

AGENDA
PUBLIC SAFETY/CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Gray-Chair, Barnes, Reed-excused, Jaynes
ALSO PRESENT: Fonda Chronis, County Administrator
STAFF ADVISOR/MINUTES: Stacy Husted, Clerk

I. DISTRICT ATTORNEY – Joseph Fazzary

- A. Discussion: Request from New York State Office of Victim Services to assist family victims of the mass shooting in Buffalo.

II. SHERIFF – Kevin Rumsey

- A. Resolution – Authorize transfer from Contingency for training and navigation expenses (see attached)

III. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Kirk Smith

- A. Report attached.
B. Discussion: EMS Update
C. Resolution – Resolution of demonstrated absence, reduced availability or inadequate level of care in ambulance or emergency medical service available to the county which is not readily correctable through the relocation or improvement of existing services, directing County departments to commence the process to create a County General Ambulance Service and directing use of American Rescue Plan Recovery Funds for such purpose – Emergency Management/County Administrator Department (see attached)

III. PROBATION – Chris Rosno (unable to attend)

- A. Motion – Authorize renewing the contract with Medlab, Inc. to provide eight-panel drug screens at a cost of \$16.50, no increase, and offer drug screen laboratory confirmations on preliminary screens as requested by the Probation Department at a cost of \$40.00 per screen, an increase of \$5.00 over 2017-2022, not to exceed \$2,500 for the period May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2027

IV. PUBLIC DEFENDER - Vacant

- A. Resolution – Authorize extension of the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services Grant Contract No. C900043 (see attached)
B. Motion - Authorize contract renewal with the New York State Defenders Association, Inc. for the Public Defender’s Office Assigned Counsel for a Case Management System for annual Maintenance and Software Support, in the amount of \$1,000, same price as 2021-2022, for the term May 24, 2022 through May 23, 2023.
C. Motion - Authorize renewing the contract with Opportunities Alternative and Resources (OAR) for client services in criminal matters, at a cost of \$63,255, no increase over 2021-2022, for the term August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023

RE: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY FOR TRAINING AND NAVIGATION EXPENSES – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, due to an increased amount of training expenses for deputies and command staff and the increased fuel costs for navigation operations, the Sheriff’s 2022 Training and Contractual Expense budgets are almost depleted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer the amount of \$23,000.00 from Contingency account no. 001.1990.0500 into the following accounts:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
+\$20,000.00	001.3110.0459	Training
+\$ 3,000.00	001/3111.0401	Navigation Contractual Expense



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Fire - EMS - 911 - EMO - Hazmat

Public Safety Committee June 27, 2022

Committee Action & Information

Program Reports

911: New House numbers

Town of Hector – 5
Town of Tyrone - 1
Town of Reading – 2
Town of Orange - 2

Public Education and Training:

EMT and CFR refreshers ongoing
BEFO started April 26th Beaver Dams

Planning and Response:

Lakes District Emergency Managers Meeting
Advertising for public comment on the Hazard Mitigation plan is finished.
Fire Chiefs counsel Bi-Monthly meeting
meetings with our EMS transporting agencies on future sustainability and needs
Meeting's with NYS Fire Instructors on County training needs. Ongoing
Met with our Haz-Mat consortium to update grant process and planning on-going
SHSP grant submitted
EMPG grant submitted
Safety Committee meeting WGCS district
Attended the NYSEMA conference
Working on EXEC order 18 with many Community Partners meeting June 29th
Building a MCI plan for the County in process
Starting tier 2 training every wed next month into August
Several County fires Cr 28, Cayuta mill, Cr 16, and SR 414 s

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RE: RESOLUTION OF DEMONSTRATED ABSENCE, REDUCED AVAILABILITY OR INADEQUATE LEVEL OF CARE IN AMBULANCE OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY WHICH IS NOT READILY CORRECTABLE THROUGH THE RELOCATION OR IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING SERVICES, DIRECTING COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO COMMENCE THE PROCESS TO CREATE A COUNTY GENERAL AMBULANCE SERVICE AND DIRECTING USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN RECOVERY FUNDS FOR SUCH PURPOSE – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the furnishing of medical assistance in an emergency is a matter of vital concern affecting the public health, safety and welfare, prehospital emergency medical care, the provision of prompt and effective communication among ambulances and hospitals and safe and effective care and transportation of the sick and injured being essential public health services; and

WHEREAS, a county may provide an emergency medical service, a general ambulance service or a combination of such services for the purpose of providing prehospital emergency medical treatment or transporting sick or injured persons found within the boundaries of the municipality or the municipalities acting jointly to a hospital, clinic, sanatorium or other place for treatment of such illness or injury pursuant to General Municipal Law § 122-b; and

WHEREAS, a county acting through its local legislative body, may adopt and amend local laws, ordinances, or resolutions to establish and operate advanced life support first responder services or municipal ambulance services within the municipality, upon meeting or exceeding all standards set by the Department of Health for training, staffing, and equipment, and upon filing with the State Emergency Medical Services Council a written request for such authorization; and

WHEREAS, as an alternative to providing its own ambulance service, or in addition thereto, the county has historically contracted with one or more individuals, municipal corporations, associations, or other organizations, having sufficient trained and experienced personnel, for the operation, maintenance and repair of, or to supply, staff, and equip, emergency medical service or ambulance vehicles and for the furnishing of prehospital emergency treatment, and

WHEREAS, over time and for various reasons fewer volunteers to staff this critical service have been available to answer the call, and it is anticipated that this decline will only continue, thereby leaving a significant part of the county without direct emergency service coverage and placing a significant strain on the other parts of the system, and

WHEREAS, county officials, having met with one or more existing not for profit volunteer ambulances associations, have determined that currently no such existing entities within county continue to have sufficient trained and experienced personnel to provide adequate ambulance coverage within Schuyler County and to regularly meet the generally accepted rural ambulance response standards and the parties are currently unable to develop the synergies necessary to solve the EMS crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Article 30 of the New York State Public Health Law, Section 3008, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby finds and determines that there is a demonstrated absence, reduced availability or an inadequate level of care in ambulance or emergency medical service available to the County of Schuyler which is not readily correctable through the relocation or improvement of existing services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator and Office of Emergency Management, with such assistance as might be required from the County Director of Public Health and such other departments deemed necessary and appropriate, are authorized and directed to apply for and obtain a municipal Certificate of Need effective October 1, 2022, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature appropriates \$400,000 in American Rescue Plan monies to provide initial start-up funding for the creation of said ambulance service.

RE: AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES
GRANT CONTRACT NO. C900043 – PUBLIC DEFENDER’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Public Defender’s Office received the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services Grant, Contract No. C900043 (Distribution #9 for trainings, office supplies and trial equipment), and

WHEREAS, said grant was in the amount of \$55,776, for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, said grant funds have not been fully utilized, and as such, said grant should be extended, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services has provided an agreement to extend the contract with a new period January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature is hereby authorized to sign said grant contract extension, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to extend the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services Grant, Contract No. C900043 accordingly, and in cooperation with the Public Defender’s Office.