

October 1, 2009

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 10

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR IANNELLO.  
CHAIR MARINELLI PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 26D-3 (2009)  
**DEPUTY COMPTROLLER - AUDIT:** “Comptroller's Office Review of Probation/Youth Detention Petty Cash Accounts”  
(5-0)
  - b. COMM. 5D-3 (2009)  
**DEPUTY COMPTROLLER - AUDIT & CONTROL:** “Dept. of Probation - Audit of Cash Receipts & Disbursements, 1/1/06 - 9/30/08”  
(5-0)
  - c. COMM. 17E-21 (2009)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE:** “Appointment of Emergency Services Deputy Commissioner”  
(5-0)
  - d. COMM. 17M-3 (2009)  
**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** “Copy of Resolution Opposing Various Proposed Anti-Gun Legislation in NYS - Passed 7/13/09”  
(5-0)
  - e. COMM. 17M-4 (2009)  
**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** “Copy of Resolution Opposing NYS Assembly Bill A-1747 & NYS Senate Bill S-3344 - Local Correctional Facilities With-in the Definition of Hospital Under Jurisdiction of the NYSDOH - Passed 7/13/09”  
(5-0)
2. COMM. 13E-8 (2009)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the position of Probation Officer is critical to the function of community safety; and

WHEREAS, Probation Officers assist the judiciary and public officials in decision making to enhance New York State’s commitment to public safety and offender accountability; and

WHEREAS, Probation Officers hold adult and juvenile probationers accountable, provide structured guidance, supervise offenders for compliance with Court orders and collect fines, fees and restitution on behalf of victims; and

WHEREAS, Probation Officers are Peace Officers and discharge their law enforcement duties by performing their Peace Officer functions; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Probation Department recognizes the job of Probation Officer as a full-time professional career requiring a Bachelor’s Degree with at least thirty (30) credit hours in the social or behavioral sciences and specific knowledge of social sciences, sociology, psychology, economics, social service programs, community resources, factors related to crime and delinquency, good judgment in dealing with people, ability to understand and interpret and prepare written material; and

WHEREAS, the Department wishes to retain the dedicated professional staff who have undergone months of extensive specialized training in firearms, Peace Officer, Fundamentals of Probation and defensive tactics; and

WHEREAS, departmental operations are impeded with the current requirement of Probation Officers remaining in a regular part-time (RPT) status; and

WHEREAS, out of eighty-nine (89) Probation Officers, thirty-five (35) have advanced degrees in the areas of Masters in Criminal Justice, Masters in Criminal Justice and NYS Teacher Certificate, Masters in Forensic Psychology, Masters in Psychology, Masters in Social Work, Masters in Counseling, Masters in Counselor Education, Masters in General Education and Counselor Education, Masters in Human Services Administration, Masters in Human Services Administration and a Juris Doctor (JD), Masters in Mental Health Counseling and Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC), CASAC, Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling, Masters in Education in Counseling, Masters in Business Administration (MBA), Masters in Public Administration, State Certified School Counselor, Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC), Licensed Master in Social Work, Certified Trauma Counseling and Doctor of Chiropractic (DC).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Probation Department is requesting authorization to create four (4) full-time Probation Officer positions and one (1) full-time Probation Assistant position (J.G. 7) to replace the current regular part-time (RPT) positions, thus creating uniformity within the officer ranks. The necessary B-100’s (control #4659, 4660 and 4661) needed for this purpose are attached; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funds are available within existing Personnel Services, account #500000, within the Probation Department’s 2009 adopted budget due to vacancy savings; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided for the County Executive to create four (4) Probation Officer positions (J.G. 11) and one (1) Probation Assistant position (J.G. 7) within the Probation Department, Fund 110 – Operating Department and to delete four (4) regular part-time Probation Officer positions and one (1) regular part-time (RPT) Probation Assistant position within the same fund and operating unit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Department of Probation, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the Director of Personnel and the Office of the Comptroller.  
(5-0)

3. COMM. 14E-7 (2009)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo, in partnership with the County of Erie, the Cities of Lackawanna and Tonawanda, the Towns of Amherst, Cheektowaga, Evans, Orchard Park, Tonawanda and West Seneca, and the Villages of Depew and Kenmore, has been awarded funding under the 2009 Recovery Act through the U.S. Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo and the partners have proposed strategies toward criminal justice initiatives that will enhance local law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo has been appointed by the partners to serve as the applicant and fiscal agent for these joint funds; and

WHEREAS, Central Police Services will utilize the funding to provide software enhancements to the local Criminal History Arrest Records Management System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided for the County Executive to enter into an agreement with and accept funding from the City of Buffalo in the amount of \$67,865; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to establish the grant in the budget of the Department of Central Police Services as follows:

GRANT FUND – SAP 165JAGSTIMF090913  
Central Police Services 03/01/09 to 02/28/13

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>
420499 Other – Local Source Revenue	\$67,865
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Increase</u>
516020 Professional Services Contracts	\$67,865
<u>Total Appropriation</u>	\$67,865

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to issue a purchase order to Globalquest Solutions, Inc., a local WBE/New York State contract vendor in the amount of \$67,865 to provide the professional technical staff for this project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to establish and adjust budgets as required to comply with grantor approved funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Central Police Services, c/o Florence Hollenbeck, 45 Elm Street, Buffalo, New York 14203.  
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**TIMOTHY M. WROBLEWSKI**  
**CHAIR**