

June 27, 2019

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 12

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR LOUGHRAN.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 11M-4 (2019)
EC BAR ASSOCIATION: “Testimony Regarding EC Corrections Specialist Advisory Board”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - b. COMM. 13E-1 (2019)
JOHNSON: “Letter to Sheriff - Invitation to Discuss Corrections Specialist Advisory Board Local Law in Next Public Safety Committee Meeting”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - c. COMM. 13E-6 (2019)
SHERIFF: “Letter to Chair of Legislature Requesting Opportunity to Address Public Safety Committee”
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 14E-5 (2019)
SHERIFF
WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff’s Office (ECSO) recently trained and certified new narcotics detection K9s for the Jail Management Division (JMD); and

WHEREAS, the ECSO needed to acquire the new K9s due to the dogs’ health and their ability to perform sweeps and searches; and

WHEREAS, now that the new K9s are deployed in the Erie County Holding Center and the Correctional Facility, the previous JMD K9s can be retired and ownership transferred to the current handlers; and

WHEREAS, since the handler/canine relationship is special and unique, it is appropriate to transfer ownership to the handler; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office, the County, and the Legislature have granted K9 transfers in the past which allows the dog to remain with the family it has lived with for many years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Legislature hereby authorizes the Erie County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff’s Office to enter into an agreement with Deputy Brian Thompson for the consideration of one (1) U.S. Dollar for the transfer of ownership of Bili; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Legislature hereby authorizes the Erie County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff’s Office to enter into an agreement with Deputy Gerald Keicher for the consideration of one (1) U.S. Dollar for the transfer of ownership of Roki; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Legislature hereby authorizes the Erie County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff’s Office to enter into an agreement with Corrections Officer Randy Ratajczak for the consideration of one (1) U.S. Dollar for the transfer of ownership of Cer; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Legislature hereby authorizes the Erie County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff’s Office to enter into an agreement with Corrections Officer Andrew Addesa for the consideration of one (1) U.S. Dollar for the transfer of ownership of Lord; and be it further

RESOLVED, Deputies Thompson and Keicher, and Corrections Officers Ratajczak and Addesa shall assume full responsibility for the respective canine under such agreement and shall further hold the County of Erie and the Erie County Sheriff’s Office harmless against any and all liability; be it further

RESOLVED, Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, County Attorney, Division of Budget and Management, Erie County Comptroller, and the Sheriff’s Administration Division for implementation.
(4-0)

3. COMM. 14E-18 (2019)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health is responsible for the delivery of a comprehensive range of mental and behavioral health services for the residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has been awarded \$400,000 annually for a 5-year period beginning 5/31/19 by SAMHSA in order to expand the capacity and access to evidence-based treatment in the Buffalo Opioid Intervention Court; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Mental Health thus requires legislative approval to accept the Federal funds and to establish a grant budget in Fund 281; and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be necessary for Erie County to accept this federal aid to serve these high-risk individuals residing in Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to accept SAMHSA grant funds and to have the Department of Mental Health oversee the provision of related services by contracting with Research Foundation of SUNY and Save the Michaels of the World and thus authorizes the Division of Budget and Management to establish a grant as follows:

Erie County Department of Mental Health
Grant Fund 281, Fund Center 12410
May 31, 2019 - May 30, 2024
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Revenue Increase	
Account 414000 – Federal Revenue	\$2,000,000
Appropriation	Increase
Account 517764 – Research Foundation of SUNY OMH	\$1,490,000
Account 517780 – Save the Michaels of the World ASA	400,000
Account 912400 – ID Mental Health Services	<u>110,000</u>
Total Appropriation	\$2,000,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body has previously approved of the County’s entering into contracts with the aforementioned existing providers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriations and revenues which may be impacted by changes to the grantor award, provided there are no changes to county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the: Office of the County Executive, Department of Mental Health, Office of the Comptroller, Department of Law and the Division of Budget and Management.

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4. COMM. 14E-19 (2019)
COUNTY CLERK

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law §205, the County Clerk shall act as an agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles and in such capacity the Erie County Clerk operates the Erie County Auto Bureau; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law §205, the County of Erie retains approximately 12.7% of all fees generated at Erie County Auto Bureau locations; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2020, the federal government will require that driver’s licenses, learner’s permits or identification cards be REAL ID compliant to board a domestic flight, enter military bases and certain federal facilities; and

WHEREAS, more than 200,000 Erie County driver’s licenses will expire before the deadline; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk has commenced an awareness campaign and reaching as many Erie County residents as possible is vital to the success of the campaign; and

WHEREAS, the estimated that the value of the donation of two (2) monthly billboard bulletins through the end of 2019 would be \$53,400.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Clerk is hereby authorized to accept the donation of two (2) monthly billboard bulletins through the end of 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall retain the right of final approval over advertising content; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the County Executive; the County Attorney and the Erie County Clerk.
(4-0)

HOWARD J. JOHNSON, JR.
CHAIR