

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 4, 2022

Members Present: G. Barnes, A. Cyr, K. Demick, B. Harris, S. Havey, D. Healy, J. Rumfelt P. Stockin

Other Present: J. Burdick, A. Carrow, P. Curran, D. Fanton, K. Francisco, G. Green, G. Hanchett, I. Jones, C. Knapp, J. Luckey, L. Morris, B. Perkins, B. Riehle, J. Ricci, J. Ricketts-Swales, D. Root, T. Ross, R. Starks, R. Whitney

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Public Safety Committee Chairman Steven Havey.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Demick, and carried to approve the minutes of April 6, 2022.

STOP-DWI

Stop-DWI Coordinator Brian Perkins attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Public Defender J. R. Santana Carter was not able to attend the meeting, but submitted his monthly report to the committee for review.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & FIRE

Emergency Management & Fire Director Jeffrey Luckey attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Luckey touched on a new law that was passed on April 22, 2022, indicating that Fire Departments can now charge for EMS calls. He states it is a very complicated law, but did push that out to FASME to learn about the rules and regulations. Mr. Luckey touched on the Tier 3 Emergency Management Training that took place on April 27, 2022. Legislator Havey stated he attended the meeting and thought it was very beneficial and Legislator Cyr agreed.

Homeland Security and Emergency Services Grant LEMPG FY 2022

Mr. Luckey requested permission to apply for the Homeland Security and Emergency Services LEMPG FY 2022 grant in the amount of approximately \$22,869 for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2024. These funds, if awarded, will be used for the following:

- Labor costs for three employees on a 50/50 split for work on the Emergency Operation Plan
- Exercise design and development costs
- Rent for Emergency Services office space
- Trainings

The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Cyr, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Homeland Security Grant Program HSGP2022 Grant

Mr. Luckey requested permission to apply for the Homeland Security and Emergency Services HSGP2022 grant in the amount of approximately \$59,750 for the period September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2025. These funds, if awarded, will be used to support regional preparedness for the County. A minimum of 25 percent must be earmarked for the four national priority areas (cyber security, soft

targets/crowded places, intelligence and information sharing, and emerging threats) required by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Cyr, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Allegany County Assistant District Attorney Ian Jones attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Probation Director Robert Starks attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Starks stated that last month, ACCORD had hired a Youth Court Coordinator who rescinded after a few days, so they are still looking to fill this position.

Not a Number LOVE146

Mr. Starks requested permission to enter into a licensing agreement with Not a Number Love 146 to use their curriculum materials to provide education and information to at-risk sexually exploited youth. The annual relicensing fee will be \$200 for each qualified facilitator. His department plans to have two qualified facilitators. Additionally, there is a one-time \$50 materials fee for each qualified facilitator. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Cyr, and carried.

Prepare Resolution

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Weights & Measures Director Gilbert Green attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Rick Whitney attended the meeting and submitted his monthly reports to the committee for review. Mr. Whitney stated that since the last drug pickup they took up almost one thousand (1,000) pounds of drugs up to Buffalo, NY, to be destroyed. Legislator Harris asked where these drop off sites are. Mr. Whitney stated that they are located at:

- SUNY Alfred University Police Office, Theta Gamma House, 10 Upper College Drive, Alfred, NY 14802.
- Allegany County Sheriff's Office, 4884 Route 19, Belmont, NY 14813.
- Cuba Police Department, 15 Water Street, Cuba, NY 14727.
- Fillmore Pharmacy, 10560 Route 19, Fillmore, NY 14735.
- Friendship Pharmacy, 9 West Main Street, Friendship, NY 14739.
- Jones Memorial Hospital, 191 North Main Street, Wellsville, NY 14895.
- Jones Memorial Medical Practice, 20 Main Street, Andover, NY 14806.
- Jones Memorial Medical Practice, 120 1st Street, Bolivar, NY 14715.
- Nicholson Pharmacy, 36 Schuyler Street, Belmont, NY 14813.
- Tri-County Family Medicine, 12 North Church Street, Canaseraga, NY 14822. (Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30am to 5pm.)
- Wellsville Police Department, 46 South Main Street, Wellsville, NY 14895.

Legislator Havey stated that he was aware of a secretary resignation and Mr. Whitney remarked that they are looking at options to save money.

Homeland Security and Emergency Services 2022 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant

Sheriff Rick Whitney requested permission to apply for the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services 2022 Statewide Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant. Total funding available is \$62,427,798 to be shared by eligible participants. The grant's objective is to close gaps in the interoperability infrastructure, regional communications deficiencies, and implementation of national interoperability channels. The County will use the funds to purchase interoperable communications equipment as well as make improvements to the tower sites. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Cyr, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Part-Time Deputy Sheriff Officer's Rate of Pay

Sheriff Rick Whitney requested a resolution to establish a new rate of pay for part-time Deputy Sheriff Officers. The current base rate following the Allegany County Deputy Sheriff's Association, Council 82 Deputy Sheriff pay scale. The current compensation rate of \$17 per hour was established by Resolution No. 288-16. The change in the hourly rate will allow the Sheriff's Office to more effectively recruit part-time Sheriff Deputy Officers enhancing their ability to meet operational needs. Mr. Whitney stated that they are working with the union on this, as they have to be retired through their office to come back and work as a part time deputy. They would like to be able to hire outside. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Cyr, seconded by Legislator Demick, and carried. **Refer to Personnel**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Cyr, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Morris, Senior Account Clerk Typist
Allegany County Board of Legislators