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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE – 2015 BUDGET REVIEW OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT (Continued) – MINUTES September 24, 2014 David Knapp, Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Kilmartin, Mr. Jordan, Mr. May, Mrs. Ervin, Mr. Holmquist
MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Williams
ALSO PRESENT: Chairman McMahan, Mr. Corl, Mrs. Tassone, Dr. Chase

The Chairman reconvened the morning meeting at 1:15 p.m.

SHERIFF: pg. 4-60, Undersheriff Warren Darby, Chief Esteban Gonzalez, Chief Richard Carbery, Chief Ted Botsford, Jennifer Fricano, Martha Christiano, Jason Dean, Deputy Director Financial Operations

Chief Darby provided the following:

The sheriff's office budget request for 2015 represents public safety programs that Sheriff Walsh and many of his senior commanders will not be in office to implement but which we believe the new sheriff will require.

This request represents the status quo with no new services included. We believe new initiatives should be the prerogative of the incoming administration.

There are some areas in the budget that include unavoidable cost increases. They are:

- Personnel – Increase of approximately \$486,000 due to:
 - o Contractual step increases for full-time personnel.
 - o Increased security coverage of the Civic Center and the County Office Building by Special Police Officers (SPO). The hourly wage of these part-time employees must be increased from \$20 to \$25 per hour in order to attract retired officers to this work. They have not had an increase in seven years. These costs are reimbursed by the State of New York.
- Supplies and Materials – Increase of approximately \$388,000 due to three factors:
 - o The majority of the department's bullet proof vests will reach their expiration date in 2015. The request will replace half of those vests in an effort to spread such costs out more evenly and not have them expire all at once in the future
 - o A price and quantity increase in ammunition
 - o A slight increase in automotive equipment to outfit the new vehicles requested
- Contracted Services – Increased by \$308,334 due to contractual obligations for correctional health costs and inmate overflow costs.
- Automotive Equipment – When comparing what was originally budgeted in 2014 to this budget we have an increase of \$140,000 due to the need for 32 vehicles in 2015.

Budget comments:

- The figures provided in the budget book compare the 2015 request against 3rd quarter numbers because the legislative session to vote on the release of contingency monies will take place in two weeks. To provide a more helpful view we have included a chart with an assumption of the release of contingencies in full and a reduction of OCSA retroactive payments.

- Over the past year substantial documentation has been supplied to the Executive and Legislature regarding the poor condition of our motor vehicle fleet. You have responded recently with some immediate relief. We appreciate that help. Now we ask that you accept the 2015 budget recommendation of the County Executive's Office of Management and Budget and the Legislature's Vehicle Use Review Committee.
- We appreciate the public/private partnership that permits Air 1 to continue functioning as a crime fighting and life saving tool for all Onondaga County residents. The recent loss of the New York State Police helicopter from central New York increases the need for this irreplaceable service.

Recommendation for the future:

Overtime in the Custody Department will reduce significantly and the extraordinary costs associated with boarding out inmates will be minimized by building a new behavioral health unit at the Justice Center. Inmate care will improve and county liability risks diminish. Searching for ways to reduce both the total population of the jail and the percentage of inmates receiving mental health services is a laudable pursuit. Several population study committees have been convened over the past two decades and that should continue.

On Monday morning the Justice Center count was 789 inmates. The jail can legally hold 671 and the effective number is 604 due to classification requirements. A total of 111 inmates were housed out of the building. Both the Justice Center and the Correctional Facility in Jamesville were at maximum capacity.

The best course of action is to invest very soon in improved facilities that provide better inmate care and create a physical environment that permits more efficient use of staff.

Closing:

I will be glad to answer any questions you may have with the help of folks from both the sheriff's office and the office of management and budget. In the event we can't offer an immediate answer I promise one very soon.

Thank you for your time.

