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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REVIEW OF THE 2019 TENTATIVE BUDGET PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE DEPARTMENTS - SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 BRIAN F. MAY, CHAIRMAN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Jordan, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Plochocki, Mrs. Ervin, Ms. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Ryan

ALSO ATTENDING: Mr. Rowley, Mr. Burtis, Mrs. Tassone, Ms. Cody, Mr. Buckel, Dr. Chase, Mr. Holmquist, Mr. McBride, Mr. Bush; also see attached list

Chairman May called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Chairman May:

- Thanked Mr. Morgan for the financial crosswalk (**see pg. 12**) for various departments with a Raise the Age (RTA) component in their budget, want to confirm we will receive something along those lines for positions

Mr. Morgan:

- Yes for both RTA and other position movements - should have it today

Chairman May:

- Mentioned this now so that we don't get too bogged down in the positions, need a big and small picture for each department affected

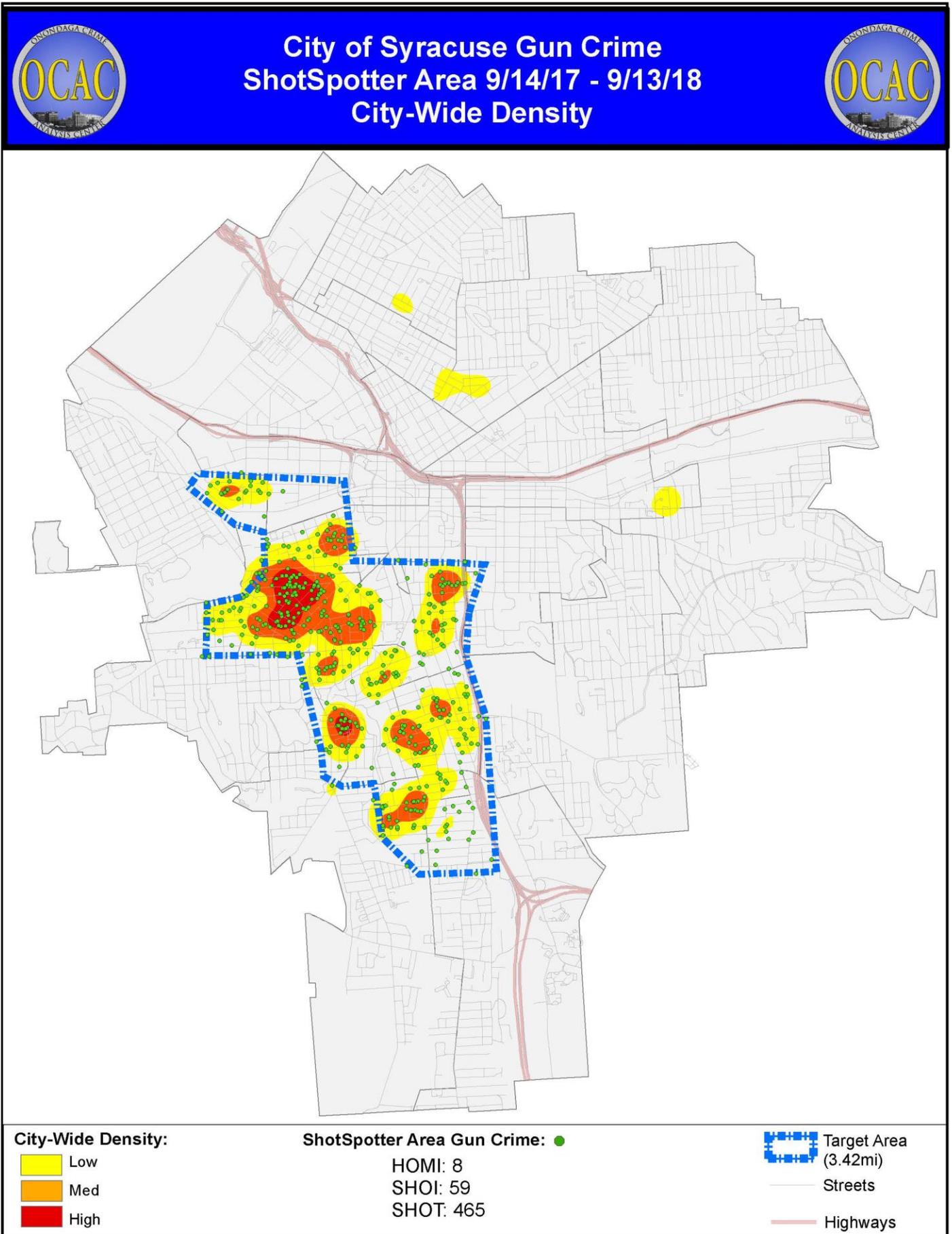
DISTRICT ATTORNEY, pg. 3-63: Dominic Trunfio, Deputy District Attorney; Barry Weiss, Administrative Officer

Onondaga County District Attorney's Office 2019 Budget: Factors Driving Need and Changes

