

**Herkimer County Legislature
Public Safety/Emergency Management and Ways & Means
Committee Meeting
Friday, March 26, 2021
Via Zoom
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Persons Attending:

John P. Stephens (Chairman, Public Safety/W&M committee member)
Gregory Malta, Sr. (Public Safety committee member)
Raymond Johnson (committee member, both)
Kurt J. Ackerman (committee member, both)
William Weakley (Public safety committee member)
Peter J. Campione (Public Safety committee member)
Patrick E. Russell (Ways & Means Committee Chairman)
Raymond Smith (Ways & Means committee member)
Frederick J. Shaw, Jr. (committee member, both)
Vincent J. Bono, Chairman of the Legislature
James W. Wallace, Jr., County Administrator
Lorraine Lewandrowski, County Attorney
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer
Scott Scherer, County Sheriff
Michael Edwards, STOP-DWI Coordinator
John Raymond, Director of Emergency Services

(Non Committee Members Signed In)

Legislator Mark Gaworecki
Legislator Robert J. Schrader
Legislator Bob D. Hollum
Legislator William E. Keeler, Sr.
Legislator Peter F. Manno
Legislator Ray Donley

Absent:

N/A

Mr. Stephens called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m.

Items Discussed:

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

1. Approve monthly report of the Sheriff – January 2021
2. Other

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND WAYS & MEANS:

3. Accept grant, create project and amend 2021 budget in connection with STOP-DWI funding
4. Approve reallocation of funds, transfer and authorize Chairman to e-sign for 2018 SHSP grant in Emergency Services
5. Other

Committee Vote Record:

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Mr. Stephens: "Number one approve monthly report of the Sheriff for January 2021."

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Weakley for Public Safety, Item #1 was voted on and approved. Unanimous.

Item #2 – N/A.

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND WAYS & MEANS:

Mr. Stephens: "Number three accept grant, create project and amend 2021 budget in connection with STOP-DWI funding. Mr. Edwards, I believe you are on. Anything you need to add?"

Michael Edwards: "It's the Crack-Down Grants. Police Departments utilize it for DWI patrols. We didn't get any money the first half of the year so this is the second half of the grant and this is what they allotted us."

Mr. Stephens: "Can I get a motion?"

Item #3 – On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Shaw for Public Safety, and on motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Stephens for Ways & Means, Item #3 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Stephens: "Number four approve reallocation of funds, transfer and authorize Chairman to e-sign for 2018 SHSP grant in Emergency Services."

Mr. Russell: "Is there any other discussion?"

Mr. Manno: "I have a comment. We are talking about all of this money we may have to be giving to the Daycare Center yet we built a 130 bed jail which we didn't need and we didn't put in the Sheriff's office which should have been there because of money and now all of the sudden we have all of these funds for other things."

Mr. Stephens: "I believe Mr. Manno, this is all grant funding so it wouldn't have anything to do with the other."

Mr. Manno: "Yes. The major part of it was grant funding but as Kurt was talking, there could be other expenses. We are going to hire an inspector now too. That's not grant money."

Mr. Stephens: "Not with what we are doing here now. That doesn't have any bearing on it."

Mr. Russell: "Under number four is there any other discussion that is pertinent to number four?"

Item #4 – On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Malta for Public Safety, and on motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Stephens for Ways & Means, Item #4 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Stephens: "Anything under other? Can I get a motion to adjourn?"

Item #5 – N/A

At 10:45 a.m., on motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee adjourned.

The Ways & Means Committee continued.