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Account Code - Description	2013 Actual	2014 Adopted	2014 Modified 1	2014 Modified 2	2014 Modified 3	2015 Executive	2015 Exe vs 2014 Mod 3	2015 Exe vs 2014 Mod 2	2015 Exe vs 2014 Mod 1
A641010 Total-Total Salaries	29,532,828	29,450,540	30,134,651	31,144,234	31,144,234	30,467,640	(676,594)	(676,594)	332,989
A641020-Overtime Wages	5,721,730	2,550,000	4,897,802	5,081,025	2,831,025	5,023,915	2,192,890	(57,110)	126,113
A641030-Other Employee Wages	466,371	488,966	483,466	483,466	483,466	647,289	163,823	163,823	163,823
A691250-Employee Ben Budget Load S/O	12,283	14,640	14,640	14,640	14,640	16,834	2,194	2,194	2,194
A693000-Supplies & Materials Bud Load	678,470	108,997	953,170	953,171	749,217	1,341,495	592,278	388,324	388,325
A695700-Contractual Expenses Non-Govt	11,118,001	10,891,666	10,891,666	10,891,666	10,891,666	11,200,000	308,334	308,334	308,334
A694130-Maint, Utilities, Rents Budget	792,692	64,674	862,895	862,894	727,984	954,806	226,822	91,912	91,911
A694080-Professional Svcs Budg Load	130,073	7,352	175,138	175,138	163,463	196,997	33,534	21,859	21,859
A694100-All Other Expenses Budget Load	124,534	0	150,525	150,525	118,055	135,025	16,970	(15,500)	(15,500)
A694010-Travel/Training Budget Load	105,000	0	112,500	112,500	88,000	105,000	17,000	(7,500)	(7,500)
A666500-Contingent Account	0	4,708,943	0	0	3,252,405	0	(3,252,405)	0	0
A692150-Furn, Furnishings & Equip Budg	44,997	0	45,997	45,997	45,997	53,670	7,673	7,673	7,673
A671500-Automotive Equipment Bud & Exp	363,540	0	611,817	611,817	16,919	754,788	737,869	142,971	142,971
Direct Appropriation	49,090,519	48,285,778	49,334,267	50,527,073	50,527,070	50,897,459	370,389	370,386	1,563,192

A691200-Employee Ben-Inter Budget Load	23,085,801	21,331,334	21,650,632	22,084,839	22,084,839	21,330,779	(754,060)	(754,060)	(319,853)
A694950-Interdepartmental Chgs Budget	10,127,562	11,364,881	11,364,881	11,364,881	11,364,881	10,881,628	(483,253)	(483,253)	(483,253)
A699690-Transfer to Debt Service Fund	1,733,000	1,128,930	1,128,930	1,128,930	1,128,930	352,947	(775,983)	(775,983)	(775,983)
Interdepartmental Appropriation	34,946,363	33,825,145	34,144,443	34,578,650	34,578,650	32,565,354	(2,013,296)	(2,013,296)	(1,579,089)
Total Appropriations	84,036,882	82,110,923	83,478,710	85,105,723	85,105,720	83,462,813	(1,642,907)	(1,642,910)	(15,897)
A590013-FED AID - HEALTH	293,315	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	0	0
A590022-ST AID - PUBLIC SAFETY	362,443	362,949	362,949	362,949	362,949	352,828	(10,121)	(10,121)	(10,121)
A590025-ST AID - SOCIAL SERVICES	388,287	399,330	399,330	399,330	399,330	0	(399,330)	(399,330)	(399,330)
A590030-CO SVC REV - GENL GOVT SUPPORT	3,495	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,200	200	200	200
A590032-CO SVC REV - PUBLIC SAFETY	998,755	955,306	955,306	955,306	955,306	991,624	36,318	36,318	36,318
A590042-SVC OTH GOVT - PUBLIC SAFETY	6,409,635	6,194,931	6,194,931	6,194,931	6,194,931	6,477,330	282,399	282,399	282,399
A590056-SALES OF PROP & COMP FOR LOSS	76,743	36,985	36,985	36,985	36,985	32,788	(4,197)	(4,197)	(4,197)
A590057-OTHER MISC REVENUES	100,847	134,602	134,602	134,602	134,602	121,294	(13,308)	(13,308)	(13,308)
A590083-Appropriated Fund Balance	0	0	1,106,011	2,733,024	2,733,024	0	(2,733,024)	(2,733,024)	(1,106,011)
Sub Total Direct Revenues	8,633,520	8,287,103	9,393,114	11,020,127	11,020,127	8,179,064	(2,841,063)	(2,841,063)	(1,214,050)
A590060-INTERDEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	2,942,509	3,117,876	3,117,876	3,117,876	3,117,876	3,046,442	(71,434)	(71,434)	(71,434)
Sub Total Interdepartmentals	2,942,509	3,117,876	3,117,876	3,117,876	3,117,876	3,046,442	(71,434)	(71,434)	(71,434)
Total Revenues	11,576,029	11,404,979	12,510,990	14,138,003	14,138,003	11,225,506	(2,912,497)	(2,912,497)	(1,285,484)
Local (Appropriations - Revenues)	72,460,853	70,705,944	70,967,720	70,967,720	70,967,717	72,237,307	1,269,590	1,269,587	1,269,587