1. Increase in traditional workload
 - a. We have seen a **40% workload increase** in the last 15 years
 - b. **Increase in gun crimes and gun violence**
 - c. Increase in Homicides (**Onondaga County continues to have the highest homicide rate in the entire state**)
 - d. Increase in complicated white collar, embezzlement and tax cases
 - e. **DWAI/Drug cases have increased significantly** due to opioid crisis/rise in drug abuse
 - f. We continue to experience steady increases in indictments as well as felony and misdemeanor trials. 2017 was a **record year for felony trials with 62**.
 - g. Leandra's Law requires DA's Office to be responsible for monitoring interlock devices placed on cars following DWI convictions.
2. Changes in State Law, unfunded mandates, as well as several new specialized "boutique" courts created by the Office of Court Administration, in addition to the numerous existing ones. All of these new courts require specialized review and decision making to address the specific issues that are present in their cases.
 - a. **Raise the Age Legislation** which will also result in a **new Youth Part-** starting October 1, 2018
 - b. **Centralized Arraignment Part-** started December 17, 2017
 - c. **Syracuse Recovery Court-** planned to start by end of 2018
 - d. **Court for Addiction Recovery and Education (Opioid Court)-** planned to start by end of 2018
 - e. Plans for a **New Mental Health Court**
 - f. Plans for a **New Veteran's Court**

3. Increase **Gun and Gang related violence** and other **gang-related criminal activity** including shots fired, homicides and shots with injury caused by turf wars. Gangs are also moving into financial crime to supplement more traditional sources of income from narcotics, firearms and human trafficking.
 - a. Gun crimes including gun possession, shots with injury and homicides have continued to increase. Shots fired incidents have increased due to better detection via “ShotSpotter,” which only covers 3% of the City of Syracuse.
 - b. **Increase in forged check and cloned credit card cases** as a result of gangs targeting drug users to swipe cloned credit cards or to cash forged checks in exchange for a fee in order to insulate themselves from criminal liability.
4. Opioid Crisis and Opioid/fentanyl related deaths
 - a. We are seeing an **overall increase in narcotics cases and trafficking heroin and fentanyl**
 - b. Newly enhanced investigation strategy to investigate opioid and fentanyl related overdoses as potential homicides.
5. Increase and enhanced response to Officer Involved Shooting Cases
 - a. We are the lead agency in investigating **every officer involved shooting in the county**. We have implemented a protocol that covers actions from incident to grand jury investigation through to public announcement of findings, requiring an **OIS Response Team**, members of which have specialized training and expertise in force science.
 - b. We have responded to and investigated **13 Officer Involved Shooting investigations** since 2016, including 3 which involved fatalities and several with injuries, all performed ensuring justice, transparency and public confidence.
6. Dramatic increase in volume of Appeals and Appellate work
 - a. Our Law & Appeals Bureau is already experiencing a **significantly higher rate of direct appeals and post-conviction motions filed in 2018**. This trend is expected to **continue to increase over the next three years**. The direct cause for this substantial increase in filings is the Hiscock Legal Aid Society’s “Appeal Backlog Reduction Plan,” funded by the resources from the *Hurrell-Harring* settlement. In addition to increasing its roster to 8-10 staff appellate attorneys, they have contracted with an additional 13 private practitioners to litigate criminal appeals. It is anticipated that an additional 60 appellate briefs will be filed in 2019.
7. Steady **increase in requests for Internal Affairs/Criminal investigations** for other police agencies, corrections department, probation department and other county agencies. (**More than 25 performed from 2017 to date**)
8. Steady increase in witness expenses, expert fees and other costs out of our control
 - a. Increase in use of expert testimony
 - b. Witness travel and lodging
 - c. Increase in witness security, transport & lodging do to witness intimidation, interference, tampering and elimination
 - d. Transcript fees and Interpreter costs
9. Steady increase in need for new technology and to update existing technology and software
 - a. Video-recorded suspect interviews
 - b. Body Worn Cameras (**#of police body worn cameras has doubled in just one year and will continue to increase**)
 - c. Courtroom Technology
10. **Proactive Leadership**: We continue to provide strong leadership on the county and state level, chairing important committees, task forces and creating innovative & proactive initiatives designed to assist and protect our citizens, which include school shooting safety plans, reducing gun& gang violence in the city, prescription drug/opioid abuse, narcotics trafficking, internet safety and internet crimes against children, crimes against revenue, and diversion programs and bail reduction policies which keep low-level offenders out of the criminal justice system. Through this leadership we continue to bring millions of dollars of law enforcement grants into the county. All of these **initiatives save taxpayer dollars**. Finally, we require staff to be on-call 24 hours a day and staff town & village justice courts and neighborhood watch groups without additional compensation.

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Talking points were not provided for the record.

Mr. Trunfio played 2 recordings of guns shots being fired and stated gang activity and the other aspects of it are the driving factors in this budget.

Chairman May:

- What are the big additions aside from RTA increases

Mr. Trunfio:

- 2 ADA positions added for RTA and Centralized Arraignment Part

Chairman May:

- Also have 1 double encumbered position; Ways and Means is still working out the process by which we will maintain visibility

Mr. Jordan:

- Elaborate on the need for additional RTA ADA positions

Mr. Trunfio:

- Caseload may be the same but it is more time intensive, like all specialized courts it requires a certain level of expertise in that area, the ADA will decide which cases remain in the criminal justice system where there is accountability or go to family court where there is no accountability

Chairman May:

- Will this person be dedicated to that task?

