

PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2018

The Public Safety and Emergency Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Monday, April 9, 2018 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: S. Baker (Chair), C. O'Brien (Voting Representative for M. Pasquale), G. Baldwin, D.D. Reynolds, R. Heebner

Members Absent: None

Others Present: A. Martin, J. Bertoni, R. Weslar, Legislature; K. McManus, C. Kramer, County Exec's Office; J. Knebel, S. Kane, OMB; M. Baker, Public Defender's Office; L. Boulton, DPW; G. Kilmer, Transit; J. Dadamio, Security; M. Ponticiello, J. Buckler, OES; E. Janis, M. Smolinsky, Sheriff's Office; C. Marion, STOP-DWI; J. Worhach, District Attorney's Office; J. Shapiro, Office of Court Administration; M. Fedish, G. Thomas, Magistrate's Association; T. Dellapenna, Risk; M. Heefner, Aviation

The Public Safety and Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:05 PM. Mr. Baldwin made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Ms. O'Brien.

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

#10 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR STOP-DWI'S STATE FARM TEEN TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY FOR 2018](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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#11 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2018 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2018-2019](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#12 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2018](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#25 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE DIVISION OF SECURITY FOR 2016-2018](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#39 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2017-2019](#)

Responding to a question from the Committee, the Acting Public Defender stated that New York State is taking over the funding of Indigent Legal Services and expects the funding to come into effect over the next couple years.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#40 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING COUNTY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3006 WAYNE STREET, ENDWELL AS “THE MICHAEL F. ASWAD EMERGENCY SERVICES SPECIAL OPERATIONS AND TRAINING FACILITY”

Responding to questions from the Committee, the Fire Coordinator presented a brief background of Michael F. Aswad and stated invitations to the Dedication Ceremony will be forwarded to members of the Legislature forthwith.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#41 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A HOME RULE REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT OF NEW YORK STATE CORRECTIONS LAW § 500-A AND § 500-C TO AUTHORIZE THE BROOME COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TO HOLD PERSONS UNDER ARREST FOR ARRAIGNMENT IN ANY COURT LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BROOME

At the request of the Chair, the Acting Public Defender gave a brief overview of the history, content and expectations of the proposed amendment. Responding to a question from the Committee, the Acting Public Defender stated the current intake housing at the Broome County Jail is perfect for the proposal and will not need any new improvements, upgrades or remodeling to facilitate the amendment, which was confirmed by Corrections Major Smolinsky. Major Smolinsky further stated that the Sheriff's Office would need to hire an additional 5.1 Corrections Officers to implement the proposal. In response to a follow up question, the Undersheriff stated the Sheriff's Office would need to hire 5 new Corrections Officers, as opposed to 6. Responding to a question from the Chair, the Acting Public Defender, the Undersheriff and the Office of Court Administration representative each stated they anticipated no additional procedural, personnel or capital costs to be involved with the implementation of the New York State Corrections Law 500-C plan.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#43 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Responding to a question from the Committee, the Community Relations Director stated the proposed change will allow the District Attorney to find assistants that are more experienced with legal work.

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. Baldwin, seconded by Ms. O'Brien. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM.