

September 19, 2019

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 14

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 15E-2 (2019)
BASKIN: “Letter to County Executive & Sheriff Regarding Status Update on the Sheriff Body Camera Project”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - b. COMM. 15E-52 (2019)
SHERIFF: “Letter to Chair Baskin Regarding Body Camera Project”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - c. COMM. 15E-53 (2019)
BASKIN: “Letter to Sheriff Howard Re: Body Camera System – Response to 7/8/19 Letter from the Sheriff”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - d. COMM. 15D-6 (2019)
DEPARTMENT OF LAW: “Opinion Concerning Transfer of Funds Prior to Opening Responses to RFP”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - e. COMM. 16E-13 (2019)
BASKIN: “Letter to Sheriff Concerning RFPs Review Process & Funding for Body Camera System”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - f. COMM. 16E-18 (2019)
BASKIN: “Letter to Sheriff Regarding Compliance of FOIL Request of Body Camera Footage”
(Chair’s Ruling)

- g. COMM. 18D-3 (2019)
COMPTROLLER’S OFFICE: “Letter to Central Police Services Commissioner Regarding Audit of Aid to Crime Labs Program Prevention Grant – 07/01/2018 – 06/30/2019”
(Chair’s Ruling)

- h. COMM. 18D-5 (2019)
COMPTROLLER’S OFFICE: “Letter to EC Dept. of Probation Commissioner Regarding Audit of Dept. – 1/1/2019 – 6/30/2019”
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 16E-8 (2019)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, more than 300 pedestrians are killed and 15,000 injured each year in New York State due to being struck by motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, pedestrians comprise more than 25% of the fatalities due to motor vehicle crashes in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) has designated Buffalo and Erie County as a Focus Community in its Pedestrian Safety Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, GTSC has awarded Erie County a grant in the amount of \$35,550 to fund a public education and awareness campaign on the risks to vulnerable road users; and

WHEREAS, STOP-DWI Office requests authorization to enter into a contract with New York State; and

WHEREAS, the grant will be used to continue to fund a part-time Data Entry Operator to gather pedestrian safety data and purchase materials for pedestrian safety awareness events; and

WHEREAS, all expenses under Traffic Safety Program are 100% reimbursable by New York State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following transactions are authorized to permit receipt of GTSC funding and establish a Pedestrian Traffic Safety Grant in the 2019 STOP-DWI budget:

CENTRAL POLICE SERVICES
 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM
 Funds Center #1650060 STOP-DWI/TRAFFIC SAFETY
 GRANT #165ROADSAFETY1920
 October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ACCT. #500010 Part-Time Wages	20,000
ACCT. #502000 Fringe Benefits	9,350
ACCT. #505000 Office supplies	500
ACCT. #510000 Local Mileage	200
ACCT. #510100 Out of Area Travel	1,000
ACCT. #530000 Other Expense	1,500
ACCT. #980000 DISS Services	<u>3,000</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>35,550</u>

REVENUES

Federal Revenues	<u>35,550</u>
Total Revenues	<u>35,550</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that STOP-DWI Office is hereby authorized to enter into contract with New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, Budget and Management Office, the STOP-DWI Office and the Department of Central Police Services, attention: Brian Speers.
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3. COMM. 18E-15 (2019)

SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office (ECSCO) and the Buffalo Bills have partnered to provide security and law enforcement duties within New Era Field (the stadium) during stadium events since 2013; and

WHEREAS, this partnership has resulted in a decreasing number of arrests and incidents at the stadium; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Bills, the Sheriff's Office, and other stadium event partners review security needs regularly; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Bills and Erie County Medical Center personnel have identified a need for additional law enforcement personnel within the medical treatment areas at the stadium; and

WHEREAS, in the past, medical professionals and treatment procedures have been interrupted by unruly guests; and

WHEREAS, after an assessment of the facilities and past incidents, the parties agreed that additional Deputy Sheriffs are needed to protect the medical staff and assist with unwelcomed guests; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office will create two (2) Deputy Sheriff- Seasonal Job Group 50, Step-1 positions with an hourly rate of \$36.66; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Bills organization will reimburse the County for the positions; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Sheriff – Seasonal positions only will be deployed during New Era Filed events when the medical treatment area(s) are operational; and