Mr. Trunfio:

- Yes

Mr. Knapp:

- Does the ShotSpotter system triangulate so that you can pinpoint?

Mr. Trunfio:

- Yes

Mr. Knapp

- How is centralized booking going and are we creating a position just for that?

Mr. Trunfio:

- Funding a position we already had, only creating a position for RTA; settlement mandated all courts be staffed, created Centralized Part to save taxpayer dollars, problem is court starts when the workday ends and goes until 10:00 or 11:00 p.m., just the first-year, things have to iron out, will run smoothly, currently taking ADA out of day rotation for the evening

Mr. Morgan:

- Aside from that position the Law department's budget funds security - added \$109,000

Chairman May:

- Clarified those funds are not coming out of the settlement money

Mr. Trunfio:

- Despite the fact that the settlement was supposed to make the system better they refuse to give money to any agency other than Assigned Counsel

Mr. Knapp:

- Doe this budget include funds for the retrial of the high profile case currently in the appeal process

Mr. Trunfio:

- Have to see where we stand, confident in the appeal process, the amount will have to be determined at that time if needed, the trail would probably not happen until the end of 2019 or into 2020

In answer to Mrs. Ervin, Ms. Rooney confirmed that the RTA ADA position is reimbursed by the state. Mrs. Ervin stated that it is not impacting this budget. Mr. Knapp clarified for now. Mrs. Ervin said that everything is for now and they are talking about this budget today.

Mr. Rowley:

- Comment on the significant increase to professional services and other miscellaneous revenue in the grants budget

Mr. Morgan:

- Anticipated grants, not certain we will get them

Mr. Trunfio:

- Crimes Against Revenue is one of the grants - if we don't get the grant the forensic auditor positions won't happen

Mr. Buckel:

- Has your experience with the centralized booking changed your view on forming a district court?

Mr. Trunfio:

- Have always been an advocate for district courts, centralized arraignment has shown services consolidated with a strategy can work, one step to better efficiency, makes sense from an economic standpoint

Mr. Knapp:

- Referenced the Town of LaFayette's judicial history; a very serious discussion will be needed before eliminating town and village courts – there is efficiency but there is the right thing also

Mr. Plochocki:

- Anything nonfinancial the legislature could do to help with the number of appeals

Mr. Trunfio:

- Deliberate effort with regard to ethics in our office, all criminals have the right to an appeal, we are making due, haven't asked for an additional appeals person despite knowing this is coming, very frugal, don't ask for a body unless we need it - RTA and appeals will be hitting us hard
- Understanding all the issues and keeping the lines of communications open is helpful, also putting pressure the state to stop unfunded mandates

Mr. Knapp:

- Communication has been great and is key – better to know ahead

Chairman May:

- Speak to the 103 increase

Mr. Trunfio:

- Now need people after hours, due to the dynamics of trying to locate people, can't simply serve people subpoenas between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., use sworn and armed officers with dependable vehicles to go into bad neighborhoods at night - all related to trying to serve more than 6,000 subpoenas

Chairman May requested an email be sent to Mrs. Stanczyk detailing the 6 positions they plan to unfund.

Chairman May said that Emergency Communications and Emergency Management will be taken together as that is how it is presented in the budget. He then deferred to them as to how it should be presented.

EMERGENCY SERVICES 4-9: William Bleyle, Commissioner – Emergency Communications; Carl Loerzel, Deputy Commissioner - Emergency Communications; Daniel Wears, Commissioner – Emergency Management; Sandra Miller-Martens, Administrative Officer – Financial Operations

Emergency Services Funding Adjustments

The following funding adjustments from FY 2018 are necessary to support the FY 2019 program:

Appropriation Adjustments

▪ Personnel

Net personnel funding increased by \$251,481 due to salary and wage adjustments

- **Supplies**

Increased \$75,240 for Medical CPR cards

- **Maint, Utilities, Rents**

Increased \$80,093 for Operational System maintenance contract costs

- **Automotive Equipment**

Funding to support the purchase of two vehicles in the amount of \$55,911, one of which is covered 46% by grant funds

Revenue Adjustments

- **Non Real Prop Tax Items**

Decreased by \$457,664 due to the sunset as of July 2019 of the provision written into NYS Law authorizing the collection of an additional \$.65 surcharge on wireline telephones for the purpose of funding the build out of Onondaga County Interoperable Communications System (OCICS) digital trunked radio system. The remaining decrease is due to the trend of NYS wireless surcharges are less than anticipated

- **Permits**

Increased by \$100,000 for the collection of building permit fees

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No talking points were provided for the record.

Mr. Knapp:

- What type of building permits are involved?

Mr. Wears:

- Any building construction permit or major renovation done on a county-owned and operated facility including OCC

Mr. Knapp:

- Asked for an update on consolidation of our 911 services with surrounding counties

Mr. Bleyle:

- Cost of technology is increasing rapidly, Americans communicate differently, technology is changing and we have to keep pace; Madison County has a potential interest in consolidating, want to see if any long or short term saving can be gained, received grant funding for study, RFP was put out about 3 weeks ago, worked together to ensure needs of both counties, response deadline is October 3rd, will work with review panel to review the study partners, hope to move quickly on the study, perhaps have an idea by yearend whether this would be feasible to improve service or save money for both counties

Mr. Knapp:

- Asked if the study could be used as a template for other counties if there was some interest down the road, i.e. Cortland, Cayuga, Oswego, etc.

