



MINUTES
JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 9, 2019, Chambers followed Planning

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Christopher Petrus, Chair opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

MEMBERS: Legislators Keith Batman, Timothy Latimore (Vice Chair), Paul Pinckney, Joseph Bennett and Michael Didio

EXCUSED: Legislator Ben Vitale

OTHERS: Legislators Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Joseph DeForest, Charlie Ripley, Elane Daly, Ryan Foley, County Attorney Christopher Palermo, Lloyd Hoskins, Director Youth Bureau and Assigned Counsel, Sheriff Brian Schenck, District Attorney Jon Budelmann, Planning and Economic Development Stephen Lynch, Director, Suzanne Gauthier, Administrative Assistant, Ryan Franklin, The Citizen

MINUTES TO APPROVE: September 11, 2019

Joseph Bennett motioned to approve the minutes of September 11, 2019, 2nd by Michael Didio. All members present voted in favor, passed.

APPOINTMENTS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Joseph Bennett motioned to go into executive session to discuss matters relating to the employment a particular person (s) or corporation, 2nd by Keith Batman at 6:36 p.m. All members present voted in favor, passed.

Paul Pinckney motioned to come out of executive session, 2nd by Keith Batman at 6:40 p.m. All members present voted in favor, passed.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

- **Denise Spingler (911) –**
 - Grant Awards Received
 - FY19 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Award - \$185,825
 - Bill S1716 Discovery Law – 911 recordings for DA’s Office –
 - Increasing staff to accommodate requirements of the law
 - Additional dispatcher to help with OT/floor staffing/burnout/
 - Employee must know CAD/radio/recorder systems and have knowledge of dispatch to know what to look for; avoid missing pertinent information; avoid missing information related information to an incident
 - Motorola is doing Preventative Maintenance (PM) checks on all tower sites
 - Found a broken antenna @ Aurelius site – lightning strike (?)
 - Awaiting quote for replacement

RESOLUTIONS:

911:
10-19-JP-1 Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Cayuga County 911 Administrator to accept a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Grant to offset personnel and operational costs in the Cayuga County 911 Center.

Keith Batmen motioned to approve and move resolution 10-19-JP-1, 2nd by Joseph Bennet. All members present voted in favor, passed.

▪ **Jon Budelmann (District Attorney) – No updates**

DA RESOLUTIONS:

DA Budelmann presented a general overview of the proposed resolutions as to the duties of the positions along with the requirements for the newly enacted NYS Criminal Justice Reform to Bail Discovery and Speedy Trial to take effect January 2, 2020.

Legislator Lattimore motioned to bundled resolutions JP-2 through JP-5, no second.

10-19-JP-2 Authorization to create a full-time Assistant District Attorney position in the District Attorney's Office and setting the salary

Joseph Bennett motioned to approve and move resolution 10-19-JP-2, 2nd by Paul Pinckney.

Discussion: Legislator Batman discussed postponing the discussion to December while preparing for the 2020 budget.

Legislator Batman motioned to table 10-19 JP-2 until December to discuss during the 2020 Budget process, 2nd by Michael Didio

Legislators Pinckney, Batman and Didio in favor, Legislators Lattimore and Bennett opposed, motion passed.

10-19-JP-3 Authorization to create and fill a support staff (Confidential Secretary to DA) position in the District Attorney's Office together with setting the salary

Joseph Bennett motioned to approve and move resolution 10-19-JP-3, 2nd by Tim Lattimore.

Legislator Batman motioned to table 10-19 JP-3 until December to discuss during the 2020 Budget process, 2nd by Paul Pinckney

Discussion: Legislator Batman stated departments need to review how the departments' work is being structure and whether work can be streamlined within the current budgets, without just adding new positions. DA Budelmann explained staff has discussed streamlining the duties and positions along with balancing the demands of the new State regulations. Legislator Lattimore expressed the importance of Public Safety and is in full support of the proposed new positions.

Legislators Paul Pinckney and Keith Batman in favor of tabling JP-3, Legislators Lattimore, Bennett and Didio opposed, motion to table failed.

Legislators Didio, Lattimore and Bennett in favor of JP-3, Legislators Batman and Pinckney opposed, motion passed.

