

November 29, 2018

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 15

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.  
CHAIR SAVAGE PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. COMM. 21E-6 (2018)  
**SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, Axe is a certified accelerant detection canine assigned to the Fire Investigation Unit within the Police Service Division; and

WHEREAS, the accelerant canine was provide to the Erie County Sheriff's Office at no cost by the New York State Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, Axe has served well and assisted in numerous fire investigations, but recently has stopped alerting on odors he is trained to detect; and

WHEREAS, Axe was attacked by another canine during initial training and certification, and he has become increasing skittish and unresponsive; and

WHEREAS, since the handler/canine relationship is special and unique it is appropriate to transfer ownership to the handler; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has identified a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives program that provides a canine free charge to law enforcement agencies and trains the accelerant detection canine team; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office will participate in this program and accept a new canine; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office Fire Investigation Unit assists area law enforcement and fire companies with fire investigations; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office Accelerant Detection K9 is proven to be valuable to fire investigations and their work has led to the prosecution of suspects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Legislature herby authorized the Erie County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff's Office to enter into an agreement with Detective Scott Kuhlmeier for the consideration of one (1) U.S. Dollar for the transfer of ownership of Axe; and be it further

RESOLVED, Detective Kuhlmeier shall assume full responsibility for the canine under such agreement and shall further hold the County of Erie and the Erie County Sheriff's Office harmless against any liability; be it further

RESOLVED, the Legislature hereby grants authorization to the County Executive and the Sheriff Timothy B. Howard to enter into an agreement with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to accept an accelerant detection canine and reimbursement funds for the agency; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, Erie County Purchasing Department, the County Attorney, the Erie County Comptroller, and the Office of the Sheriff for implementation.  
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2. COMM. 21E-10 (2018)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services requests the Legislature to approve an amendment to the Televate, LLC contract in the amount of \$28,655.00 making the contract not to exceed \$170,641; and

WHEREAS, this will amend the previously approved resolution, COMM 19E-22 for Televate, LLC not to exceed \$141,986.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Televate, LLC., 8229 Boone Blvd, Suite 720, Vienna, VA 22182 is to provide Interoperable Communications consulting services at the additional cost identified in this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funding for this amended contract is hereby authorized in the HS167SICG1617, (Account 516020); and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution are sent to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services c/o Melissa Calhoun, the County Comptroller, and the County Attorney.  
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3. COMM. 21E-14 (2018)

**SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, as of January 2017, the Division of Correctional Health (DoCH) is under the authority of the Erie County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office and the DoCH has identified needs within the division to assist in providing inmate health; and

WHEREAS, due to age or damage caused during inmate incidents the DoCH needs to purchase new equipment such as an EKG machine, dental X-ray machine, autoclave, wheelchairs and computer equipment for both facilities; and

WHEREAS, the EKG machine will be used to diagnosis and monitor cardiac issues with inmates; the autoclave is used to sterilize medical instruments properly; wheelchairs are to transport inmates to and from the facilities' medical units; the dental X-ray machine is used to examine the dental health of the inmates; and

WHEREAS, the DoCH will replace damaged laptops and replace the units with "Toughbooks" which are manufactured to stand up to unusual circumstances or workplaces; and

WHEREAS, inmates who require treatment for chronic or serious medical conditions are admitted to Erie County Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, the amount allocated for long-term hospital care has surpassed the budgeted amount, and the DoCH has received invoices from the medical center for inmate care for \$230,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the DoCH is relying on personal vehicles to transport prescription drugs and medical equipment between the Erie County Holding Center and the Erie County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, the DoCH is seeking to purchase two all-wheel-drive Ford Explorers for this function because these vehicles will provide greater cargo space suitable for transporting equipment as well as providing a vehicle which is reliable in all weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, office chairs and conference table will be utilized in a new and private room where DoCH, forensic mental, and medical professionals health conduct confidential inmate medical reviews.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby approve the reallocation of funds from transfer \$215,290.00 from Account # 505800 and \$251,146.00 from Account # 516050 to Account # 561410 Lab and Tech, Account # 561440 Motor Vehicles, Account # 506200 Maintenance and Repair, Account # 561420 Furniture, and Account # 516050 ECMC; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Budget and Management Division is hereby authorized to transfer an amount not to exceed \$ 461,836.00 between the following accounts:

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
505800 Medical & Health Supply	\$210,690.00
516020 Professional Services	<u>\$251,146.00</u>
TOTAL	\$461,836.00

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
561410 Lab and Tech	\$112,778.00
561440 Motor Vehicle	\$68,110.00
506200 Maintenance and Repair	\$3,000.00
561420 Furniture	\$47,948.00
516050 Erie County Medical Center	<u>\$230,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$461,836.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, the Division of Budget and Management is authorized to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this transfer should there be any unforeseen issues; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Comptroller's Office is hereby authorized to release the designated funds and make payments as necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of the approved resolution are sent to the Division of Budget and Management, the Erie County Comptroller's Office, and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff office for implementation.

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**APRIL N.M. BASKIN  
CHAIR**