Mr. Bleyle:

- Absolutely, from time to time sat with other counties who have expressed interest; believe it is only a matter of time before there is a move to regional 911 centers

Mr. Knapp:

- The cost of technology will drive this; has there been any discussion about combining Emergency Management operations with surrounding neighbors

Mr. Wears:

- Not the department in general, share a number of things so that we are not all duplicating efforts, particularly on special operations, i.e. hazardous materials response, city has the core team with the highest level of training and equipment, then Onondaga, Madison, and Oswego all have a lower level of training equipment and support each other in response

Mr. Jordan:

- What is the reason for the supplies and materials increase on the Emergency Management side?

Mr. Wears:

- CPR cards, has corresponding revenue; have no control as the American Heart Association sets the purchase price and increased the cost from \$2.50 to \$17.00 each

Mr. Jordan:

- Elaborate on the reason for the maintenance, utilities and rents increase of almost \$80,000 from the 2018 adopted budget

Mr. Bleyle:

- Number of reasons, the biggest driver is the increase in maintenance contracts which are maintained by third parties and come with annual maintenance cost increases, generally ask for 10 year maintenance quotes so that there is stable maintenance up front, do what we can to control that, also have workstations that are outside of the warranty period, starting to need repair and having to pay additional costs for replacement of those

Mr. Jordan:

- If there is a 10 year flat rate there should be no increase

Mr. Bleyle:

- The center has a tremendous amount of technology, as new technology is acquired we attempt to get flat rate maintenance contracts, not always able to do so; most 911 technology is proprietary so only one person can supply the repairs, parts, software, and other things, very careful in trying to stabilize those costs but most vendors have cost increases over time

Mr. Rowley:

- We provide radios to all municipalities and agencies within Onondaga County and some outside, and we support those - correct

Mr. Bleyle:

- The county went to a new radio system in 2010 and the bonding provided new subscriber radios, since the original issuance any replacements, repairs, or new needs are picked up by the agency, the county issues a maintenance contract via bid that stabilizes maintenance rates so that all those entities can take advantage of those rates

Mr. Rowley:

- Do any school districts participate in the radio system and, if not, is there capacity for them to do so?

Mr. Bleyle:

- A number of school districts participate; just within Onondaga County 160 agencies use our system, it is truly an interoperable radio system

Chairman May asked both departments to email Mrs. Stanczyk with positions they will be unfunding as part of this budget prior to the Personnel discussions later in the week. Mr. Morgan stated that he would provide a master list for the county as a whole. Chairman May thanked Mr. Morgan for clarifying.

Chairman May asked that the number for employees enrolled in the personal emergency notification system be emailed to Mrs. Stanczyk.

Chairman May:

- Surcharge revenue is down

Mr. Bleyle:

- Biggest hit is the sunset of the \$.65-cent surcharge on wireline phones July 2019, asking Assemblyman Magnarilli for his assistance in keeping the surcharge as the cost of operation will not go away; estimate 2020 being close to \$1.4 million dollars – a big hit

Chairman May:

- Had a number of retirees on the 103 line, what is the plan for 2019?

Mr. Bleyle:

- Historically use retirees to work part-time, per union agreement they receive the first crack at overtime, use part-timers to avoid having to pay overtime, much more cost-effective, not possible to train people off the street for part-time work, phone training is 7 weeks, 40 hours per week, and another 12-14 weeks

on the floor progressively working with another person and moving up to where they can work on their own, this is just to answer the phone, it does not include dispatch, no practical way to train part-time people of the street

Chairman May:

- Holistically repurposing close to \$900,000 to study a new location for the Sheriff's department and its serious needs, have you considered that process within your merger process, just want to know if there is dialogue and if it is part of your process

Ms. Rooney:

- Yes – have been in discussion with the Sheriff's office and the state about possible grant funding, would consider having all emergency response functions under one roof

Chairman May said that, holistically from his prospective, this is one of the higher-level challenges presented in this budget. Merging the departments instinctively makes sense but materially we are kind of where we were last year at this point, went to committee and started the process but this is something we have to get our heads around in a couple of weeks in order to be able to make a decision. Expectations as to when and how this would be discussed may have been slightly different at least from a timeline standpoint. It will be challenging as far as synchronizing something like this within our timeline. This may be a work in progress.

Chairman May called for a recess at 10:34 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:49 a.m.