10-19-JP-4 Authorization to create a second Court Reporter position in the District Attorney's Office and setting the salary

Joseph Bennett motioned to approve and move resolution 10-19-JP-4, 2nd by Paul Pinckney.

Legislator Batman motioned to table 10-19 JP-4 until December to discuss during the 2020 Budget process, 2nd by Paul Pinckney

Discussion: Legislator Pinckney asked the DA to rank the necessity of the requested positions. DA Budelmann further explained the new requirements and the length of time needed to interview and hire candidates for the positons; along with the possibility of perhaps utilizing the second Court Reporter position on a per diem basis.

Legislators Batman and Pinckney if favor of tabling JP-4, Legislators Lattimore, Bennett and Didio opposed, motion to table failed.

Legislators Didio, Lattimore and Bennett in favor of JP-4, Legislators Batman and Pinckney opposed, motion passed.

10-19-JP-5 Resolution to amend the 2019 Budget to include revenue and appropriations related to the Adventfs Educational Program

DA Budelmann explained the resolution would allow to use a portion of the Adventfs Traffic Educational Program to supplement the current Part Time CARP DA to continue the program with a Full Time position.

Joseph Bennett motioned to approve and move resolution 10-19-JP-5, 2nd by Paul Pinckney.

The committee further discussed the costs and budget impacts of the programs and the position to monitor the program. Legislator Batman stated costs should be looked at the total costs to the Budget, as these are non-reimbursable expenses.

Legislators Batman and Pinckney in favor of tabling JP-5, Legislators Lattimore, Bennett and Didio opposed, motion to table failed.

Legislators Didio, Lattimore and Bennett in favor of JP-5, Legislators Batman and Pinckney opposed, motion passed.

Legislator Batman asked the DA to provide a report of the current Adverfts program.

▪ **Brian Schenck (Sheriff) –**

- All but four new patrol cars have been delivered from Enterprise. The cars that have been delivered have been placed into service. Aftermarket equipment and radio installation appears to have been professionally completed.
- Our in house Basic Custody Academy is in week four and going well. The recruits will graduate at the end of November.
- We are actively working with all Public Safety providers in our county to prepare for cashless bail and discovery mandates that will become law on January 1st.
- Our Federal inmate board in numbers continue to remain above budget projections – over 40 per day. The Sheriff and Undersheriff are currently working to meet our Federal contacts relative to this program soon to touch base.
- We are planning to begin collective bargaining with the Sheriff’s Employee’s Association of Cayuga County (SEACC- Custody Union) soon. Their contract expired in 2018.
- Planning is also under way to begin negotiating with the Cayuga County Sheriff’s Police Association (Patrol Union) as their contract expires at the end of this year.

SHERIFF RESOLUTIONS:

10-19-JP-9 Authorize the Sheriff of Cayuga County to transfer monies from Jail Construction/Renovation Funds to Building/Maintenance and Computer Support Funds

Joseph Bennett motioned to approve and move resolution 10-19-JP-9, 2nd by Paul Pinckney.
All members presented voted in favor, passed.

10-19-JP-10 Authorizing the Sheriff’s Office to accept funding through the 2018 Operation Stonegarden Grant from the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and amend the 2019 Sheriff’s grant budget to accept the 2018 funding.

10-19-JP-11 Authorizing the Sheriff’s Office to accept funding through the 2018 SLETPP (State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program) grant from the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to support prevention and preparedness efforts and amend the 2019 Sheriff’s grants budget to accept the 2018 funding.

10-19-JP-12 Authorizing the Sheriff’s Office to accept funding through the 2019 SLETPP (State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program) Grant from the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to support prevention and preparedness efforts and amend the 2019 Sheriff’s grants budget to accept the 2019 funding.

Keith Batman motioned to bundle, approve and move resolutions 10-19-JP-10, 10-19-JP-11, and 10-19-JP-12, 2nd by Paul Pinckney. All members presented voted in favor, passed.

10-19-JP-13 Resolution authorizing the Sheriff to fill one Clerk position due to the retirement of the current Clerk in the Sheriff’s Office.

Joseph Bennett motioned to approve and move resolution 10-19-JP-13, 2nd by Paul Pinckney.
All members presented voted in favor, passed.

