

PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
August 5, 2024

The Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Monday, August 5, 2024 in the Legislative Conference Room.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: J. Scott, C. Hall, A. Martin, M. Hilderbrant Legislature; J. Garnar, M. Ponticiello, Executive; T. Adams, OMB; Sheriff Akshar, Sheriff; Neal Haight, OES; W. Hughes, Real Property; J. Yonkoski, BMTS; 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 Ms. Ryan.

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

#20 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION FOR 2024-2025](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#21 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH TRINITY SERVICES GROUP FOR COMMISSARY SERVICES AT THE BROOME COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR 2024-2027](#)

Responding to a question from Ms. Ryan, Sheriff Akshar stated that they are looking to add vending machines to all housing units, except for two. This will allow for inmates to have access to commissary seven days a week instead of just two days a week. Responding to a question from Ms. Ryan, Sheriff Akshar stated that all money the Sheriff's Office receives from commissary must be allocated towards the benefit of the inmates. Responding to a question from Mr. Weslar, Sheriff Akshar stated that inmates will be required to enter numbers they are given when they are brought into the jail to access their commissary at the vending machines.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#22 [RESOLUTION RENEWING THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPOSIT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPOSIT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 2024-2025](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#23 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHENANGO VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR USE OF A PORTION OF THE HILLCREST DEPOT](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE CYBER SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT FOR OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2024-2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#29 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE GUN INVOLVED VIOLENCE ELIMINATION (GIVE) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2024-2025

Mr. Weslar asked the Administration to please look into how much time the person in this position devotes to deterring gun violence.

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 4:18 PM.