PROBATION, pg. 4-53: Andrew Sicherman, Commissioner; Philip Galuppi, Deputy Commissioner; Patrick Bane, Account 2, Finance

Probation Department Funding Adjustments

The following funding adjustments from the FY 2018 are necessary to support the FY 2019 program:

Appropriation Adjustments

▪ Personnel

Net personnel funding increased by \$560,080 due to salary and wage adjustments for existing staff and the addition of 5 positions to comply with the Raise the Age Initiative

▪ Maint, Utilities, Rents

Net increase of \$7,433 due to \$5,000 increase in copy machine rent, \$1,000 increase for memberships to the Elbridge Rod & Gun Club, and \$1,433 in Electronic Home Confinement (EHC)

▪ Professional Services

Net increase \$147,250 due to a \$6,250 increase in costs related to Caseload Explorer, \$1,000 increased interpretation services, and \$140,000 increase to comply with the Raise the Age Initiative for Alternatives to Incarceration

▪ All Other Expenses

Net increase of \$82,860 due to a \$2,869 increase bank management charges and the addition of \$80,000 to comply with the Raise the Age Initiative ancillary and support services

▪ Travel & Training

Net increase of \$30,300 for \$10,000 Peace Officer training for existing Probation Department staff and \$20,300 for training, mileage and parking for Raise the Age staff

▪ Automotive Equipment

Net increase of \$98,000 to purchase 4 new Probation vehicles

Revenue Adjustments

▪ State Aid- Culture & Rec

Increased by \$699,328 to offset Raise the Age Initiative appropriations

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Talking points were not provided for the record.

Chairman May:

- Is the basis for all adjustments related to RTA?

Mr. Sichertman:

- Yes looked at estimates provided and ancillary costs for additional programming, i.e. electronic home confinement, special provision, all support services and graduated sanctions linked to the additional cases we will see

Chairman May:

- Will additional positions be filled as needed?

Mr. Sichertman:

- Plan to hire after the budget passes

Mr. Knapp:

- Kind of know the volume, just the rules have changed, will have to be handled differently, briefly describe how that will require extra bodies

Mr. Sichertman:

- Starting this October 16 year-olds with misdemeanor arrests will go through our intake process just as 13 -15 year-olds would now as a juvenile delinquent, then any felonies in the adolescent offender court, plan is for those cases to move down into family court unless there is an objection by the DA's office to keep those in that specialized court, should they be sent back down there will be an attempt to add adjustment, if that fails they will then follow the same path that family court case do now; the state has adopted a complex system, will be some challenges but are ready and excited, will have an opportunity to help keep some young people out of the adult system

Mr. Knapp:

- If the case goes through family court does it go to a different agency?

Mr. Sichertman:

- Depends on the disposition, if placement is ordered it would move to a different agency

Mr. Knapp:

- Are Jail Ministry program funds in your budget this year?

Mr. Sichertman:

- Yes - \$25,000; they do a great job

Mr. Jordan:

- What and why are bank management charges increasing so much?

Mr. Sichertman:

- More use of credit cards to pay fees and restitution, fees are associated with the use

Mr. Bane:

- Fees are based on the volume of credit card purchases - discount rate charged by the credit card company

Mr. Rowley:

- Purchasing 4 new vehicles, will they be marked Onondaga County Probation?

Mr. Sichertman:

- Yes

Chairman May:

- Part of the purpose of these cars is identification, very effective in showing you are out in the community watching and helping, particularly at community events

Mr. Sicherman:

- Have seen a real benefit from 1 vehicle, something new in the department which is appreciated, help at events, got to parks and pools, have seen reaction, helps when those being supervised know we are out there; also do unannounced home visits, not typical for probation departments in NYS, helps keep probationers on their toes and working their programs; we spend a lot of time doing assessments and creating supervision plans for clients but what makes Probation really work is both sides of the equation and holding them accountable

Chairman May:

- RTA is accounting for about half of the overall increase in the department, local dollars are up a little; is the price of marking the cars, gas, and insurance built into the budget someplace

Mr. Bane:

- In the interdepartmental budget

Chairman May:

- Will these be daily use vehicles?

Mr. Sicherman:

- In the process of looking at how to best deploy those vehicles – day to day use and home visits is a real possibility

Chairman May:

- Professional services related to RTA is up about \$140,000, what does it consist of

Mr. Sicherman:

- Programming - alternatives to incarceration, Special Supervision (SSP) which is a contract that helps us keep track of these folks when ordered by the court - additional visits to the home, helping check curfews, doing referrals, also all the equipment associated with Electronic Home Confinement (EHC) and additional dollars for monitoring; anticipate some 16 and 17 year-olds will be difficult cases, need additional tools to handle them and see some successes

Chairman May:

- Talk a little about the \$80,000 increase in all other expenses

Mr. Sicherman:

- Ancillary and support services cover many different things – increased dollars for interpreters, some transportation, drug tests, starting Interactive Journaling program a cognitive-based program to problem solve situations, generally done in groups but can be done individually, plan to bring into adult population as well, serves long-term dividends, also starting Girls Circle another cognitive program focused towards young women

Chairman May asked that a brief outline of their expectations for the cars be emailed.