▪ **Vacant (Fire/EMO) –**

(Steve Lynch Update on EMO)

- The County Planning Director continues to work closely with the E-911 Administrator, the temporary administrative assistant and the dedicated ES Coordinators to oversee the day-to-day operations at EMO.
- **EMO DIRECTOR POSITION:**
 - A Search Committee of seven (7) individuals, including representatives and stakeholders from key county departments closely related to public safety, the Fire Advisory Board, Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Services, and the Auburn Fire Department reviewed the pool of twenty-one applicants and selected a short list of 6-8 candidates to interview
- **EMO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER POSITION:**
 - The Civil Service test for the entry-level EMO Administrative Officer-EMS position was on Saturday, September 28th. An applicant approved by Civil Service who had initially accepted the position provisionally and was scheduled to start on October 7th ultimately declined the position and did not take the exam. Unfortunately, only two (2) candidates took the September 28th Civil Service Test. Results from the test will likely be available some time in December.
- **FIRE TRAINING TOWER UPDATE:**
 - Technical repairs needed to secure current and future use of the Fire Tower as a training facility for fire personnel throughout the County are well underway. Utilizing existing state grant funds and in-kind/volunteer work by coordinators, fire personnel, and work crews from the county jail, new equipment is being installed and certified and long overdue repairs are being made.
- **EMO EMERGENCY PLANNING GRANTS:**
 - The E-911 Administrator continues to administer open EMO state grants, working closely with the temporary Administrative Assistant, state grant representatives and ES coordinators.
 - Included in the current grants are funds to update important Emergency Preparedness Plans including the County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (“CEMP”) and the Countywide Hazard Mitigation Grant (“County HazMit Plan”).
 - The CEMP Planning Grant is well underway with participation by County staff, state Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the professional consultant (Tetra-Tech). We are utilizing this opportunity to also finalize (and update) the County's Continuity of Operations Plan (“COOP”) working closely with county departments and the State OEM personnel.
 - Planning staff is working to assess and procure a professional consultant to work with staff and the new EMO Director on updating the 2014 County HazMit Plan. The County must have an updated HazMit Plan to remain eligible for certain federal and state emergency management funds, including FEMA disaster relief funding

(Spingler Update on EMO)

- Grant Awards Received
 - FY18 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Grant – 73k
 - FY19 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant - \$5,172
- Completed application for EMPG Grant
- Conducting EM Director interviews
- Tabletop drills completed
 - Well received by County / City staff
 - Working with State OEM to develop checklists/toolboxes for each department

EMO RESOLUTIONS:

10-19-JP-6 Authorizing the Chairperson of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Cayuga County E-911 Administrator to accept a New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant to enhance the All Hazards Preparedness and Response Capabilities of Cayuga County, and to authorize the Cayuga County Treasurer to amend the Emergency Management 2020 Budget (A3640) by creating a revenue and a contractual line in order to accept and execute the purposes of the grant.

10-19-JP-7 Authorizing the Chairperson of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Cayuga County E-911 Administrator to accept a New York State Technical Rescue and Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Grant. Funding is through the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services State Homeland Security Program. To authorize the Cayuga County Treasurer to amend the Emergency Management 2020 Budget (A3640) by creating a revenue and a contractual line in order to accept and execute the purposes of the grant.

10-19-JP-8 Authorizing the Chairperson of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Cayuga County E-911 Administrator to accept a New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services FY19 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) to enhance All Hazards Preparedness, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery.

Keith Batman motioned to bundle, approve and move resolutions 10-19-JP-6, 10-19-JP-7, and 10-19-JP-8, 2nd by Joseph Bennett. All members presented voted in favor, passed.

Lloyd Hoskins (Assigned Counsel/Stop DWI) – No updates

Dr. Adam Duckett (Coroner) – No updates

Jay DeWispelaere (Probation) – No updates

ADJOURNMENT: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 to follow Planning

Keith Batman motioned to adjourn the Judicial and Public Safety Committee meeting at 7:10 p.m., 2nd by Michael Didio. All members present voted in favor of the motion, passed.

Next Judicial and Public Safety is scheduled for November 13, 2019 following the Planning and Economic Development Meeting at the Cayuga County Office Building, Sixth Floor County Chambers, 160 Genesee Street, Auburn, New York 13021

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne Gauthier, Administrative Assistant
Cayuga County Department of Planning and Economic Development