

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**August 7, 2019**

**Members Present:** W. Dibble, C. Crandall, B. Harris, D. Decker, S. Havey, J. Hopkins (Absent: D. Healy)

**Other Present:** G. Barnes, A. Bigelow, J.R. Carter, P. Curran, R. Christman, M. Evans, D. Fanton, K. Francisco, V. Grant, K. Graves, R. Hall, C. Ivers, B. Kelley, C. Knapp, J. Luckey, D. McDonnell, J. Miller, K. Monroe, B. Perkins, B. Reynolds, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, D. Roberts, R. Starks, R. Swarthout, M. Washer, R. Whitney

**Media Present:** C. Potter, *The Spectator*

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Public Safety Committee Vice-Chairman William Dibble.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried to approve the Public Safety Committee minutes for July 3, 2019.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Public Defender Barbara Kelley attended the meeting and submitted her monthly report to the committee for review.

**Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring Reform Grant**

Public Defender Barb Kelley requested a resolution to accept and appropriate funds from the Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring Reform Grant, C#STWIDEHH02, as illustrated below: Appropriations (\$3,134,842.11 over five years for use by the Public Defender's Office, Assigned Counsel Program, and Conflicts. Per funding contract, yearly total amounts are predetermined, but will be appropriately allocated to each office in collaboration with Indigent Legal Services on a yearly basis. This MOE outlines use of budgeted year one (2019 – 4 months) funding in the amount of \$49,200 for the Public Defender's Office only, but seeks approval of use for the overall 5-year multi-department funding of \$3,134,842.11.)

A1174.4.09PD	Fees (Contracted/Consultants)	\$ 34,500
A1174.2.01PD	Equipment (Case Management System)	\$ 10,850
A1174.4.05PD	Continuing Legal Education	\$ 3,500
A1174.4.07PD	Office Supplies	<u>\$ 350</u>
	Total:	\$ 49,200

Revenues (\$49,200.00 anticipated use in 2019 (4 months) of total \$122,759.00 year one Public Defender's Office total funding.) Balance of year one will be budgeted for 2020 during the budget process. And each year thereafter.

A1174.3089.PD St Aid – ILS C# STWIDEHHO2 Public Defender \$49,200  
Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring Reform Grant

Ms. Kelley stated that she would like to purchase a Case Management Software program for her office with some of the funds. Legislator Decker asked if the \$10,850 was the final cost or would there be any other fees. Ms. Kelley stated she believes there was a yearly charge. Legislator Graves asked if there would have to be a 24-hour coverage period with another County, and Ms. Kelley stated at the moment no. Legislator Decker asked if there was a chance of working with other counties such as Cattaraugus or Steuben. Ms. Kelley stated that is wide open, and we can and will probably want to work with other counties. Legislator Harris asked if there will have to be more staff hired according to the mandate and will anyone be watching over how the money

is spent. Ms. Kelley stated that the contract is with experts and there is no intention of hiring new staff at the moment. Legislator Harris went on to say this grant is a huge amount of money and congratulated Ms. Kelley and her staff. Chairman Crandall asked if there would be any fine print that might surprise us that was not expected in the Hurrell-Herring settlement. Ms. Kelley stated she did not believe so. The committee briefly discussed the approval process of this grant. **Refer to Way & Means**

### **Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring Reform Grant – Assigned Counsel**

Assigned Counsel Admin. Joseph P. Miller requested a resolution to accept and appropriate funds from the Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring Reform Grant, C#STWIDEHH02, as illustrated below:

#### **BUDGET ADJUSTMENT BELOW FOR ASSIGNED COUNSEL'S SHARE ONLY.**

Appropriations (\$3,134,842.11 over five years for use by the Public Defender's Office, Assigned Counsel Program, and Conflicts. Per funding contract, yearly total amounts are predetermined, but will be appropriately allocated to each office in collaboration with Indigent Legal Services on a yearly basis. This MOE outlines use of budgeted year one (2019 – 4 months) funding in the amount of \$12,430 for the Assigned Counsel's Office only, but seeks approval of use for the overall 5-year multi-department funding of \$3,134,842.11.)

A1174.2.01AC	Equipment (Computer)	\$	1,380
A1174.4.05AC	Conf Exp/Continuing Legal Education	\$	3,250
A1174.4.16AC	Telephone Services	\$	80
A1174.4.31AC	Gen Govt Support Contract (Admin)	\$	7,720
	Total	\$	12,430

Revenues (\$12,430 anticipated use in 2019 (4 months) of total \$86,230.47 year one Assigned Counsel Office total funding.) Balance of year one will be budgeted for in 2020 during the budget process. And each year thereafter.