SHERIFF, pg. 4-64: Sheriff Eugene Conway; Undersheriff Jason Cassalia; Joseph Ciciarelli, Chief - Police; William Hanna, Chief – Corrections; Ken Andrews, Chief - Civil; Captain Paula Pellizzari

Sheriff's Office Funding Adjustments

The following funding adjustments from the FY 2018 are necessary to support the FY 2019 program:

Appropriation Adjustments

▪ Personnel

Net personnel funding increased by \$1,802,373 due to salary and wage adjustments, creating a Crime Victim Specialist, a Transition Coordinator, a Police Deputy School Resource Officer and six Deputy Custody positions to comply with the Raise the Age Initiative

▪ Supplies & Materials

Increased by \$196,284 for supplies related to the Raise the Age Initiative, automotive supplies and inmates supplies

- **Contractual Expenses Non-Govt**

Increased by \$310,828 due to the Correct Care Solutions contract increase for Correctional Health Services

- **Maint, Utilities, Rents**

Decreased by \$68,578 due to miscellaneous department wide spending reduction

- **Professional Services**

Increased by \$45,762 for a correctional health medical services review based on the Justice Center Oversight Committee findings

- **Furn, Furnishings & Equip**

Increased by \$23,655 due to the purchase of LIVESCAN to comply with the Raise the Age Initiative

- **Provision for Capital Projects**

Decreased by \$164,196 since the department has finished paying off the lease for vehicles to the County

Revenue Adjustments

- **State Aid- Public Safety**

Increased by \$449,807 due to NYS reimbursable expenses related to implementation of Raise the Age

- **Svcs Other Govts- Public Safety**

Net revenue decreased for City Abstract Charges for the Justice Center due to a reconciliation item

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Talking points were not provided for the record.

Sheriff Conway:

- Chief Gonzalez, custody chief unable to attend, required to testify at a hearing
- Asked that the annual funding of \$75,000 be restored for the Air-1 maintenance; unique airframe maintenance issue will come up in the 2019 calendar year, occurs approximately every 8 years, estimated cost in the area of \$250,000, exact time is unknown as it is based upon the number of flight hours, not something that can be pushed off, will be required

Chairman May:

- \$325,000 total

Sheriff Conway:

- Yes

Mr. Rowley:

- Personnel increased \$1.8 million, \$449,000 of that is RTA related

Captain Pellizzari:

- 6 new custody deputy positions are related to RTA, also a Crime Victim Specialist, a Transition Coordinator and a Police Deputy that would serve as a school resource officer that is reimbursed by a school district

Mr. Rowley stated that all that was understood. His understanding was that RTA initiative was budget natural. If it is truly offset one to one, the state aid revenue number of \$449,000 should be the only increase in your expenses. Mr. Morgan responded that the funding adjustment states the Personnel line includes the 6 positions for RTA, 3 new positions and 6 positions are being funded that are not currently funded. A total of 15 positions will be funded in 2019 that are not funded now, all that with their contractual increases will get you close to the \$1.8 million. Mr. Rowley said that his question still stands, how much of that is covered by RTA. Mr. Morgan responded, "Whatever the value of 6 positions and their fringe is"; \$280,000 for salaries, then fringe and any other cost associated with RTA in their budget. Mr. Rowley said that he is just looking at the revenue said and it looks like they have RTA revenue specifically of \$449,807. Mr. Morgan stated a crosswalk was provided to legislative staff that details what is related to RTA in each departments' budget.

2019 Executive Total Raise the Age Costs

Account Code - Description	2019 Executive Total Raise the Age Costs					2019
	D7320 Probation Department	D83 Children & Families	D79 Sheriff's Office	D47 Law Department	D31 District Attorney	Executive Grand Total
A641010 Total-Total Salaries	269,699	970,241	278,802	172,051	58,916	1,749,709
A641020-Overtime Wages	11,098	250,000				261,098
A641030-Other Employee Wages		250,000				250,000
A693000-Supplies & Materials	10,500	380,406	4,193	10,000		405,099
A695700-Contractual Expenses Non-Govt		1,004,333				1,004,333
A661060-Juvenile Delinquents		826,335				826,335
A694080-Professional Services	140,000	55,000				195,000
A694130-Maint, Utilities, Rents			35,647			35,647
A694100-All Other Expenses	80,000	15,000				95,000
A694010-Travel & Training	20,300					20,300
A668520-Local Direct Support-Grant Projects			23,655			23,655
A671500-Automotive Equipment		40,000				40,000
Subtotal Direct Appropriations	531,597	3,791,315	342,297	182,051	58,916	4,906,176
A691200-Employee Benefits-Interdepart	167,355	763,405	132,710	88,606		1,152,076
Subtotal Interdepartmental Appropriations	167,355	763,405	132,710	88,606	0	1,152,076
Total Appropriations	698,952	4,554,720	475,007	270,657	58,916	6,058,252
A590022-State Aid - Public Safety	698,952	7,091,475	475,007	270,657	58,916	8,595,007
A590025-State Aid - Social Services		-1,872,445				-1,872,445
Subtotal Direct Revenues	698,952	5,219,030	475,007	270,657	58,916	6,722,562
Total Revenues	698,952	5,219,030	475,007	270,657	58,916	6,722,562
Local (Appropriations - Revenues)	0	-664,310	0	0	0	-664,310

Mrs. Ervin:

- How is Air-1 being used

Sheriff Conway:

- For public safety within the city and county, also respond to Oswego County as a result of a donation; can provide details on all response calls this year

Mrs. Ervin asked to be provided with the details of the Air-1 response calls.

Mrs. Ervin:

- How are things going with combining Jamesville and the public safety building?

