



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: WebEx

June 10, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Supervisors Robert Green, Greg Bendzlowicz, Todd Campbell, Daryl Marshall, Guard, Menikotz, and Venuti were present.

OTHERS PRESENT

- Brian Young, Interim County Administrator
- Jack Marren, Chairman
- Holly Adams, County Attorney
- Undersheriff Frasca
- Sheriff Henderson
- Mary Gates, Finance Director
- Mary Beer, Public Health Director
- Carrie Bleakley, Conflict Defender
- Leanne Lapp, Public Defender
- Jeff Harloff, Emergency Management Director
- Tom Harvey, Director of Planning
- Betsy Landre, Sr. Planner
- Tim Jensen, Assoc. Planner
- Peter Brown, Grants Coordinator
- Lisa Phillips, Secretary Conflict Defender
- Diane Foster, Deputy Clerk to the Board
- Kristin Mueller, Clerk to the Board

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 11:01 am by Supervisor Green.

MINUTES

Supervisor Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting from May 20, 2020. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Update

Public Health Director, Mary Beer, gave the following COVID19 updates:

- Three new cases; one who is an employee from a Wayne County nursing home but a resident of Ontario County, one is an employee from Elm Manor nursing home and the other is a 90-year-old woman from the Community.
- Total of 224 cases
- Eleven cases hospitalized, and thirty deaths; 18 from Elm Manor and 11 were from Ontario Center.
- Staff is doing well and IT issues with the state have been resolved.

CAMPBELL COMMISSION

Supervisor Todd Campbell gave the following updates from the Campbell Commission noting the most important things out of their June 4th meeting:

- Dialogue between the courts and FLACRA in regard to the Weekend Alternative Program; with the fewer people having the ability to have been sentenced, there has not been a lot of participation. They are trying to figure out the long-term viability of that program. The virtual cap seems to be working and the question is whether that will be a long-term solution.

PLANNING

a. **Approval:** Federal Engineering Inv. 2020-2-2265 i/a/o \$1,235.00 CP H047-18 (CP 2-2018)

Betsy Landre presented an invoice from Federal Engineering for approval to pay for project management work for the installation of the 700 MHz communications station on the top of 74 Ontario Street.

Supervisor Bendzlowicz motioned to approve the invoice payment, seconded by Supervisor Daryll Marshall. Motion carried.

CONFLICT DEFENDER / PUBLIC DEFENDER

a. **Resolution:** Authorization to Extend Caseload Relief Grant (CHCR102) from Office of Indigent Legal Services

Carrie Bleakley presented a resolution to extend a grant contract with the state for one year to the end of May 2021. Ms Bleakley noted what the grant funds.

Supervisor Bendzlowicz motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Campbell. Motion carried.

Supervisor Campbell inquired if the Conflict and Public Defender were “comfortable” in actually getting all of the grant funds given the economics state, there might be a reduction in any of the funding. Ms. Leanne Lapp replied there is always a risk but since the state signed into this settlement agreement and agreed to continue funding the levels, they have been funding.

Mary Gates agreed with Ms. Lapp noting that if any funding is tied to any court action or settlement, the state cannot touch it.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Leanne Lapp presented three resolutions for approval;

a. **Resolution:** Authorization to Extend Second Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grant (C2ND632) from Office of Indigent Legal Services

The first is to extend the caseload reduction grant that funds the family court program. There is no county cost.

The second resolution is to extend the grant which pays for the Sealy programs and experts.

b. **Resolution:** Authorization to Extend Distribution 6 Grant (C60032) from Office of Indigent Legal Services

The third resolution is for authorization to accept a grant for council first appearance. This is for people who are arraigned throughout the county as is required through the Hurrell-Harring settlement. There is no county match for this grant.

c. **Resolution:** Authorization to

Supervisor Campbell motioned to approve the three resolutions as a block, seconded by Supervisor Menikotz. Motion carried.