1 2014 Modified figures updated to assume all contingency funds released & retroactive payment for OCSA salaries backed out

2 2014 Modified figure updated to assume all contingency funds released

3 2014 Modified figures as appears in the budget book

Chairman McMahon said that he appreciates the work that has been done over the last 10 months – working in an extraordinary way with the legislature – felt to be necessary and produced good results for the community. The budgets are in much better shape. He understands the pressure at the jail and being out of control. The legislature appreciates the work that Chief Botsford has done with his department regarding overtime and other things.

Chairman McMahon referred to numerous raids that occurred Friday, which further increased pressure -- female inmates had to be sent to other facilities. What does it do to the overtime, from a staffing standpoint, when the jail is at or over capacity and 42 new clients come in. Chief Gonzalez said that it greatly impacts them. When that many inmates come in the door, overtime goes through the roof. A percentage of all people booked in the facility have mental health needs and medical needs that have to be addressed immediately. Just the intake process takes a lot longer, especially when services are slowed down. When there are raids going on, the booking unit becomes a housing unit because there is no place to put people upstairs. Everything backs up. Thirty to forty percent of inmates that come in receive mental health services. They go to the mental health unit

and need officers to watch them one on one. Along with the commensurate increase in population, comes the commensurate increase in services. It is not just overtime – rudimentary increases in services of watching the bodies. **Chairman McMahon asked to be provided with how much the raids on Friday equated to in overtime.** Chief Gonzalez said that it is not just the overtime; it is also the boarding out costs. Numbers like 670 – 700 is every last bed in the building and they can't mix that many people together. In the last 3 weeks, 30 female inmates, plus an additional 10 inmates, as a result of the raid, are in Oneida. The correctional facility and justice center hit maximum capacity. There are 1,235 beds in the building; the number of inmates on Monday morning was 1,235. There was no place to put them. This year, \$137,000 has been spent boarding out inmates; \$56,000 would have been saved if they could have been kept in the county. It is a hypothetical, as there is no room to put them anywhere in the county. A minimal expansion would give better mental health observation and save the county money with the bed appropriation.

Chairman McMahon asked how it is determined as to who goes to other counties – is it people that don't have an immediate court date. Chief Gonzales indicated that it is -- they work with Commissioner Cowin; the sentenced inmates are sent out because the attorneys, families of incarcerated, want to know how they will be in contact with the inmate.

