

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
October 5, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:32 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: T. Boyde, R. Budinger, D. Burch, J. Burdick, A. Carrow, R. Christman, S. Cicirello, G. Cooper, K. Dirlam, D. Fanton, S. Grantier, G. Green, P. Griffith, G. Hanchett, K. Hooker, C. Jones, I. Jones, C. Knapp, S. Lanphier, T. Linn, J. Luckey, D. Marsh, J. McKnight, B. Perkins, J. Ricci, J. Ricketts-Swales, B. Riehle, D. Root, T. Ross, R. Swarthout, R. Whitney, C. Whitwood

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Rumfelt, seconded by Legislator Cyr, and carried to approve the minutes of September 7, 2022.

STOP-DWI

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

Legislator Cyr asked Mr. Perkins to explain the previous problems with the STOP-DWI Program and what was being done to improve the program going forward. Mr. Perkins explained that they were not receiving the usual fine money for various reasons but once they received second quarter fine money in August, that gave them a better idea of what is available for the program.

Legislator Healy asked what the fine money revenue amount is for 2022. Mr. Perkins stated that it is approximately \$50,000 for this year.

2022 STOP-DWI Plan

Mr. Perkins requested a resolution approving the following update to the 2022 STOP-DWI Plan:

BUDGET SUMMARY
2022 STOP-DWI PLAN (updated 10/3/22)
ALLEGANY COUNTY

COMPONENT	SUBTOTAL	TOTALS
Enforcement		
Alfred PD	\$6,800	
Andover PD	\$ 800	
Angelica PD	\$ 500	
Belmont PD	\$ 500	
Bolivar PD	\$ 500	
Cuba PD	\$3,800	
Friendship PD	\$ 500	
Independence PD	\$ 500	
Wellsville PD	\$9,300	
Willing PD	<u>\$ 500</u>	
	Total	\$23,700
Prosecution		\$ 0
Court Related		\$ 0
Probation		\$ 0
Rehabilitation		\$ 500

Public Information/Education	\$ 6,250
Administration	<u>\$43,550</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$74,000</u>
REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR THE 2022 PROGRAM YEAR	\$74,000
STOP-DWI FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	\$ 0

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

2023 STOP-DWI Plan

Mr. Perkins requested a resolution approving the 2023 STOP-DWI Plan as follows:

The STOP-DWI Program is requesting approval of the 2023 STOP-DWI Plan and requesting that the Board Chairman be authorized to sign the Certification page of the Plan.

BUDGET SUMMARY 2023 STOP-DWI PLAN ALLEGANY COUNTY

COMPONENT	TOTALS
Enforcement	\$18,925
Prosecution	\$ 1,000
Court Related	\$ 1,000
Probation	\$ 1,000
Rehabilitation	\$ 500
Public Information/Education	\$ 6,000
Administration	<u>\$42,197</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$70,622</u>
REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR THE 2023 PROGRAM YEAR	\$70,622
STOP-DWI FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	\$ 0

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

New York State High Visibility Engagement Campaign Allocation for 2022

Mr. Perkins requested a resolution to accept and appropriate the New York State High Visibility Engagement Campaign (formerly known as Crackdown) Allocation for 2022. This allocation is in the amount of \$17,500 from the NYS STOP-DWI Foundation Inc. The focus of this allocation is not only for enforcement but will include increased visibility and engaging the public with educational materials.

The Budget adjustment for the Crackdown allocation is requested as follows:

Revenue:		
A3141.1589.CE	NYS Stop DWI Crackdown Enforcement	\$ 17,500

Expenses:

A3141.449	Contractual (other agencies enforcement reimbursement)	\$ 17,500
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The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Demick, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Mr. Perkins also requested a resolution to transfer from contingency an allocation of \$23,700 to cover the regular annual DWI patrols with municipalities that were inadvertently left off the 2022 Budget request.

The budget transfer necessary for the annual enforcement patrols is as follows:

From: A1990.429	Contingency	\$23,700
To: A3141.447	Contractual (Annual municipality enforcement patrols)	\$23,700

\$17,500 is a pass-through grant

\$23,700 is an allocation from contingency

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

Legislator Rumfelt asked if Alfred wanted extra patrols for something like hot dog days could they contact Mr. Perkins. Mr. Perkins stated that there are scheduled Statewide crackdown days that they can choose to participate in, but they could petition to have a particular event added to the list to utilize those tools.

County Administrator Carissa Knapp stated that they used to receive enough funds to allocate to some of the administrative costs. Ms. Knapp explained that they decided to allocate funds to Municipal Police Department's patrols rather than to administrative costs. Legislator Healy asked if that is the plan going forward. County Treasurer Terri Ross stated that currently, the County is paying for the administrative costs of the plan. Ms. Ross stated that while the plan going forward is to review the fine monies that are received for the prior year and make the allocations to the patrols, the ultimate plan is to be able to allocate some funds toward administrative costs without the need to use County funds.

Legislator Rumfelt asked Committee Chairman Havey if they could move the discussion for the STOP-DWI Program up on the agenda. Committee Chairman Havey agreed and invited Alfred Police Chief Paul Griffith and Cuba Police Chief Dustin Burch to the podium.

Chief Griffith stated that he was under the impression that the STOP-DWI Program was ending but recently learned there are a lot of Federal funds available to the program that Allegany County has not been utilizing for more than 20 years. Chief Griffith stated that the impression of law enforcement in the County was that the program was going to be done. Chief Griffith stated that they have approximately 30 to 40 DWI arrests annually and they rely heavily on the program for DWI patrols. Chief Griffith stated that there is an uptick in DWI arrests with the legalization of marijuana. Chief Griffith stated that during a conversation with a gentleman familiar with the STOP-DWI Program, he learned that the STOP-DWI Coordinator only needs to call and ask for additional funding. Chief Griffith stated that it seems like Allegany County has been "low-balled" by the State or funds were not requested. Chief Griffith stated that Wellsville and Cuba Police Departments rely heavily on this money to make sure they have extra patrols at night and during large Town events like Halloween. Chief Griffith stated that they never knew that crackdown money was available to them, and they sporadically ran their patrols with the limited funds they had available. Chief Griffith stated that if this program is managed the way other counties are, they would be able to consistently patrol year-round. Chief Griffith stated that there are approximately 62

counties in New York State with about 4 or 5 of their STOP-DWI Programs being managed by a civilian. Chief Griffith stated that he thinks the STOP-DWI Program needs to be in the hands of law enforcement and all police departments should be involved in the Budget process. Chief Griffith stated that this program has a lot more potential and funding available and he never knew that they could request a funding increase if the DWI numbers increased. Chief Griffith stated that they have never been involved in the budget process and there should be more transparency with it involving multiple jurisdictions, and all police departments should have a seat at the table.

Chief Burch reiterated Chief Griffith's comments and added that he would like more communication with the coordinator. Chief Burch stated that he has sent several emails to the coordinator with no response and with the lack of open communication they often feel left in the dark.

Chief Griffith stated that there is more funding other than fine money that can be explored with the STOP-DWI Program. Chief Griffith stated that some of the funding the State receives is through Federal funding sources and not just from fine money.

Chief Burch stated that numbers are up, crime is up, and officers are overwhelmed with a lot more paperwork with bail reform. Chief Burch stated that it makes it difficult to maintain DWI patrols when smaller departments must pull staff off the road to manage hours of bail reform and paperwork. Chief Burch stated that extra funding would help to place a dedicated officer for these patrols.

Committee Chairman Havey thanked Chief Griffith and Chief Burch for bringing this to the committee's attention and for being willing to be part of the process.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Public Defender J. R. Santana Carter was unable to attend the meeting but had previously submitted his monthly report to the committee for review.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & FIRE

Emergency Management & Fire Director Jeff Luckey attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Luckey briefly highlighted items from his monthly report. Mr. Luckey stated that on September 22 and 23, he attended the FEMA Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning class for K-12 schools hosted by Genesee County BOCES. Mr. Luckey stated that it was a very good program and that he is going to reach out to Allegany County BOCES to hold a similar class.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Probation Director Scott Grantier attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Grantier discussed a few items from his report.

Request to Fill Probation Supervisor

Probation Director Scott Grantier requested to fill one Probation Supervisor (PEF Bargaining Unit, Grade: 8, Step: Base to 11) including subsequent backfills in the Probation Department. The annual salary of this position is estimated to be between \$50,072 and \$69,312, with benefits estimated to be between \$21,851.42 and \$30,248. This position is funded with 100 percent County funds and is included in the 2022 Budget. The request was approved by Legislator Rumpfelt, seconded by Legislator Harris, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Request to Fill Probation Officer Trainee

Probation Director Scott Grantier requested to fill one Probation Officer Trainee (AFSCME Bargaining Unit, Grade: 16, Step: Base) in the Probation Department. The annual salary of this position is estimated to be \$42,180, with benefits estimated to be \$18,407. This position is funded with 100 percent County funds and is included in the 2022 Budget. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Rumfelt, seconded by Legislator Demick, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Probation Department Office Space Utilization

Probation Director Scott Grantier presented a plan to transition space utilization in the Probation Department, specifically transitioning the space historically utilized for the Director's office into a conference room.