A1174.3089.AC	St Aid – ILS C# STWIDEHHO2 Assigned Counsel	\$12,430
	Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring Reform Grant	

This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & FIRE**

Emergency Management & Fire Director Jeff Luckey attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Luckey briefly highlighted events and meetings that he attended in July.

#### **Town of Burns Accident**

Mr. Luckey commended everyone for their professionalism while on the scene of the fatal accident in the Town of Burns. Mr. Luckey stated it was a very difficult scene and some responders had close connections to the families.

#### **Hot Air Balloon Accident**

Mr. Luckey stated they recently had two hot air balloons crash in Hume. There were 12 people involved, and three were transported with minor injuries.

**Firemen's Association**

Mr. Luckey requested a resolution to enter into agreement with the Volunteer Firemen's Association for their annual appropriation in the amount \$2,000. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

**STOP DWI**

STOP-DWI Coordinator Brian Perkins attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Perkins briefly highlighted events he attended in the month of July.

**Bicycle Safety Program**

Mr. Perkins stated that he attended the Angelica Fair for the Bicycle Safety Program where he handed out 54 helmets in addition to other giveaways. Mr. Perkins noted that he has reached out to 604 children so far for the Bicycle Safety Program.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

District Attorney Keith Slep was unable to attend the meeting but submitted his monthly report to the committee for review.

**PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

Probation Director Robert Starks attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review.

**Office Highlights**

Mr. Starks stated that Electronic Home Monitoring is up from last year; showing that the program is being utilized more. Mr. Starks also stated that the Active Supervision Program is considerably too.

**NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Probation State Aid Block Grant**

Probation Director Robert Starks requested a resolution to accept the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Probation State Aid Block Grant for State Fiscal Year 2019-20 in the amount of \$151,101 for the time period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. These funds have already been budgeted and appear in the 2019 Budget under the following accounts:

<u>Appropriation:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A3140.101 (Probation – Personnel Services)	\$151,101

<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A3140.3310.00 (Probation – State Aid DCJS Block Grant)	\$151,101

This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

## **WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

Weights and Measures Director Gilbert Green was unable to attend the meeting but submitted his monthly report to the committee for review.

## **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Sheriff Rick Whitney attended the meeting and submitted his monthly reports to the committee for review.

### **New York State 2019 SLETPP (State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program) Grant**

The Sheriff's Office requested approval to apply for the New York State 2019 SLETPP (*State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program*) Grant. This grant will be awarded in the amount of \$17,495. These monies, if accepted, will be used to purchase Law Enforcement Equipment authorized by the FEMA Law Enforcement Authorized Equipment list. This Sheriff's Office plans to purchase body armor, hearing protection, and night vision equipment. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried.

**Refer to Ways and Means**

### **H.R 1629 '911 Saves Lives' Act and Senate Companion Bill**

Sheriff Whitney requested a resolution in support of H.R. 1629 "911 Saves Act" and the companion Senate Bill. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

### **Setting Aside Sufficient 911 Funding to Counties**

Sheriff Whitney requested a resolution to call on Governor Cuomo and the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency service Office of Interoperable Communications to set aside sufficient 911 funding to counties in order to properly maintain existing systems and to become compliant with Federal FCC Funding options. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

### **Radio/Tower Project Update**

Radio Technician Matt Evans stated there are no new updates regarding the Radio/Tower Project; however, there are behind the scenes actions taking place. Mr. Evans also stated that there will be a meeting with Motorola and the Board with the plans on the Software upgrades. Legislator Dibble asked if there was any electric yet at the Alfred Tower. Mr. Evans stated that not yet.

### **911 Enumeration Project August Report**

911 Dispatcher Russ Hall stated they are still making progress on the Enumeration Project and they have found a third party provider, Hear.com, This provider will supply data to us, similar to google.com. Legislator Harris asked if the Planning Office will be able to utilize this. Mr. Hall stated, yes, at some time they should be able to. Vice-Chairman Dibble stated this should be referred to another committee to look into the County hosting their own site. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried.

**Refer to Planning & Economic Development**

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Roberts  
Senior Account Clerk Typist  
Allegany County Board of Legislators.