

February 9, 2023

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 2

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 23M-4 (2022)  
**VILLAGE OF AKRON:** “Certified Resolution Opposing NYS Laws Concerning Firearm Restriction”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - b. COMM. 3M-5 (2023)  
**PRISONERS ARE PEOPLE TOO, INC.:** “Reappointment to ECCSAB”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. INTRO. 2-2 (2023)  
**BASKIN**  
WHEREAS, the Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board was created in 2019 via Local Law 3-2019; and

WHEREAS, the law established a variety of appointing authorities for candidates seeking to serve on the Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Legislature has a recommendation for one of the seats on the advisory board, and the previous term expired at the end of 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that based on the recommendation of the Chair of the Legislature, Mr. Jerome Wright is appointed to fill the position of Member of the Corrections Specialist Advisory Board as a member with demonstrated experience in jail reform, for a three-year term; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board and Mr. Jerome Wright.  
(6-0)

3. COMM. 3E-13 (2023)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the Erie County Probation Department provides Pretrial Services for the courts as an alternative to incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the Bail Reform legislation enacted by New York State in 2020 has impacted the work of Pretrial Services staff; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Probation Department recognizes that failure to return to court is more likely among economically disadvantaged defendants due to lack of transportation and reliable communication methods; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) has awarded the Erie County Probation Department funding to address expenses related to the provision of Pretrial Services; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Probation Department proposes to use a portion of this funding to purchase bus passes and prepay cell phones for defendants with marginal resources; and

WHEREAS, these purchases will not facilitate an increase in County funding of the existing Probation 2023 Adopted Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the Probation Department to increase the 2023 General Fund Budget as follows:

Probation Department  
Fund 110 Funds Center 12610

Revenue Increase	
Account 409060 State Aid-Probation Pretrial Services	\$21,000

APPROPRIATION	Increase
Account 530000 Other Expenses	\$ 7,500
Account 561410 Lab & Technical Equipment	<u>\$13,500</u>
	\$21,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the following departments: Erie County Executive’s Office, Division of Budget and Management, Comptroller’s Office, Purchasing Department, and the Probation Department.  
(6-0)

4. COMM. 3E-16 (2023)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, Performance Advantage Company want to coordinate with the Erie County Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services' Division of Fire Safety and the County of Erie's Department of Purchasing to accept a donated trailer; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Fire Safety will maintain operational oversight and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the trailer will be used in the training of various local and state level community partners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Erie does hereby authorize the acceptance of one training trailer (VIN 2U9CF1021AT017092); and be it further

RESOLVED, that this trailer will be used by the Erie County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Fire Safety Division; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive is hereby authorized to execute any and all appropriate documents as may be necessary for the provision of space at the county surplus warehouse; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the County Executive; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; Vallie Ferraraccio, the Director of the Department of Purchasing.  
(6-0)

5. COMM. 3E-21 (2023)

**SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office and Buffalo Fatherhood Initiative of Buffalo Prenatal have been offering an evidence-based parenting education program called "Nurturing Fathers Program;" and

WHEREAS, the 6-week program offers twelve fatherhood workshops for up to fifteen participants and provides evidence-based parenting curriculum - the "Nurturing Fathers Program" (NFP) which consists of 32.5-hours of sessions addressing, fathering, self-nurturing, overcoming barriers to fathering, discipline, fathering sons/daughters, and co-parenting; and

WHEREAS, due to the demand and the success of the program, the parties wish to offer two additional session within the existing contract; and

WHEREAS, the 6-week program cost \$4,995.00 per session; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office is requesting to amend the contract to offer the additional sessions; and

WHEREAS, because commissary funds are used, there is no impact to the 2023 County Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the county Executive to amend the existing agreement with Buffalo Pre-Natal-Perinatal Network, Inc., 625 Delaware Avenue, Suite 410, Buffalo, New York 14202, to provide for two (2) additional session within the contractual year; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the County Attorney, the County Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Finance, the Division of Purchasing, and the Sheriff's Office for implementation.  
(6-0)

**HOWARD J. JOHNSON, JR.  
CHAIR**