

Minutes

Public Safety Committee

**October 21, 2020, 4:00 pm, Legislative Chambers
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: (Niebel, Bankoski, Hemmer-Zoom) Pavlock, Whitford

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

Chairman Niebel called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (9/16/20)

MOVED by Legislator Whitford, SECONDED by Legislator Pavlock.

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

Legislator Whitney: There is no one here to speak.

Chairman Niebel: O.k., now onto resolutions.

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Execution of NYS Office of Homeland Security Funding
Grant – Operation Stonegarden FY20

Sheriff Quattrone: This is a grant for 2020 from New York State, the Stonegarden grant for \$97,144. It's multiyear September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023. It was included in the 2021 budget and there is no funds associated with it.

Chairman Niebel: Oh boy, you guys have learned, excellent, thank you guys? Any questions for Jim or Jen? Those in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Agreement with Chautauqua-Cattaraugus-Erie II BOCES
for Culinary Arts Instruction

Sheriff Quattrone: This is another agreement with Erie II BOCES for the culinary arts. It helps pay for the salary of our head cook who then works with the inmates, train them in food services. That's for an amount not to exceed \$39,393. It's included in the 2020 as well as the 2021 tentative budget.

Chairman Niebel: Committee, any questions of Jim or Jen on this one? The culinary arts instruction for inmates. Hopefully they're using plastic knives.

Sheriff Quattrone: Not all the time, Terry but they're tethered (*cross talk*)..

Chairman Niebel: That helps. Those in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2020 Adopted Budget for Office of the Sheriff

Sheriff Quattrone: This we're looking for an increase in appropriations for our grant account to fully reimburse for the different supplies for the grants as well as we're looking for an increase with the PSCN public safety communication accounts and that is for moving a tower which is also fully reimbursed and then the account for the equipment, that is for the body cameras. What we have done is asked for an increase there and taken the money from our asset forfeiture account to start that process of getting our new body cameras.

Chairman Niebel: Jim, what account is the body cameras in? Is that the 3020 account?

Mrs. Swan: It's 3110.

Chairman Niebel: Oh, increase appropriations, 3110?

Sheriff Quattrone: Correct.

Chairman Niebel: And that's for body cams?

Sheriff Quattrone: That is correct.

Legislator Bankoski: How many do you anticipate buying?

Sheriff Quattrone: Seventy or 72, so this is the initial down payment for them

Legislator Hemmer: You said you're moving a tower. Yeah. Are you meaning you're just leasing space on a different tower?

Mrs. Swan: No, actually this for a tower that they had a physical (*inaudible*). I believe it's on the same site, but it had to be shifted over. The costs of it is the number that you that you see before you it's (*inaudible*) by actually two separate (*inaudible*) and it's a 100% reimbursement.

Legislator Hemmer: O.k., thank you.

Chairman Niebel: Jen, you guys have a number of towers, do you know which one this might be?

Mrs. Swan: I don't know off the top of my head Terry but I can get back to you on that.

Chairman Niebel: O.k., it's not Oak Hill down in Frewsburg?

Mrs. Swan: No, I don't think so.

Sheriff Quattrone: That one is still standing.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions?

Legislator Pavlock: Sheriff, you said this was a down payment for the cameras but what would be our total cost expected for those 70 or 72 and also how do we plan on paying for the remainder of that?

Sheriff Quattrone: This is part of a capital project and this is to get moving because the cameras are starting, our current body cameras are starting to die. Because the battery life on them. So, this is given us the ability to get them in and get them before all of our cameras are going down. It's a five year contract. I don't have a contract in front of me but it's roughly, with the cameras in the storage and the software so \$430,000, it's four hundred and something.

Legislator Pavlock: Is this what came across a couple of months ago or that was locking in the contract with (*cross talk*)...

Sheriff Quattrone: Yes, I believe it was within a month or two ago where you probably initially saw the plan for that.

Legislator Pavlock: And the capital expense will be in this year's budget, next year's budget?

Sheriff Quattrone: It will start next year.

Mrs. Swan: It's in the approval process right now.

Chairman Niebel: Dan, you o.k. with that?

Legislator Pavlock: Yes.

Chairman Niebel: Just a follow up question. These are the body cams, do we have enough car cams? Do we anticipate any expenditures for car cams this next year?

Sheriff Quattrone: I am not anticipating any expenditures for car cameras this year unless we have to do some fixing or repairs on them but right now I'm not anticipating that.

