

February 2, 2017

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 2

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

1. COMM. 1E-19 (2017)
SHERIFF AS AMENDED
WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff’s Office is charged with the safe transport of inmates to and from court appearances as well as transporting inmates to or from other counties and states; and

WHEREAS, the current Transportation Unit fleet consist of six vehicles that are four years old and one vehicle that is sixteen years old; and

WHEREAS, the fleet travels an average of 350,000 miles per year and many of the vehicles have over 150,000 miles and one vehicle with over 200,000 miles; and

WHEREAS, not only do these vehicles have high mileage, the engine hours are nearly double of a non-police vehicles with the same miles due to the need to keep the vehicles’ engines running in specific situations; and

WHEREAS, due to the age and constant uses of the vehicles, the fleet needs to be replaced to keep the Deputies and inmates safe and to keep repair and maintenance costs low; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s office will work with the Division of Purchasing to utilize an open bidding process and or the New York State bidder list to purchase seven new Transport Unit vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the average cost of new police vehicles including emergency lighting, safety graphics, security equipment, and communication equipment is \$40,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Telephone Revenue funds will be used to purchase the new vehicles requested; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff’s Office will work with the Division of Purchasing to gather necessary bids for all appropriate items; and

WHEREAS, there will be no impact on county tax dollars with the appropriation of the Jail Telephone Revenue funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that \$280,000.00 in available Telephone Revenue Funds are hereby transferred to the appropriate Erie County Sheriff’s Office accounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the legislature does hereby authorize the following budgetary transactions:

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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| Jail Management | |
| <u>REVENUE</u> | <u>DECREASE</u> |
| 415622 | Jail Telephone Revenue funds |
| | \$ 280,000.00 |
| <u>SHERIFF APPROPRIATION</u> | <u>INCREASE</u> |
| 506200 | Maintenance and Repair |
| | \$ 5,250.00 |
| 561410 | Lab and Tech |
| | \$ 35,854.00 |
| 561440 | Motor Vehicles |
| | <u>\$ 238,896.00</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$ 280,000.00 |

; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Division of Purchasing is hereby authorized to seek bids for the vehicles and equipment and purchase said vehicles and equipment from the vendor with the lowest price; and

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, that the Erie County Sheriff’s Office and the Division of Budget and Management are authorized to have any unused funding either remain in or returned to Telephone Revenue account; 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 be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, the County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the Division of Purchase and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff Office for implementation.
(5-1) Legislator Grant voted in the negative.

2. COMM. 1E-20 (2017)
SHERIFF AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff’s office Narcotics Unit is a major piece in fighting the illicit drug epidemic enveloping every community of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Narcotics Unit proves to be very successful in investigating and arresting narcotic dealers who are selling heroin, fentanyl, cocaine, crack and other illicit drugs to people in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, all the drug-related arrests stem from detailed and exhaustive investigations that include countless hours of surveillance; and

WHEREAS, without replacement surveillance vehicle, the Narcotics Unit would have a major tool eliminated and hinder its investigative abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff’s Office and the Division of Purchasing will work to find local vendors to find acceptable and reliable vehicles for the Narcotics Unit; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff’s Office and the Division of Purchasing will determine whether trading the vehicles or sell vehicles at auction will prove to be the most beneficial to the County of Erie; and

WHEREAS, the Seized Asset Forfeiture Account balance as of January 31, 2017, is \$187,941.18; and

WHEREAS, the funds transferred from the Seized Assets Forfeiture Account for Narcotic Unit surveillance and operation vehicles are a U.S. Department of Justice authorized expenditure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that up to \$40,000.00 in available balances in the Asset Forfeiture Trust Fund is hereby transferred to the Erie County Sheriff's Office Asset Forfeiture Funded Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transactions are hereby authorized:

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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| Sheriff – SAFS Funded Program | |
| <u>REVENUE</u> | <u>DECREASE</u> |
| 421550 Forfeiture Crime Proceeds | <u>\$ 40,000.00</u> |
| <u>APPROPRIATION</u> | <u>INCREASE</u> |

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| 561440 | Motor Vehicles | \$ 40,000.00 |
| | Total Revenue | <u>\$ 40,000.00</u> |

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that designated Seized Asset Fund expenditure meets the criteria established by the U.S. Department of Justice for the use of equitable shared funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby waives the bidding procedures, as impractical, provided for in Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code for purposes of purchasing Narcotics Unit surveillance and operations vehicles and securing the services of local car dealerships to provide dealer services associated with purchasing vehicles; 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, that the Erie County Sheriff’s Office and the Division of Budget and Management are authorized to have any unused funding either remain in or returned to the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Comptroller’s Office is hereby authorized to release the designated funds and make any payments necessary for the purchase of replacement Narcotics Unit vehicles; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, Erie County Comptroller, the Division of Purchase and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff office for implementation.
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3. COMM. 2E-32 (2017)
 COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has identified the need to pre-position fully equipped oil spill response trailers at counties around the state; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has purchased and is offering an oil spill response trailer and equipment for the first responders of Erie County through the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, ownership of the oil spill response trailer and equipment will remain with New York State and the State will have the trailer inspected yearly and maintain the equipment on it; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation must enter into an agreement with Erie County for custody and use of the oil spill response trailer and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has identified a storage location, transport vehicles and trained personnel; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of said oil spill trailer and equipment greatly enhances the hazardous materials response team capabilities for Erie County and other counties in the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to enter into an agreement with New York State Department of Environmental Conversation for custody and use of the oil spill response trailer and equipment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Emergency Services c/o Melissa Calhoun, the County Comptroller, and the County Attorney.
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4. COMM. 2E-34 (2017)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff Office is the lead local law enforcement agency for the Western District of New York Human Trafficking Task force; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office recognizes the importance of assigning a full-time Deputy Sheriff- Criminal to the Human Trafficking Task Force and has, in fact, done so for the past three years; and

WHEREAS, in the 2016 - 2018 Human Trafficking grant, it specifies the Erie County Sheriff's Office position shall be a Detective Deputy, Job Group 9; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this position is detailed and approved within the accepted grant by all parties to the grant; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Detective Deputy, Job Group 9, is necessary to fulfill the Erie County Sheriff's Office obligations for the 2016 - 2018 Human Trafficking grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the Erie County Personnel Department to upgrade the Human Trafficking Unit Deputy Sheriff-Criminal, Job 8, position to a Detective Deputy, Job Group 9; and be it

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive, Division of Budget and Management, Erie County Personnel Department and the Sheriff's office for implementation.
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EDWARD A. RATH, III
CHAIR