

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019
3:30 P.M.**

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

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman
Katie Bonelli, Majority Leader
Barry J. Cheney, Legislator
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Steven M. Neuhaus, County Executive
Karen Edelman-Reyes, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Donna McCarey, Deputy Commissioner, Human Resources
Alison Tyack, Director of Personnel Management, Human Resources
Carl E. DuBois, Sheriff
Kenneth T. Jones, Undersheriff
Anthony Mele, Corrections Administrator
Lawrence Catletti, Jail Administrator
Brendan R. Casey, Commissioner of Emergency Services
Vini Tankasali, Deputy Commissioner, Emergency Services/ Div. of Fire Services

Chairman Hines opened the meeting at 3:32 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present.

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

Mr. Mele stated that the current head count is 566 inmates of which 127 are ICE detainees and 53 Marshalls. The current boarder revenue is \$6,886,373.00.

Chairman Brescia asked how many correction officers are retiring next year.

Sheriff DuBois replied they do not know until that person files.

Mr. Mele stated he has one officer that has filed.

Chairman Brescia expressed his concerns for the Bail Reform Law that will be in effect as of January 1, 2020 and how they will not need as many correction officers.

Undersheriff Jones pointed out that they have to see how this law works because no one knows what will happen.

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

Undersheriff Jones stated that it was an average month, but he did notice a "hole" regarding the Airshow overtime which was \$76,000.00 and not reflected in the report.

Mr. Hines asked if the cost was for the planning of it as well as the two days by which the event was held for.

Undersheriff Jones replied the cost is for everything they attributed to the "Code of Airshow." In their system, they encode certain things that are considered special details so the funds can be drawn out once they are notified of how much was spent.

Chairman Brescia commented that the Airshow brings in a lot of sales tax and hotel/motel tax, but that is a lot of money. He suggested that the promoter contribute to the cost.

Undersheriff Jones explained that the cost is divided among all the different posts.

Chairman Brescia reiterated that this is costing the county a lot of money and he would like to see us get some of it back.

Undersheriff Jones pointed out that the promoter does not give anyone money except for some volunteers, and they made that clear the first year of the show. He stated that the State Police also asked for security costs.

Chairman Brescia asked that this be further reviewed to see if the county can get some sort of reimbursement.

Sheriff DuBois stated that he understands it brings in a lot of revenue, but if they have to have it every year then that is what they have to do, but there is a cost associated with it.

County Executive Neuhaus commented that they can put a notice out now to let the promoter know they will not be available next year, this way they have a year's notice to fill the gap.

Chairman Brescia suggested that a cost analysis be done.

County Executive Neuhaus stated that can be done.

Mr. Vero mentioned that a \$1.00 admission fee can be charged in order to help cover the extra costs.

County Executive Neuhaus responded that the contract is through the Port Authority, but he does not mind charging an admission fee.

Ms. Stegenga moved the request to accept and appropriate funding from New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program, \$225,085.00, seconded by Mr. Sassi.

Sheriff DuBois explained that they have been receiving this grant since 2012 and it is a federal grant which is passed through the State for the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Sierra moved the request to reclassify one (1) Secretary and Administrative Assistant II, Grade 9 (position #49932) to Senior Secretary and Administrative Assistant, Grade 10, seconded by Mss. Stegenga.

Mr. Casey stated this is a result of a desk audit done by the Department of Human Resources and is a \$1.49 per hour increase which is a minimal cost.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Sierra moved the request to review and approve revised Mutual Aid Plan for 2019, seconded by Mr. Lujan.

Mr. Tankasali explained this is the essential plan (see original minutes) that allows fire departments to work together on a daily basis. The plan covers how they operate, the legalities and the liabilities. He added that the plan has to be revised and reviewed every couple of years.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Sassi moved the request to accept and appropriate Federal funds from the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for the 2020 Child Passenger Safety Program, \$4,900.00, seconded by Mr. Lujan.

Mr. Casey stated these monies are received each year to support the Child Passenger Safety Program.

Motion carried. All in favor.

The committee adjourned at 4:13 p.m.