

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
3:30 P.M.**

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

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman
Katie Bonelli, Majority Leader
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Karen Edelman-Reyes, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Carl E. DuBois, Sheriff
Kenneth T. Jones, Undersheriff
Paul Arteta, Deputy Sheriff/Captain
Anthony Weed, Assistant Undersheriff
Anthony Mele, Corrections Administrator
Lawrence Catletti, Jail Administrator
Brendan Casey, Commissioner of Emergency Services

Chairman Hines opened the meeting at 3:42 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present.

Mr. Minuta moved the request to accept and appropriate grant funds from the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Service through the Explosive Detection Canine 2017 grant. The money would be used to provide necessary equipment for the training and maintenance of explosive detection canines, \$8,000.00, seconded by Mr. Lujan.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Sassi moved the request to accept and appropriate grant funds from the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services under the Tactical Team Targeted Grant Program 2017. The funding will be used to further train and equip the Sheriff's Office Special Operations Group to respond to critical situations throughout the County, \$100,000.00, seconded by Mr. Lujan.

Sheriff DuBois stated this is the third time they received the grant and the monies go a long way for the equipment that is needed.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Sierra moved to adopt a resolution of the Orange County Legislature giving Notice of Intent to assume lead agency status under State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) with respect to the construction of the Orange County Tactical Training Range 2 off of Training Center Lane in the Town of Goshen, seconded by Ms. Stegenga.

Undersheriff Jones stated this is a normal procedure where the legislature takes the lead in the SEQRA process so that the Sheriff's Office can build on county property.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Faggione moved the request to allocate 2018 revenue funds collected from school districts billed for services provided by the School Security Deputy Program back into the 2018 Sheriff's operating budget, seconded by Mr. Lujan.

Sheriff DuBois explained that there are four school districts (Minisink, Cornwall, Chapel Field and Leptondale) that are hiring part-time deputies to act as School Safety Officers to provide security and harden the target. They will be billing the school districts for the services, so this request is to allow them to do so for when they are reimbursed the monies will replenish the budget.

Mr. Hines asked how much it will cost the schools to hire a part-time officer.

Undersheriff Jones replied it will cost \$37.00 and change per hour, per person and vehicle costs are paid through leasing costs as well as the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Hines clarified that a car is assigned to every person.

Undersheriff Jones stated that is not correct. The decision to put a car in front of each building is up to the district and if they do, they are responsible to pay for the lease. He pointed out that the Sheriff's Office suggests alternatives to them that are more fiscally prudent, so it is on the school as to what choice to make. Some schools choose to have a car and others choose signage.

Mr. Hines asked if there are enough cars or will they have to lease new ones.

Undersheriff Jones replied they would lease news cars through the Department of Public Works because they pay the lease.

Motion carried. All in favor.

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

Mr. Mele stated the facility head count as of this morning was 689 and 167 of them are ICE detainees. The boarder revenue to date is \$5,792,485.00.

Sheriff DuBois pointed out that on the back of the report (see original minutes) there are numbers regarding Raise the Age.

Sheriff DuBois, Undersheriff Jones and the committee members briefly discussed the housing of minors and building new or using an old one.

Mr. Hines asked if we are the last State to house minors.

Sheriff DuBois replied yes.

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

Undersheriff Jones stated that it has been an ordinary month and referred to page 21, 23, and 24 which show the Special Operations Group activity for the month and grant applications.

Mr. Vero asked if the grants are written in-house.

Sheriff DuBois replied that a sergeant writes them.

Ms. Stegenga moved the request to accept and appropriate grant funds from the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for the 2019 Child Passenger Safety Program Grant to continue education of the proper use and installation of child safety seats in Orange County, \$3,500.00, seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Casey stated this is a yearly grant that is used to train child seat technicians and hospital staff.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Lujan moved the request to accept and appropriate the 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant – Local Solicitation for the County-wide AVL system to be shared with the cities of Newburgh and Middletown, \$44,071.00, seconded by Mr. Sierra.

Mr. Casey explained that this grant is split with the three cities, so he receives about \$22,000.00 which is used to support the AVL/GPS broadband for dispatching police.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Before adjourning, Mr. Hines asked Mr. Casey if there were any issues with the airshow that was held a few weeks ago.

Mr. Casey replied that it went well, there was good coordination and a lot of resources.

Ms. Stegenga distributed a handout regarding NYSAC and mentioned that she is on the committee and will be attending the conference this week so if anyone has questions or topics that should be discussed to please email her.

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.