Sheriff Conway:

- In our 9th month of administering Jamesville Corrections, started meeting January 1 with the command staff at the correctional department, Chief Gonzalez and his command staff, have begun to identify area we feel could be more efficient between the 2 buildings, always have to be cognizant of the different bargaining units – Corrections is CSEA, Custody is DSBA, by yearend you will be hearing from us on those areas we have already transitioned to that will make us more efficient without any job loss

Mrs. Ervin:

- There is no duplication of efforts that would require you to lose staff, how is that working?

Sheriff Conway:

- Face overall shortage of correctional officers and custody deputies, due to the process length for hiring and the academy our biggest challenge is filling vacancies so that we don't suffer sanctions from the Commission of Correction

Mrs. Ervin:

- How are you recruiting to fill those vacancies?

Sheriff Conway:

- Television station ran a story on the challenges of recruiting last night, actually spoke to correctional officers and staff at the Custody department, have been to Fort Drum and different organizations within the city and county, asked the Civil Service to move up the exam from February to November; doing

everything we can to make the community aware of the positions, what the job entails, the salary and benefits, and the need to register for the exam before the deadline

Mrs. Ervin:

- Yearly ask what you are doing to make inroads into the black community, still don't see diversity on your staff

Sheriff Conway:

- Continue to look for candidates from all walks of life that represent our community, made promotions in Police and Custody departments that reflect that, as a result of our last custody and police class we now have representatives of our community in our department that we have never had before

Mrs. Ervin:

- Not satisfied, will keep pushing and hoping you make changes; attended graduation and saw a few people but not enough to represent this community – will keep asking that question until it changes

Mr. Jordan:

- Are all 9 new positions related to RTA

Chief Andrews:

- Just the 6 deputies

Mr. Jordan:

- Those positions are not mandated, just what you think you will need relative to RTA

Chief Andrews:

- Contacted the command staff in the Custody department and asked what they felt the demand would be for the Transport department, came up with 6 positions related directly to RTA; also requested other positions for Centralized Arraignment that did not get approved

Mr. Jordan:

- Are those positions just related to transporting or will they be maintaining security at Hillbrook

Undersheriff Cassalia:

- Regulations relative to RTA are vast, required to have 2 transport deputies with them at all times when moved, there are a number of regulations, could sit and go over at any time or provide the information electronically, estimating the impact RTA will have on the transport side; also estimated the impact of the centralized arraignment that we have been managing within our own operating budget currently and that has been vast, this 6 is where we estimate we need to be in order to maintain the service necessary to follow the rule and law of RTA, when not on that detail they will be assigned transport duties but the vast majority of their time will be focused in on RTA responsibilities, staff will not be assigned to Hillbrook

Mr. Jordan:

- Elaborate on the increase for correctional health medical services review and what it involves

Undersheriff Cassalia:

- That line is directly connected to the Justice Center Oversight Committee (JCOC), within the Sheriff's office we do not have medical experts that can provide suggestions or review of cases which the JCOC brings to us, in conversation with the county and DOH we felt it best to have a per diem doctor for cases identified by JCOC or that we feel needs a medical doctor's review to provide us with the information we need
- CCS is our outside medical vendor and the vast majority of complaints from JCOC center around medical, therefore we need a neutral party to review these cases and provide us input; estimated cost for expense based on caseload and where it would be if we had that service now

Chairman May stated that there is a person who administers the contract and oversees the care and services being provided with respect to our contractual obligations but we have always lacked medical oversight since we outsourced correctional health. Undersheriff Cassalia responded absolutely. Chairman May stated that it was a sound business move to bring in that level of expertise because we just don't have it and if we employed that fulltime, my guess is that it would cost twice as much.

Mr. Jordan:

- What is LIVESCAN?

Undersheriff Cassalia:

- Specific to RTA, this is electronic fingerprinting, think it is also included in the county's plan for reimbursement from the state

Mr. Knapp:

- Thank you for all the work on centralized booking which was totally absorbed within your budget; no positions added, describe the requirement going forward so that we can understand the challenge

Sheriff Conway:

- Centralized arraignment is an additional court, in addition to that we have transport details during the day to family court, all the local courts, and magistrates court, which is all the town and village courts within the county, those continue Monday – Thursday, centralized arraignment occurs 7 days per week so that created an additional detail of transport deputies, which are required to transport from the Justice Center to centralized arraignment court, we can range anywhere from 5 to 20 inmates per session, always unknown, when this began in December we forecasted what we thought we would need, we have been monitoring it and have trimmed it to the point where we believe we have an accurate staffing number that this will require going forward

Mr. Knapp:

- Typically how many transport deputies do you have on staff for that court – Monday night might be less than a Friday or Saturday night

Sheriff Conway:

- Never really know, seem to process more people in the summer, always just a forecast; rather not specifically state the number of deputies, this is a security detail, have to maintain the security of the inmates as well as the staff transporting them, doing so in the most effective way possible, will continue to monitor and adjust our numbers, most important to recognize that this is truly a 7 day per week court that will continue whether there is 1 or 20 inmates to transport

Mr. Knapp:

- How many 16 and 17 years are you estimating for RTA

Sheriff Conway:

- Chief Gonzalez would be able to answer this question; numbers always fluctuate, this is a transition that begins with 16-year-olds this year and then continues, anybody in the facility now remains there; estimate less than 20 inmates would be affected

Mr. Knapp asked that Chief Gonzalez email the estimated RTA number broken down by 16 and 17-year-olds.

