

SEPTEMBER 20, 2005

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 4

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATORS SWANICK & CHASE.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. INTRO 8-1 (2004)
SWANICK & CHASE: Support for State Legislation Establishing the Save-NY Child Protection Act of 2004 (A. 09402)
(3-0)
 - b. COMM. 13E-9 (2004)
SHERIFF: Copy of Letter to County Executive & Comptroller Re: NYS Commission of Correction 5/18/04 Meeting of EC Jail Inmate Housing & Staffing Needs
(3-0)
 - c. COMM. 19M-48 (2004)
NYS COMMISSION OF CORRECTION: Copy of Letter to Sheriff Re: Requests for Variance at Holding Center & Correctional Facility
(3-0)
 - d. COMM. 20M-3 (2004)
FORKS FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3: Copy of Letter to Legislator Dusza Re: County Pager Purchase
(3-0)
 - e. COMM. 25E-23 (2004)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Quarterly Status Report - Homeland Security Grant Consultant Services
(3-0)
 - f. COMM. 20E-15 (2005)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Opening of Public Safety Campus - Authorization to Award Bids and Enter Intro Contracts During August 2005 Recess
(3-0)
2. COMM. 20E-17 (2005)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the County of Erie desires to participate in the completion of Phase 2 of the Public Safety Campus; and

WHEREAS, phase 2 of the Public Safety Campus will allow for expanded public safety training programs and higher educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, completion of Phase 2 of the Public Safety Campus will assist public safety agencies in the region to enhance and improve the service delivery of public safety programs to residents; and

WHEREAS, completion of Phase 2 of the Public Safety Campus will support ECC's efforts to expand its City Campus in conjunction with its Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, a Consultant Selection Committee reviewed several submissions from qualified firms in July 2002 and with the approval of the legislature selected Cannon Design of Grand Island to provide architectural/engineering services for the Public Safety Campus,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into contracts with Cannon Design to provide architectural/engineering services for Phase 2 of the Public Safety Campus; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Erie County allocates funds in an amount not to exceed \$ 200,000 from reserve funds remaining from the capital bond funding for Phase 1 of the Public Safety Campus in the following accounts:

A.00061
A.00059
A.09003 and
A.00254

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the County Executive; the ECC Board of Trustees; the Director of the Division of Budget, Management, and Finance; the Comptroller; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; the Commissioner of Central Police Services; and the County Attorney.
(3-0)

3. COMM. 23E-27 (2005)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, funds for the Drug Court Program Grant are available from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$70,000, and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office will utilize the funds to designate an Assistant District Attorney III to work in Erie County Drug Court to assist in identifying, screening and referring substance-abusing offenders to treatment as an alternative to sentencing and thus potentially rehabilitating drug addicted non-violent offenders in order to discourage them from committing any more felony crimes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of maintaining Drug Court, and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to create the position of Assistant District Attorney III, Job Grade 14, in the District Attorney's Drug Court Program Grant, for which the B-100 #1019 has been created, and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to establish the District Attorney's Drug Court Program Grant as follows:

DRUG COURT PROGRAM GRANT

Fund: 281, Cost Center: 1140050, Grant: 114DRUGCOURT0506
July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>
409000 State Aid Revenue	\$ 70,000
479000 County Share Contribution	<u>5,730</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 75,730</u>
 <u>Appropriation</u>	
500000 Full Time Salaries	\$ 57,830
502000 Fringe Benefits	<u>17,900</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 75,730</u>

and be it further,

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County District Attorney, the Erie County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the Director of Budget, Management and Finance and the Department of Personnel.
(3-0)

4. COMM. 23E-43 (2005)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Probation and Youth Detention Services lost thirty-four (34) Probation Officers and five (5) Probation Supervisors in the March, 2005 layoff, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Probation has lost an additional seven (7) positions due to retirements since the layoffs, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature Intro 15-9 eliminates all positions once they become vacant, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Probation has, as a result of the loss of staff and inability to fill vacancies, sustained a loss in staff far exceeding that which was mandated in March, 2005, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Probation is unable to adequately address the needs of the Courts, the general public and the offender population due to excessive staff cuts, and

WHEREAS, the County will endure additional costs in jail bed utilization due to staff shortages in the Department of Probation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby granted to recreate six (6) Probation Officer positions and one (1) Probation Supervisor position in the Department of Probation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby granted to fill those positions, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the Personnel Department, the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Probation and Youth Detention Services.
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5. COMM. 23E-62 (2005)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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EDWARD J. KUWIK
CHAIRMAN