

The Committee reconvened.

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER- DENISE OLIVER

Denise Oliver requested approval for the following trainings:

-Four Day Advanced Strangulation Training in Indianapolis, IN for one staff member

Conference fee: \$80, Airfare: \$557, Lodging: \$125 per night for 5 nights in the amount of \$625, Meals: \$56 per day for 6 days in the amount of \$336. Total cost not to exceed: \$1,598

-Developing a Community Response to Child Sex Trafficking & Exploitation for one staff member June 25-26, 2019

Lodging: \$113 per night for 2 nights in the amount of \$226, Meals: \$61 per day for 3 days in the amount of \$93.

Total cost not to exceed: \$319

-International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice in New Orleans, LA

Conference fee: \$560, Airfare: \$600, Lodging: \$150 per day for 5 days in the amount of \$750, Meals: \$71 per day for 6 days in the amount of \$426.

Total cost not to exceed: \$2,336

Representative Oberacker moved to approve the trainings. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Denise Oliver requested approval to purchase a computer for the Children Victims Advocate in the amount of \$1,305. Representative Oberacker moved to approve the purchase. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

E911- ROB O'BRIEN

Rob O'Brien discussed ongoing Frontier service issues, noting there are still interruptions in service and the PSC has been notified.

Rob O'Brien updated the Committee regarding modifying the Tower Management RFP.

Rob O'Brien reported that since April 1 there have been 422 calls where an AMR response was indicated and AMR was unavailable for 223 of those calls.

Rob O'Brien stated that he is sharing this data with AMR every Friday, and they are having bi-weekly conference calls.

Rob O'Brien requested approval to purchase PTP wireless link that will provide backup and redundancy to the radio system in the event of failure from SICG Grant 3020-4905 in the amount not to exceed \$33,372.50. Representative Oberacker moved to approve the purchase. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien requested approval to purchase portable radios from NYS Contract that are P25 capable from SICG Grant 3020-4905 in the amount not to exceed \$17,616.90. Representative Wilber moved to approve the purchase. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien requested approval to purchase Tait radio system alarm work as it relates to the microwave radio system from SICG Grant 3020-4905 in the amount not to exceed \$20,000. Representative Wilber moved to approve the purchase. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien requested approval to purchase Tait radio system alarm work as it relates to the Tait system itself from SICG Grant 3020-4905 in the amount not to exceed \$31,970. Representative Wilber moved to approve the purchase. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien updated the Committee on the P25 Encryption project, noting the equipment is on its way to Eastern Communications, installation of the new P25 mobile radios in County Law Enforcement vehicles will begin next week, and the cutover to the new system should begin in August.

Rob O'Brien asked that the County consider exploring available resources for Active Shooter training for County employees. The Committee discussed the previous conversations with Probation and the Sheriff's department. The Committee will work on setting up the training.

OTHER

The Committee set their next meeting date for Monday, July 15, 2019.

Representative Wilber moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss the matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person and to discuss pending litigation. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

The Committee adjourned while in Executive Session.