Chairman McMahon referred to take home cars, how assigned, and the Sheriff's discretion of assigning. He asked if there has been any progress. Chief Darby said that the new promotees are not automatically getting take-home cars, where generally the rank would predict that they would. It is under the discretion of the Sheriff. It's past practice; it has been there for some time; will lose it if taken away – it is not negotiated. Right now they believe those who have take home cars have them because of their duties and responsibilities to the county. It has been reduced considerably. Chairman McMahon said in reviewing the Vehicle Review Board requests, one title to receive a take home car was school resource officer. He questioned the justification for it. Chief Darby said that they are deputies that are placed in the schools under the schools' grants. The vehicles involved were donated to the Sheriff's office, not purchased. The county does maintain them; they are marked; in lots on school property so that parents and people on school property see that law enforcement is inside that particular building. It is used for a deterrent and for the school resource officer to bring the parties home that are discharged from school. Those cars aren't taken home; they are taken to the closest station and picked up each day. It is not going back to the deputy's home without some other assignment attached to it.

Mr. May stated that the contingency process is tedious and stressful at times, but thinks the result is better. The legislature's job is the budget. The progress made in 2014 has enabled all to do our jobs better and expressed thanks for it. He feels we are closer to the desired results. He said that he likes the way the budget is presented with a program approach – appreciates the financial crosswalk to understand it.

Mr. May asked about correctional health and the \$300,000 plus increase under the contracted services. He asked if it has anything to do with the implementation of the infirmary. Ms. Fricano said that it is her understanding that it does not have anything to do with the infirmary. It is contractual obligation – there is an increase in the contract every year. There is a \$300,000 increase in the contract from 2014 to 2015. Mr. May said that it is going OK and has helped cut down on some of the need to transport inmates out for health care services. Chief Gonzalez said that CCS has recently had a few issues with staffing. Costs for inmates going out of the facility has improved, but is not where it needs to be. A doctor will not accept an inmate back to the facility if we don't have the staff necessary to give proper treatment. There have been many recent corporate meetings with CCS to push their envelope regarding aggressive recruiting, making sure there are enough qualified nurses and mid-level practitioners in the building, and to increase the rate of pay to people. They need good people to come into the building and good people to stay. He expects better numbers to come in – not as many people going out. If they do go out, they are returning quicker, in order to reap the benefits of the infirmary.

Mr. May asked besides the correctional health company providing services to the jail, how much management is encumbered with in respect to their services. Chief Gonzalez said “really none”; there is a health service administrator in charge of the facility, who meets once a week with him, as do all of the leaders in the building. They provide status reports – regular reports on high priority inmates that are out. Also, the commanders meet on a daily basis at 8:30 a.m. in the medical administrative office. They discuss who is on deck that day, what the hospital details are; who is costing a lot of money; what can be done to get that person out of jail or to state

prison quicker. The people that work for him handle all of that and he gets the status reports. Mr. May asked Chief Gonzalez if he believe the cost and the services belong under the jail. Chief Gonzalez said that management of the services and how it ties into operations belongs with the jail. He is not an expert on figures; it has to be a collaborative effort.

Mr. Kilmartin referred to the mental health population and asked for an update on the trends in terms of numbers, percentage of population; where it is today and projection of where it will going in the next 1 – 5 years. Chief Gonzalez said that the mental health population continues to increase, as does the female and minor male populations. It has been trended out county wide, statewide and nationally, the numbers aren't promising. In this community mental health bed space is at a premium, and there has to be alternatives in place for someone who is a threat to themselves or the community. Unfortunately, the jail has become the clearing house for mental health patients by in large in the community. The average length of stay for inmates in the facility is 24 days; the average length of stay for an inmate receiving mental health services is 54 days. They are staying in twice as long, occupying the beds that much longer – are having a hard time finding the appropriate placement if they are going back into the community. He has heard that there is "nothing that we can do" – he stated that there is. Even if decided not to go with a tower or a full fledge amount of beds, if we went with 100 mental health beds, what would be saved is twofold. It would be a massive cut down in overtime – instead of having one officer watch 1 or 2 inmates, they would be watching 5 or 6 inmates, 24/7, at approximately \$38/hour. That, combined with the extra bed space that would be freed up, would cause them to be able to keep the inmates that are currently being boarded out – a cost that is quickly approaching \$200,000 this year. There is an answer somewhere in the middle – do not need to go with the entire project, but have to do something now.

