

May 31, 2018

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 7

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR SAVAGE PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:

a. COMM. 5E-3 (2018)

RATH, DIXON, LORIGO & MILLS “Letter to Chair Savage Concerning Legalization of Sparkling Devices”
(Chair’s ruling)

2. COMM. 10E-21 (2018)

SHERIFF

WHEREAS, The Erie County Sheriff’s Office has developed one of the largest K9 units in New York State; and

WHEREAS, there are seven certified patrol certified canines currently without protective vests; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office has applied and has been approved to receive ballistic and stab protective vests for seven of our eligible work dogs from the not-for-profit group – Vested Interest in K9’s; and

WHEREAS, this groups donates protective K9 vests to law enforcement agencies throughout the United States and receives its funding from private and corporate donations; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office, and the law, consider law enforcement work dogs law enforcement officers and the Sheriff expresses the desire to properly equip the K9 Deputies; and

WHEREAS, the donation of the vests saves the Sheriff’s Office and county taxpayer approximately \$1,000.00 per vest; and

WHEREAS, the donation from Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. will equip all eligible canines within the Police Services Division.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the Erie County Sheriff’s Office to accept seven protective K9 vests from Vested Interest in K9s; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Division of Purchasing and the Erie County Sheriff’s Office.
(6-0)

3. COMM. 10E-22 (2018)

SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the US Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has awarded \$143,667.50 for FY17 to Erie County in funding to increase security along the Canadian Border; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff’s Office will coordinate with police departments from the City of Buffalo, City of Tonawanda, and the towns of Brant, Evans, and Hamburg to conduct joint waterway patrols supporting U.S. Border Patrol’s mission of apprehending terrorists and their weapons; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used for overtime and fringe benefits of the participating law enforcement agencies associated with the mission, and to purchase equipment required to support this program; and

WHEREAS, there will be no impact on County tax dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to enter into contract with the New York State Department of Homeland Security to accept \$143,667.50 for FY17; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into sub-contracts with the participating agencies to reimburse the expenses they incur while participating in the Stonegarden Border Security Operation; and be it further

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

Erie County Sheriff’s Office
FY 17 Operation Stonegarden Grant
October 1, 2017, to August 31, 2020

REVENUE
Account 414000 – Federal Revenue

Increase
\$ 143,667.50

TOTAL REVENUE \$ 143,667.50

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Account 501000 – Overtime	\$ 27,120.00
Account 502000 – Fringe Benefits	\$ 8,136.00
Account 505600 – Auto Supplies	\$ 4,378.50
Account 516010 – Contractual Payments	\$ 75,365.00
Account 561410 – Lab & Technical Equipment	\$ 28,668.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$ 143,667.50

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 and Federal approved funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to make the necessary transfers and to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate these transfers should there be any unforeseen issues; 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 County Executive's Office, the County Attorney, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Office of the Sheriff for implementation.
(6-0)

4. COMM. 10E-33 (2018)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Department of Central Police Services is in the process of upgrading the CHARMS system which is utilized by law enforcement agencies throughout Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the E-911 Fund provides support for the CHARMS system; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the CPS E-911 Fund Budget (Fund 230, Funds Center 16500, Account 516020 (Professional Services)) to provide for the needed system upgrade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to issue a purchase order to Globalquest Solutions Inc., a local WBE/New York State contract vendor, in the amount of \$8,400 to provide the professional technical services needed for this project; 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, the Bureau of Purchase, and the Department of Central Police Services, attention: Brian Speers.
(5-0) Chair Savage not present for vote.

5. COMM. 10E-36 (2018)
DISTRICT ATTORNEY AS AMENDED
WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer funds from the Erie County District Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Trust Fund prior to their being expended; and

WHEREAS, said forfeiture funds are required to be expended for law enforcement and prosecutorial efforts and operations as Federal guidelines dictate; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney would prefer to use available Asset Forfeiture Trust Funds, rather than County tax dollars, to provide funding for the purchase of office equipment, furniture and motor vehicles as the need arises throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that \$65,000 in available balances in the Erie County District Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Trust Fund are hereby transferred to the District Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Program (SAFDA); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transactions are hereby authorized in Business Area 114; Cost Center: 1140010; Funded Program/WBS Element: SAFDA:

<u>Revenue</u>	
421550 Forfeiture Crime Proceeds	<u>\$65,000</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$65,000</u>
<u>Appropriation</u>	
506200 Maintenance & Repair	\$5,000
510100 Out of Area Travel	5,000
561420 Office Furniture & Fixtures	25,000
561440 Motor Vehicles	<u>30,000</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>\$65,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Finance is hereby authorized to adjust SAFDA budgets as necessary during the year in order for the District Attorney's Office to enhance its investigative, surveillance and prosecutorial efforts, as the forfeiture regulations dictate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County District Attorney, the Erie County Comptroller and the Director of Budget and Management.
(5-0) Chair Savage not present for vote.

APRIL N.M. BASKIN
CHAIR