

Minutes
Public Safety Committee
November 10, 2021, 4:00 pm, Legislative Chambers
Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY
Livestreamed on Chautauqua County's Facebook

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

Others: Tampio, Ames, Chagnon, Dennison, Telford, Swan, Thomas, Peters, Taylor, Abdella, Engstrom, Guttman

Complete video of meeting can be viewed on the County's Facebook Page

Chairman Niebel called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (10/07/21 & 10/20/21)

MOVED by Legislator Whitford, SECONDED by Legislator Bankoski

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

No one to speak during the privilege of the floor.

Proposed Resolution – Probation DCJS Employment Focused Services Grant – Presented by Gilbert Taylor

Audio Malfunction – No Audio Recorded for this Resolution

Proposed Resolution – Emergency Services 2021 Budget Adjustment

Ms. Peters: What this is, is in the budget for this year had not budgeted for classes but once Covid gave us the opportunity to have classes, we have been doing so. So what this is, is we have had private pay tuition for the classes and we are asking to get that money moved so we can use it to pay our instructor and to pay for class supplies.

Chairman Niebel: O.k. committee any questions for Bonnie in this resolution?

Legislature Pavlok: It's nice we got the money.

Chairman Niebel: Those in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Lease of Property for Ten (10) Years from Christopher Cannon for Chautauqua County Radio System

Undersheriff Telford: This first resolution is a renewal of a tower site lease. We refer to it as our Arkwright tower, not our Arkwright tower but on Center Road, Town of Arkwright for our emergency radio system. It is a ten year lease with a built-in- I believe it's a- it works out to 2% increase each of the ten years.

Legislature Bankaski: Is this Christopher Cannon, he's the property owner?

Undersheriff Telford: That is correct.

Chairman Niebel: It' 2% a year I think over ten years.

Undersheriff Telford: Yes.

Mrs. Swan: It's actually a one-time increase of 20%. It's a one-time increase so we realized the 20% increase in the first year, but the amount stays the same (*inaudible.*)

Chairman Niebel: Jen, from the \$7,000 to the 92-

Mrs. Swan: To the \$9,200, yes.

Chairman Niebel: O.k.

Legislature Pavlok: A little bit adds up. A 2% increase each year on the smaller amounts-

Undersheriff Telford: It is an increase and I don't have numbers in front of me, we have several other leases throughout the county. And like everything else it's- you know, a little bit more each year. But I believe as Jennifer said this morning that compared to some of our other tower leases this actually is on the lower end of-

Mrs. Swan: The increase percentage is actually (*inaudible.*)

Chairman Niebel: Any other questions? Those in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Execution of NYS Office of Homeland Security Funding Grant – Operation Stonegarden FY21

Undersheriff Telford: This is a Federal Grant that we have received several years running now. This portion will run from September 1st, 2021 through August 31st of 2024. This helps provide border security along Lake Erie. We have used it for backfill of some overtime details and the purchase of equipment over years past and that is what we anticipate in the future.

Chairman Niebel: Rich, how long have we had that?

Undersheriff Telford: I'm going to say 8-10. I'm trying to remember the initial Sargent that oversaw this and obtained this and he's been retired for several years now.

Chairman Niebel: O.k., just curious. Other questions committee? Those in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Execution of NYS Office of Homeland Security FY21
State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program Grant

Undersheriff Telford: The SLETPP Grant, if you will, is another grant that we've received for several years in a row now. This also will run September 1st, 2021 to August 31st 2024. We in the past, and plan in the future, to use part of that funding toward the salary of our inner operability coordinator who oversees our radio system and the other portion of that usually goes to different equipment that we utilize throughout the department.

Chairman Niebel: Committee questions? Those in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2021 Budget to Implement the New Handguns Project within
the Chautauqua County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Spending Plan

Undersheriff Telford: This may sound familiar, we got practice at it last month. We ended up not putting in front of the full legislatures. We did not calculate our numbers correctly so the total price of this project and I say project- the purchase of the guns, holsters, magazines holders, and magazines is \$88,968. The deputies union and the lieutenants union is still willing to contribute \$36,500 toward this which leaves request of \$52,412 from ARPA funding. So it's a little bit more than what we initially asked for last month.

Mrs. Swan: O.K. we'll add that it's still about \$12,000 below the original estimate that was plugged into *(inaudible.)*

Chairman Niebel: Committee questions?

Legislature Whitford: Just a comment Mr. Chairmen that it really is commendable that the union has stepped forward to partner with the county on this purchase.

Undersheriff Telford: I agree with you.

Legislature Whitford: *(Inaudible)* and commended for that for sure.

Undersheriff Telford: Sheriff Quatrone agrees that to have- be able to work with the union that closely and have this give and take. I spent many years in that union and I'm not saying- but usually there were battles. But I agree and I will relay that to both union presidents.

Chairman Niebel: When these are purchased do they belong to the deputies or do they belong to the county?

Undersheriff Telford: So what is happening is the- so the guns that are being purchased by the unions will belong to those deputies. The other cost that is being covered by the ARPA funds are part-time officers. A little bit- a few extra for future hires that we bring on in all the holsters and the magazine holders. So that's- those will be county property and belong to the county. The ones being purchased by the union for the fulltime deputies and lieutenants will belong to them when they retire.

Chairman Niebel: What about the old weapons?

Undersheriff Telford: Most of those are being traded in to the dealer and that's all part of this price. We got a really good deal on them but we're trading those in to the dealer that we're making the purchase from.

Chairman Niebel: Is he getting the holsters and the magazine holders and all that stuff also?

Undersheriff Telford: Just the weapons and the magazines. That is a good question about the holsters.

Chairman Niebel: It really doesn't make any sense for us to have the holsters if we don't have a weapon to put in the holsters.

Undersheriff Telford: No, no. Although we've had boxes of equipment over the years that we can't do anything with it. And I don't know if that was included in the trade-in.

Legislature Pavlok: I'm sure they've been used too.

Undersheriff Telford: Yeah, a lot of them have. The guns are probably 10 to 12 years old as most of the holsters so it probably is one of those that if the dealer wanted them, we could probably help them out.

Chairman Niebel: I mean it makes no sense to put them in a box and put them in the basement.

Undersheriff Telford: No

Chairman Niebel: Committee, good questions, good comments. Anything else on this proposed resolution? Those in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2021 Budget for Office of the Sheriff

Mrs. Swan: Yes, Mr. Chairman this is just your typical budget amendment. You'll notice an adjustment to the .1's, .4's and .8's in the grant account with revenue that matches to offset that. That is because we've actually spent a lot more money in Stonegarden funding this year than we anticipated. So, this just accounts for that increase in expense in revenue. And then on the other side we have- we need a little bit more money than we had anticipated in the navigation account between fuel expenses and more boat repairs before we winterized everything to the total of \$3,700 and our .8's are actually very very low in that account so we'd like to move funding from the .8's to the .4's to compensate for the rest of those expenses and close that out.

Chairman Niebel: O.K looks good Jen. Committee, questions on this one? Those in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Discussion – Extension of Hunting Season into Christmas Week – Presented by S. Abdella

Other

Discussion – Partnership with Falconer Fire Department – Presented by Noel Guttman and Representatives from Falconer Fire Department

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

Unanimously Carried (5:04 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
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