

PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 10, 2023

The Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Monday, July 10, 2023 in the Legislative Conference Room.

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

Members Absent: None

Probation

Others Present: D.J. Reynolds, J. Scott, C. Hall, A. Martin Legislature; J. Garnar, C. Wagner, C. Whalen, Executive; Sheriff Akshar, Sheriff, P. Dewing, OES; G. Kilmer, Public Transit; K. Zumbach, Probation; B. Norris, Security; F. Shah, IT; R. Brown, S. Mastin, Public Works; P. Memos, DA; M. Heefner, Aviation; V. Gialanella, Resident.

The Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:00 PM. Mr. Weslar made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Pasquale.

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

#5 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH WATCH SYSTEMS, LLC FOR A CENTRAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR 2023-2024](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#19 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE NYS EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#20 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE PRE-TRIAL RELEASE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#29 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF TO CREATE AND ADMINISTER A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM](#)

Sheriff Akshar stated that they currently have a Deputy at Deposit Central School District acting in a law enforcement capacity. Since the school district is contained in two counties, Broome and Delaware, it has been difficult to put an SRO in from either County. Deposit Central School District has requested the Sherriff's Office continue to provide a Deputy in their schools and this resolution allows them to continue to do that. Responding to a question from Ms. Ryan, Sheriff Akshar stated that this is only for Deposit as of right now and he does not have intentions otherwise.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#32 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH TRINITY SERVICES GROUP INC. FOR FOOD SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR 2018-2023

Sheriff Akshar stated that he is not happy with the current food quality at the Broome County Jail. This resolution is increasing the price per meal so that the quality of food being served is better. Sheriff Akshar stated that this is necessary for the time being until a vendor can be selected through the RFP process at the end of the year. Responding to a question from Mr. Weslar, Sheriff Akshar stated that prepackaged Kosher and Halal meals are still available through the increase. 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. Pasquale, seconded by Mr. Baldwin. The meeting adjourned at 4:11 PM.