

March 22, 2018

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 3

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. COMM. 6E-2 (2018)
SHERIFF AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, The Erie County Sheriff’s Office – Division of Correctional Health (DoCH) is committed to providing the highest level of inmate care at the Erie County Holding Center and the Erie County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, the DoCH is utilizing a vendor from New York State’s bidder list; and

WHEREAS, the current vendor only provides on-site diagnostic services 2-days a week at the holding center and 1-day at the correctional facility; and

WHEREAS, the infrequent service at the facilities forces the Sheriff’s Office to transport inmates to local medical facilities which increases personnel and transportation costs; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Division of Correctional Health discovered several areas where improved services could be achieved while saving taxpayer funds; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Correctional Health is currently utilizing the state bid for diagnostic services and can opt out of the service agreement with a 30-day notice; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Division of Correctional Health received one proposal for the RFP; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo Ultrasound’s proposal has the potential of saving the County of Erie at least \$50,000.00 per year in multiple areas not offered by the current vendor; and

WHEREAS, the company would provide 24/7, on-site services for a lower average cost and its proposal would eliminate the need to transport inmates to area medical facilities for routine diagnostic testing; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo Ultrasound also offers a greater list of on-site services by which further eliminates trips to local medical facilities for diagnostic testing; and

WHEREAS, the County will save \$25.00 per X-ray during normal business hours and the expense of overtime and transportation cost for after-hour services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff’s Office is hereby authorized to award RFP #1820VF to Buffalo Ultrasound for on-site diagnostic services for inmate health care; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is granted to the County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff’s Office, by the Erie County Legislature, to enter into a three (3) year agreement with Buffalo Ultrasound for on-site diagnostic services for inmate health care; and be it further

RESOLVED, the agreement states that after the second year of the three-year agreement, the Erie County Sheriff’s Office – Division of Correctional Health and the County of Erie may opt out of the agreement with proper notification; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive, County Attorney, Division of Budget and Management, Erie County Comptroller, Division of Purchase and the Sheriff’s office for implementation.
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APRIL N.M. BASKIN
CHAIR