

Minutes

Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 4:15 pm, Room 331

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Wendel, Whitford, Bankoski, Pavlock

Member Absent: Niebel

Others: Tampio, Dennison, Griffith, Sheriff, Griffith, Volpe, Cresanti

Chairman Wendel called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes 10/18/17)

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Whitford.

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time.

Renew & Amend Res. No. 249-17 – Fiscal Year 2017 Hazardous Materials Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program

Mr. Griffith: This is a correction from the last time we were here. There is a change in the amount of the 20% match grant for the County in the amount of \$38,079 which has been budgeted into the County budget. It just has to be amended as far as the resolution itself.

Chairman Wendel: Any questions?

Unanimously Carried

Mr. Griffith: Any other questions for me?

Chairman Wendel: How was your first big event?

Mr. Griffith: It was good. I thought that it went alright.

Chairman Wendel: The flooding kind of went fast and furious.

Mr. Griffith: It went right across the County. I could sit at home and hear Ripley, Westfield, Brocton, and Sherman and all the way across. We have a really great staff of Deputy Coordinators and Battalion Coordinators that were out and about and working. Of course the fire departments in Chautauqua County, they are prepared to go and they did a great job, as they have always done. So, it went really well. We had one real scare but it came out good and everything in the end was very well done.

Legislator Wilfong: You got to tour the County sooner than you anticipated.

Mr. Griffith: To tell you the truth and I guess this is kind of a shameless plug on my part, but, it was real fortunate that Julius and I and spent an entire day in the northern end of the County. We had gone to Brocton, Fredonia, Hanover, Sunset Bay, Silver Creek, and he said this is what is going to happen and this is where it's going to happen. Of course, he was right but at least it gave me the preparedness to know where I was going when people called and said that we have an issue here, I knew where it was and of course, the Battalion Coordinators up there, Scott Cummings and Tony Faso, Bob Frank, and Steve Cobb, they have been doing this longer than I have on the northern end, had never been up at the end of the County that much and everything found a place just exactly the way it should have. So it all went real well.

Legislator Pavlock: It takes a while to learn every other – every departments different procedures too and there is a lot of stuff to learn.

Mr. Griffith: Someone asked me how it was going mid-way through the month when I was working with Julius and I said, well, I had been here 15 days and he's got 15 years and it's kind of hard to compress all that into one quick session but a lot of it did pay off and worked out really well and thank you to the Legislature and the County Executive for allowing that overlap. In talking to a lot of Coordinators that I've met around the State, that's quite unheard of, to be perfectly honest with you. It's usually it's yours, have a good day. So it was great. Anything else for me or Emergency Services?

Chairman Wendel: No, we're good. Thank you much.

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Agreements with Erie County for Autopsy Services

Chairman Wendel: Does anyone have any questions. It's actually renewing.

Legislator Bankoski: That's where it is already, correct?

Chairman Wendel: Correct.

Clerk Tampio: Mr. Chairman, the Law Department prepared this. There was a previous resolution decades ago that authorized the County Executive to do the same thing, to enter into the contract. Whereas really this was not needed because that one continued through the years and they recommended some language change in this resolution. So going forward, this resolution, you will not have to approve the contract renewal every two or three years whatever

the term is of the contract with Erie County. It authorizes the County Executive to enter into those agreements and renewals.

Chairman Wendel: Any questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Agreement with Pine Valley Central School District for Purchase of Fuel for Chautauqua County Emergency Services Vehicles

Sheriff Gerace: This is an add-on to a previous resolution that you approved giving us an agreement with Pine Valley to use their fuel depot. I thought we handled it but apparently we didn't. Emergency Services also feels that they could use the same fuel depot for their fly cars so we're just adding that on.

Legislator Bankoski: Will they still utilize the office space also?

Sheriff Gerace: They don't need the office space. If they wanted to, we'd be more than happy to have them utilize it but this is really just so that they can use the fuel depot and bill back through the school. That saves us money. We used to maintain our own fuel depots and I've eliminated them because the schools is a logical place to go and they like having the presence at their facilities.

Legislator Pavlock: I'm not sure but (*inaudible*) keep the updates on (*inaudible*) fuel.

Sheriff Gerace: Yeah, we used to have to pay to maintain and the EPA stuff and it was a pretty big list. We own no fuel depots anymore. Well, Long Point might be the exception.

Chairman Wendel: You guys used to run on compressed natural gas for a while.

Sheriff Gerace: We tried that years ago.

Chairman Wendel: I always knew when the Sheriff was around because it sounded like a weird air compressor.

Sheriff Gerace: You got about half that range so they were fueling twice a shift. It was interesting. The prices of gas went down to make it not be cost effective. It voided the warranties on the cars as soon as you did it. There were a lot of issues.

Chairman Wendel: Any questions on the resolution?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution - Amend 2017 Budget for Various Office of the Sheriff Accounts

Sheriff Gerace: I don't know how to best handle this but recalculated some of this so do we want to handle those as a typo and put different figures in here?

Clerk Tampio: Are they actually new figures or switching them around?

Sheriff Gerace: Well, a couple - we've recalculated that we don't need to move the same amount of money. For instance, under personnel services, that would be \$35,000 instead of \$55,000. What is the best way to handle that?

Clerk Tampio: It sounds like it would be an amendment.

Sheriff Gerace: Should I just start with that Mr. Chair and change what needs to be changed?

Chairman Wendel: Yes.

Sheriff Gerace: O.k., Increase Revenue Account, Medivac stays the same, next line, Decrease Appropriation Account would go to \$35,000 from \$55,000. Then under the next section, Increase Appropriation Accounts, the second line down, 3189.111.1 would go to \$5,000, not \$20,000 and then the next line down, employee benefits, other would be \$2,500. not \$7,500. Then the total is \$45,000, instead of \$65,000. So that is what the proposal is.

Chairman Wendel: Do we have a motion to amend the resolution?

Legislator Whitford: I'll make a motion to amend.

Legislator Bankoski: Second.

Chairman Wendel: All those in favor of the amendment?

Unanimously Carried

Chairman Wendel: Any discussion?

Sheriff Gerace: Just an explanation. We're obviously making adjustments. We had a change in benefits in one of the employees in STOP DWI requiring an increase because they changed to another - they were not budgeted for a family of 3 health plan but their status changed so we're looking at other areas to make modifications. So we are going to decrease the appropriation account for 3110.1 by \$35,000 and then we're making an adjustment Navigation and both in the .1 and .8 accounts for a total of \$7,500.

Chairman Wendel: What is the change in Medivac?

Sheriff Gerace: That's just - because we our expenses are met. If our expense goes up our revenues goes up because the partnership, they pay 100% of our costs. Our expense increased and I think it was fuel, then we bill it back to them.

Chairman Wendel: I'm going to go out on a limb here but in Navigation, is that basically going to be cutting patrols this Summer?

Sheriff Gerace: We're taking the money from 3110.1 because I believe and Kathleen and Jennifer correct me if I'm wrong because we anticipate – it's from a retirement so we have an overage anticipated in Navigation. Our Navigation season is split between Marina patrol, summer boat patrol and snowmobiles in the winter time. We anticipate that there is not enough money left in that account for the end of season so we're making that adjustment. No new money from outside the budget.

Mrs. Dennison: Right, no new money from outside. The Navigation, the benefits, as the Sheriff mentioned they have been hit by probably some additional retirement expenses but also a change in health insurance selection for one of the staff members and there is only 2 full time people in that department so if one of them changes (*cross talk*)..

Chairman Wendel: I mean, another budget was reduced in areas, we just don't want to, you know, the lakes, we don't want to see that. Because you know (*cross talk*)...

Sheriff Gerace: We don't want to reduce at all. Here we're just looking at where are we going to come up with the additional money and we have identified 3110.1 is an area that we could address.

Mrs. Dennison: And it seems to be running under budget because we have the higher skilled deputies that have retired and the 17' budget didn't really capture the positive effects of those retirements in replacing them with lower step.

Sheriff Gerace: And the process takes time. Just to get a new hire in, it's probably at least 60 days or more. By the time you get qualified, they take their test and they do all the things that have to be done.

Chairman Wendel: Any other questions? All those in favor of the resolution as amended?

Unanimously Carried

Other

Chairman Wendel: Anything to come under "other"?

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Whitford to adjourn.

Unanimously Carried (4:29 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted and Transcribed,
Kathy K. Tampio, Clerk/Lori J. Foster, Deputy Clerk/Secretary to the Legislature