There will be many positive outcomes with this transition including:

- Staff development opportunities enabling easier group training and access to enhanced training and conferences
- Ability to hold conference meetings, and internal staff meetings for the department while alleviating the need to borrow space for training and events
- Reduce travel expenses
- Promote department cohesion

The transition would not require any structural modifications or upgrades and they plan to explore options for a conference table and chairs, and information technology needs for the best distance learning capabilities. County Administrator Knapp stated that this MOE is for informational purposes only and does not require a vote.

Transfer of Funds to Purchase Updated Badges for Department Officers

Probation Director Scott Grantier requested to transfer funds to purchase updated badges for the Department Officers as they transition into department staff and job titles. The quote for fifteen badges is \$1,692. The new badges will allow them to enumerate and align officer badges with the call numbers for Emergency Dispatch when in the field. The new badges will not be title specific and will remain with one officer throughout their career. A transfer of funds is requested to cover the costs as follows:

Transfer From:

A3140.413 (Rentals)	\$1,700
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Transfer To:

A3140.208 (Police Equipment)	\$1,700
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The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Cyr, seconded by Legislator Rumfelt, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Use of Force Training

Mr. Grantier stated that they will be starting a use of force training this Friday, October 7, 2022, with assistance from the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Grantier stated that this training will bring all of his staff into compliance with the upgraded use of force mandates and hopes to complete it by the end of the year.

Peace Officer Training

Mr. Grantier stated that he met with Scott Richardson of the Alfred State Police Academy regarding Peace Officer Training. Mr. Grantier stated that Mr. Richardson is from the Criminal Justice Programs at Alfred State College and will be providing Peace Officer training in 2023 for the Probation Department to be compliant with the new requirements coming in 2023. Mr. Grantier stated that Peace Officer training will be substantially increased in 2023 and the ability to hold these trainings at Alfred State will be invaluable.

CORE Learning Center Collaboration

Mr. Grantier stated that he will have reports to present at future committee meetings regarding their initiative to collaborate with the CORE Learning Center.

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.

Legislator Harris asked Sheriff Whitney to explain the purpose of the TRIAD meetings from his monthly report. Sheriff Whitney explained that TRIAD is a monthly program that they provide at the County Jail for senior citizens. Sheriff Whitney explained that they invite speakers on various subjects like internet scams and other valuable subjects to educate seniors. Sheriff Whitney stated that they also provide them with lunch. Legislator Harris asked how many seniors regularly attend these meetings. Sheriff Whitney stated that they average approximately 25 to 35 attendees each month.

Sheriff Whitney referred to the recent press release announcing that St. Bonaventure University is partnering with the Allegany County Sheriff's Office to host a Pre-Employment Corrections Basic Training program this fall.

Request to Fill Two Full-Time Corrections Officers

Sheriff Rick Whitney requested to fill two full-time Corrections Officers (Council 82 Bargaining Unit, Grade: 55, Step: Base) in the Sheriff's Office. The annual salary of this position is estimated to be \$47,879.72, with benefits estimated to be \$20,894.71 for each position. These positions are funded with 100 percent County funds and are included in the 2022 Budget. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Cyr, seconded by Legislator Rumpfelt, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Request to Fill Part-Time Cook

Sheriff Rick Whitney requested to fill one part-time Jail Cook (Grade: 33B, Step: Base) in the Sheriff's Office. The hourly salary of this position is estimated to be \$19.903. This position is funded with 100 percent County funds and is included in the 2022 Budget. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Demick, seconded by Legislator Harris, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Executive Session

Committee Chairman Steven Havey announced that the committee would enter an executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular corporation. Legislator Harris made a motion, which was seconded by Legislator Rumpfelt to enter into executive session at 2:17 p.m.

Immediately following the discussion at 3:17 p.m., the committee came out of the executive session and returned to the regular meeting.

Agreement with MTS

County Attorney Allison Carrow stated that she apologizes that there is no memorandum of explanation (MOE) for this agreement, but she will provide one to the Clerk of the Board of Legislators after today's meeting. Ms. Carrow presented the following request:

The County Administrator and County Attorney request that the Board approves a resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Legislators, on behalf of Allegany County, to enter into an Agreement with Medical Transport Service, Inc., (MTS) for supplemental emergency medical services in accordance with General Municipal Law § 122-b, subject to the review and approval of its terms and conditions by the County Attorney. The term of the Agreement shall be for a period not exceeding six months, commencing on October 5, 2022, and terminating on April 4, 2023. The County shall commit to transfer to MTS a sum not to exceed \$600,000 subject to terms and conditions mutually agreed to by the parties. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Demick, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Rumpfelt, seconded by Legislator Harris, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Linn, Confidential Secretary
Allegany County Board of Legislators