Mr. Kilmartin asked if DCJS will allow for something other than one on one supervision if there is the right architectural/design concept. Chief Gonzalez said that the Commission in Albany absolutely would allow it. They will not give the same answer to any county. They go in on a case by case basis, look at the jail, look at the lines of sight, and decide – it depends on the inspection, on the spot, and what they deem appropriate. Whatever they say is appropriate, then it is. The 1 on 5 concept is based on the Monroe County concept approved by Albany; want to be able to model that with any new construction in this county.

Mr. Kilmartin asked for detail on the appropriation for vests, total number in use, replacement approach. Ms. Fricano said that there are two different types of vests – ballistic and stab vests. In 2015, 115 ballistic vests and 143 stab vests are expiring. The budget is for half that amount. There are scheduled academies in place, which will add some additional vests for the new hires. They are included in the budget. The final numbers are 83 ballistic vests at approximately \$930/vest; 84 stab vests at approximately \$730/vest - \$138,000. Chief Darby said that it is half of the replacement of vests in use.

Chairman Knapp referred to the attorney general giving out grants to localities for vests, and asked if that has been tapped into. Ms. Fricano said that they have; the AG has a program for 2014 – will try to purchase before the end of the year for some of the vests that are expiring and not budgeted for. It is a 50% reimbursement and approved for 50% of 92 vests. Hopefully they can spread the costs of the vests out over a 3 year period. Undersheriff Darby said that they have a track record of always going out for grant money, especially for vests, and have had a successful history. If the grants continue, they will continue that process. .

Mr. Kilmartin asked for an update on the asset seizure fund – what is in the account and what the contemplated uses are for 2014 – 2015. Undersheriff Darby said that they will provide the information. In answer to Mr. May, Ms. Fricano said that an evidence van was authorized through this fund this year.

Ms. Fricano explained to Mr. Jordan what the the different columns on the cross walk represent (see notations at bottom crosswalk spreadsheet). Mr. Morgan said that the crosswalk was provided to allow an apples to apples comparison – the budget book is very hard to understand with a considerable amount of money still left in contingency.

Mrs. Ervin referred to behavioral health and asked what needs to be done. Chief Gonzalez said that we can't turn our back on the mental health community – jail is often not the most appropriate place for inmates with mental health services. While they are in our custody, they need to be given the best mental care and

environment possible. He is preparing a report that has several alternatives to the entire project to see if one is acceptable. The progress made to this point can't be stopped. On the cusp of approving some type of improvement to the mental health bed population. As it stands now, the mental health inmates need the department to give them the best care possible; need to watch more of them with one officer to save county taxpayer dollars and be more efficient, and to make sure individuals aren't boarded out. More work needs to be sent to the table; more proposals to take the next step. A study was done 2012-13, the national report came back saying that the design they have has become archaic and not conducive to the treatment of the inmates in the facility. There are better ways to manage the population that have mental health needs. They are eager and anticipate what the next step is and what they are allowed to do and when it can begin. In answer to Mrs. Ervin, Chief Gonzalez said that he has a proposal coming regarding the alternatives; he will work with the Sheriff, and it will be up to the legislature to decide what the best solution is for the county.

Chairman Knapp asked if there has been any thought to building another pod or two at Jamesville. Chief Gonzalez said that they have – the structural sound of them have really improved – have discussed the possibility of 50-60 bed unit there. It can be wired in for security. It would have to be decided which inmates will go in there and which bargaining unit will watch them. Chairman Knapp said that there is plenty of room there, and it could be done quickly.

