

PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
December 4, 2023

The Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Monday, December 4, 2023 in the Legislative Conference Room.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: M. Hilderbrant, M. Whalen, J. Scott, A. Martin, M. McDonald, C. Hall Legislature; M. Ponticiello, Executive; Sheriff Akshar, Sheriff; J. St. Amour, T. Adams, OMB; N. Haight, K. Sainclair, OES; D. Smith, Solid Waste; M. Heefner, Aviation; R. Brown, DPW; V. Gialanella, Resident.

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

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

#36 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (LAP) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CENTER TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#37 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH PRIMECARE MEDICAL OF NEW YORK, INC FOR MEDICAL, DENTAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR 2022-2025

Responding to a question from Ms. Ryan, Sheriff Akshar stated that the decrease is due to overpayments made to PrimeCare during the previous contract.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#38 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE COPS HIRING PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2024-2026

Responding to a question from Mr. Weslar, Ms. St. Amour stated that the fringe benefits for these positions will come from the general fund but remain budget neutral.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#39 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE HIGH VISIBILITY ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN (HVEC) PROGRAM GRANT FOR STOP-DWI AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Responding to a question from Mr. Weslar, Mr. Sainclair stated that this money is used for overtime for the STOP-DWI program.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#40 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY2022 STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#58 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY23 HOMELAND SECURITY STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT (SICG) FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2025

Responding to a question from Mr. Baker, Mr. Haight stated that this only covers the County.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#59 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT OPERATIONS (PSAP) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#64 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH TRINITY SERVICES GROUP, INC. FOR FOOD SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR 2024-2028

Responding to a question from Mr. Weslar, Sheriff Akshar stated that the quality of food has increased, and they are happy with Trinity Services Group.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#73 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUESTS FOR THE BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF

Responding to a question from Mr. Weslar, Sheriff Akshar stated that these positions are being covered by the COPS Hiring Program Grant, Resolution #38.

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 Ms. Ryan. The meeting adjourned at 4:17 PM.