

Minutes

Public Safety Committee

**June 16, 2021, 4:00 pm, Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

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

Others: Tampio, Ames, Chagnon, Swan, Dennison, Contiguglia, Telford, Gregory, Kneer, Guttman

Chairman Niebel called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (5/19/21)

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Whitford.

*Unanimously Carried*

Privilege of the Floor

No one to speak during the privilege of the floor.

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Proposed Resolution – Authorize Acceptance of Aid to Defense Grant 2021-2022

Mr. Gregory: The Public Defender’s office has received this grant for a very extended period of time. This is a renewal of that grant. It pays for part of the salary for one Assistant Public Defender and there are no matching funds.

Chairman Niebel: And this runs through March 31<sup>st</sup> of next year.

Mr. Gregory: Yes.

Chairman Niebel: Committee, any questions?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Acceptance of 2021-2022 Aid to Prosecution Funds

Mrs. Contiguglia: I’m Jason’s Executive Assistant and Jason unfortunately has a dentist appointment and was unable to be here so I’m here to address this. This is the Aid to Prosecution grant, it’s funded through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. The amount

is for \$54,460. The grant is going to run from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. The D.A.'s office has received this grant for many years. It assist in paying for approximately 50% of an Assistant District Attorney salary and the main focus of the grant is to prosecute violent felonies and assist in the prosecution of violent felonies.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions on this resolution? It looks like a nice grant, we've had it before.

Mrs. Contiguglia: Yes, we've had it for many years. It's just a continuation of the program that we've had for the last, I would say, about 5 or 6 years.

Chairman Niebel: All in favor?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Authorize MOU with Homeland Security Investigations for Joint Operation Participation

Captain Telford: This is a small grant. A cooperative effort between us and Homeland Security. We have an investigator working with Homeland Security out of Buffalo for human trafficking. We assist them on an as needed basis and they will come down and assist us on an as needed basis. What this covers is any overtime incurred through any investigations with Homeland Security. They will cover the amount of overtime.

Chairman Niebel: And Captain, this is for \$5,000. It was not included in this year's budget.

Captain Telford: That is correct, it was not included.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Agreement with Chautauqua-Cattaraugus-Erie II BOCES For Two (2) School Resource Officers

Captain Telford: This is a continuation of the SRO program that we've had for the last couple of years. This will cover one of our deputies assigned to the Maple Avenue BOCES in Cassadaga and the second officer that's splits time between the Ashville and Fredonia campus of BOCES.

Chairman Niebel: I think we had this last year and correct me if I'm wrong, but I think it was for the exact same amount for BOCES.

Captain Telford: If not the exact, very close. The BOCES contract the last couple of years has been figured as close to 100% as possible. It includes things like, obviously wages, benefits, includes car maintenance –

Chairman Niebel: Travel, mileage, etc..?

Captain Telford: Yes. But we believe that it should be within the same amount for the upcoming.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions on this one?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution - Authorize Agreement with Brocton Central School for School Resource Officer

Captain Telford: This is a new but old agreement. We did have an SRO at Brocton a couple of years ago. This last school year they opted out but they are looking to (*inaudible*) with us. I believe Mrs. Swan has or will be sending out an updated resolution as the dollar amount in the original resolution was incorrect. The amount that will be covered for this upcoming school year will be approximately \$98,000.

Mrs. Swan: If I may, I did send that along to Olivia this afternoon. I sent her an amended resolution and Olivia if you could, go ahead and share that on the screen. I asked Olivia to be prepared to show that on the screen for everybody given the time constraint associated with it. So I've amended the total amount and then the appropriation and revenue account changes are according to that total.

Chairman Niebel: So the amended amount is \$48,969?

Mrs. Swan: That is for this year. That is just to amend this year's budget. The balance will be automatically budgeted into next year's, 2022 budget because it runs July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, so the budget amendment portion only applies to this year, the first half.

Chairman Niebel: O.k., we'll need a motion to amend this resolution.

Legislator Bankoski: So MOVED.

Legislator Pavlock: SECOND.

Chairman Niebel: All in favor to amend?

*Unanimously Carried (amendment)*

Chairman Niebel: Then we'll vote on the resolution as amended. Any questions?

Legislator Pavlock: How many SRO's do we have in schools now?

Captain Telford: Today we have 3. We have two in the BOCES program and one at Silver Creek.

Legislator Pavlock: So this will be a fourth?

Captain Telford: Correct. This will be a fourth one starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. Brocton will be our fourth.

Legislator Pavlock: Any other schools that you are talking with or do you think this will be it for the year?

Captain Telford: The last time I talked to the Sheriff, I think this is going to be it for this upcoming school year.

Legislator Pavlock: I was just curious. I know there a lot of schools had a very tight budget and unfortunately the SRO is one of the first ones to go versus a teacher or some other educational person. My vision always was that the Resource Officer is also an educational resource and it's a good face and presence for the department and for kids to socialize with some law enforcement. Hopefully we can get more schools on board again in the coming years.

Captain Telford: Yes, I honestly think if it wasn't for COVID, that we would probably have many more but because of that and all the financial restraints included in that, we lost so many this past school year.

Legislator Whitford: A lot of the schools in the County are covered by their municipalities, like Ellicott and Jamestown. I notice they still have the SRO's at the middle schools and the high schools.

Captain Telford: Yes, Falconer and Southwestern both have agreements with the Town of Ellicott police. I believe Dunkirk has at least one SRO in the schools, so there are a couple of more schools that are covered by those municipalities.

Chairman Niebel: Any other questions? All those in favor?

*Unanimously Carried*

Other

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

*Unanimously Carried (4:14 p.m.)*

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,  
Kathy K. Tampio, Clerk/Olivia Ames, Deputy Clerk/Lori J. Foster, Sr. Stenographer