

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
April 11, 2016

The Public Safety and Emergency Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Monday, April 11, 2016 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: S. Baker (Chair), G. Baldwin, K. Bernhardsen (voting representative for M. Pasquale), R. Heebner, M. Kaminsky

Members Absent: None

Others Present: A. Martin, C. Dziedzic, R. O'Donnell, Legislature; M. Kalka, J. Knebel, OMB; D. Hickling, M. Heefner, Aviation; S. Cornwell, J. Worhach, DA; D. Schofield, L. Boulton, DPW; J. Flynn, Purchasing; J. Dadamio, Security; D. Harder, M. Clapp, Sheriff; D. Lindsey, City of Binghamton Resident

The Public Safety and Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:00 PM. Mr. Baldwin made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Heebner.

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

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE STATE EXTEND THE REGISTRATION PERIOD FOR LEVEL ONE SEX OFFENDERS

Mrs. Kaminsky distributed a proposed amendment to this Resolution (attached), which will be taken up at the County Administration Committee meeting. It changes the Resolution to support two pieces of State Legislation which extend the registration period for Level One Sex Offenders.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to take no action and defer to the County Administration Committee as the Prime Committee.

#20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR HOUSING OF BROOME COUNTY INMATES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR 2016-2017

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHENANGO COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR HOUSING OF BROOME COUNTY INMATES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR 2016-2017

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PRISONER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (PTS) OF AMERICA, LLC FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PRISONERS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR 2016-2017

Mr. Harder stated that there was only one response to the RFP and that the cost was actually going down.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE DIVISION OF SECURITY FOR 2012-2016

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#33 RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 5 OF 2016, ENTITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 257 OF THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER AND CODE"

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 Mrs. Kaminsky, seconded by Mr. Baldwin. The meeting adjourned at 4:13 PM.

**Sponsored by:** County Administration and Public Safety & Emergency Services Committees

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION WITH REGARD TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION**

WHEREAS, on January 1996 New York State adopted the Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA) commonly known as Meghan's Law, and

WHEREAS, SORA was enacted to protect the citizens of New York State from dangerous sex offenders by requiring sex offenders to register as sex offenders in the area where they reside, and

WHEREAS, SORA has designated sex offenders in three classifications:

- Level One – least likely to re-offend
- Level Two – medium chance of re-offending
- Level Three – high chance of re-offending

and

WHEREAS, the 20 year registration has expired, allowing hundreds of Level 1 sex offenders to be released and free to move and roam anywhere they want to go without a way of monitoring their movements, and

WHEREAS, there are 279 Level 1 sex offenders in Broome County, and

WHEREAS, members of Broome County Legislature deem this a very dangerous practice for the residents of New York State to release Level 1 sex offenders from the registration act, and

WHEREAS, there is pending legislation currently under consideration in the New York State Legislature with regard to sex offender registration:

- Assembly Bill A.9532, which requires level one sex offenders to register for life, with a right to petition for relief after 30 years; and
- Senate Bill S.6066 and companion Assembly Bill A.8503, would which extend the requirement of level one sex offenders to register as a sex offender from twenty years to thirty years and would also allow local governments to place reasonable restrictions on where a sex offender is permitted to live;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this County Legislature commends the New York State Senate and Assembly for the introduction of A. 9532 and S.6066/A.8503, and urges the New York State Legislature to pass said legislation, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward a certified copy of the resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John J. Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie, Senator Frederick J. Akshar II, Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch, Assemblyman Christopher S. Friend, Assemblywoman Donna A. Lupardo, and the New York State Association of Counties.