

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018
2:00 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
Michael D. Paduch, Minority Leader
Barry J. Cheney, Legislator
James M. Kulisek, Legislator
Laurie R. Tautel, Legislator
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Harold J. Porr, III., Deputy County Executive
Wayne C. Booth, Director of Operations and Cost Control
David M. Hoover, District Attorney
Robert Conflitti, Executive Assistant District Attorney
Wilfredo Garcia, Chief Criminal Investigator, District Attorney's Office
Lacey Arteta, Confidential Secretary to the District Attorney
Langdon Chapman, County Attorney
Donna McCarey, Deputy Commissioner, Human Resources
Alison Tyack, Director of Personnel Management, Human Resources
Carl E. DuBois, Sheriff
Kenneth T. Jones, Undersheriff
Paul Arteta, Deputy Sheriff/Captain
Dennis Barry, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office
Anthony Mele, Corrections Administrator, Orange County Jail
Lawrence Catletti, Jail Administrator
Karen Daly, Fiscal Technician, Jail
Brendan Casey, Commissioner of Emergency Services
Alan C. Mack, Deputy Commissioner, Emergency Services/Emergency Management
Craig Cherry, Deputy Commissioner, Emergency Svcs/Div. of Police Liaison Svcs
Vini Tankasali, Deputy Commissioner of Emergency Services/ Div. of Fire Services
Allen Wierzbicki, Deputy Commissioner, Emergency Svcs/Emergency Comm.
Margaret Slanovec, Executive Assistant, Emergency Services
Chris Saccone, Executive Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Emergency Services
Derek Miller, Director, Probation Department
Patricia Zayas, Executive Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Probation
Deborah Slesinski, Deputy Budget Director

Chairman Hines opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present with the exception of Legislator Vero who arrived at 2:08 p.m.

Mr. Sassi moved the request to accept and appropriate State grant funds from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) provided through the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC), Ignition Interlock Device Monitoring program, \$39,857.00, seconded by Mr. Lujan.

Mr. Miller stated the State gives the Probation Department funding for monitoring the ignition interlock devices which are used for dwi probationers. For the vehicle to start, the offender needs to blow into the device to show that he/she is sober. He added that they supervise five to six hundred cases annually.

Motion carried. All in favor with the exception of Legislator Vero who had not yet arrived.

Mr. Miller presented the 2019 recommended budget for Probation Department to the committee.

Mr. Lujan moved to approve the 2019 recommended budget for the Probation Department, seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Sierra moved the request for confirmation of appointment to the Orange County Police Advisory Board (J. Gottstine), seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Casey stated that Ms. Gottstine is a Zone Commander for Troop F, Zone 2 and is a great candidate for this board.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Stegenga moved the request for pay rate change for the Public Safety Dispatcher Per Diem positions, seconded by Mr. Vero.

Mr. Wierzbicki explained that the CSEA contract provides grade raises for dispatchers which were approved last year. Per-diem employees follow the pay scale of a full-time employee but, they were accidentally left out of the CSEA contract and it needs to be corrected. They need to be made equal with the regular full-time employees.

Mr. Hines asked Mr. Wierzbicki if they are staffed well or still shorthanded on the full-time side.

Mr. Wierzbicki replied they are still shorthanded when it comes to full-time staff by a dozen.

Mr. Vero commented that this request passed the Personnel and Compensation Committee meeting this past Monday.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Sassi moved the request to accept and appropriate 2018-2019 Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant to finance County Hazardous Materials Team trip to HazMat conference in Baltimore, Maryland in June 2019 and to help finance a full-scale exercise, \$5,172.00, seconded by Mr. Lujan.

Mr. Casey stated this is training that the HAZMAT team attends and as everyone is aware, the team is one of the front-line fire units that is fully run by the county.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Stegenga moved the request to accept and appropriate Federal funds from the State of New York Traffic Safety Committee through the NYS STOP-DWI Foundation as a sub-recipient of a STOP-DWI Crackdown Enforcement grant, \$23,300.00, seconded by Mr. Faggione.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Casey, Mr. Mack, Mr. Cherry, Mr. Wierzbicki and Mr. Tankasali presented the 2019 recommended budget for the Department of Emergency Services to the committee.

