

Minutes

Public Safety Committee

November 10, 2020, 4:00 pm, Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Niebel, Bankoski, Pavlock

Members Absent: Hemmer, Whitford

Others: Tampio, Ames, Chagnon, Braley, Griffith, Dennison

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

Approval of Minutes (10/21/20)

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Pavlock.

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

Clerk Tampio: We received no communications at this time.

Legislator Bankoski: I would like to move that we take the proposed resolution under “other” after the first resolution on the agenda.

Legislator Pavlock: Second.

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Amend Emergency Services 2020 Budget for Vehicle Accident Claim

Mr. Griffith: (*Recorder malfunction*)... \$3,285.73 which we need to accept into our accounts to pay that claim. That would be the amount of the claim less the deductible of \$2,500.

Chairman Niebel: Just a quick question. Was anybody hurt, we’re any of our people hurt or (*cross talk*)..

Mr. Griffith: (*Cross talk*) ..., our Medic was t-boned going through an intersection. She was a little shaken up, she was checked over at UPMC Chautauqua and she was released.

Chairman Niebel: Good. Any questions from the committee?

Unanimously Carried

Chairman Niebel: We're going to drop down and take "other" resolution.

Proposed Resolution - Authorize Agreement Between Chautauqua County and City of Jamestown for ALS-BLS Billing

Mr. Griffith: Thank you very much to the legislative branch, Mr. Chagnon, Mr. Nazzaro, and Mr. Niebel for working on this. Mr. Wendel, the County Executive, Mayor Sundquist and the City Council out of the City of Jamestown for putting this together. This is an agreement that will allow once the City of Jamestown begins to bill for their ambulance, a reimbursement on a 60/40 split for ALS charges coming back to the County of Chautauqua to pay for the ALS fees. When Chautauqua County, CCMS is providing ALS intercept in that ambulance. This is a really big deal. I can't say thank you enough to the people who worked putting this together. It's very well deserved and very well needed and it's a great collaboration between the City of Jamestown and the County of Chautauqua to get this done. Thank you to everyone. This agreement is very similar to the agreement we have with the City of Dunkirk. It's virtually identical and it does allow for the reimbursement for ALS services provided by the County of Chautauqua and the City. That program is working out very well with the City of Dunkirk and very confident it will work out with the City of Jamestown. I do have the agreement with me if anyone has any questions on it, I would be happy to answer it. I've studied it quite a bit as you can imagine.

Chairman Niebel: John, you probably have it memorized. I didn't look over this one as well as I did Dunkirk. Dunkirk was actually about a year and a half ago, I think but, basically we just took the agreement that we had with the City of Dunkirk and just adapted it for the City of Jamestown.

Mr. Griffith: I believe that is the case. I didn't lay them down side by side but just after reading this one and knowing the other one, I believe they are virtually identical. Maybe some small wording changes but the spirit of the agreement is the same as what we have with the City of Dunkirk.

Chairman Niebel: John, would you further explain a little bit the 60/40 split?

Mr. Griffith: So when we provide an ALS piece to ambulance transport in the Jamestown City ambulance, Ambulance 1, it allows the City of Jamestown to bill that as an ALS call, an Advance Life Support call which bills at a higher rate than a BLS, Basic Life Support, call. The way the agreement works in both cities now is that, whatever the cities collect, they will submit 40% of those monies back to the County of Chautauqua to cover our piece and they will keep 60% to cover their piece of the operation, the ambulance, their staff, and things like that. We're very confident that this is a fair and equitable agreement to all parties involved.

Chairman Niebel: Excellent. It took a little while to come together but it has and it will help.

Mr. Griffith: It will help and thanks to the parties who put it together. There was a lot of negotiations with it and I think again, thank you to County Executive Wendel and Mayor Sundquist for their groups for getting it done.

Chairman Niebel: Committee, any questions of John?

Legislator Bankoski: I just want to commend you for a job well done. I know that you've been banging your head against the wall for quite a long time with this whole thing and I'm so proud of you. You did an outstanding job and you didn't (*inaudible*) after a while sometimes you just say, enough is enough but you continued on and you did an outstanding service to the people of Chautauqua County.

Mr. Griffith: Thank you very much Mr. Bankoski.

Legislator Pavlock: John, when the figures were put into the budget, it was obviously before an agreement was reached. Are these the numbers that you used so would our budget be correct?

Mr. Griffith: I would defer to Kathleen Dennison but I believe yes, these numbers - we're figuring this revenue to help offset the cost of ALS intercept service which will allow, I'm hoping for the addition of the 4th ALS unit to be housed in Lakewood moving forward after the first of the year. I will defer to Kathleen. I believe these are the numbers we had all in there right?

Mrs. Dennison: Yes, the 2021 budget, it was created based on the assumption that this agreement would be reached. And so the budget does include the expense for a 4th fly car and it includes \$161,000 for anticipated revenue for calls in the City of Jamestown based on us, the County, receiving 40% of the revenue generated from those calls and it's based on 2 ALS calls per day in Jamestown.

Chairman Chagnon: I would like to echo the words that my good friend Bob Bankoski just said. I would also like to extend my appreciation to John Griffith for his work, his determination in bringing this to conclusion but also his patience in working through some very difficult circumstances to bring this to conclusion. So, job well done, I second Bob Bankoski's commendation. Thank you.

Legislator Pavlock: I will third that. Well done.

Chairman Niebel: Thank you Pierre, thanks Dan. John with all these endorsements, you're going to have to run for public office.

Mr. Griffith: I have grandchildren Terry and made promises to my wife and my grandchildren.

Chairman Niebel: I understand, thanks John, a job well done, we appreciate it.

Mr. Griffith: Thank you everyone.

Chairman Niebel: Anything else on that?

Clerk Tampio: Mr. Chairman, did you vote on that resolution?

Chairman Niebel: Oh, no, I'm sorry. All those in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Agreement with Town of Ripley for Enhanced Police Protection Services FY21

Under Sheriff Braley: This is an annual renewal of a contract for enhanced police services with the Town of Ripley. We staff that with part time deputies. The patrol car is included. This is essentially the same as previous contracts. We provide a couple of trips a week on random days for them and some court services as well. The cap on this contract is \$35,000. That seems to have been sufficient for quite a while now. It's based on our regular hourly rate of \$43.08 and a holiday rate of \$54.52. Those rates have both increased a little bit over last year to account for expenses that we incur to provide that service. This is through the entire year of 2021. The revenue achieved from this is including in the 2021 tentative budget so there is no need for an amendment.

Chairman Niebel: This rate is a little higher because of the car involved compared to some of the other resolutions that are coming up?

Under Sheriff Braley: Right. The remainder of the agenda has our court security resolutions. This one was actually for enhanced police patrols. So a car is provided along with some other equipment that we made adjustments to the hourly rate to accommodate that. This increase was, it was \$41.39 for the 2020 contract we're currently in and \$43.08 for 2021.

Chairman Niebel: Thanks Darryl, any questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution - Authorize Agreement with Town of Ellery for Court Security Detail FY21

Under Sheriff Braley: This is a court security contract where we provide a deputy without a vehicle. It's to provide security for court sessions. You'll see through the rest of these resolutions that they are various amounts for the cap. That is to try and accommodate different hours for busier courts and fewer hours for the slower courts that don't have as many sessions. The one for Ellery is capped at \$3,000. The hourly rate on this and the rest of the court security contracts is \$32.80. That's an increase over \$31.15 for the current year. Again, this revenue has been included in the 2021 proposed budget so there is no need for an amendment.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions? I've got one question. Who sets the cap? Do we set the cap or do they set the cap?

Under Sheriff Braley: No, we asked them for a tentative schedule and an anticipated number of nights that they are going to hold court in their local courts. Then we just factored in the hourly rate and do the simple math and establish a cap that allows them what we expected to spend just to provide the deputy and we throw in a few extra hours in the event they've got (*inaudible*) jury trials or something like that that might occur.

Chairman Niebel: Thank you. All those in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution - Authorize Agreement with Town of Harmony for Court Security Detail
FY21

Under Sheriff Braley: This is a renewal. I think last year was our first year with the Town of Harmony. This runs again through the entire year of 2021. The cap for Harmony is \$4,000 based on the same \$32.80 per hour rate for the deputy. Again, the revenue is included in the 2021 budget (*inaudible*).

Chairman Niebel: Any questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution - Authorize Agreement with Town of North Harmony for Court Security
Detail FY21

Under Sheriff Braley: This is exactly the same as the previous one except it's for the Town of North Harmony. The same hourly rate of \$32.80. This cap is \$8,000. The court has a few more sessions. It's tends to be a little bit busier and the revenue is included in the 2021 tentative budget again.

Chairman Niebel: A little busier because of Rt. 394?

Under Sheriff Braley: Well, part of it but also I-86 runs through North Harmony, right in that area and there is quite a bit of traffic enforcement out there. These are not just our (*inaudible*). Our legal action is going through courts with the State Police are pretty active with vehicle and traffic enforcement through there.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution - Authorize Agreement with Town of Kiantone for Court Security Detail
FY21

Under Sheriff Braley: This is also a renewal of a previous contract (*inaudible*) Kiantone because it's also a little busier court. That's \$7,000. The same hourly rate, \$32.80 and the revenue is also included in the 2021 tentative budget.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution - Authorize Agreement with Town of Mina for Court Security Detail
FY21

Under Sheriff Braley: Our contract with Mina is a little bit unique but it doesn't really have an effect on the County. Mina and French Creek have combined their courts because there's fairly limited activity in either one and they are trying to get some more efficiencies out of that. They will also be requesting security officer for French Creek sessions that run concurrently with the Town of Mina sessions. We're going to build into the hourly rate of that deputy through our contract with Mina and we're going to take care of straightening out their own books with French Creek. So we will not have to make any accounting, we won't need a separate contract, we won't have to try and separate hours one from the other. We'll just do one billing based on the hours that we work for Mina under this contract and they will square up with French Creek. The rate again is \$32.80 for the entire contract. The cap is at \$3,000 and that revenue is included in the 2021 tentative budget.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions? So the Town of French Creek court, do they hold their sessions at the Mina Town Court or do they hold it in French Creek?

Under Sheriff Braley: They did. They are going to hold those sessions together on the same night and time with the exception of – say French Creek has a trial situation, Mina might not necessarily have a court in session that night but French Creek would hold a trial and request a deputy. We would run that through the Mina contract, bill Mina for the hours. But these would hold those, to my knowledge, they are going to use the Town of Mina facilities for this.

Chairman Niebel: For both courts?

Under Sheriff Braley: Yes.

Chairman Niebel: Any other questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution - Authorize Agreement with Town of Stockton for Court Security
Detail FY21

Under Sheriff Braley: This again is a renewal for the Town of Stockton. The cap there is \$6,000 and based on that same \$32.80 hourly rate and the revenue is included in the 2021 tentative budget as the others are.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions?

Unanimously Carried

Chairman Niebel: Darryl, thank you. Thanks for having all of these agreements in place and this is only November. A lot of times we don't have these done until December but you guys are right on the ball. Thank you, appreciate it.

Other

Chairman Niebel: Is there anything good for the committee? Bob or Dan, do you have anything you want to bring up?

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

Unanimously Carried (4:23 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
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