

PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
May 10, 2021

The Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met remotely on Monday, May 10, 2021 via Zoom Videoconferencing.

Members Present: S. Baker (Chair), G. Baldwin, M. Pasquale, B. Weslar, M. Whalen

Members Absent: None

Others Present: D. Reynolds, M. Hilderbrant, S. Ryan, A. Martin, C. Hall, M. Tanzini, R. O'Donnell, Legislature; C. Wagner, C. Whalen; County Exec's Office; J. Knebel, OMB; M. Heefner, Aviation; M. Korchak, DA; L. Boulton, DPW; R. Kaufman, Health; M. Ponticiello, OES; T. Carey, K. Zumbach, Probation; J. Yonkoski, BMTS; B. Norris, Security; D. Smith, SWM; F. Akshar, NY Senate; V. Gialanella, 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. Baldwin.

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

Prior to the Resolutions, Mr. Ponticiello updated the Committee on the OES 911 Communications Upgrade Project (handout attached).

#14 [RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#15 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE HAZMAT HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021-2022](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#16 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ONONDAGA COUNTY FOR MASTER SITE SERVER RADIO NETWORK SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR 2021-2024](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#17 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WCJ LAWSON LLC. FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR 2021-2120](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#36 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE TACTICAL TEAM \(SWAT\) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021-2022](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#40 [RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO 3 OF 2021, ENTITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 257 OF THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER AND CODE"](#)

Mr. Pasquale expressed concerns regarding the expiration of the Traffic Diversion Program and the operation of it without authorization by the District Attorney.

Mr. Korchak stated that he believed his office had requested reauthorization in May 2020.

At the request of Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Martin stated that a Local Law was submitted near the beginning of the pandemic, but that it only dealt with technical changes that had been approved in the 2020 budget to bring the Traffic Diversion Program from an off-ledger account to an on-budget account. He further stated that the request did not include an extension of the program. Due to the requirement of the Executive to hold a public hearing the Administration decided to put the request on hold until the Administration came to a determination on how to meet the public hearing requirement.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Weslar, seconded by Mr. Pasquale. The meeting adjourned at 4:34 PM.