Ms. Stegenga moved to approve the 2019 recommended budget for Police Liaison Services, seconded by Mr. Lujan.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Stegenga moved to approve the 2019 recommended budget for Fire Services, seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Stegenga moved to approve the 2019 recommended budget for Emergency Medical Services, seconded by Mr. Lujan.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Stegenga moved to approve the 2019 recommended budget for Emergency Communication, seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Minuta moved to approve the 2019 recommended budget for Emergency Management, seconded by Ms. Stegenga.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Stegenga moved to approve the 2019 recommended budget for Administrative, seconded by Mr. Lujan.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Minuta moved to approve the 2019 Capital Plan for the Department of Emergency Services, seconded by Ms. Stegenga.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Hoovler presented the 2019 recommended budget for the District Attorney's Office to the committee.

Ms. Stegenga moved to approve the 2019 recommended budget for the District Attorney's Office, seconded by Mr. Sassi.

Mr. Hoovler requested that another crime analyst position be added to his budget for one year because the work load is too much for one person. He stated that he would like the position to be available for January 1, 2019.

Mr. Hines commented that he sees the position request was cut by the executive branch and referred to Mr. Booth as to why.

Mr. Booth stated he spoke with Mr. Hoovler about this and the understanding was that the Crime Analyst Office has been in operation for about nine months and contained one Crime Analyst, a Crime Intelligence Officer from the Sheriff's Department, one full-time Crime Analyst from the National Guard and a Crime Analyst from the DEA for drug trafficking. The County Executive's Office does not have an issue with expanding this in the future.

Mr. Hoovler pointed out that they have a lot of people, but the resources as to what they can and cannot know are limited.

Mr. Minuta commented that he supports Mr. Hoovler's request.

Mr. Sassi stated that he has spoken to the District Attorney on several occasions and this is another way to raise awareness because every year the numbers increase; therefore, he supports this.

Chairman Brescia suggested that this position be discussed mid-year when they have a better plan.

Mr. Kulisek commented that this is important and should be approved.

Ms. Tautel pointed out that in her district alone there were eight overdose calls this past year; therefore, this is money well spent.

Mr. Hines clarified that the consensus of the committee is to support this.

All committee members agreed.

Mr. Sassi moved to amend the 2019 recommended budget for the District Attorney's Office by increasing austerity, line item 560320, by \$94,217.00 to add one crime analyst for a year, seconded by Ms. Stegenga.

Motion carried. All in favor of the 2019 recommended budget as amended for the District Attorney's Office.

Mr. Sierra moved the request to accept and appropriate up to \$25,000.00 in funding from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services. This funding would be utilized to purchase less than lethal use of force Tasers, seconded by Mr. Sassi.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Stegenga moved the request to Assume Lead Agency Status under State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) with respect to this action: Construction of the Orange County Tactical Training Range 2, off Training Center Lane, within the Town of Goshen. The project is declared an Unlisted Action under SEQRA and is further determined in accordance with the findings of Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the environmental assessment form that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact and no further action is required, seconded by Mr. Sierra.

Motion carried. All in favor.

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

Mr. Mele stated that as of this morning the facility head count was 699 and of those 699, 171 are ICE detainees. The boarder revenue year-to-date is \$6,487,821.00.

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

Undersheriff Jones stated that it was an average month.

Undersheriff Jones and Mr. Mele presented the 2019 recommended budget for the Orange County Jail to the committee.

Ms. Stegenga moved to approve the 2019 recommended budget for the Orange County Jail, seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Hines moved to amend the 2019 recommended budget for the Orange County Jail by increasing the boarder revenue, line item 42891, by \$400,000.00, and reducing county taxation, line item 410011, by \$400,000.00 to make the total for the year \$8.9 million, seconded by Mr. Faggione.

Undersheriff Jones requested that there be a separate line for \$50,000.00 for Homeland Security for the shooting range because they should receive an additional \$50,000.00 in revenue so he feels it can be raised.

Mr. Faggione moved to amend the 2019 recommended budget for the Orange County Jail by adding a new line and increasing line item 412891 by \$50,000.00, and increase county taxation, line item 410011 by \$123,000.00 for three per-diem Range Supervisors, seconded by Mr. Sassi.

Motion carried. All in favor of the 2019 recommended budget as amended for the Orange County Jail.

Sheriff DuBois and Undersheriff Jones presented the 2019 recommended budget for the Sheriff's Office to the committee.

Mr. Minuta moved to approve the 2019 recommended budget for the Sheriff's Office, seconded by Mr. Faggione.

Mr. Faggione moved to amend the 2019 recommended budget for the Orange County Sheriff's Office by increasing line item 415891 by \$480,000.00, and increasing, line item 560120 by \$480,000.00 for per-diem Sheriff Officers in schools, seconded by Mr. Sassi.

Motion carried. All in favor of the 2019 recommended budget as amended for the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.