Mr. Knapp stated he has no doubt that the capital improvements will be reimbursed in full but he can absolutely see a phase-out of this, from the state's prospective, in a few years. This will be totally on our backs and it seems like a lot for 15 kids. Chairman May said that the cost per head is incredible. It is exponential compared to the average inmate across our facilities. The law kind of dictates what that is and it is staggering.

Mr. Holmquist stated that it was important to be said that prior to Sheriff Conway being here there was an adversarial relationship between the Sheriff's office and the legislature as we were struggling with the budget and cost overruns annually, to the tune of millions of dollars. When elected Sheriff Conway promised to work within the budget and he has not only delivered that promise but the tone between his office and the legislature has dramatically improved.

Mr. Holmquist:

- Asked for an update on pistol permit processing

Sheriff Conway:

- 1 of many areas we consider customer service, also pledged to provide the best customer service possible; previously was backed up at one point over a year, we have it down to within a couple of weeks at the moment, whether id cards, pistol permits or whatever we provide a service for we are always looking to make it more convenient and customer friendly to the constituents we serve

Mr. Knapp:

- Field of solar panels installed at Jamesville have been up and going for a couple years, have we seen a positive impact on our electric bill

Chief Andrews:

- May want to ask Management and Budget how it works, the rate paid for those panels presently is a little higher than we might get from other contracted providers, although it is a long contract and may be cost-effective over the long run; credits are being applied to the Sheriff's office, penitentiary and Justice Center, not seeing a whole lot of saving just yet

Mr. Knapp:

- It is all market dependent but everything is working well so far

Chairman May:

- Transition Coordinator and Crime Victim Specialist positions were not approved in last year's budget, this year they are being recommended by the County Executive; don't believe these positions are being funded by RTA, perhaps some of the workload is being attributed to RTA

Undersheriff Cassalia:

- Not sure if that was the case when it was included; our intention for the transition coordinator is focused on working with those incarcerated to ensure they get the best opportunity to be successful, currently they are released and that's it, this is getting to truly understand the needs of that individual, where they found challenges in their life, places someone in a position to lead that individual to the services in our community and work with them so that they don't return to our facilities

Sheriff Conway:

- Likewise and equally the other position is someone crime victims can turn to; these are 2 areas of justifiable positions to help members of our community whether incarcerated, about to be released or crime victims, puts them in touch with services available, have a person dedicated to that function from the Sheriff's office

Chairman May:

- There was a lot of shifting of positions in 2018, better alignment based on needs; briefly speak to the total number for patrol being down a little

Sheriff Conway:

- Try to fill authorized positions as quickly as possible because it that has an effect – people see that out on the street, these are posts filled by deputies and the period of time it takes to fill a position is upwards of a year, over time there has been some shrinking of the police personnel, we are trying to reflect the need in the community when it comes to calls for service and how quickly that deputy can respond; positions are all fluid, some were created, some not filled, these are decisions made at the command level team each and every week

Chairman May said for the record, "This is not a rightsizing, this is a function of being able to fill positions with qualified personnel." Sheriff Conway responded that it was certainly not a request to grow, it is a need to maintain at the moment.

Chairman May:

- Has a year-end projection been provided to Public Safety recently?

Chief Andrews:

- Projects are now done on a monthly basis, haven't been to Public Safety in the last few months

Chairman May asked for the year-end projection to be emailed to Mrs. Stanczyk.

Chairman May:

- A tiny amount of the increase in supplies is related to RTA, \$180,00 is other things – what are they

Chief Andrews:

- Corrections historically used a telephone fund to purchase supplies, the Commission of Correction finds it inappropriate to use those funds for items that should be legally budgeted for; when Corrections joined

the Sheriff’s department this was reviewed and we are requesting that supplies purchased with telephone funds be put into our budget

Chairman May:

- Revenue for services to other governments decreased by more than \$500,000, is this abstract reconciliation?

Chief Andrews:

- Exactly

Chairman May asked for the account balances of the Air-1 Foundation, Asset Seizure Fund, and the federal inmate revenue to date 2018 be emailed to Mrs. Stanczyk. Also include a list of vehicles purchased with grant funds in 2017 and 2018 and where they serve within the operation.

Chairman May:

- Where are we at with body cameras?

Sheriff Conway:

- Presently don’t have body cameras, made a request in last year’s budget but it was not funded, continue to review, companies are willing to give body cameras but the underlying costs are of concern, unless we can fully implement that program we need additional funding and it’s usually not funding that only comes from grants

Chairman May:

- DA covered that earlier, it is storage and resources

Sheriff Conway:

- Redacting and additional personnel to handle the backend of that

Chairman May:

- It is a big commitment and a lot of policies
- Adding to Mr. Holmquist’s comments - great job financially over the past few years, much appreciated, the whole working relationship is refreshing, let’s keep up the good work together

The meeting was recessed at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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