

STEBEN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

Monday, June 1, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Via Teleconference

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	John V. Malter, Chair Frederick G. Potter	Steven P. Maio, Vice Chair Thomas J. Ryan	Jeffrey P. Horton
STAFF:	Jack K. Wheeler Shawn Sauro Nate Alderman Andy Morse	Christopher Brewer Tina Goodwin Jennifer Prossick Dave Hopkins	Brenda Mori Brooks Baker Tim Marshall
LEGISLATORS:	Scott J. Van Etten Kelly H. Fitzpatrick Robert V. Nichols	Robin K. Lattimer K. Michael Hanna Gary D. Swackhamer	Carol A. Ferratella Hilda T. Lando
OTHERS:	Mary Perham		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Malter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2020 MEETING MADE BY MR. POTTER. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Emergency Management Office

1. **Contract Renewal** – Mr. Marshall requested authorization to renew the IAMResponding contract. This is the software EMS and Fire use to notify dispatch they have received a call via text messaging. We have had this contract for many years; since the early 2000's. He is requesting a new five-year renewal at a rate of \$22,100 per year.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO RENEW THE IAMRESPONDING CONTRACT FOR FIVE YEARS AT A RATE OF \$22,100 ANNUALLY MADE BY MR. POTTER. SECONDED BY MR. HORTON FOR DISCUSSION.

Mr. Potter asked is this cost paid for by the agencies or by the County? Mr. Marshall replied the cost of this contract is covered by Homeland Security Grant funds.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

2. **Functional Needs Database** – Mr. Marshall informed the committee they are in the second year of a multi-year contract with Acclaim Systems. He requested authorization to renew the contract for \$2,575.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH ACCLAIM SYSTEMS FOR THE FUNCTIONAL NEEDS DATABASE FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$2,575.00 MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MR. HORTON FOR DISCUSSION.

Mr. Potter asked what does this contract pay for? Mr. Marshall replied the functional needs database identifies individuals with special needs; the frail/elderly, handicapped individuals or individuals with disabilities. We can track these individuals during emergencies such as power outages or snow storms, and we can verify where they live in an affected area and can send people out to check on them. Mr. Potter asked how do you reach out to the public to get individuals in the database? Mr. Marshall replied we distribute information through the Human Needs Task Force. We also put an annual article the Second Season newsletter and also in the County newsletter. Additionally we do press releases. We currently have about three thousand individuals enrolled.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

B. Personnel

1. **District Attorney Investigator Salary** – Mr. Alderman stated the District Attorney is requesting an increase in his investigator’s salary from \$30,000 to \$35,000 annually. Mr. Baker explained the law regarding the cap on how much a NYS retiree can make changed to \$35,000 in December 2019. He stated he simply missed it. Mr. Mackney is working many more hours than we have asked for and also provides training to law enforcement agencies across the county. Because of Mr. Mackney’s work, we have a 100 percent trial success with our drug cases and we have the best conviction rate in the State.

Mr. Malter asked is this increase in the budget? Mr. Baker replied this is not in the budget, however, we decided not to hire one position in the fall. We also have money in our personnel and overtime line items available. This will be budget neutral.

Mr. Potter asked can we make this retroactive? Mr. Wheeler replied very often we do not do that, but that is the call of this committee. Mr. Potter asked when did we increase the SRO salaries? Mr. Wheeler replied that coincided with the change in the law and when the law changed the schools announced that the increases would be reimbursed.

Mr. Baker stated when we hired our new investigator, we started him at the \$35,000. That began January 1, 2020 and we just missed Mr. Mackney in the process.

Mr. Potter stated I think we need to make it retroactive to the first of the year so that Mr. Mackney is being paid the same as the other investigator. Mr. Maio stated I agree and this was basically an oversight.

MOTION: INCREASING DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR WALT MACKNEY’S ANNUAL SALARY TO \$35,000 RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2020, PURSUANT TO THE CHANGES MADE TO THE NYS SECTION 211 WAIVER MADE BY MR. POTTER. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Van Etten asked has Mr. Mackney worked a lot year to date given everything that has been going on with the pandemic? Mr. Baker replied Mr. Mackney has been on call and working his tail off. The drug business has not slowed down and he has been working more than 19.5 hours per week.

Mr. Maio asked do we run into any problems if he is working more than he is supposed to? Mr. Alderman replied no, not in this situation. Mr. Wheeler replied for those individuals with the Section 211 waiver and who are retired from State service, those are okay. It is more of an issue with the active, non-retired people that we have to careful with. Mr. Baker commented our investigators are not asking for any overtime or pushing for additional money.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. **Support Resolution to Amend Vehicle & Traffic Law (VTL)** – Mr. Malter asked if anyone had any questions regarding a resolution supporting an amendment to Vehicle & Traffic Law relative to Accessible Parking Requirements. Mr. Maio asked who did this come from? Mr. Wheeler replied NYSAC (New York State Association of

Counties) sent this around. Mr. Maio stated this amendment would allow law enforcement to write tickets if someone is illegally parked in a handicapped or yellow-striped area in a parking lot.

Mr. Ryan asked for an explanation of the person centered language in the letter. Mr. Maio stated the way he understands it, it is just changing the language from handicapped to a person with disabilities. Mr. Brooks replied it is a definitional thing for the traffic law.

Mr. Ryan asked do we really need a State law? Can we just deal with this on a local basis? Mr. Potter stated the local municipalities have not been dealing with it. Mr. Wheeler stated it has been an issue of having the ability to enforce it.

MOTION: MEMORIALIZING THE GOVERNOR AND THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND VEHICLE & TRAFFIC LAW (VTL) RELATIVE TO ACCESSIBLE PARKING REQUIREMENTS MADE BY MR. POTTER. SECONDED BY MR. HORTON. MOTION CARRIES 4-1. (MR. RYAN WAS OPPOSED)

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR POTTER. SECONDED BY MR. MAIO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

****NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR****

Monday, July 6, 2020

Legislative Committee Room

9:00 a.m.

Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office

NO LATER THAN NOON

Monday, May 29, 2020