

Minutes

Public Safety Committee

July 17, 2019, 4:15 pm, Room 331

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Niebel, Whitford, Vanstrom, Bankoski, Pavlock

Others: Tampio, Ames, O'Connell, Dennison, Cresanti, Braley, Swanson, Kneer, Gregory, Rettig

Chairman Niebel called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (6/19//19)

MOVED by Legislator Vanstrom, SECONDED by Legislator Bankoski

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time.

Proposed Resolution - Confirm Re-Appointments – STOP DWI Advisory Board

Chairman Niebel: Is there anyone here to address that?

Legislator Vanstrom: These are reappointments because I noticed all the names I recognized.

Chairman Niebel: All those in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution - Confirm Appointment & Re-Appointments - Chautauqua County Traffic Safety Board

Chairman Niebel: There is one new appointment and I guess all the rest of these are reappointments. Any questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution - Authorize Agreement with Village of Mayville for Enhanced Protection Services

Mr. Braley: This is no different than the other enhanced police protection contracts we have. The Village has had these in the past and has requested another one. We're a little bit late. The discussions with the administration didn't get underway too soon so we're ready to proceed with this at this time.

Chairman Niebel: This pretty much covers your cost, what we charge the villages is pretty much what - I mean, it's a wash?

Mr. Braley: That's the standard which is the hourly rate including the cost of the Deputy, part time Deputy and the incidentals that go along with that including the vehicle.

Chairman Niebel: Like I said, we've had this one before, we've had similar ones besides. Any questions on this one?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution - Authorize Execution of New York State Office of Homeland Security Funding Grant – Operation Stone Garden FY18

Mr. Braley: This you have also seen before. This is the Border Security grant that we share with the Federal government. I believe the initial funding was in 2009 so it's come around quite a few times. There is no matching local funds. This is strictly grant reimbursement.

Chairman Niebel: I've seen it a number of times – 2009?

Mr. Braley: Yes, I'm pretty sure that was the first year.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Acceptance of 2019-2022 Grant from NYS Office of Victim Services to District Attorney's Victim Assistance Center

Ms. Rettig: It just seems like I was here, but I think it was probably two years ago. New York State Office of Victim Services has been funding the District Attorney's Victim Assistance Center since 1995. So this is just another year that I had to complete a grant asking for more money to support three positions. Two, what we call victim service providers or crime manager, no, Case Manager, crime victim civil service, Grade 12, and then, a Coordinator Crime Victims, Grade 21. That would be my position. It also helps fund part of the fringe and some on the travel or training expenses and then the District Attorney, Patrick Swanson's budget, covers a 20% match which is in-kind or third party kind of expenditures. So this is a three year grant. There

would be at the end of that 3 year grant, two years extension. That just depends on what happens with New York State Office of Victim Services who grants to the Federal VOCA fund, Victims of Crime Act.

Chairman Niebel: It is funneled through the State, right?

Ms. Rettig: Yes it does. It's 80% Federal and 20% State.

Chairman Niebel: And then some County?

Mr. Swanson: Yes.

Ms. Rettig: At 20%.

Chairman Niebel: These positions, these are funded as long as we have the grant.

Ms. Rettig: That's correct.

Chairman Niebel: Should we not have the grant if possible that the Legislature would not see fit to fund the positions in the future?

Ms. Rettig: Yes, there was what I think they call the Grandfather clause or something like that. Or, sunset clause.

Chairman Niebel: We'll have it figured out before Audit & Control tomorrow morning.

Mr. Swanson: We hope the funds stay there.

Ms. Rettig: I won't be here but –

Chairman Niebel: You won't be but possibly some other folks, it all depends on the funding.

Ms. Rettig: Yes, we understand that and I do believe it says that in the –

Chairman Niebel: The last RESOLVED.

Ms. Rettig: We don't see any reason why that money would go away. The funds in the VOCA, Federal fund is like \$2 billion dollars and when President Regan set it up, he made it so nobody could attach, no other entity in the government can attach that money and it's just meant for crime victims.

Chairman Niebel: Yea, it's targeted just for crime victims.

Ms. Rettig: Yea, but you know everybody tries to take some of that.

Chairman Niebel: Hopefully it will continue for the foreseeable future but if not, we'll have to address it then. Any questions of the District Attorney or Val?

Unanimously Carried

Ms. Rettig: And I retire in October so this is probably the last time you will see me in front of you and I want to thank you very much for always being kind to me and listening to me.

Chairman Niebel: Are you sure you want to retire?

Mr. Swanson: I asked her the same thing. She is the reason we keep getting this grant and it gets renewed so I commend her on that.

Chairman Niebel: Thanks for your service to the County. We appreciate it.

Ms. Rettig: Thank you very much.

Proposed Resolution - Authorize Acceptance of the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Grant ("GIVE") for Funds for 2019-2020

Mr. Swanson: Derrick Gregory is up here along with the Executive Assistant, Rachel Kneer. Derrick assists my Executive Assistant with managing our grants. The "GIVE" grant is giving out to what, 17 different counties and jurisdictions?

Mr. Gregory: Yes, the "GIVE" grant we have been receiving, initially received the Operation Impact grant which was a grant that the State instituted after 911 and we received that for about 10 years. Then they essentially changed the name to "GIVE" which is the "Gun Involved Violence Elimination" grant. So in total we have been receiving this grant for about 15 years. There are no matching funds. This year the amount of money that we received, I think, each of the three agencies that the County contracts with, received a small increase. Our agency received \$3,928. The fiscal year is from July 1st to June 30th and I think that the budget is already set for the 2019 so I imagine Rachel and Kathleen will adjust the figures for 2020. It funds one ADA position, partially funds salary and fringe.

Chairman Niebel: This actually goes to four different departments. It goes to the Jamestown PD, to you guys, the Sheriff's Department, and Probation?

Mr. Swanson: Correct.

Mr. Gregory: JPD signs their own contract. We've included in the resolution the total amount and then there is the amount that the County Executive would sign for, for the County.

Chairman Niebel: I didn't add all these other amounts up but they come to the \$193,000?

Mr. Gregory: Actually it comes up to \$121,000 is what –

Ms. Kneer: Well, \$121,242 is what the County receives.

Mr. Gregory: If you add in JPD then –

Chairman Niebel: That comes up to the \$193,000?

Mr. Gregory: Yes.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions of the District Attorney's office?

Unanimously Carried

Discussion - DA Swanson – 2020 Budget

Other

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Vanstrom to adjourn.

Unanimously Carried (5:00 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed;

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