

April 19, 2018

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 4

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. INTRO. 14-3 (2017)
MILLER-WILLIAMS: “Strengthening Law Concerning Rape Kit Testing Backlogs, and Mandating that Rape Kits are Stored Until All Legal Options are Exhausted”
(Chair’s ruling)
 - b. INTRO. 17-1 (2017)
MILLER-WILLIAMS: “Reinstatement of the EC Community Corrections Advisory Board”
(Chair’s ruling)
 - c. COMM. 4E-22 (2018)
BASKIN: “Letter to Chair Savage Concerning NYS Commission of Correction Report on EC Holding Center and Correctional Facility”
(Chair’s ruling)
 - d. COMM. 5E-2 (2018)
BASKIN: “Letter to Governor Cuomo Regarding Bail Reform in NYS”
(Chair’s ruling)
 - e. COMM. 6M-1 (2018)
REBECCA L. TOWN, ESQ.: “Testimony Regarding Bail Reform in Erie County”
(Chair’s ruling)
 - f. COMM. 7M-8 (2018)
TOWN OF CLARENCE: “Town Board Resolution – Supporting School Safety Package Proposed Legislation Before the NYS Legislature”
(Chair’s ruling)
2. COMM. 7E-13 (2018)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding in the amount of \$215,639 in Federal assistance to continue the implementation of a program to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into contact and accept \$215,639 in State resources to provide funding to purchase the necessary equipment to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to enter into contract with the NYS Department of Homeland Security to receive \$215,639 in grant funding for the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this grant, under the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services, will meet the goals and objectives; and be it further

RESOLVED, these funds will be utilized to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management to establish funding in the Grant Fund 281, as follows:

Erie County Department of Emergency Services
FY17-18 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)
Operations Grant

Revenue	Increase
Account 414000 Federal Aid	\$215,639
Appropriations	Increase
Account 916500, ID Central Police Services – E911	<u>\$215,639</u>
Total Appropriations	\$215,639

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 sent to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Personnel, the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services c/o Melissa Calhoun, the Department of Central Police Services, Kathleen Pietka, the County Comptroller, and the County Attorney.

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3. COMM. 7E-15 (2018)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding in federal assistance to continue the implementation of programs to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature needs to authorize the County Executive to enter into a contract for \$10,400.00 with Rescue 2 Training to conduct rope rescue training; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available in FY 15 & FY 16 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program to cover the costs incurred for this training; and

WHEREAS, the contract will be managed by the Erie County Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to enter into contract with Rescue 2 Training to conduct rope rescue training in the amount of \$10,400 from available funds and budget modifications for the remainder of funding to account for account 516020 grant HS167TECHRESCUE1518 & HS167TECHRESCUE1619; 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 Personnel, the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services c/o Melissa Calhoun, the County Comptroller, and the County Attorney.
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4. COMM. 7E-17 (2018)

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, 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 counties hazardous materials response team capabilities.

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 Conservation; 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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5. COMM. 7E-51 (2018)

SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad has experienced an increased incident volume over the past couple of years; and

WHEREAS, this unit has acquired new explosive detection, and disarmament equipment which requires a vehicle that can safely secure the sensitive equipment while providing easier access; and

WHEREAS, most of the Bomb Squad vehicles are close to ten years old with one vehicle approaching 300,000 miles; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Bomb Squad has become a regional asset and has assisted local and federal law enforcement agencies around Western New York; and

WHEREAS, the five Erie County Sheriff K9 vehicles are in similar condition to the Bomb Squad trucks; and

WHEREAS, many of the current K9 vehicles have been re-purposed several times throughout the vehicle's lifetime and due to their age and condition are no longer safe for the canine or the handler; and

WHEREAS, the old vehicles can no longer maintain a safe climate for the dogs due to aging engines and mechanical issues; and

WHEREAS, recently, the Sheriff's Office has been awarded a NYS Department of Homeland

Security grant to acquire and train a new explosives detection K9 team; and

WHEREAS, the office needs to purchase a new vehicle for the new K9 team; and

WHEREAS, many fleet and special equipment vehicles can be repaired along the roadside or at the substation, however, without a mobile fleet repair vehicle, the Sheriff's Office is required to incur towing expenses rather than performing the repair work "in the field"; and

WHEREAS, over the past two years the Sheriff's Office has spent nearly \$25,000.00 for towing services for fleet vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the Division of Purchasing will determine whether trading the vehicles or sell the 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 April 9, 2018, is \$ 656,201.10; and

WHEREAS, the funds transferred from the Seized Assets Forfeiture Account for Bomb Squad and K9 vehicles are an U.S. Department of Justice authorized expenditure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that up to \$ 449,817.00 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

Sheriff – SAFS Funded Program

REVENUE

421550 Forfeiture Crime Proceeds

DECREASE

\$ 449,817.00

APPROPRIATION

561440 Motor Vehicles

561410 Lab & Tech Equipment

506200 Maintenance & Repairs

Total Revenue

INCREASE

\$ 402,092.00

\$ 39,900.00

\$ 7,825.00

\$ 449,817.00

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 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 Bomb Squad, K9 vehicles, and fleet maintenance; 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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**APRIL N.M. BASKIN
CHAIR**