

PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
September 9, 2019

The Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Monday, September 9, 2019 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: S. Baker (Chair), R. Balles, M. Pasquale, B. Weslar, M. Whalen

Members Absent: None

Others Present: M. Hilderbrant, A. Martin, M. Tanzini, R. O'Donnell, Legislature; K. McManus, H. McCrory, C. Cramer, County Exec's Office; J. Knebel, OMB; S. Cornwell, J. Worhach, DA; S. Mastin, M. Cromer, DPW; C. Rogers, OES; J. Dadamio, Security; D. Harder, Sheriff; G. Kilmer, Transit; J. Rosenblatt, WBNG; P. Ballard, R. Chilson, B. Lewis, J. Lewis, D. Miller, M. Stimak, Town of Barker Residents; G. Bezama, Town of Vestal Resident

The Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:02 PM. Mr. Weslar made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Whalen.

The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#4 [RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 7 OF 2019, ENTITLED: "A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF BROOME, IMPOSING ADDITIONAL WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SURCHARGES PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF TAXLAW §186-G"](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#11 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ADDICTION CENTER OF BROOME COUNTY FOR FUNDING FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S TRAFFIC DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR 2019-2020](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#12 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ENDICOTT POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR FUNDING FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S TRAFFIC DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR 2019-2020](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#13 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AID TO PROSECUTION GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#14 [RESOLUTION ISSUING "NEGATIVE DECLARATION" WITH RESPECT TO THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT – LAUREL LAKE RADIO TOWER](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORTLAND COUNTY FOR SHARED MICROWAVE CONNECTIVITY FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR 2019-2029

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR HOUSING OF BROOME COUNTY PRISONERS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#52 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#53 RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 8 OF 2019, ENTITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 250 OF THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER AND CODE"

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Following the Resolutions, Mr. Baker noted that Mr. Ponticiello was unable to attend the Committee meeting so his update on the new State requirements regarding 911 Call Center Records will be pushed to the October Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee Meeting.

Additionally, Mr. Baker recognized Mr. Hilderbrant. Mr. Hilderbrant welcomed residents of the Town of Barker to the Committee meeting to share their concerns regarding the Sheriff's proposal to accept 60 acres in the Town of Barker for the purpose of a firearms range and training facility. He had previously sent a letter to residents asking them to provide any feedback they had on the proposed project. He further requested that the residents be granted time to share the concerns. Mr. Baker agreed and opened the floor to anyone who wished to be heard.

Mr. Ballard presented a petition to the Committee of over 70 neighboring residents of the parcel who are opposed to the proposed project. In addition to Mr. Ballard, Mr. Chilson, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Stimak spoke as well. Some of the concerns they expressed included little to no notification from the Sheriff's Office on the proposal, potential noise and negative environmental impacts, decrease in property values, and limited time to comment on the proposal as many just received a letter from the Sheriff inviting them to a meeting two days later. Additionally, they requested that any meetings on this project be held in the Town of Barker for any resident who wants to be heard. A suggested location was the Town of Barker Town Hall.

Following the speakers, Mr. Baker and Mr. Hilderbrant thanked the residents who attended the meeting and shared their concerns.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Pasquale, seconded by Mr. Whalen. The meeting adjourned at 4:29 PM.