

Minutes

Public Safety Committee

June 17, 2020, 4:00 pm, Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

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

Others: Tampio, Ames, Griffith, Quattrone, Narraway, Chagnon, DeAngelo, Swan, Barone, Dennison, Swanson

Chairman Niebel called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (5/20/20)

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Whitford

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

Chairman Niebel: Anyone here for the privilege of the floor? Not hearing anyone, we'll close the privilege of the floor.

Proposed Resolution – Confirm Appointments and Re-Appointments – Emergency Medical Services Council

Mr. Griffith: This is the normal replacement cycle for the members who terms expires where they are reappointed or new appointees to the Emergency Services Council, Emergency Medical Services Council. Do you want me to read the names or do you have them in front of you?

Chairman Niebel: No, we have them in front of us. Committee, do you have any questions as to this resolution? The only question that I have is, are all four battalions represented? I see some of these appointments say Battalion I, Battalion II, Battalion III but I don't see anything from Battalion IV. Is that Brocton/Westfield, off that way?

Mr. Griffith: Battalion IV would be the southeast corner of the County. It would be Cherry Creek, Charlotte, Ellington, (*cross talk*)..

Chairman Niebel: Frewsburg?

Mr. Griffith: No, Town of Carroll (*inaudible*) but all the battalions have equal representation on the EMS Council. It was just there was no seats that came up this year that the term expired. Everybody expires at intervals (*inaudible*), so these are the seats that were open at this time. There is two type of seats on the EMS Council, the at-large seats, which are (*cross talk*), north County and at-large South County and there is Battalion seats and then there are seats like mine which is ad hoc.

Chairman Niebel: I just wanted to make sure that all four battalions are represented and it sounds like they probably are.

Mr. Griffith: It's an equal representation throughout the County, north, south, and the battalions, so yes.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions or discussion?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Execution of State Interoperability Communications Grant
FY 19

Ms. Swan: This is a grant that we get every year the term of it is actually a multi-year grant. It does not require any local share match and it pertains solely to communication equipment that is for the interoperability (*inaudible*).. so it's radios and things of that nature. It's the same thing as usual and the allocation for this year (*inaudible – poor connection*)...

Chairman Niebel: O.k., and this is all State money?

Ms. Swan: Yes.

Sheriff Quattrone: Mr. Chairman, I would like to point out that Jennifer Swan is talking and not the Sheriff.

Mr. Niebel: I kind of gathered that Mr. Quattrone but I'm glad your clarified that. Any questions or discussion for the Sheriff's Department?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution - Amend 2020 Budget for Office of the Sheriff

Ms. Swan: This is actually an amendment for two necessary equipment purchases that we made. One of for a pontoon for our drive team boat. It was broken, it's now repaired. A portion of that (*inaudible*) paid by an insurance claim. The other portion we can allocate to a grant so that's fully refunded and the purchase is for a navigation vehicle that we're also anticipating a full refund from the State for.

Chairman Niebel: O.k. and Jennifer this is the navigation portion of the Sheriff's Department?

Ms. Swan: That is correct, yes.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions or discussion?

Mr. Hemmer: I believe it says something about sale of the property/compensation. Was there a sale of some property or is that strictly the insurance?

Ms. Swan: It's strictly the insurance.

Chairman Niebel: Jennifer, that's just the category sale of property/compensation insurance recoveries and this pertains to insurance recovery?

Ms. Swan: That is correct, yes.

Chairman Niebel: John, anything else on that?

Mr. Hemmer: If that's it, thank you.

Chairman Niebel: Any further questions or discussion?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2020 Budget Appropriations and Revenues Due to COVID-19 – Department of Emergency Services

Mr. Griffith: This is a motion to reflect the expenses being laid out by the County through COVID response. The Office of Emergency Services, as it says, does possibly require a 25% grant however the government has indicated the local match could be reduced to zero. So we just put this in to change the budget to be able to account for the expenses and revenues coming back in. Kathleen, does that describe that pretty good.

Mrs. Dennison: Yes it does John. I just want to add, as John mentioned, as it says in the resolution, the resolution right now assumes that we get 100% reimbursement from FEMA. That is not guaranteed but since we don't know what it's going to be, we're being optimistic and putting in 100%. If we only get 25% reimbursement, there is a chance that a use of fund balance will be required to pay for 25% that is not reimbursed by FEMA.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions or discussion?

Unanimously Carried

Legislator Bankoski: I would like to make a motion that we move number #6 "other", before number #5, "discussion".

Legislator Whitford: Second.

Chairman Niebel: O.k., we'll take that resolution first.

Other

Proposed Resolution - Authorize Acceptance of the BJA FY 20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Grant for funds for 2020-2022

Mr. Swanson: That money is money that we learned that we are eligible to make application for. We did that and it's to assist, essentially with what we're going to experience with the backlog of cases, personal services, and contractual monies for PPE, for witnesses, for grand jurors for anybody that we are going to be working with. The personal services will cover overtime, for expenses there associated with COVID-19. It was a pretty detailed application with the Federal government but there is no local match. It goes until the end of 2021 so the budget amendment for this year includes about a \$32,000 increase in revenue and next year around \$26,000, just under that, for the fiscal year 2021. It's much needed money during a time when really we're going to be substantially backup. The case numbers have just continued to pile up since March 15th when everything was put on pause so we're very fortunate to have this money.

Chairman Niebel: I think it actually goes into the first month of 2022?

Mr. Swanson: It does extend into January 2022. I think what we'll likely do is put the entirety of the remainder of the money into next year and if we have to put some in for the month, we will.

Chairman Niebel: Thank you. Any further questions or discussion?

Unanimously Carried

Discussion – Review of Departments and Services – Re: Preliminary 2021 Budget –

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

Unanimously Carried (4:46 p.m.)

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