

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019
3:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Kevin W. Hines, Chairman
Thomas Faggione, **Kevindaryán Luján**, Rob Sassi,
Joel Sierra, John S. Vero

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman
Katie Bonelli, Majority Leader
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Dan Bloomer, Director of Operations and Cost Control
Karen Edelman-Reyes, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Carl DuBois, Sheriff
Kenneth T. Jones, Undersheriff
Anthony Mele, Corrections Administrator
Lawrence Catletti, Jail Administrator
Vini Tankasali, Deputy Commissioner of Emergency Services/ Div. of Fire Services
Gretchen Riordan, Budget Analyst

Chairman Hines opened the meeting at 3:33 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present.

Mr. Faggione moved the request confirmation of appointment and reappointments to the Orange County Fire Advisory Board (J. Hesse, T. Amodio, M. McNamee, J. Conner, R. Vought, R. Graham, E. Schmick, C. VanHorn, T. McBride, S. Gerow, E. Pavlich, J. Nokland), seconded by Mr. Lujan.

Mr. Tankasali explained that the board is made up of 21 representatives, the county's 51 fire departments are split up into 9 battalions, so each battalion has two representatives which accounts for 18 and then each of the cities have a representative. Every year all the cities are up for reappointment and half of the battalions, so that is the request today. He stated there is a good representation of the county and leadership in the county.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Faggione moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget for the Fire Arms Range expansion \$50,000 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Sassi.

Undersheriff Jones stated the \$50,000.00 is to build a building at the range and then the Department of Homeland Security will provide the accoutrements inside the building. He added that he will also be addressing within the next few months that the local labor union is going to use their apprentices to augment the workforce, so a gift resolution needs to be approved.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Faggione moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget for roof replacement at the Orange County Jail, \$6,315,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Sierra.

Undersheriff Jones stated this was discussed at length during the budget process last year that the roof on the jail must be replaced and this is the beginning of the project. He is unsure if there are any further questions.

Mr. Vero clarified that the current roof on the jail is the original one.

Undersheriff Jones stated that is correct. The original roof was put on in 1999 or 2000.

Mr. Sierra asked if this amount is the total cost of the roof.

Undersheriff Jones replied yes.

Mr. Hines suggested that someone from the Department of Public Works attend the Ways and Means Committee meeting next week in case further explanation is needed.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Sassi moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget for building improvements at the Orange County Jail, \$100,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Faggione.

Undersheriff Jones explained this request is for the front doors which have reached its life expectancy and need to be replaced because they are an enclosure of glass in the area of the administrative office. The confidential secretary's area needs to be secured.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Sierra moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget for building equipment replacement at the Orange County Jail, \$161,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Lujan.

Undersheriff Jones stated this request is for the hot water heaters that need to be replaced. The determination was made by the Department of Public Works.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Faggione moved to discuss the Corrections Report, seconded by Mr. Sassi.

Mr. Mele stated that the facility head count is 661 and 157 are ICE detainees. There are also 41 Marshall boarders and the boarder revenue is \$1,515,869.00.

Undersheriff Jones pointed out that the ICE count has decreased but the Marshall count has increased, so they are still on target for the year.

Mr. Faggione moved to discuss the Sheriff's Report, seconded by Mr. Sassi.

Sheriff DuBois stated this has been an unremarkable month. They are gearing up for the summer and anticipated details such as the marine unit. The department is doing very well with revenue and he cannot wait until the building for the range is complete because they will be going even more. They have been doing a lot of hostile active shooter events in churches and it is doing very well. He added that he will notify the members of the Physical Services Committee within the next 30 to 60 days to pick a day where everyone can come see the new generators. One last item that he mentioned is centralized arraignments for after hours. The Court of Appeals of New York State is mandating this, so there is a lot to discuss because it is going to happen, and his facility is top of the list. He will update the committee as the process begins.

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.