

**STEUBEN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE
STEUBEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Special Joint Meeting

Monday, March 27, 2023

9:30 a.m.

*Legislative Chambers, 3rd Floor, Annex Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

PS&C

COMMITTEE:	John V. Malter, Chair Wendy Lozo	Jeffrey P. Horton, Vice Chair Frederick G. Potter	K. Michael Hanna
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FINANCE

COMMITTEE:	Gary D. Swackhamer, Chair John V. Malter	Kelly H. Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair Brian C. Schu	Jeffrey P. Horton
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STAFF:

Jack K. Wheeler Brenda Scotchmer Erica McCoy	Christopher Brewer James Allard Tammy Hurd-Harvey	Jennifer Prossick Jennifer Galvan
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LEGISLATORS:

Carol A. Ferratella Aaron I. Mullen Paul E. Van Caesele	Hilda T. Lando Robert V. Nichols	Steven P. Maio Nicholas D. Pelham
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Malter called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Sheriff's Office

1. **Authorization to Purchase Major Equipment** – Sheriff Allard requested authorization to purchase an ID machine for the Jail. This was budgeted for last year, however, we were unable to get it last year and it is now budgeted for 2023. The total cost is \$8,360. He stated the County's cost is \$4,000 and the remaining \$4,360 will come out of the Inmate Commissary Account as this machine will be used to give inmates a Sheriff's ID when they are released.

Mr. Malter asked is this coming out of last year's budget? Mr. Wheeler replied you would be adding this to the 2023 Major Equipment and there is enough money in the budget to cover this.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF TO PURCHASE AN ID MACHINE FOR THE JAIL FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$8,360 WITH \$4,360 TO BE PAID USING THE INMATE COMMISSARY AND ADDING PURCHASE TO THE MAJOR EQUIPMENT LIST FOR 2023 MADE BY MS. FITZPATRICK. SECONDED BY MR. HORTON. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0 PS&C COMMITTEE AND 5-0 FINANCE COMMITTEE.

2. **Authorization to Accept Donation of a Bloodhound** – Sheriff Allard requested authorization to accept the donation of a bloodhound valued at \$2,634. Deputy McCoy had the opportunity to observe Erie County's bloodhound. The speed and ability they have to trail a scent is significantly different from the patrol canines. Deputy McCoy conducted research and came up with a plan on her own. Erie, Niagara and Monroe counties have bloodhounds and she contacted various vendors. One of the vendors was scheduled to deliver a dog to the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) and they offered to donate one of their dogs to the

Sheriff's Office. They will also pay for the transportation to get the dog here from Texas. The dog is being donated by Kiwi Hunting Services out of Texas.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF A BLOODHOUND FROM KIWI HUNTING SERVICES OUT OF TEXAS, VALUED AT \$2,634 MADE BY MR. POTTER. SECONDED BY MR. HORTON.

Sheriff Allard stated that he would like to commend Deputy McCoy for taking the initiative to research and come up with a plan to make this happen.

Ms. Fitzpatrick asked what is the County cost that we will incur for the care of the dog and equipping a vehicle? Sheriff Allard replied there will be very little County cost. The dog will be on standby and Deputy McCoy is on the SWAT Team and will already be on standby. Purina Dog Food already has a process in place where they donate food for the bloodhounds used by other agencies. There will be costs for annual vet checks and things of that nature. The dog will be used on a call-out basis. He noted Deputy McCoy is the school resource officer for Arkport and the Hornell City Schools. She will take the dog to school on different days. There will be no dedicated vehicle kennel at this time, however, that remains to be seen as we could leverage the Sheriff's Foundation to make a donation toward that.

Ms. Fitzpatrick asked will this dog be used to track people? Sheriff Allard replied this dog will be used for tracking and trailing purposes only. We are looking to use this dog in conjunction with Project Lifesaver to search for missing adults and children. This is a single purpose dog.

Mr. Malter asked how long is the training for the dog? Deputy McCoy replied we start with six months of training with DCJS; there will be 120 hours of training and then we take our test. From there we will be certified. She stated that they can also take a training to be certified with the National Police Bloodhound Association which is 40 hours. Mr. Malter asked where will the training be held? Deputy McCoy replied Monroe County.

Mr. Van Etten asked what other counties have a bloodhound? Deputy McCoy replied Niagara, Monroe and Erie. Sheriff Allard stated Broome may also have a bloodhound. Mr. Hanna asked can this dog be used to help other counties? Sheriff Allard replied yes.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0 PS&C COMMITTEE AND 5-0 FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. FITZPATRICK. SECONDED BY MR. SCHU. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0 PS&C COMMITTEE AND 5-0 FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature