

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

Absent: Representative Stammel

OTHER- ANDREW HAMIL, TOWN OF MARYLAND

Andrew Hamil, of the Town of Maryland, expressed a concern regarding the upcoming Fireman's Carnival in Schenevus. He stated that in years past the Sheriff's deputies seemed to be clumped together during the event. Sheriff Devlin noted Mr. Hamil's concern and said the officers are not in one spot, they patrol and walk the grounds.

Andrew Hamil expressed a concern regarding areas where drivers often exceed the speed limit in the Town of Maryland. Mr. Hamil inquired whether or not the Sheriff's department could place speed radars or enforcement details in these areas. Mr. Hamil distributed a list of areas of concern to the Sheriff. Sheriff Devlin said he would keep these areas in consideration when deploying speed trailers and patrol officers.

SHERIFF- RICH DEVLIN AND CAMERON ALLISON

Rich Devlin requested the following budget transfer:

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| Transfer from: | Jail Equipment | 3150-2000-A | \$25,000 |
| Transfer to: | Sheriff Vehicle Expense | 3110-4515-A | \$25,000 |

Rich Devlin stated this transfer will be used to cover vehicle expenses. Representative Oberacker moved to approve the transfer. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Rich Devlin requested the following budget transfer:

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| Transfer from: | Jail Equipment | 3150-2000-A | \$3,500 |
| Transfer to: | Other | 3110-4800-A | \$3,500 |

Representative Oberacker moved to approve the transfer. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Cameron Allison updated the Committee regarding active shooter training for County employees. Mr. Allison has met with Art Klingler and Bob Satriano of the Emergency Services department and they have decided the

Emergency Services department will provide workplace violence training and the Sheriff's department will provide active shooter training. Mr. Allison stated planning for the trainings, as well as examining current policies and procedures, will be discussed further at a meeting in August with additional departments present: Probation, NYS Courts, and E911.

The Committee and the Sheriff's department discussed collaborating on strengthening the security of the E911 department.

Rich Devlin updated the Committee regarding ongoing security discussions on County properties. Mr. Devlin said that he spoke with the Deputy Treasurer about Special Patrol Officer positions being re-created in the County for approximately \$50,000 per position/ post. Mr. Devlin said a part-time force of Special Patrol Officers may be a value compared to our current contract for security at the Meadows. The Committee continued the discussion regarding reimbursement for security costs through the Public Defender's Office, District Attorney, or Department of Social Services.

Rich Devlin updated the Committee regarding renovations at the County Jail. Mr. Devlin noted the following, including but not limited to:

- the project start date is August 12, 2019, and will last 3-4 months
- approximately 25-30 inmates will need boarding
- several areas will be addressed
- may need additional funding for staff overtime while this project is taking place

Rich Devlin notified the Committee that the original records which were subpoenaed from his office have been returned by the County Attorneys, except for one record that is still in dispute.

Representative Oberacker inquired about Sheriff's Deputy James Mateunas, and Rich Devlin said that his recovery is going well.

PROBATION- DAN NAUGHTON

Dan Naughton requested approval to provide a staff member with a cell phone. Representative Oberacker moved to approve the cell phone. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Representative Frazier made a correction, noting a local paper misquoted County business by saying the Sheriff's department was providing training in Oneonta High School when actually it is the Probation department.

Dan Naughton updated the Committee regarding working on staff development in such a way to be able to provide training for his staff to the certified instructor level so they can provide in-house trainings.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES- EVE BOUBOULIS

Eve Bouboulis updated the Committee regarding Raise the Age, NYS criminal justice reform, including but not limited to:

- new cases involving juvenile offenders will be routed through the County Attorney's Office, Probation, and the Department of Social Services
- although NYS previously said they would pay reimbursements to County Attorneys, they are now saying they will not pay to reimbursements
- case volumes will increase in October 2019 during the second phase of implementation when more 17 year old offenders will utilize the program

Eve Bouboulis stated she is in the process of hiring an additional attorney for the Department of Social Services (which was previously approved by Resolution). Ms. Bouboulis noted the only thing that would change in regards to filling this position now would be the reimbursable rates may change in the future.

Eve Bouboulis discussed with the Committee the following, including but not limited to:

- there are ongoing discussions regarding office moves in 242 Main Street, Oneonta, including parts of DSS, Probation, and Office for the Aging relocating there
- one significant challenge DSS faces in moving there is that the department needs secure internet access first
- Building Services still needs to complete some renovations
- security at 242 Main, the Meadows, and agency housing: will the Sheriff's department do security for all 3?
- information available about what is reimbursable through Venesky & Co. in the cost allocation plan

Representative Frazier requested a written summary of these plans, especially with regards to what costs are reimbursable.

