

Minutes

Public Safety Committee

January 15, 2020, 4:15 pm, Room 331

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Niebel, Whitford, Pavlock, Bankoski, Hemmer

Others: Tampio, Ames, Dennison, Swan, Quattrone, Chagnon

Chairman Niebel called the meeting to order at 4: 16 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (12/11/19)

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Whitford

*Unanimously Carried*

Privilege of the Floor

*No one chose to speak at this time.*

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Proposed Resolution – Confirm Re-Appointments – STOP DWI Advisory Board

Sheriff Quattrone: These are reappointments. Both Chief Ohnmeiss and Mr. Johnson have been serving on the DWI Advisory Board for quite some time and both are still interested in serving in that capacity.

Chairman Niebel: They've consented to be on it again?

Sheriff Quattrone: Yes.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions of the Sheriff?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Execution for New York State Office of Homeland Security Grant for Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) FY 19

Sheriff Quattrone: This resolution the PSAP, or the Public Safety Answering Point, we had a reduction from the grant and that has to do with the statistics on a CAD calls were lower and part of that reason they were lower from the previous year is, there was an error on the

statistics that were provided from the year before. So we ended up having about a 17% lower number of CAD calls, (*inaudible*) to dispatch. We've been trying to figure out why there was 17% because it didn't seem like there was a 17% decrease in those calls. But, the numbers that were provided for our grant application were erroneously inflated the year before. That was through an error with the stats that were provided to us.

Chairman Niebel: So Jim and Jen, this resolution takes care of that?

Ms. Swan: Correct.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions of Jim or Jen?

Legislator Hemmer: So we increased the use of fund balance because the grant was decreased?

Ms. Swan: Correct.

Legislator Hemmer: Because we spent the money and we're trying to make up for it?

Ms. Swan: The thing with this grant is, it's not tied to specific expenses so you don't see a correlating decrease in one of our expense lines to match the decrease in the revenue line. It's the only revenue line in that department and it just offsets our costs and it's strictly based on data that is provided by our I.T. Department. They are actually the ones that supply the application and they are the ones that submit. So since it's based on statistics, the expense within the department remain the same, it's just the revenue that fluctuates because of that grant. Since we have less revenue, we need to increase our use of fund balance in order to meet our budgetary needs in our department.

Chairman Niebel: Any other questions?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution - Amend 2020 Budget for Capital Project: Video System & Camera Upgrade

Sheriff Quattrone: This resolution is to move around some of the capital funds. Part of the reason is, in 2018, we had camera project set up in the County office buildings. My understanding is, the former DPF Director, George Spanos, had felt that his staff could install the camera's around the campus. They didn't get installed, I believe it was more work than they anticipated and currently they just don't have the staffing or time to do that. So we are getting pressured from the Office of Court Administration to make sure that we get these camera's installed and so we are going to contract out to have them done. We didn't have enough money in that initial account to do that but with the money that we saved on the roof replacement – (*cross talk*)...

Legislator Bankoski: (*Inaudible*) transfer, put the money in there?

Sheriff Quattrone: Right.

Chairman Niebel: Jim, do we anybody in the Sheriff's Department that possibly can do this or not really?

Sheriff Quattrone: I think because, again, I'm not an expert in this because of the technical aspect and the amount of work, that is why the County Highway workers couldn't do it.

Chairman Niebel: Alright, that makes sense.

Sheriff Quattrone: I know that it's been a project they talked about since I took office and just trying to get the manpower to do it.

Chairman Niebel: And it needs to be done. Any further questions?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution - Authorize Execution of New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant for the Child Passenger Safety Program  
FY20

Sheriff Quattrone: This is a grant we applied for, for the child safety seat where it helps pay for some seats as well as our car seat technicians for their training on different events. It's a \$1,050 and there will be no local cost involved of course.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions?

Legislator Pavlock: It's a good program. I went through a safety check that the Sheriff's had last year at Cassadaga Valley School. They weren't doing anything and my wife wasn't impressed that I went through because the kids were ready to get out of the car but they did a good job. The seats are important in where you put them in the car and how. Nobody puts them as tight as they should be.

Sheriff Quattrone: There is a lot more to it than just throwing them in. We were actually able to use one of our technicians last week for an inmate who delivered a baby and we had to have a car seat to do transport of an infant.

Chairman Niebel: An inmate?

Sheriff Quattrone: An inmate had a baby yes.

Chairman Niebel: Any further questions of Jim or Jennifer?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution - Authorize Execution of New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant for the Police Traffic Services Program FY20

Sheriff Quattrone: This is grant again, from the Governor's Traffic Safety that started October 1<sup>st</sup> and goes through to September 30<sup>th</sup>. This is for Buckle Up New York and that's the primary part of it, where the State Governor's Traffic Safety will supplement our overtime costs and to go out and do this enforcement. Part of that was from October to December, the bulk of it is going to be after the first of the year, 2020.

Chairman Niebel: It's only for \$16,875. You've broken it down between 2019 and 2020.

Sheriff Quattrone: Correct.

Chairman Niebel: Any other questions of the Sheriff?