Mr. Holmquist said that he is happy to hear these comments. He was alarmed with the County Executive's comments last week indicating that the process was being stopped and alternatives would be explored. He said that has been done for years and the problem is approaching an emergency problem – very concerned about it. The Federal revenue is going away because there is no room – getting crushed on that side, plus valuable time has gone by. There was a reference this morning that the legislature put the brakes on this – it is absolutely not true. To his knowledge, every legislator wants to address this issue aggressively, work collaboratively with the Sheriff's Department and all other entities, and hopefully get the county executive on board in the future. There is going to be a new sheriff, and whoever it is, will drive the bus at that point, but for us to wait and do nothing is totally irresponsible. If we don't do it, it will cost the county millions of dollars, not to mention the sanctions from the state.

Chairman Knapp asked where Oneida is capacity wise, and what the next option is if they fill up. Chief Gonzalez said that it is tracked every day. Oneida is at 82% - the next viable options that have space are Monroe and Albany. Any other place doesn't have the room or is down near NYC. They are all in the \$85-\$95 range. Monroe would be chosen first, as it is a little closer.

Chairman Knapp said that the bail expeditor program is just getting started, and asked if it will help with the situation. Chief Gonzalez said that they are in the building every day; they match funds with the family - \$500 to \$1000. They have been in every day, getting reports, and working with them to get the people out. The department also works with Alison Fineburg, DA's office -- giving her reports as to which ones they want to hurry along. They are working simultaneously to get people out of the jail. Chairman Knapp said he is glad to hear they are off to a good start – it is worthy program.

Chairman Knapp asked about food and supplies with being maxed out on the custody side. Ms. Fricano said that the supplies line for 2014 is projected to be just slightly over by \$9,000.

Chairman Knapp asked if the state helicopter is gone now. Undersheriff Darby said it happened on July 18th of this year. The issue was that in the fall of 2012 the Batavia ship crashed. They did not replace it. Instead, they reconfigured where they had their ships and moved the Syracuse operation to Rochester. We are still in their coverage area, but it takes over an hour to get them here. For an active scene, by the time they get here it is too late. Ninety percent of what Air 1 does and what they did was police work. Chairman McMahon said that the State has made the decision that since we have one in CNY, they can relocate. In a way, it can be considered a state unfunded mandate. If we didn't have Air 1, they would probably be here – it wouldn't be as easy for them to move away. He asked what kind of conversations, if any, occurred with them about supplementation from them in their budget for some of the things that we will now be doing for them. Undersheriff Darby said that there wasn't conversations as to what they could do for us. The Sheriff's Office was told, with the rest of the community, when they decided to move – were not part of the conversation prior to the planning. Chairman McMahon asked

if Undersheriff Darby agreed that we were picking up some of their slack at times. Undersheriff Darby said that they were a day ship for the most part – we have been consistently 4:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m., 7 days/week. The crime activity increases during those hours. If a day activity was needed, i.e. a raid, they would preplan and staff up for it. For the most part they covered the days and we covered the nights. They were involved with 11 counties and every now and then had a statewide issue. It was nice to have them here – gave better coverage on the 24 hour clock, but each covered their own shifts. Chairman McMahon referred to agreements that Onondaga County has with Cayuga and Oswego counties and asked about Wayne County – is it anticipated that we would cover them because we are closer than the State now. Undersheriff Darby noted that Cayuga and Oswego Counties put a line in their budget for our assistance. It may be a good time to reapproach Madison County and Cortland County, as they are our neighbors. Chairman McMahon said that those counties should be more open to participating in the program.

Chairman Knapp complimented the Air 1 crew with a successful rescue of two kids at Highland Forest the other day.

Dr. Chase referred to the condition of the heliport in Warners, and asked if thought has been given to moving Air 1 to the State Police spot at the airport. Undersheriff Darby said that they are looking at several possible options. They had initially talked to the state about co-existing the two ships in the same hangar and sharing the expenses of it. There was talk, but no movement -- maybe because the State knew they were moving. The cost to the county to move to the airport would be more than what it is now. In the long run, they are looking to see if it would be a better way to do it. Also, besides the heliport, the other services – bomb squad, k-9 training, etc., is in Warners at the same facility.

