

SUSPENSION



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 25, 2015

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED**

**Re: Erie County Correctional Facility – Emergency Security Repairs**

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a resolution authorizing a source of funds in the 2015 Budget in order to conduct security repairs at the Erie County Correctional Facility under an emergency declaration issued by me on March 18, 2015. Due to the immediate need for these repairs, I am requesting immediate consideration and approval of this request at your March 26, 2015 legislative session.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact John Greenan, Chief of Administration in the Erie County Sheriff's Office or Commissioner John Loffredo at the Department of Public Works. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Whyte".

Maria Whyte  
Deputy Erie County Executive

MCP/tcc  
Enclosure

cc: Commissioner John Loffredo, Department of Public Works  
John Greenan, Chief of Administration, Erie County Sheriff's Office  
Vallie Ferraraccio, Director of Purchase

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Erie County Department of Public Works  
**Re:** Erie County Correctional Facility – Emergency Security Repairs  
**Date:** March 25, 2015

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### **SUMMARY**

During winter 2014-2015, the razor wire fencing, perimeter security monitoring systems and exterior cameras at the Erie County Correctional suffered damage which was exacerbated, in part, by Winter Storm Knife.

Because of the security concerns shared by the Office of the Sheriff and Department of Public Works, an emergency declaration was issued by the County Executive on March 18, 2015, authorizing emergency work and the bypassing of competitive bidding to hire contractors to conduct immediate work.

To provide a source of funds to pay for the repairs, legislative authorization is sought to use 2015 savings in the Medicaid-MMIS account to create a new capital project to conduct this Correctional Facility work.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The work is estimated to cost no more than \$265,000. Due to damage from Winter Storm Knife, a claim has been filed with the Federal Emergency Management Agency which, if awarded, will reduce the County's share of costs for this work by approximately \$20,000. Potential local share costs would be no more than \$245,000, to come from 2015 savings in the Medicaid-MMIS account based on state adjustments and guidance for the County's 2015 fiscal year.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION/BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Department of Public Works and Office of the Sheriff have reviewed the perimeter security systems, cameras and razor wire and determined that immediate emergency repairs are needed to provide critical security of the inmates at the Erie County Correctional Facility.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Funds to pay for the contractors and materials conducting the emergency repairs at the Correctional Facility will not be authorized.

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## **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Division of Budget and Management will make the necessary budgetary transfers and upon completion of the work, the contractors working on the project will be compensated.

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## A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Re: Erie County Correctional Facility – Emergency Security Repairs

WHEREAS, during winter 2014-2015, the razor wire fencing, perimeter security monitoring systems and exterior cameras at the Erie County Correctional Facility suffered damage which was exacerbated, in part, by Winter Storm Knife; and

WHEREAS, because of the security concerns shared by the Office of the Sheriff and Department of Public Works, an emergency declaration was issued by the County Executive on March 18, 2015, authorizing emergency work and the bypassing of competitive bidding to hire contractors to conduct immediate work; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide a source of funds to pay for the repairs, legislative authorization is sought to utilize 2015 savings in the Medicaid-MMIS account and to create a new capital project to conduct the Correctional Facility repairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary adjustments to the 2015 Budget are hereby authorized:

Fund 110 - 2015 Budget	
120- Social Services	
Expense Account	Increase/ (Decrease)
525000 MMIS Medicaid Local Share	(\$ 245,000)
Total	(\$ 245,000)

Fund 110 - 2015 Budget	
122- Buildings & Grounds	
Expense Account	Increase/ (Decrease)
570050 Interfund Transfer Capital	\$ 245,000
Total	\$ 245,000

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a new capital project is hereby authorized in Fund 410 for the 2015 Perimeter Security repairs and rehabilitation of the Erie County Correctional Facility in an amount not to exceed \$245,000, funded via Interfund Revenue Subsidy; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that these funds will be utilized by the Department of Public Works for the repairs and work associated with the March 18, 2015 emergency declaration issued by the county executive for the Erie County Correctional Facility; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to make the necessary budgetary adjustments to comply with this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the County Comptroller, the County Attorney, the Department of Public Works and the Office of the Sheriff.