

June 30, 2016

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 9

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MILLS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. COMM. 12E-26 (2016)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Emergency Services receives a Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant (HMEP) from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, the grant is estimated to be \$6,465 for the 2016 budget year which includes a 25% local match (\$1,293) which is available in the 2016 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to enter into contract and accept funding of \$5,172 with a 25% local share of \$1,293 required for a total grant of \$6,465 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust the Federal Aid revenue account 414000 and Training and Education account 510200 in the Department of Emergency Services 2016 Budget, fund 110, funds center 16700 for the FY 16 HMEP grant to comply with State and Federal approved funding levels and this resolution; 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 Emergency Services, attention: Melissa Calhoun.
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2. COMM. 12E-27 (2016)
SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office houses over 20,000 inmates each year; and

WHEREAS, the sheriff's office contracts with companies to provide communication and commissary services to inmates; and

WHEREAS, the sheriff's office and Erie County have approved agreements in place with IC Solutions and Keefe Group to provide telephone and commissary services for inmates at the holding center and correctional facility; and

WHEREAS, the county is in year two (2) of a 3-year agreement which IC Solutions and in year two (2) of a 3-year agreement with Keefe Group; and

WHEREAS, IC Solutions and Keefe Group have integrated the companies' technologies into the county facilities' existing phone and computer systems saving time and eliminating additional sheriff's office administrative costs for the phone and commissary services; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office was proactive in negotiating extensions to the current agreements which resulted in increased revenues to the sheriff's office and greater access for inmates to telephone and commissary services; and

WHEREAS, within the extended agreements, IC Solutions will increase the commission fee paid to the Erie County Sheriff's Office from 61.5% to 65.1% of the gross revenue and Keefe will increase its commission fee to the sheriff's office from 35% to 40% of the gross revenue; and

WHEREAS, these commission fee increases will provide the Erie County Sheriff's Office with additional revenue for detention facility maintenance and improvements without additional taxes for the citizens of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the increased commission fees, IC Solution extension will install a 64-unit Video Visitation System which will allow inmates to remain in contact with out of-area family and friends or any other group or individual unable to travel to Erie County for a visit; and

WHEREAS, Keefe Group has agreed to install up to eight additional vending machines between the two facilities providing greater access for the inmates to commissary items; and

WHEREAS, both companies will maintain the current equipment, software, and provide technical support without increasing costs to the taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to enter into agreements extending the existing contracts for IC Solutions and Keefe Group to provide inmate telephone and commissary services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the IC Solutions agreement for inmate communication services will be extended for an additional five (5) years expiring in 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Keefe Group agreement for inmate commissary services will be extended for an additional five (5) years expiring in 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature send certified copies to the County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the County Attorney's Office, and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff Office for implementation.

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EDWARD A. RATH, III
CHAIR