Chairman Knapp asked to be provided with the balance for the Air 1 Foundation. He referred to the surrounding counties, noting that they have been hesitant in the past to offer any financial help to us. He asked if there should be at least an IMA with them, even if no money is involved. It seems there should be something in place to cover us in case something happens in another county, i.e. property damage. Undersheriff Darby said that there have been several instances with counties that do not fund us, but paid for a particular event. He can talk to Law Dept. about an IMA – have done mutual aid forever. Chairman Knapp said that he would never suggest that we wouldn't – if someone calls for help, then we go.

Chairman Knapp asked about the loss of state aid, acct. 590025, \$399,000. Ms. Fricano said that the state is no longer funding the McMahon Ryan Center. It was taken away in 2014.

Chairman Knapp asked about the increase in revenue, acct. 590042, \$282,000. Ms. Fricano said that it is an increase in the abstract.

Chairman Knapp asked about the grants budget, increasing acct. 694100, \$238,000. Ms. Fricano said that they budgeted for additional grants that have not been put into the budget. **She will report back with the specific variance.** Because of timing issues in the past, there were certain grants that weren't budgeted for in the original budget and then they went to the committee for approvals throughout the year. This year they added as many into the budget as they could. Mr. Morgan said that they are trying to anticipate accepting more grants to support operation. If the grants don't come in, the money is not spent.

Chairman Knapp asked what the \$55,000 in acct. 671500 (grants), automotive equipment, will be used for. **Ms. Fricano will report back with the detail to the committee.** Mr. Morgan said it is an anticipation of grants; if they get it, he assumes they anticipate buying a vehicle. Chairman Knapp asked if it comes in, does the legislature have to accept it. Mr. Morgan said that the legislature has to accept the funds if it comes in over what is budgeted. Chairman Knapp asked if it is \$55,000 or less, then the legislature doesn't have to approve. Mr. Morgan agreed.

Chairman McMahon asked if when looking at various grants, is it to offset existing costs or supplement services. Mr. Morgan said that it both. Undersheriff Darby agreed adding that certain grants can't supplant operational costs. Mr. Morgan said that the county overall, with most the grants received, are to supplement services. Typically there aren't grants to pay for what you are already doing. They give money to do something over and

above what you are already doing. Chairman McMahon said that technically we don't have to do lot of things – if something were cut, and then a grant was found, what was cut could continue and it would be a net positive on cost. It is something to consider when looking at these grants.

Chairman Knapp referred the vehicle money and questioned if it will go for cars, special use vehicles, etc. Ms. Fricano said that it is part of the forfeited assets – it is just one possibility. It could possibly be for undercover cars, unmarked – cars that are seized through the SIU program, and possibly buying them.

Chairman Knapp asked about the revenue increase of state aid public safety, acct. 590022, \$420,000. Ms. Fricano said that additional grants were budgeted for.

In answer to Chairman Knapp, Ms. Fricano said that Air 1 revenue is reflected in gifts and donations. Mr. May said that is Air 1 Foundation revenue, but Mr. Knapp was asking about Air 1 revenue – monies from other counties, part 135 billings. Ms. Fricano said that it does go in there. For the purposes of the budget, the revenue was all put into gifts and donations. When the actuals are done, they will accordingly fall into other revenue categories, but will still be within the grants fund. **Chairman Knapp said that he doesn't see gifts and donations in the budget, and asked to be provided with further detail.** Ms. Fricano said that it is in other revenues.

Chairman Knapp asked if it is anticipated that there will scrap revenue from some of the old cars. Ms. Fricano said that they budgeted approximately \$8,400. Mr. Morgan said that in sale of property, \$33k is budgeted.

Chairman Knapp noted that 3 out of the 4 leaders sitting the table will not be here before long -- Undersheriff Darby, Chief Carbery and Chief Botsford. He thanked them for their years of service. There has been give and take back and forth over the last year. It in no way takes away from the appreciation that the legislature and community have for the service they provided for a long time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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