

February 16, 2017

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 3

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MILLS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:

a. COMM. 2E-33 (2017)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE:** "Appointments to the EC Fire Advisory Board"  
(Chair's Motion)

b. COMM. 3E-18 (2017)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE:** "Appointments to the EC Disaster Preparedness Advisory Board"  
(Chair's Motion)

c. COMM. 3E-22 (2017)

**COMPTROLLER:** "Performance Audit of Department of Public Works Emergency & Standby Power Systems for Period July 2015-June 2016"  
(Chair's Motion)

2. COMM. 3E-19 (2017)

**SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, the US Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has awarded \$135,920.00 for FY 2016 to FY 2019 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, the Town of Brant, the Town of Evans, the Town of Hamburg, and the City of Tonawanda to conduct joint law enforcement patrols supporting the U.S. Border Patrol's mission of apprehending terrorists and their weapons as they attempt to enter the United States illegally; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used for overtime of the participating law enforcement agencies, including fringe benefits 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 contract with the New York State Department of Homeland Security to accept \$135,920.00 for FY 2016 to FY 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter subcontracts 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 2016 Operation Stonegarden Grant  
September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2019

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
Account 414000- Federal Revenue	\$ 135,920.00
<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
Account 501000 - Overtime	\$ 16,140.00
Account 502000 - Fringe Benefits	\$ 5,139.00
Account 505600 - Auto Supplies	\$ 15,710.00
Account 516010 - Contractual Payments	\$78,631.00
Account 561410 - Lab & Technical Equipment	\$20,300.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 135,920.00

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 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.  
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3. COMM. 3E-20 (2017)

**SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, the newly formed Erie County Sheriff's Office - Division of Correctional Health is committed to providing the highest level of inmate care at the Erie County Holding Center and the Erie County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Division of Correctional Health wrote 30,000 scripts, on average, per month; and

WHEREAS, the 30,000 inmate scripts cost the County \$100,000.00 per month; and

WHEREAS, since acquiring oversight of the Division of Correctional Health, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has conducted a review of pharmacy procedures, needs, and performance of the current vendor; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Division of Correctional Health received four proposals, of which, one submission did not meet the qualifications set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the three remaining proposal were reviewed and members of RFP review committee evaluated the qualified bidders and determined, through a numeric scoring system, that Westwood Pharmacy's (Westwood) proposal scored the highest; and

WHEREAS, Westwood Pharmacy's proposal has the potential of saving the County of Erie at least \$200,000.00 per year in multiple areas not offered by the current vendor; and

WHEREAS, the company would assist the Division of Correctional Health to identify a complete list of generic options for prescription and non-prescription medications; and

WHEREAS, Westwood's ordering system automatically defers to the generic option while still offering the ability for a physician review and approval if the non-generic medication is preferred over the generic medication; and

WHEREAS, the County will save \$7.00 per prescription in administrative and delivery costs; and

WHEREAS, Westwood offers the ability to return unused prescription and non-prescription medications without the County being charged a re-stocking fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to award RFP #1637VF to Westwood Pharmacy for inmate pharmacy services; 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) agreement with Westwood Pharmacy for inmate pharmacy services; 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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4. COMM. 3E-21 (2017)

**SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, in 2016, 848 dental procedures were performed on inmates; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Corrections and the U.S. Department of Justice mandates that Erie County provides inmates access to dental care; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office now has oversight of the Division of Correctional Health; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has begun reorganizing and reviewing past practices of the division to find efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, in the few months since acquiring oversight responsibilities, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has found, through an internal review, the potential for major cost savings to Erie County while increasing dental services and care for inmates; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a new dentist position and an upgrade for dental assistant to a full-time position could save approximately \$100,000.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, an important aspect of inmate healthcare is access to proper dental procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Correctional Health currently contracts with two dentists which cost the County nearly \$210,000.00 in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Correctional Health maintains one part-time dental assistant which cost the County nearly \$62,000.00 in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the fees paid to the dental care individuals surpassed the salary of proposed full-time Division of Correctional Health employees; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Dentist, Job Group 15, and the upgrade of Dental Assistant, Job Group 5, to full-time would allow for greater oversight of personnel, services, and care provided by the newly formed Erie County Sheriff's Office - Division of Correctional Health; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's office believes the elimination of fees for service contracts and the creation of a Division of Corrections Health full-time dentist and full-time dental assistant positions, will save Erie County approximately \$100,000.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office - Division of Correctional Health's plan to eliminate fees for service contracts and personnel and replace the agreements with full-time County employees has garnered the approval of the U.S. Department of Justice's medical consultant; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's office plan will move the County closer to a dismissal of the U.S. Department of Justice's suit against Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided by the Erie County Legislature to the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the Erie County Personnel Department to create one (1) Dentist, Job Group 15 (\$69,152.00), and upgrade one (1) Dental Assistant, Job Group 5 (\$28,296.00), for the Division of Correctional Health; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive, Division of Budget and Management, Erie County Personnel Department and the Sheriff's office for implementation.

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5. COMM. 3E-23 (2017)  
**SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services has awarded the County of Erie and the Erie County Sheriff's Office a grant in the amount of \$70,674.13 for protective equipment for Deputies; and

WHEREAS, this grant was part of a collaborative effort to secure funding for multiple local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the funding is to provide law enforcement agencies with resources to equip frontline, first-responding Deputies and officers to an active shooter event with proper equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office provides mutual aid to surrounding jurisdictions for an active shooter event; and

WHEREAS, after action reviews of joint training operations revealed the need for additional equipment for Deputies and officers who respond to active shooter events; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has identified the need for adjustable protective helmets and additional patrol rifles for each district, school resource officer, domestic violence, and detective vehicles to ensure first responding Deputies adequate equipment when responding to active shooter events; 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 a contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept \$70,674.13 for police protective equipment; 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 Police Protective Equipment	
<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
Account 409000 - State Aid Revenues	\$70,674.13
 <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	 <u>INCREASE</u>
Account 561410 - Lab & Technical Equipment	\$70,674.13

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

\$70,674.13

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, 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, 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.

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**EDWARD A. RATH, III**  
**CHAIR**