

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**(REMOTELY)  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020  
2:00 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  
Michael Amo, Independence Party Leader  
Barry J. Cheney, Legislator  
James M. Kulisek, Legislator  
Paul Ruskiewicz, Legislator  
Laurie R. Tautel, Legislator  
Peter Tuohy, Legislator  
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel  
Harold J. Porr, III., Deputy County Executive  
Dan Bloomer, Director, Operations and Cost Control  
David M. Hoovler, District Attorney  
Chris Borek, Chief Assistant District Attorney  
Karen Weslowski, Associate Account Clerk II, District Attorney's Office  
Carl E. DuBois, Sheriff  
Kenneth T. Jones, Undersheriff  
Anthony Weed, Assistant Undersheriff  
Lawrence Catletti, Jail Administrator  
Stacey Hosking, Fiscal Technician, Sheriff's Office  
Brendan Casey, Commissioner of Emergency Services  
Alan C. Mack, Deputy Commissioner, Emergency Svcs/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.  
Greg Schmid, Director of Operations, Emergency Svcs/Emergency Comm.  
Andrea Concannon, Fiscal Technician, Emergency Services  
Derek Miller, Director, Probation Department  
Patricia Zayas, Executive Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Probation  
Deborah Slesinski, Deputy Budget Director  
Gretchen Riordan, Budget Analyst  
Anita Carfora, Associate District Director, Central Hudson  
Alana Daly, Manager of Public Relations, Central Hudson  
Michele Hanebuth, General Manager, Control Center and Substation Operations,  
Orange and Rockland  
James Carregal, Section Manager, Overhead Operations, Orange and Rockland  
Eric Fuentes, Regional and Community Affairs Manager, Orange and Rockland  
Michael Grant, Regional and Community Affairs Manager, Orange and Rockland  
Melany Putnam, Manager, NYSEG Community Outreach and Development, East Region  
John Schneck, NYSEG, Manager of Regional Operations for the Liberty Division

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.

Mr. Miller presented the 2021 recommended budget for Probation Department to the committee.

Mr. Stegenga moved to approve the 2021 recommended budget for the Probation Department, **seconded by Mr. Luján.**

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Hoovler presented the 2021 recommended budget for the District Attorney's Office to the committee.

Mr. Faggione moved to approve the 2021 recommended budget for the District Attorney's Office, **seconded by Mr. Vero.**

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Stegenga moved the request to accept and appropriate New York State Homeland Security and Emergency Services funding for counter-terrorism efforts, \$214,934.00, **seconded by Mr. Vero.**

Sheriff DuBois stated this is an annual grant that has certain stipulations and is offered to local police departments.

Motion carried. All in favor.

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

Mr. Catletti stated as of this morning the facility headcount was at 376, of that 58 are ICE detainees and 91 are Marshals. The total boarder revenue is \$6,948,247.00.

Mr. Hines asked if the jail is still COVID-19 free.

Mr. Catletti replied yes.

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

Undersheriff Jones explained it was an average month, the backlog with pistol permits remains significant and all else is starting to regain normal levels of activity.

Mr. Hines clarified that with respect to COVID-19, the staff at the Sheriff's Office is healthy.

Undersheriff Jones stated they had a few cases in the workforce, but there has been no significant spread.

Undersheriff Jones and Mr. Mele presented the 2021 recommended budget for the Orange County Jail to the committee.

Mr. Sassi moved to approve the 2021 recommended budget for the Orange County Jail, seconded by Ms. Stegenga.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Sheriff DuBois and Undersheriff Jones presented the 2021 recommended budget for the Sheriff's Office to the committee.

Mr. Sassi moved to approve the 2021 recommended budget for the Sheriff's Office, seconded by Ms. Stegenga.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Sassi moved the request to accept and appropriate FY2020 State Homeland Security Program funding for period 9/1/2020 – 8/31/2023. Funding will be used for personnel costs for Emergency Management Planner and Response Team Planner; EMS, Interoperability, Hazmat Planning, Tech Rescue, enhance cyber security capabilities, strengthen intelligence and information sharing, and purchase other equipment and various supplies in support of Orange County's Homeland security capabilities including the threats of terrorism and other hazards, \$644,800.00, seconded by Ms. Stegenga.

Mr. Casey stated that the funds will be split and go towards the following; \$6,000 for Social Security, \$2,000.00 for unemployment, \$2,000.00 for office supplies, \$179,000.00 for computer software, \$22,000.00 for telephone, \$29,000.00 for specialty equipment, \$145,000.00 for inventory specialized equipment, \$20,000.00 for inventory computer equipment, \$75,000.00 for Capitalized Facility Site Equipment and \$100,000.00 for Capitalized Auto. He added this is an annual grant received to keep the specialty teams operating.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Sassi moved the request to replace previously accepted resolution No. 54 of 2020 to re-appropriate grant funding from the Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program \$822,055.00 for time period 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2021. Funding will

be reallocated to cover additional operation expenditures for tower leases and fiber connectivity (previously funded in county taxation). A portion will still be allocated to capital expenses to offset any costs in the Radio Communications Project, seconded by Mr. Faggione.

Mr. Casey explained these funds are received annually and was originally set-up so they could only spend it on tower sites and building out the system. A lot of these funds went toward supporting the large capital project for the radios. The parameters of the grant were changed which allowed the department to pay for some maintenance; therefore, it would be about \$500,000.00 over a two-year period which would come from county taxation, so by moving the funds it is a savings on county taxation.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Stegenga moved the request to accept and appropriate Federal funds from the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee through the NYS STOP-DWI Foundation as a sub-recipient of the 2020-2021 STOP-DWI Crackdown Enforcement grant, \$25,000.00, seconded by Mr. Sassi.

Mr. Cherry stated these are funds that come from a grant and goes to the New York State Foundation who then splits it up between the counties.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Casey, Mr. Mack, Mr. Cherry, Mr. Wierzbicki and Mr. Tankasali presented the 2021 recommended budget for the Department of Emergency Services to the committee.

Ms. Stegenga moved to approve the 2021 recommended budget for Public Safety Administration, seconded by Mr. Vero.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Sassi moved to approve the 2021 recommended budget for E911 Reserve, seconded by Mr. Vero.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Sassi moved to approve the 2021 recommended budget for STOP DWI, seconded by Mr. Vero.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Stegenga moved to approve the 2021 recommended budget for Fire Prevention, seconded by Mr. Sassi.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Vero moved to approve the 2021 recommended budget for Emergency Management, seconded by Mr. Sassi.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Stegenga moved to approve the 2021 recommended budget for Public Safety Other, (EMS), seconded by Mr. Sassi.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Stegenga moved to approve the 2021 recommended budget for Public Safety-Police Services, seconded by Mr. Sassi.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Stegenga moved to approve the 2021 Capital Plan for the Department of Emergency Services, seconded by Mr. Sassi.

Motion carried. All in favor.

The last agenda item was an update and small presentation regarding the response to Hurricane Isiasis from Central Hudson, Orange and Rockland and NYSEG.

Before adjourning, Mr. Casey stated that at the November Committee meeting, he will make sure to update everyone on Frontier Communications.

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.