Mrs. Dennison: I was having some difficulty getting connected. I have a question for the Sheriff and Jennifer. We're talking about the resolution that increases the PSCN and the GRNT sub-department, is that correct?

Sheriff Quattrone: Yes.

Mrs. Swan: We're talking about PSCN and 3110 is where the body cam initial payment is booked in this resolution.

Mrs. Dennison: O.K. and are the body cams – so you are buying some now and then there will be additional expenditures associated with the capital project that's proposed for 2021?

Mrs. Swan: Yes.

Mrs. Dennison: O.k., so what happens if you buy them now and then the capital – I mean, the capital project is in the tentative budget but what happens if it is not approved?

Sheriff Quattrone: There is a clause in the contract that gives us an out for that.

Mrs. Dennison: O.k., thank you.

Chairman Niebel: Kathleen, are you all set?

Mrs. Dennison: Yes.

Chairman Niebel: Committee, any other questions for Jim or Jennifer on the proposed resolution?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize the Renewal of Lease Agreement with the Town of Chautauqua

Mr. Griffith: This is just a renewal of the lease of our facility in the Town of Chautauqua. This is monies that is included in the 2021 budget and also into the 2022 budget. We have an excellent facility here and very grateful to have an excellent working relationship with the Town of Chautauqua and the leadership there. This has really made for a great asset for the County of Chautauqua to be here on this campus the way we are.

Chairman Niebel: You've had this lease before in the past, this is very similar?

Mr. Griffith: Yes. It's a normal renewal with the end of the last one. So it's a 5 year term with the ability to terminate on a 90 day notice.

Chairman Niebel: O.k.. Committee any questions?

Legislator Hemmer: I was just noticing that under the rent, it just says through 12/31/20. Is that subject to change each year through the agreement? Why does that say just until 12/31/20?

Mr. Griffith: Is there a change in the lease in 2021? I guess I'm asking Kathleen that, yea, the lease changes in 2021 but because we only budgeted through 2020, we can only do the resolution for 2020 and there is a slight increase going into 2021. Correct me if I'm wrong.

Chairman Niebel: John, it looks like a \$200 increase as of the first of the year with the rent.

Legislator Hemmer: And then that \$1,200 goes through the end of the five years?

Mr. Griffith: Yes, over a five year term. We could not change the amount in 2020 because we didn't have it budgeted.

Chairman Niebel: Any other questions on this resolution?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Amend Emergency Services Appropriation Accounts for 2020 Adopted Budget

Mr. Griffith: This is for continuing medical education service, our CME program. As we have more people in it, this is funded by the people who take the CME program. So as more people come in, we have to pay for the company we do it with and this is really just a shift of funds over to pay for that that we have already committed to going forward. It's really a great sign because we have more people taking CMEs than we thought we would which means we had more EMTs refresh.

Chairman Niebel: Excellent. Any questions? It's all within your budget John?

Mr. Griffith: Yes.

Legislator Whitford: Is this a requirement every year that they go through this?

Mr. Griffith: It's every three years. It's a three year program and the way it works is, the people enroll, they pay up front, we put the money aside, then as we take it out we have to make a budget change to take it back out and pay for the program. But the CME program is a three year program which cost each student \$300 a year. However it's a little (*inaudible*) because if they pay the \$300 and they go through the entire program, get their card renewed, they can submit a voucher for them or their agency back and get reimbursed by the State of New York for the investment they put in.

Legislator Whitford: O.k., that's great.

Mr. Griffith: (*Cross talk*) cost the County anything. We just basically handle and run the program but the County gets the money from the student to run the program, then upon

successful completion the student gets the money back from the State or their agency, their fire department or whatever agency they are with.

Legislator Whitford: But it's required to maintain their card, correct?

Mr. Griffith: It is required on a 3 year rotational basis to maintain your card.

Chairman Niebel: But Paul to answer your question more specifically, there are people that come up every year for renewal for the continuing ed. The card is good for 3 years but every year you have different people that have to renew.

Legislator Whitford: Right.

Mr. Griffith: It's a rotating basis on the number of people that come in. Mine just renewed last week Terry, yours could too.

Chairman Niebel: It's been a long, long time. I've forgotten most of the things I've learned. Any other questions?

Unanimously Carried

Other

Chairman Niebel: Committee, is there anything to be brought up under "other"? O.k., I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

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

Unanimously Carried (4:19 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
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