

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023
3:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Kevin W. Hines, Chairman
Kathy Stegenga, Glenn R. Ehlers, Janet Sutherland, Genesis Ramos

ALSO

PRESENT: Carol A. Pierce, Deputy County Attorney
Kerry Gallagher, Commissioner of Finance
Paul Arteta, Sheriff
Wilfredo Garcia, Undersheriff
Evelyn Mallard, Undersheriff
Timothy A. Davidian, Director, Probation Department
Gretchen Riordan, Deputy Budget Director
Erin L. Sztendor, Budget Analyst

Chairman Hines opened the meeting at 3:31 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present with the exception of Legislator Sassi who was absent and Sierra who was excused. Legislator Ramos arrived at 3:35 p.m.

Ms. Stegenga moved to approve the request to reallocate State Aid (Raise the Age funds) to Capital Project No. 323 (Body Worn Cameras) in the amount of \$126,609.29. This reallocation will negate the need to issue bonds for Capital Project No. 323, seconded by Ms. Sutherland.

Mr. Davidian stated this is the last time they will be able to give money back to this project. This request is funding from Raise the Age, so he is asking that it be approved so the funds can be reallocated to the capital project for body cameras.

Motion carried. All in favor with the exception of Legislator Ramos who has not yet arrived.

Ms. Stegenga moved to discuss the Corrections Report, seconded by Mr. Ehlers.

Undersheriff Mallard reported that the average daily population for the month of April was 310, average daily boarder count was 78 and the revenue for the month was \$351,481.00. The year-to-date total is \$1,339,757.00.

Mr. Hines asked if the test results for correction officers came in.

Undersheriff Mallard replied yes, the results are back, and 80 canvas letters were sent out and are due back tomorrow.

Sheriff Arteta commented there are a lot of retirements coming up and they are down 39 officers, so another placement test may be held toward the end of the year. Compared to other counties, they are on the higher end.

Ms. Stegenga moved to discuss the Sheriff's Report, seconded by Ms. Sutherland.

Undersheriff Garcia stated that five deputies attended Phase I of Civil School because the laws are constantly changing and have successfully completed it. There are also two courses that will be held for boat patrol for civilians in the county as it is a safety measure.

Sheriff Arteta added that two deputies that attended the Civil School received lifesaving awards and were also awarded last month by the County Executive.

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.