

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
August 3, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. by Public Safety Committee Chairman Steven Havey.

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

Other Attendees: A. Bigelow, T. Boyde, B. Budinger, J. Burdick, A. Carrow, J. Carter, P. Curran, M. Evans, D. Fanton, G. Green, G. Hanchett, K. Hooker, C. Ivers, I. Jones, C. Knapp, S. Lanphier, T. Linn, B. Perkins, J. Ricci, J. Ricketts-Swales, B. Riehle, T. Ross, T. Shaw, R. Starks, R. Swarthout, B. Vanhousen, R. Whitney

Approval of Minutes

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

A motion was made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Demick, and carried to approve the minutes of July 13, 2022.

STOP-DWI

Stop-DWI Coordinator Brian Perkins attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Perkins stated that they gave away several bicycle helmets and ice packs at the traffic safety booth during the Allegany County Fair.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Public Defender J. R. Santana Carter attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Carter stated that the numbers remain consistent, and next month they will be asking permission to fill a secretary position. Mr. Carter explained that they have gone without a secretary for several months to save money in the Budget, but that their workload has increased substantially to warrant filling the position. Legislator Healy asked if there were any significant trends or developments that Mr. Carter would like to highlight. Mr. Carter stated that there are none at this time.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & FIRE

Emergency Management & Fire Assistant Director Bonnie VanHousen attended the meeting and submitted her monthly report to the committee for review. Ms. VanHousen stated that Mr. Luckey was unable to attend because he responded to a fire that morning. Legislator Rumfelt asked for updates with remote schooling for paramedics. Ms. VanHousen stated that they are hoping to have it begin sometime in January of 2023. Legislator Harris asked if this would include EMT training. Ms. VanHousen stated that the initial class will be offered to Allegany State College faculty and staff to see how it goes before offering it to the general public. Legislator Healy commented that any alignment with ASC is a good thing and thanked everyone involved.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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 he forgot to add that he met with Scott Richardson at Alfred

State College as they are only 1 of 13 facilities in New York Stated that are qualified to offer Peace Officer training. Mr. Starks stated that employees in the Probation Department will have to take this training in 2023. Mr. Starks also stated that ACCORD has hired a new Youth Coordinator which is the first step to getting Youth Court back up and running. Legislator Healy commented that the ASC program for Peace Officer Training is necessary and cost-efficient. Mr. Healy asked when Mr. Starks began with the Probation Department. Mr. Starks replied with the year 1982. Mr. Healy asked how many employees were in the Probation Department at that time. Mr. Starks responded that there may have been 8 full-time employees. Legislator Healy asked how many employees are currently in the Probation Department. Mr. Starks stated that there is 15 total staff including himself. Mr. Healy asked if Mr. Starks thought that there has been more crime today. Mr. Starks stated that there is potentially more crime, but few arrests.

Request for Resolution Approving Software Maintenance Agreement with AutoMon, LLC

Mr. Starks requested a resolution approving a software maintenance agreement between AutoMon, LLC 6621 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85250, and the Allegany County Probation Department to allow AutoMon to provide "Technical Support Services" for the Allegany County Probation Department to have access to their Caseload Explorer products. The cost to the County will be \$8,752 for the contract year of June 15, 2022, to June 14, 2023. This is a renewal of the contract that was in place from June 15, 2021, to June 14, 2022. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Rumfelt, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Request to Fill Typist

Mr. Starks requested permission to fill one full-time Typist (AFSCME bargaining unit, Grade: 4, Step: Base) in the Probation Department. Mr. Starks explained that this position has been vacant for two years, and with the anticipated retirement of existing support staff in early 2023, it is necessary to fill this position to start training this person to take over those duties. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Rumfelt, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

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. Committee Chairman Havey congratulated the Sheriff's Office for receiving the Court Security Accreditation.

Request for Resolution Approving Purchase of Asset Management System

The Sheriff's Office requested a resolution to approve the purchase of an Asset Management System for tracking grant-funded inventory. The cost of the program and five years of maintenance is \$33,653.84. Grant funds (SICG 2020) will be used for this purchase. The County will be responsible for maintenance fees at the end of the five-year term in the amount of approximately \$4,000 annually. The total fiscal impact to the County will be \$33,653.84 (Using SICG 2020 Grant Funds). The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Rumfelt, seconded by Legislator Cyr, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Request to Fill Probation Director Group A

County Administrator Carissa Knapp requested permission to fill the Probation Director Group A (Section IV Salary Department Head). The annual salary and benefits cost will be determined when a

qualified candidate is appointed. This position is funded with 100 percent County funds. Ms. Knapp stated that this request is to fill Mr. Starks's position due to his retirement in September. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Rumpfelt, seconded by Legislator Harris, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Advanced Life Support (ALS) Intercept Billing

County Administrator Carissa Knapp requested a resolution urging Governor Kathy Hochul to amend Paragraph C of General Municipal Law 209-B, Subdivision 4, to allow ALS Intercept agencies to bill directly. Ms. Knapp stated that there is new legislation for ALS Intercept Billing this year, and Emergency Services will have to decide to either bill for those costs or absorb those costs, and determine if they have the budget to absorb those costs. Committee Chairman Havey stated that the line that comes to his attention is that ALS providers are required to bill transporting agencies for those services, and not to bill the patient or the patient's insurance. Committee Chairman Havey stated that the agencies being billed in many cases do not have the budget to pay this, and he believes it is a flaw in the legislation. Ms. Knapp stated that it is a flaw, but it is currently law. Ms. Knapp stated that there are several issues and concerns, and there is no one answer for everyone. Ms. Knapp noted that this is just one more burden on our volunteers. Committee Chairman Havey asked if this resolution is an attempt to have New York State take a look at that part of the regulation. Ms. Knapp replied that it does. Legislator Demick thanked Scott Lanphier from MTS for the Zoom meeting he had the previous night. Legislator Demick stated that the presentation was very informative, and this is a great resolution that may help. Legislator Demick explained that most of these emergency services departments have a budget of approximately \$3,000; and if each bill is approximately \$399 their budgets will not last very long. This law is placing more burden on MTS and the whole system. Legislator Demick stated that he was glad to hear information from all of our surrounding agencies that will be dealing with this. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Rumpfelt, seconded by Legislator Harris, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Good of the Order

Committee Chairman Havey stated that in the wake of the May 24, 2022, school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, he and Dr. Anderson met on June 9, 2022, to discuss the root causes of this type of incident. Committee Chairman Havey stated that Dr. Anderson suggested that they gather a group of stakeholders to discuss school safety and other violence prevention strategies in Allegany County. Committee Chairman Havey noted that the first meeting of this group was held on July 7, 2022, and representatives from Education, Law Enforcement, Probation, and Mental Health Services were in attendance. Guidelines were established, areas of concern were discussed, and ARDENT Solutions facilitated the process. Committee Chairman Havey stated that a working title for this group was established as the Violence Prevention Committee, and the next meeting will be held on August 11, 2022. Committee Chairman Havey stated that while this is not a sub-committee of the Public Safety Committee, he plans to keep everyone updated on their progress.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Rumpfelt, seconded by Legislator Demick, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Linn, Confidential Secretary
Allegany County Board of Legislators