

PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
April 5, 2021

The Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met remotely on Monday, April 5, 2021 via Zoom Videoconferencing.

Members Present: S. Baker (Chair), G. Baldwin, M. Pasquale, B. Weslar, M. Whalen

Members Absent: None

Others Present: D. Reynolds, M. Hilderbrant, A. Martin, C. Hall, M. Tanzini, R. O'Donnell, Legislature; C. Wagner, County Exec's Office; J. Knebel, OMB; M. Heefner, Aviation; M. Korchak, DA; L. Boulton, DPW; N. Haight, OES; T. Carey, K. Zumbach, Probation; M. Baker, Public Defender; D. Harder, R. Holdrege, Sheriff; D. Stefani, EMC; V. Gialanella, Town of Vestal Resident

The Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:00 PM. Mr. Weslar made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Pasquale.

The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#14 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#16 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE DISCOVERY FUNDS FOR BROOME COUNTY FOR 2020-2021](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#17 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FROM THE UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY, INC.](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#18 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BROOME COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND TIOGA, CORTLAND, TOMPKINS, CAYUGA AND ONONDAGA COUNTIES](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#19 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE PRE-TRIAL RELEASE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2020-2021](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#20 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE ENHANCED INDIGENT DEFENSE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2021](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CBH MEDICAL P.C. FOR MEDICAL SERVICES AT THE BROOME COUNTY JAIL FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR 2019-2021

Answering a question from Mr. Whalen, Mr. Holdrege stated that since April 2020 CBH Medical owes/would have owed \$302,000 in minimum staffing penalties. He further stated that there has been a request to waive those penalties dating back to that time period. Mr. O'Donnell stated that this Resolution before the Committee would only waive the fees for January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. Answering a question from Mr. Baker, Mr. Holdrege stated that the County Executive waived the fees for 2020 through either an executive order or emergency order in consultation with the Law Department. Mr. Pasquale asked if it was done that way in 2020, why is the Resolution necessary for 2021. Mr. Reynolds also asked who has the authority to modify or change this contract and whether or not that executive or emergency order was still in effect. Mr. Martin stated that a copy of the executive or emergency order had been requested but had not yet been received. With several questions remaining outstanding, Mr. Pasquale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weslar to table the Resolution to a date uncertain so the Legislature could obtain further information from the Sheriff and Law Department.

Motion to table to a date uncertain carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR HOUSING OF BROOME COUNTY INMATES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR 2021-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHENANGO COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR HOUSING OF BROOME COUNTY INMATES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR 2021-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE US MARSHALS FALCON PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2020-2021

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE US MARSHALS OPERATION BROOME 2021 PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Pasquale, seconded by Mr. Weslar. The meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM.