

MAY 1, 2008

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 5

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR IANNELLO.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. INTRO 3-7 (2008)
IANNELLO: Opposing Governor Spitzer's Proposed Amendments to the Indigent Defense Program (4-0)
 - b. COMM. 7M-1 (2008)
ASSEMBLYMAN SCHIMMINGER: Letter Concerning Provisions Incorporated in the 2008-09 Executive Budget Relating to Fire Districts (4-0)
 - c. COMM. 7M-2 (2008)
TOWN OF WALES: Resolution in Opposition to Legislation Altering the Current Process for the Consolidation/Dissolution of Fire Districts/Fire Protection Districts (4-0)
 - d. COMM. 7M-10 (2008)
NYS - GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - DEPT. MOTOR VEHICLES: 2008 STOP-DWI Plan Approval (4-0)

2. COMM. 5E-19 (2008)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Erie County CPS Forensic Lab has been awarded a Consolidated Aid-To-Crime Laboratories Grant to be administered by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services; and

WHEREAS, said funds will enable the Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory to maintain current staffing levels and improve laboratory services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided for the County Executive to enter into a contract and accept funding in the amount of \$751,982 with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services; 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#: 165AIDCRLAB0708
Central Police Services
04/01/2007 to 06/30/2008

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Acct. 409000 State Aid	\$751,982
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Acct. 500000 Personnel	\$430,555
Acct. 502000 Fringe Benefits	\$ 98,682
Acct. 505800 Medical Supplied	\$ 1,445
Acct. 510100 Travel	\$ 4,800
Acct. 516020 Prof. Services Contracts & Fees	<u>\$ 13,000</u>
Acct. 561410 Lab & Tech Equipment	\$203,500
 Total Appropriation	 \$751,982

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the six (6) existing staff positions in the Aid to Localities – Lab grant, SAP #165AIDLOCALLAB0708, be transferred to this new consolidated grant, effective 4/1/08; 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 State approved funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, Division of Budget and Management, Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Central Police Services.
(4-0)

3. INTRO 6-8 (2008)
WHYTE
WHEREAS, through the Public Safety Committee, the Erie County Legislature heard testimony from neighborhood organizations, business associations, residents, and representatives of Buffalo Housing

Court regarding the need for a County Warrant Squad to help address the problems of absentee landlords, property abandonment, and blight in the region; and

WHEREAS, thousands of warrants, specifically for housing code violations, have been issued and, because of a lack of personnel, no follow-up has been conducted; and

WHEREAS, testimony on the need for a Warrant Squad was again heard during the 2008 budget deliberations and Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature, upon a review of the facts saw it prudent to include \$ 52,992.00 for the County Warrant Squad in the 2008 budget; and

WHEREAS, Erie County Sheriff, Timothy Howard, also provided testimony through the Public Safety Committee about the importance of the Warrant Squad; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff agreed to use the funding provided by the Legislature in a way that he sees fit to best address the problem and report to the Legislature on a quarterly basis as to the effectiveness of the Warrant Squad; and

WHEREAS, the end of the first quarter, i.e. March 31, 2008, is near.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Sheriff come before the Public Safety Committee before April 30, 2008 to testify as to how funding for the Warrant Squad has been used and how well the limited funding provided by the Legislature has been able to address the problems discussed above; and be it further

RESOLVED, that neighborhood organizations, business associations, residents, representatives of Housing Court, and others also be invited and encouraged to attend the Public Safety Committee to provide their perspective on the effectiveness of the Warrant Squad and its limited funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution go to the County Executive, the Sheriff, the City of Buffalo, and Buffalo Housing Court.
(4-0)

4. COMM. 7E-5 (2008)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software installation has been delayed,
and

WHEREAS, the existing Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software maintenance contract will be required for 2008, and

WHEREAS, the Division of Emergency Medical Services has analyzed their objects of expense and has determined that in Maintenance Contracts, Account #516030, expenditures will exceed appropriations by an estimated \$28,354.26, and

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds must be made in order to continue the provision of vital public health services for the remainder of the 2008 fiscal year

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature is hereby approves the following transactions within the accounts of the Department of Health:

APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Changes</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	\$62,200	\$-28,354	\$33,846
516030	Maintenance Contract	\$ 3,538	+ 28,354	\$31,892
	TOTAL CHANGE			-0-

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Comptroller's Office, the County Executive's Office, Department of Personnel, the Division of Budget and Management, and the Department of Law, and to Dr. Anthony J. Billittier, IV, Commissioner, in the Department of Health, Rath Building, 9th Floor.
(4-0)

5. COMM. 8E-7 (2008)

SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has identified the need to make a number of personnel adjustments in order to answer a grievance filed by the CSEA and a lawsuit filed by the Sheriff's PBA; and

WHEREAS, funding for these new positions will be offset by the positions deleted, therefore requiring no additional county funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff's Office be authorized to create one (1) Industrial Training Supervisor, RPT, Job Group 7 in the Jail Management Division; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff's Office be authorized to create two (2) Detective Deputy, Job Group 9 in the Sheriff's Division; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie Count Sheriff's Office be authorized to delete one (1) Corrections Officer, Job Group 9 and one (1) Deputy Sheriff Criminal, Job Group 8 in the Jail Management Division; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff's Office be authorized to delete one (1) Deputy Sheriff Criminal, Job Group 8 in the Sheriff's Division; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized:

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Business Area 115 – Sheriff's Division Commitment Item 500000 – Full Time Salaries	\$ <u>53,656</u>

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Business Area 116 – Jail Management Division Commitment Item 500000 – Full Time Salaries	\$ <u>53,656</u>

NET IMPACT	\$ <u>0</u>
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to the Division of Budget, Management, and Finance, Department of Personnel and the Office of the Sheriff for implementation.
(4-0)

6. COMM. 8E-8 (2008)

SHERIFF

AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the NYS Commission of Corrections requires the Erie County Sheriff's Office to provide haircuts to inmates housed at the Erie County Holding Center; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Division of Purchase solicited bids for haircutting services under bid #270090-004; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Vitale was the lowest bidder at a cost of \$8.00 per haircut and has a valid license to practice barbering in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$40,000 for these services was included in the Sheriff's Office 2008 Budget request in Account 506020 – Professional Services & Fees and approved by the Erie County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has sufficient funds to cover the estimated cost of these services, therefore requiring no additional tax dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Division of Purchase is authorized to issue a purchase order to Joseph Vitale to provide haircuts to the prisoners housed at the Erie County Holding Center; and it be further

RESOLVED, that subject to future funding, this contract will have a term of one year, with three options to renew the term upon written consent of both parties; and it be further

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to the Division of Purchase, the Erie County Comptroller and the Office of Sheriff for implementation.
(4-0)

TIMOTHY M. WROBLEWSKI
CHAIR