*Unanimously Carried*

Other

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Execution of United States Department of Justice Grant – Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) FY20

Sheriff Quattrone: This resolution, we started last year with it. It's a joint operation that we have going with multiple agencies in the County and the FBI. The FBI or the United States Department of Justice is covering the cost of the overtime to help with this investigation. Because it had gone into this year, they have authorized to provide more money towards that overtime.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions?

*Unanimously Carried*

Legislator Hemmer: I was up at the airport today and I saw that there is some new police cars up there.

Sheriff Quattrone: Cars, correct?

Legislator Hemmer: Yes.

Sheriff Quattrone: Yes, we've purchased Dodge Chargers instead of the SUV's for a couple of reasons. The biggest reason is about \$9,000 cheaper than the SUV's but we feel that they handle better on the roadways and if you noticed they were white. We're in the process changing them over. They actually came in a way ahead of schedule and that's why they are there.

Legislator Hemmer: I wondered because they have been there for a while.

Sheriff Quattrone: They told us we'd be lucky if we get them by the end of December and they started coming in at the end of November. So we're in the process of getting them changed over.

Legislator Hemmer: Oh, so they have the insignia painted on them?

Sheriff Quattrone: Yes and the radios. It doesn't take long, again, I don't understand but they said that the Chargers are going quicker, making the conversions, than the Explorer's were. I guess the way they came in they were partly done already. We went with the white because I feel that they are more visible.

*(Inaudible)...*

Sheriff Quattrone: Maybe I'm a traditionalist because my son is in Watertown and he said, you should probably do it immediately to let people know that you didn't just change the color and get rid of the car because you didn't like the color but I didn't want us to think that we're spending extra money. It's just in the process – you'll see some black cars for another year maybe another two years.

Legislator Hemmer: It's just that the mileage gets –

Sheriff Quattrone: Generally the front line car last two years, investigators cars will last a little longer. I don't know how long mine is going to last but I plan on driving it until the resale value starts to drop.

*(Cross talk)....*

Sheriff Quattrone: I don't know if this is normal but we seemed to have to go to Albany a little bit more. I think it's with this Criminal Justice reform so it is nicer to have a newer vehicle to go up there.

Chairman Niebel: A little press release Jim, we'll pass that on committee wise. Committee you have copies of an executive transfer form that took place since the last meeting. This involved Emergency Services. Emergency Services, there still seems to be, well, there is problems with the revenue generated there. This is a copy of that transfer. Any other other business to come before Public Safety?

Legislator Hemmer: On the Fly Car, I know that we talked about buying an ambulance in order to – I thought that was going to be a better pay back. Did we buy an ambulance, did we get it running?

Chairman Niebel: Yes, we did buy it and it had to do with the reimbursement and stuff, but this has to do with the Fly Car situation here. As a matter of fact, we are going to have a meeting with the City of Jamestown concerning the 4<sup>th</sup> Fly Car within the next week or two.

Legislator Whitford: I think John was asking about the second ambulance.

Legislator Bankoski: Well the second ambulance was supposed to help us get money from Medicaid (*cross talk*).....

Legislator Hemmer: Yea, we had to have an ambulance in order to get reimbursed so we do have one ambulance in service or we don't?

Chairman Niebel: I'm not exactly sure.

Legislator Hemmer: We've got four fly cars –

Chairman Niebel: We've got three fly cars.

Legislator Bankoski: We've got four fly cars.

Legislator Pavlock: We do have an ambulance.

Chairman Niebel: I'm sorry, four fly cars. Kathleen, do we have a second ambulance do you know?

Mrs. Dennison: I don't know.

Legislator Whitford: We've never acted on the second one.

Legislator Hemmer: We have one ambulance and it's up and running?

Chairman Chagnon: Yes.

Legislator Whitford: There was some preliminary discussion on acquiring the second ambulance and how much more coverage we would have in different zones and it really hasn't gone anywhere.

Mrs. Dennison: Yes, we do have the ambulance, it's in service and we are now eligible to receive payment from Medicaid services outside the City of Jamestown and the billing company has just started making those payments to us. We're allowed to collect them retroactive back to I think it was July 29<sup>th</sup>. So we will be paid for Medicaid calls back to July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Niebel: But just one.

Legislator Pavlock: Now that more of this year has gone by, as far as estimates go, how are we overall with our estimates? I know that some of those transferred into next year's budget, estimates too.

Mrs. Dennison: The cost estimates, we have come very close to the cost estimates but the revenues estimates, not so much. And unfortunately, because they are doing the number of calls that we used for estimates but we're not doing the number of revenue generating calls we estimated. So the call volume is around 12 a day, but, a lot of those are not collectable at all. Some of them are cancelled, some of them are dead on arrival, some of them are Jamestown, and so, the number of revenue generating calls is closer to 5 a day. So, we're not going to meet the

revenue projections that we made for 2019 and it's unlikely that we would make the revenue budget for 2020, unless the revenue generating call volume increases for sure.

Chairman Niebel: Anything else? O.k., motion to adjourn.

Legislator Bankoski: So moved.

Legislator Pavlock: Second.

*Unanimously Carried (4:35 p.m.)*

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,  
Olivia Ames, Deputy Clerk/Lori J. Foster, Sr. Stenographer