WHEREAS, these positions will be necessary through the end of the lease for New Era Field or at such time the Buffalo Bills organization deems the positions unnecessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the Personnel Department are authorized to create two (2) Deputy Sheriff – Seasonal positions, Job Group 50, Step-1 position for the New Era Field detail; and be it further

RESOLVED, if necessary, the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the County Executive are authorized to enter any agreement beyond the current contract to accept the additional funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the County Attorney, the Division of Budget and Management, the Personnel Department, the Erie County Comptroller, and the Sheriff's Administration Division for implementation.

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4. COMM. 18E-16 (2019)

SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office (ECSO) has been awarded a grant from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding is to reimburse the County \$15,600.00 for seal belt and traffic safety enforcement details throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, this funding will not have an impact on the 2019 County Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff's Office to enter into an agreement with the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to accept \$15,600.00 in grant funding for ECSO traffic safety enforcement activities; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Erie County Sheriff's Office and Division of Budget and Management adjust accounts:

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff – SAFS Funded Program

REVENUE

409020 NYS Miscellaneous

INCREASE

\$15,600.00

APPROPRIATION

500000 Full Time Salaries

Total Revenue

INCREASE

\$15,600.00

\$15,600.00

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, Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, County Attorney, County Comptroller, Division of Budget and Finance, and the Sheriff's Office for implementation.

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5. COMM. 18E-21 (2019)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has secured continued funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health for the purpose of continuing the Release Under Supervision (RUS) Program to include an Intensive Supervision and supportive services component; and

WHEREAS, a Probation Officer is needed to supervise program participants; and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department will accept funding via the Department of Mental Health to reimburse for the cost of a Probation Officer; and

WHEREAS, the respective 2020 departmental requested budgets reflect \$79,277 in available funds through September 30th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Mental Health and the Probation Department, will continue to work collaboratively to identify offenders who can safely be released from the Erie County Holding Center and Jail under the auspices of this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that a Probation Officer, JG-11 position #51015227 that was created within the Probation Department in 2018 and assigned to ERUS continue in this capacity; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary accounts are established by the Division of Budget and Management as follows:

Erie County Probation Department, Fund 110 – Cost Center 12610
October 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Appropriations		Increase
500000	Full Time Salaries	\$ 15,844
502000	Fringe Benefits	8,992
912600	ID Probation Services	<u>(24,836)</u>
	Total	\$ 0

Erie County Department of Mental Health, Fund 110 – Cost Center 12420
October 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Revenues		Increase
406810	State Aid Forensic Mental Health	\$24,836
	Appropriations	
912600	ID Probation Services	\$24,836

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to establish and adjust budgets including the fiscal year time slices as required to comply with approved funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the: County Executive's Office, Division of Budget and Management, Mental Health, County Comptroller, County Attorney, Personnel Department, Sheriff's Department, and the Probation Department c/o Dolla Khoury-Soban.
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6. COMM. 18E-23 (2019)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo has been awarded funding under the Justice Assistance Grant program through the U.S. Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Police Department seeks the assistance of Central Police Services to provide law enforcement software enhancements for its projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the authorization is hereby provided for the County of Erie to accept grant funding from the City of Buffalo in the amount of \$5,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the authorization is hereby provided to establish the grants in the budget of the Department of Central Police Services as follows:

Grant Fund – SAP #165CPSJAG1822
Central Police Services
10/1/2018 – 9/30/2022

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>
414000 Federal Aid	\$5,000
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Increase</u>
516020 Professional Services Contracts	\$5,000
Total Appropriation	\$5,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the authorization is hereby provided to contract with Globalquest Solutions Inc., a local WBE/New York State contract vendor in the amount of \$5,000 to provide professional technical staff for these projects; 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 Federal approved funding levels; 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 and the Department of Central Police Services, attention: Brian Speers.
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HOWARD J. JOHNSON, JR.
CHAIR