

PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2021

The Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met remotely on Monday, August 9, 2021 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: M. Pasquale (Acting Chair), G. Baldwin, M. Hilderbrant (voting representative for S. Baker), B. Weslar, M. Whalen

Members Absent: None

Others Present: D. Reynolds, K. Beebe, A. Martin, M. Tanzini, C. Hall, J. Scott, R. O'Donnell, Legislature; J. Garnar, C. Wagner, C. Whalen; County Exec's Office; J. Knebel, OMB; M. Heefner, Aviation; L. Boulton, DPW; D. Camin, IT; R. Serowik, OES; B. Norris, Security; E. Janis, M. Smolinsky, Sheriff; V. Gialanella, Town of Vestal Resident

The Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:00 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:

#1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#2 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#34 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY PSAP PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#42 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE COMPUTER HARDWARE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#47 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUESTS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF

Answering a question from Mr. Whalen, Mr. Janis stated that the Corrections Captain makes less than some of the Corrections Lieutenants that he supervises currently. He also stated that the Sheriff's Office has wanted to increase this position for a while and when this individual retires, they believe it will be difficult to recruit for the position with a lower salary.

Answering a question from Mr. Weslar, Mr. Janis stated that the Fiscal Manager currently has more responsibilities than before, he also supervises more staff than he did a year or so ago. They are looking to have this position upgraded to Fiscal Services Administrator.

Answering a question from Mrs. Beebe, Mr. Janis stated that they requested the raises be retroactive for the Corrections Captain as they've been trying to upgrade the position for over a year, and the Fiscal Services Administrator as retroactive due to when the individual took and passed the Civil Service exam for the position.

Mr. Weslar requested that the Sheriff's Office provide the total for both salary increases combined, and due to the vacancies in the Corrections Division, what the current total in salary savings there is available to fund the increases, which Mr. Janis stated they would supply that info to the Legislative Clerk's Office.

Mr. Whalen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weslar to recommend to the Personnel Committee, who is one of the co-prime committees, to amend the Resolution to remove the retroactivity of the pay raises and grade changes.

Recommendation for amendment carried. Ayes-3, Nays-2 (Hilderbrant & Pasquale)

Resolution with recommendation carried. Ayes-4, Nays-1 (Pasquale)

#51 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF KIRKWOOD FOR BROOME COUNTY SECURITY TO PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES AT THE TOWN OF KIRKWOOD COURT FOR 2021-2022](#)

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. Whalen, seconded by Mr. Baldwin. The meeting adjourned at 4:19 PM.