

**STEBEN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE
STEBEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Joint Special Meeting

Monday, January 28, 2019

9:50 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	John V. Malter, Chair Frederick G. Potter	Kelly H. Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair Thomas J. Ryan	Steven P. Maio
	Scott J. Van Etten, Chair Robert V. Nichols	Kelly H. Fitzpatrick	Gary B. Roush
STAFF:	Jack K. Wheeler	Amy Dlugos	Jennifer Prossick
LEGISLATORS:	Joseph J. Hauryski Hilda T. Lando Randolph J. Weaver	Carol A. Ferratella Aaron I. Mullen	K. Michael Hanna Brian C. Schu

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Van Etten called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. County Manager

1. **Inter-Municipal Agreements with the Cities** – Mr. Wheeler stated that he emailed the draft agreements to the Legislators. The general terms of the agreement are \$85.00 per transport with a cap of \$35,000 annually per city with said funding to be withdrawn from their sales tax. He stated Mr. Van Etten had questioned the timing of the payment. The cities are generally okay with anything, but his thought is that for cash flow and the balance sheets, it would be easier to do it annually in December. Anything that was done during December would just carry over into the following year. He commented the cities have worked on this for quite some time with the District Attorney, Public Defender and the Sheriff's Office to come up with the best solution to a not great situation.

Mr. Van Etten commented he is fine with an annual payment; he just doesn't want to get into a situation where there is a lag in payment. He asked who is responsible for the record of transports? Mr. Wheeler replied the Sheriff will be responsible for keeping track of the number of transports.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITIES OF CORNING AND HORNEILL RELATIVE TO TRANSPORTS MADE IN RELATION TO CAP MADE BY MR. ROUSH. SECONDED BY MS. FITZPATRICK FOR DISCUSSION.

Ms. Fitzpatrick asked will the Sheriff be submitting reports? Mr. Wheeler replied yes, and he will suggest that he include that with his monthly report.

Mr. Mullen commented the City of Hornell had discussed several times about being able to schedule transports. It could be a good idea to consider a discount if they scheduled them. It would make that transport process more efficient.

Mr. Van Etten asked if there is more than one person to transport, wouldn't they need to use two deputies? Mr. Wheeler replied it depends on the individuals being transported. He believes that one deputy can transport two individuals.

Mr. Malter commented part of the problem is that they would need additional staff for holding, so it would cost more money to hold them because of staffing. Mr. Wheeler stated Chief Murray did mention that. The Mayor did not seem inclined to want to do that. He stated he thinks the City of Hornell has more flexibility to do this than the City of Corning does. This is a fluid process and we will see how it goes. It is in the cities' interest to make this as efficient as possible. Mr. Weaver stated he agrees that we should see how it goes for a time, however, the city should not be penalized for efficiency. Mr. Wheeler stated the cost is based on a per individual transport. Mr. Maio commented the way it is written, if you transport two individuals at a time, you are still charging per person.

Mr. Van Etten stated it will be good to let it go for a year and see how everything works out. Mr. Wheeler stated the Mayor and City Manager would like to revisit this in about nine months to see how things are working.

Mr. Malter asked if we are only **receiving** a total of \$70,000 on transports, why would we offer a discount? Mr. Weaver stated the towns are getting the same service for free and the cities are being penalized for having staff. Mr. Mullen stated we have this hiring schedule for the Sheriff of 2, 2 and 1. If we can schedule the transports to save time, that will save more than \$35,000.

Mr. Ryan commented the County Manager, District Attorney, Public Defender and Sheriff are all to be commended for doing this program. He will be voting no on resolutions #8 - #12 at this morning's Legislative Meeting because he has not liked how this has been handled by Albany. He stated his no vote does not reflect on your due diligence, as everyone has worked very hard. The people are paying for an unfunded mandate.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: MOTION CARRIES 4-1 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WITH MR RYAN OPPOSED, AND 4-0 FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. ROUSH. SECONDED BY MS. FITZPATRICK. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND 3-0 FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature