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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES – DECEMBER 12, 2022 MARK A. OLSON, CHAIRMAN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ryan, Mr. Knapp, Mr. McBride, Mr. Garland

ALSO ATTENDING: Chairman Rowley, Ms. Kuhn; (see also attached)

Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. *The minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed, and there were no objections to waiving the reading. There were no corrections to the minutes, and the minutes were approved.*

1. APPOINTMENT:

a. **Confirming Appointment to the Onondaga County Justice Center Oversight Committee (Nicole Stroud Godfrey)**

- County Executive Appointment

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Garland, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

2. DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Barry Weiss, Administrative Officer

a. **2022 Transfer Resolution (\$3,420)**

- 2nd transfer; based on all travel related, more witnesses
- Price increases; seeing with travel budget; homicide trials, moving people in and out
- Is this for witness travel?
 - This is a transfer for travel budget which includes witnesses and professional staff

A motion was made by Mr. McBride, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED

3. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Dan Wears, Commissioner

a. **Amending the 2022 County Budget to Accept Grant Funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Renovations and Upgrades to the Department of Emergency Management Emergency Operations Center Located at 420 Electronics Parkway (\$1,000,000)**

- Received formal acceptance of federal separation grant program utilized for renovation for Electronics Parkway and have received award letter from FEMA a month ago, for contract

Tour update:

- Facilities is working with engineer to finish design drawing and bid documents
- Near end, drawings done by December or early next month
- Everything is on schedule; transition looking like late fall

- Asbestos Batt is completed
- Waiting on contract delivery

A motion was made by Mr. McBride, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED

Questions and Comments:

- What is timeframe of when they put out for bid and acceptance of when they will work on it?
 - About 1-2 months, if all goes well, could be longer; not a lot of structural work, mostly interior work
 - Maybe this time next year
 - Majority of the work is mechanical
 - Delivery of HVAC equipment could be the biggest holdup; could be up to 40 weeks
 - A lot of training space will be available

b. 2022 Transfer Resolution (\$25,000)

- Transfer from contingency to Operating Budget
- Work with fire departments throughout the county on recruitment and retention numbers
- Best use of money, \$25,000 put into 2023 budget
- Work with vendor who specializes in fire department recruiting, centralized web-site for people looking for opportunities; direct them appropriately to a fire department in the area
- Vendor will be who specializes with recruiting, long term ability for fire department tie into; grow into different things as to what is happening in the county
- Vendor currently in use with the county; working well; model looking at when put bids together

Questions and Comments:

- As a member of fire department, it showed that recruitment doubled the number of applicants coming in; it is a different approach, showing of videos, showing different things that happened at the station; enticing in a different way than having an open house; it does work
- One way is to look at the data and look at back end and see when people contacted county, if people responded and want to volunteer, not always the best response, this will help with this; keeping track
- As far as vendors go is this the only vendor county is looking at?
 - It is the one most familiar with, when we put bid document together looking at how and what they do; this will have to go to the public
- What agency, is it all of them?
 - The initial look at different agencies, one centralized location; this is my address, that person wants to volunteer, see where they live, what agency they would be; coordinate information and stream line so not lost
 - Is \$25,000 enough, there is a lot of volunteer fire fighters understaffed
 - There is the 2023 budget, spend more money, (idea of centralized effort, 53 fire departments throughout the county could tap into that; cost less), give people that option, feed off of that for centralized program
 - There is money in that and is successful; something to budget for next year

A motion was made by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED

4. SHERIFF: Dr. Karen Buck, Contract Compliance Administrator

a. Amending the 2022 County Budget to Accept Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program Grant Funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (\$1,229,781).

Amending the 2022 County Budget to Accept:

- Grant awarded is a little over 1.2M for 3 years
 - 73% to enhance in custody and community base relation for individuals incarceration that are released

- 15% allocated to pure recovery support services
- 12% for establishing a partner in research

Questions and Comments:

- What is partner in research, is there an example?
 - Syracuse University Maxwell School, someone that could come in and evaluate the program, give county indication of where doing well, where there is a need to improve
 - Continue after no longer having grant funding
- NYS had put a law into effect; have to offer MAT Services to those incarcerated
- Average 100 individuals monthly who are participating in the program
- This the first time the county received a grant like this
 - The county is aware of and looking at finance books. County has never applied for this, but did this time
- Was it because Opioid was not a priority until now; something everyone is aware of
 - Prior to NYS requiring by law the county was offering MAT Services in jail, as smaller scale and NYS has criteria the county has to meet; need this level of funding to meet requirements; costly endeavor
- Mr. Ryan asked what MAT Services stood for
 - MAT Services Stands for (Medication-Assisted Treatment)
 - Covers Opioid addiction and alcohol addiction
- For those incarcerated?
 - Yes, participate in programs through medications, counseling, etc. but most importantly transitioning back into community and support services that the county has put into place
- How has this been working, tracking them?
 - County has not been tracking, that is where the research will be, the county is looking at citizen rates for related charges, many with multiple charges, it is difficult coming back through the system, and not an extension of them still be addictive; trying to get appropriate data
- Partnering with Crouse, any challenges with Upstate/Crouse merger?
 - None that the county can see, Upstate does not have the OTP services that Crouse does, been fortunate when the state put the wrong place, and they do grant some monies to county so able to contract with Crouse many of the criteria of the program. The county was accepted by NYS, as many in NYS were not accepted
- When someone is released to get the help they need, they do not continue to abuse and end up back in the criminal justice system
 - That is the goal, one can choose which provider they want, Crouse, Helio Health, or else, the county looks at social detriments, employment, insurance; hurdle is working with Medicaid, working with all of that for the transition

A motion was made by Mr. Garland, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED

b. Informational: Health Care RFP

- RFP will follow county RFP process
- Contracts are for 3 years with a 1 year option extension
- Decisions made for county to seek new vendor, some challenges with this vendor in NYS, did not have the resources and or were familiar with our laws to be effective in providing services

Questions and comments:

- RFP was prepared, put out that current vendor did not bid again
 - Not interested in rebidding the contract
 - The county process is that the county does an evaluation to the stakeholders based on terms of the RFP
 - Recommendation was made, no signed contract yet; do not know what stakeholders decided
- If there is a merger with county jail and justice center, will it overwhelm the services?
 - There are 3 facilities included, Justice Center, Jamesville, and Hillbrook, all three are part of that contract
- A new provider will take over
 - 12/31/2022 at midnight

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kaminski

DEBBIE KAMINSKI Assistant Clerk
Onondaga County Legislature

ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2022

NAME (Please Print)	DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
<i>Brian Wiers</i>	<i>District Attorney's Office</i>
<i>Toby Shelley</i>	<i>Sheriff-Elect</i>
<i>Maiream Murphy</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Karen Buck</i>	<i>OC&O</i>
<i>Dan Wears</i>	<i>EM</i>