

JULY 2, 2008

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 8

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

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 9E-2 (2008)  
**COMPTROLLER:** Copy of Letter to County Executive Concerning Emergency Audit of Department of Central Police Services  
(6-0)
  - b. COMM. 10E-5 (2008)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE:** Appointment of Commissioner of Central Police Services  
(6-0)
2. COMM. 11E-26 (2008)  
**SHERIFF**  
WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office hired a Supervising Auto Mechanic on March 15, 2008 at Pay Grade 8 Step 0 (\$32,017); and

WHEREAS, that wage is not appropriate for the level of expertise required to fulfill the job responsibilities of this position; and

WHEREAS, this position was budgeted at \$46,852 in the 2008 budget, therefore requiring no additional tax dollars to raise the salary of this employee to a Pay Grade 8 Step 3 (\$37,781); and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office benefits by the employment of this employee by realizing a significant savings in the cost of maintenance performed by this employee rather than using outside vendors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Sheriff's Office be granted a variable minimum of a Job Group 8, Step 3 for the title of Supervising Auto Mechanic; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this rate increase be made effective retroactive to the date of his employment on March 15, 2008; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, Erie County Comptroller, the Department of Personnel and the Office of the Sheriff for implementation.

(5-1) Legislator Iannello voted in the negative.

3. INTRO 13-6 (2008)  
**MILLS & RANZENHOFER**  
WHEREAS, in July, 2007, 17-year-old Michelle Arout was killed when the vehicle in which she was a passenger was involved in an accident while drag racing on a public roadway on Staten Island; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2008, 5-year-old Jordan McLean was killed when the vehicle in which he was a passenger was struck by a vehicle involved in a drag race on a public roadway in Queens; and

WHEREAS, that same day, 24-year-old Mark Harhigh of Lancaster and 21-year-old Melanie Page of Cheektowaga were killed as the result of an accident which occurred during a drag race on a public roadway in Lancaster; and

WHEREAS, innocent people are dying as a result of thrill-seeking behavior; and

WHEREAS, New York State Senate Bill 8020A would increase the penalties for repeat offenders who engage in drag racing on public roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the importance of "Michelle and Jordan's Law" and urge the immediate passage and chaptering of New York State Senate Bill 8020A and a companion bill in the New York State Assembly, which will increase the penalties for repeat offenders who engage in drag racing on public roadways; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor David Paterson, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, the local delegation to the New York State Legislature and County Executive Christopher Collins.  
(6-0)

4. COMM. 13E-15 (2008)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the existing County Radio System was installed in the mid-1950's and it is not able to handle the day-to-day needs of County-Wide communications and requires constant maintenance and repairs; and

WHEREAS, the new County-Wide state-of-the-art 400 MHZ Communication System will provide enhanced County-Wide coverage and be able to handle current needs, saving the County in costly repairs; and

WHEREAS, your honorable body has previously authorized a General Architectural/Engineering Agreement with the firm of DiDonato Associates for providing Professional Architecture/Engineering Services; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is requesting authorization from your honorable body to issue a Supplemental Agreement to DiDonato Associates for providing Design and Construction Documents for the new 400 MHZ Communication System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to issue a Supplemental Agreement to DiDonato Associates for providing Professional Design and Construction Document Services for the Emergency Services and Public Safety – 400 MHZ Communications System Project for an amount not to exceed \$195,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for the above from the 2008 capital project – Emergency Services and Public Safety – 400 MHZ County-Wide Communications System for an amount not to exceed \$195,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, and the Office of the Comptroller.  
(6-0)

5. COMM. 13E-16 (2008)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the County has identified the need to protect capital infrastructure such as telecommunications and data/internet services from fire and other catastrophic events; and

WHEREAS, installation of fire suppression systems throughout County-owned facilities will save the County from costly equipment replacement and down time of critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, your honorable body has previously authorized a General Architectural/Engineering Agreement with the firm of Buffalo Engineering, PC for providing Professional Engineering Services; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is requesting authorization from your honorable body to issue a Supplemental Agreement to Buffalo Engineering, PC for providing an assessment of need to protect the County's critical telecommunication and data/internet services in the event of a building fire or disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to issue a Supplemental Agreement to Buffalo Engineering, PC, for providing an assessment of need study to provide fire suppression systems throughout County-owned facilities to protect critical infrastructure such as telecommunications and data/internet services for an amount not to exceed \$27,500.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for the above from SAP Project A.00047 – 2002 – Code Compliance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, and the Office of the Comptroller.  
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6. COMM. 13E-20 (2008)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has been cited by the New York State Commission of Corrections for overcrowding conditions at the Erie County Holding Center (EHC) and Erie County Correctional Facility (ECCF); and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has asked the County to update and complete the EHC and ECCF Expansion Study started in 1997 and 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff must provide a plan to the New York State Commission of Corrections to alleviate the overcrowding conditions at the EHC and ECCF; and

WHEREAS, your honorable body has previously approved a General Architectural/Engineering Agreement with the architectural firm of Kidney Architects for Professional Architectural Services; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is requested to issue a Supplemental Agreement to Kidney Architects for updating and completing the EHC and ECCF Expansion Study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to issue a Supplemental Agreement to Kideney Architects for completing the ECHC and ECCF Expansion Study in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for all the above from SAP Project A.00085 – 2003 – Master Plan for Jail Expansion in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, and the Office of the Comptroller.

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**TIMOTHY M. WROBLEWSKI**  
**CHAIR**