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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES – JULY 16, 2024 **MARK A. OLSON, CHAIR**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. McCarron, Mr. Garland, Ms. Hernandez

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Bush

ALSO ATTENDING: Chairman Burtis, Mr. Romeo, Mr. Brown; also see attached

Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., and the previous meeting's minutes were approved.

1. **SHERIFF:** Lisa Dell, Chief, Civil Department; Maureen Murphy, Chief of Administration
 - a. **Amending the 2024 Onondaga County Budget to Accept Grant Funds from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (\$100,000)**
 - b. **Personnel Resolution**

PURPOSE: Amend the 2024 County Budget to accept \$100,000 in New York State Division of Criminal Justice Service's Public Safety Program grant funds and to utilize these funds to create and fund the position of Director of Support Services.

OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN: New York State Senator John Mannion provided the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) with a grant of \$100,000, administered by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Service's Public Safety Program, for operating expenses to support a mental health initiative for officers through OCSO. OCSO desires to utilize said grant funding to create and fund the position of Director of Support Services to support law enforcement personnel who deal with critical and traumatic incidents on a regular basis and their mental health, which services would be shared with all Onondaga County town and village law enforcement partners.

FUNDING SOURCE: Funding for this initiative is provided by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services under the Public Safety Program.

BUDGET: 641010-Regular Employee Salaries-\$100,000; Director of Support Services-Gr 35 (\$87,377-\$115,833)

- Create position – Director of Support Services
- Goal to make this person available for all law enforcement agencies within the county

Questions/Comments from the committee:

- Is this like an EAP position for law enforcement members?
 - Yes, someone to assist with needs
- Is this similar to what Josh Cxyz is doing for the Sheriff's Office?
 - It is similar
- Is Mr. Cxyz being paid on any budget lines?
 - Currently paid on contract (his contract cannot be renewed again)
 - Essentially this will replace the contract line
- Will this be reoccurring?
 - Sheriff spoke with Governor about this; it will be for all emergency services in region (not just law enforcement)

- Regional position funded yearly from state
- Sheriff's would have to come forward and allocate different funds if they wanted to continue without grant funding
- Is this open to fire and EMS?
 - Yes, regional for all emergency services
 - Without continued funding, it is a challenge to get someone to accept job for 1 year (no job security)

A motion was made by Mr. McCarron, seconded by Ms. Hernandez, to approve item 1a. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Mr. McCarron, seconded by Ms. Hernandez, to approve item 1b. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

c. Amending the 2024 Onondaga County Budget to Accept Grant Funds from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Law Enforcement Technology Program (\$342,006)

PURPOSE: Amend the 2024 County Budget to accept \$342,006.19 in Law Enforcement Technology (LETECH) Program funds from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to assist OCSO with the acquisition of qualified law enforcement technology and equipment (e.g., cameras, drones, computers, batteries).

OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN: OCSO's Law Enforcement Technology (LETECH) program will allow OCSO to modernize operations and effectively solve and prevent crime with the acquisition of new technology and equipment.

FUNDING SOURCE: Funding for this initiative is provided by the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services under the State's Law Enforcement Technology (LETECH) Program.

BUDGET: \$342,006.19

A motion was made by Mr. McCarron, seconded by Mr. Garland, to approve this item.

- Took around 9-10 months to receive after applying

A vote was taken on the item. ***Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.***

2. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Daniel Wears, Commissioner

a. Amending the 2024 County Budget to Accept and Make Available Funds to Replace the County's Mobile Command Vehicle (\$846,000)

PURPOSE: To accept Federal grant funds in the amount of \$423,000 and to modify the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget to transfer \$423,000 into a project account identified by the Office of Management and Budget for the purpose of replacing our mobile command vehicle and associated hardware/technology components.

OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN: This funding provides a critical emergency services resource that is available to all local municipalities and emergency service organizations to support response and recovery to large-scale incidents and pre-planned events in the county. The vehicle has been a critical asset to the County during responses to hazardous materials incidents, law enforcement responses, assisted living center evacuation, the COVID-19 pandemic and other events. The vehicle provides a centralized location to coordinate all public safety disciplines and supporting, non-governmental agencies involved in the response. In addition to purchasing the vehicle, some additional hardware will need to be procured to ensure the vehicle is compatible with the County's mobile radio network and IT infrastructure.

FUNDING SOURCE: \$423,000- United States Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
\$423,000- Local Funding

BUDGET: \$846,000

- Command vehicle ~21 years old and used for (i.e.) special events, law enforcement incidents, assisted living evacuations
- \$846,000 includes items EM will provide for build out of vehicle (i.e. IT switches, phones); all included
- Met with 4 vendors on GSA contract; in discussion with Farber, who built current vehicle – most bang for buck
 - \$75,000 trade in for existing vehicle, built into the number
- Available to any public safety agency in county
- Lead time – could be in production in December and would have in April

A motion was made by Mr. McCarron, seconded by Ms. Hernandez, to approve this item.

- Cost of the current mobile command vehicle when purchased was ~\$500,000

A vote was taken on the item. **Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.**

3. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS (911): Julie Corn, Commissioner; Sean Sparks, Public Safety Shift Supervisor

a. Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property in the Town of Elbridge for a Communications Tower (\$7,096.09)

- 17 years ago, looked at land in town of Elbridge to purchase for tower, but nothing available where tower would go
- Entered lease with Eagle Point Farm and now in 17th year of agreement
- Lease included right of first refusal if landowner sells property – have to offer to county first
- It is in county’s best interest to purchase the land
- To date paid \$58,140 with cost for this year at \$4,453; by the end of the automatic renewals built in the lease through 2033, county will have paid \$102,473.29
- Purchase price of \$7,393 is quite reasonable and would amortize in under 2 years
- Law
 - Property as it sits today would cost \$6,724 which includes the access road and 50x50 site
 - Built in opportunity to make it 75x75 for buffer room – additional with right-of-way is \$7,096
 - Put in notice to owner; 30 days to exercise right and 60 days to close
 - If new farmer does not want to cross the right-of-way, then the county could work out easement for right-of-way
 - Once purchased, it should be an automatic subdivision process; will work with town of Elbridge
 - No appraisal is needed as the agreement locks the county into what the new third party purchaser would pay
 - Equivalent value per square inch

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMIE McNAMARA, Clerk
Onondaga County Legislature

ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: JULY 16, 2024

NAME (Please Print)	DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
Sean Sparks	E911
Dan Weas	EM
Darcie Lesniak	Leg
Jason Dean	Finance
Jeremy Yang/Lisa Dell	OCSO
Patty Gonzalez	Comp
Anne Laughlin	Comp
Maura Murphy	OCSO
Julie Corn	911
Esteban Gonzalez	911
Sheriff Shelley	OCSO
Tom Newton	OCSO