Enter into a Contract with New York State Office of indigent Legal Services – Second Continue Provision of Counsel at First Appearance in Hurrell-Harring Settlement Counties Grant (C0HCFA2B) Office of Indigent Legal Services

PROBATION

No items submitted

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

No items submitted

OFFICE OF SHERIFF

a. **Resolution:** *Authorization Agreement – Lori L. H. Higgins Art Therapy Program – Ontario County Jail*

Sheriff Henderson presented a resolution to contract with Lori L. H. Higgins Art Therapy with an amendment in the third WHEREAS changing it to state “with the option to extend”.

Supervisor Campbell motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Bendzlowicz. Motion carried.

Sheriff Henderson noted the involvement of his office in seven different protests or rallies throughout the county. They had three in the City of Geneva, two in the City of Canandaigua, one in the Village of Victor, and one in the hamlet of Honeoye. He reported they expended a lot of time and effort planning for these events to make sure they were able to be safely done, and that those participating were safe as well as the community. Sheriff Henderson recognized his staff, the Canandaigua and the Geneva City Police Departments, and the FBI involved. He stated they were able to extend the first amendment right; freedom of their rights.

Sheriff Henderson noted in Albany this week, the governor and its legislative body passed some new laws. One being the choke hold policy, which they already addressed, and their office does not train or utilize this tactic.

Sheriff Henderson reported that the 50a is going to be signed on Friday, June 12th by the Governor, so they will have to be dealing with FOIL requests on personnel records.

Sheriff Henderson also reported that one of the Acts passed was the right of a private individual to sue a law enforcement officer individually, independent of the county.

b. **Update:** *Jail Population*

Sheriff Henderson reviewed the jail population:

- Current – 79
- Females – 15
- Weekend High – 79
- Sentenced – 10
- Parole Violations without additional charges - 8

Since the last report; 519.5 hours of OT. Sheriff Henderson noted the increase of hours were due to the range qualifications.

3 FT correction officer vacancies with one abolished for the directive of the Board. They abolished ten PT correction officer positions.

Supervisor Bendzlowicz asked with regards to the new laws that the Governor plans to sign this week, what does he see is the impact regarding recruitment and retention.

Sheriff Henderson stated it will be challenging; noting some of his staff who are eligible to retire have already come to him.

FINANCE

a. Approval: Budget Adjustments due to the COVID19 Pandemic

Mary Gates presented budget adjustments for the following departments for 5% reductions in the current budget to address revenue shortfalls due to COVID19 Pandemic:

- i. District Attorney
- ii. Sheriff
- iii. Emergency Management
- iv. Fire Protection
- v. Probation
- vi. Youth Care Facility

Supervisor Campbell motioned to approve the budget adjustments as a block, seconded by Supervisor Menikotz.

INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

a. Updates

Brian Young thanked the Sheriff for his work and the other police departments for their work regarding the protests.

Mr. Young gave the following update:

- Governors executive order to continue most of them through July 6th. DMV will open by appointment on June 18th contingent on Phase III opening. Court security staff will be helping out with this.
- The County will also open, but with some department staff continuing to work remotely.
- The departments have received a standard sanitizing kit.
- They continue to have food distribution every Monday through Food Link.
- There is a benefit for supplemental nutrition assistance program for any young person that's eligible for free or reduced lunch, the family will receive a benefit card for \$420 per month.
- They continue to monitor sales tax.
- Board of Elections need Election Inspectors and are looking for volunteers.
- The tower on 74 Ontario Street has allowed for great reception in the basement for the radios and there has been improved cell phone coverage.

PRIVELEGE OF THE FLOOR

Tim Jensen gave an update on the Firing Range Improvement Project. He said the staff was tasked with going through the capital improvement plan, finding ways to save money. The firing range was identified; they are proposing that the budget be reduced to just what is currently in the consultation line item.

Next meeting date and time: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 11:00 am

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Menikotz the meeting was adjourned at 11.45 am. Supervisor Bendzlowicz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane R. Foster, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Approved