EMERGENCY SERVICES- ART KLINGLER, VICTOR JONES AND JIM EMPIE, OF THE TOWN OF WORCESTER

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

Art Klingler discussed 30 used AEDs that are still serviceable. Mr. Klingler said he has received several requests from the public for the AEDs. Mr. Klingler requested guidance regarding redeploying them. Representative Frazier said it was important that as a condition of giving away an AED, the receiving agency must understand that they are in "as is" condition and the receiving agency needs to perform all necessary maintenance of the AED and "hold harmless" the County. Representative Wilber suggested distributing the AEDs to the County tree crew as they have particularly heightened safety requirements/concerns. Representative Wilber also said it would be good to prioritize non-profit agencies in the distribution process. The Committee discussed whether or not this falls under the County surplus policy, and suggested checking with the County Attorney regarding any special disclaimers before distributing that AEDs.

Art Klingler, prior to the meeting, emailed a Memorandum Re: Fly Car Proposal. The Proposal included general background information, equipment costs (one-time and recurring), staffing model options with costs, and information gleaned from Schoharie County regarding their fly car operation. Art Klingler, Victor Jones, Jim Empie, of the Town of Worcester, and the Committee discussed the following, including but not limited to:

- the annual operating cost of fly car services is approximately \$388,000 (for 24/7 coverage, includes one-time setup costs)
- staffing less than 24/7 would cost less, for example only on weekends
- some towns have volunteer EMTs, some have subsidized/paid/shared services-how does this proposal affect them?
- would this solve the current problem of the gaps in service and provider shortage numbers?
- where would the fly car post be located? centrally? strategically?
- how would areas located far from the fly car post be served?
- the County should not mandate this down, local communities each do this work differently
- different districts have distinct challenges, for example large geographical size, smaller or larger populations
- is there NYS funding available to help setup costs?

The Committee thanked Mr. Klingler, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Empie for the information.

PUBLIC DEFENDER- MICHAEL TROSSET AND KRISTIN STEVENS

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

- there is a Public Defender in every court and that is going well, judges are happy and the cost of 18-B is greatly reduced
- Counsel at First Appearance (CAP) has been pushed back by NYS until November 2019
- OILS contracts: Yr. 1 has been verbally approved, Yr. 2 funding for infrastructure still pending

Michael Trosset requested approval to fill a funded, vacant, part-time Assigned Counsel Program Administrator Grade 10C effective July 1, 2019. Representative Wilber moved to fill the position. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Michael Trosset requested approval to attend New York State Defenders Association 52nd Annual Meeting & Conference July 21-23, 2019 in Saratoga Springs, NY, Conference Registration fee in the amount of \$225, Meals in an amount not to exceed \$350, and Lodging in an amount not to exceed \$500. Representative Wilber moved to approve the expenses. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER (CAC)- NANCY CARROLL ON BEHALF OF DENISE OLIVER

Nancy Carroll requested approval to create the position of Forensic Interviewer, part-time, NYS grant funded. The Office of Victim Services approved a grant for this position. Representative Wilber moved to approve the creation of the position. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Nancy Carroll requested approval of training provided by Victor Vieth in the amount of \$5,381.57. The title of the training is "When a Child Stands Alone: The Search for Corroborating Evidence." Representative Wilber moved to approve the training. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Nancy Carroll requested approval to purchase 5 chairs for the CAC at the approximate cost of \$276.89. Representative Oberacker moved to approve the purchase. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Nancy Carroll requested approval to purchase a computer in the amount of \$850. Representative Oberacker moved to approve the purchase. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK- KATHY SINNOTT GARDNER

Kathy Sinnott Gardner updated the Committee on Personnel changes to take effect in 2020 abolishing a DMV Clerk position and creating a DMV Supervisor position. Kathy Sinnott Gardner requested a motion to approve adding funding in the amount of \$4,073.55 to County Clerk Personal Service 1410-1000-A for the 2020 budget cycle. Representative Wilber moved to approve adding the funding to the Personal Service line. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

E911- ROB O'BRIEN

Rob O'Brien reported the following updates, including but not limited to:

- Tower Management- the modified RFP has been sent to Onondaga
- AMR response rate is approximately 50% and Mr. O'Brien has been in communication with the company about this

Rob O'Brien requested approval to purchase a PTP wireless link from Communications and Maintenance 3020-4810 in an amount not to exceed \$33,372.50. Representative Wilber moved to approve the purchase. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien updated the Committee regarding the P25 encryption project, stating the NYS Police are not ready to move forward yet, hoping to have necessary equipment and preparations for cut over in September or October.

Rob O'Brien reported his department is prepared for the upcoming Hall of Fame Induction Weekend.

Rob O'Brien requested the creation of a Deputy Coordinator/Assistant Director of 911 position in 2020 with a salary of \$54,730 plus fringes. Mr. O'Brien noted that he has been working with Personnel on the job description, and the position would function as support staff to the Director and serve as Deputy. Representative Oberacker moved to create the position. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,963. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

The Committee scheduled their next meeting for Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 12:30pm in the County Office Building.

COUNTY ATTORNEY- ELLEN COCCOMA

Representative Oberacker requested a motion to enter into 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: 1,963. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

The Committee adjourned while in executive session.