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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REVIEW OF THE 2020 TENTATIVE BUDGET PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE DEPARTMENTS - SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 DEBRA J. CODY, CHAIR

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. May, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Rowley, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Ervin, Ms. Williams
ALSO ATTENDING: Chairman Knapp, Mr. Holmquist, Mr. McBride, Dr. Chase, Mr. Bush, Mrs. Tassone, Mrs. Abbott-Kenan, Mr. Bottrill, Mr. Burtis; also see attached list

Chair Cody called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. She pointed out the room exits, asked everyone in attendance to sign in, and for speakers to use their microphones.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY, pg. 3-66: William Fitzpatrick, District Attorney; Dominic Trunfio, Deputy District Attorney; Barry Weiss, Administrative Officer, Lucille Lo Re, Accountant 2; Melissa Conto, Account Clerk 2

Mr. Fitzpatrick provided the following:

2020 DA Budget Presentation September 19, 2019

1. Criminal Justice Reform

- Effective January 1, 2020, we are required to **automatically** turn over our entire file within 15 days of the arrest/arraignment within 15 days as opposed to up to 6 months (when the case must be indicted, and only after a defense demand, under the current statute.
- The new law now puts the DA in constructive possession of all police and lab records. (**There are over 20 police and law enforcement agencies that submit cases to the DA's Office**).
- The new law will significantly impact our time to disposition rates, which have always ranked amongst the top in the state because it strictly hampers our ability to take and accept guilty pleas.
- Elimination of Cash Bail on most offenses.
- Witness protection and relocation expenses will increase significantly. (New discovery law compels us to turn over witness identification and location information within 15 days. And of course, the perpetrator will be at liberty as a result of bail reform.)

2. New Laws Require Additional Resources and Office Re-structure

As a result we are required to re-structure our office to create a new Discovery/Intake Unit within our Grand Jury Bureau. The proposed additions to our 2020 budget are a direct reflection and consequence of our ability to comply with the requirements of the new laws. We have reassigned a Senior ADA and a second ADA to staff this unit to ensure compliance within that first 15 day time frame. Additionally:

- A. We have requested the funding two (2) paralegal positions which have been on our roster for a number of years as unfunded. These paralegals will work directly on discovery compliance.

B. Create 2 new court stenographer positions to allow the senior stenos to complete their responsibilities and to keep up with the increased work flow. Effective January 1, 2020, the new statute will require providing all transcripts of grand jury proceedings to the defense within days of the Grand Jury presentation.

C. Advance the current three (3) Grand Jury stenographers to senior status.

(1) Under the new statute, they will now have to transcribe every single GJ proceeding in a much shorter time frame.

(2) This significant work increase could drive our current 3 court stenos out, since we already are unable to compete with OCA starting salary of \$75,000 for stenos, who are also additionally compensated for every page they print in a transcript for any requesting party.

D. Create a career ladder in order to retain newer ADA's

(1) Almost all our ADAs are weighed down by massive student debt loads

(2) Our salary structure that has not changed in 20 years and we are unable to compete with private sector salaries.

(3) Without this change, we have no ability to promote when we promote ADA's from handling misdemeanors to felonies and give them more serious responsibilities.

- Thanked Mr. Morgan and Ms. Venditti for their outstanding assistance and legislators for their support; 28th year budget presentation, always asks for what is needed and the legislature has complied
- Since 1992 have had open file discovery process, only exception is witness protection, which has become a common occurrence in the recent past; witness intimidate is a great impediment to the fairness of justice
- 3 areas have been discussed at the state level: discovery, bail, and speedy trial; bail has much to do with what we are talking about today; my policy for the past 15 years has not criminalized poverty – ask for nominal bail where there are cases of danger, the community is at risk, there is serious risk of reoffending or pretty sure the person won't appear in the future; state drafted these statutes without talking to any DA's or crime lab directors and the unintended consequences directly relates to the budgetary request
- Essentially one of the most massive unfunded mandates imposed upon his office in 28 years; a group of senior DA's, headed by Mr. Trunfio, have been working with local stakeholders on this since May - keep in mind he is responsible for 46 Justice Courts and over 20 police agencies that periodically bring cases
- Potential for tremendous revenue loss in the Justice Courts – defense lawyer's will move for dismissal because mandated discovery isn't received within the time period, i.e. validation of speed gun; in some instances, the cases may not be arraigned in time to meet the statutory discovery obligations
- Witness protection will be a serious problem; 15 days within arrest must provide defense counsel every name, home and business address, cell and home phone number of any witness to be called for the case or that lead to the arrest; i.e. will have to tell the witness that in 15 days the person you are identifying will have your name, address, cell phone number and a lot of your biographical information
- Under this new statute a rapist who strikes in your home has the right to come back and visit where the crime took place; elimination of cash bail makes it impossible to continue the give and take process with defense lawyers, i.e. they agree not to go into the persons home, we agree to have their client released on bail and discuss a possible plea-bargain; over 90% of cases are plea-bargained as they should be; can no longer ask for a waiver, will result in more trials
- To deal with this Orange County, smaller than Onondaga, is asking for \$1.5 to \$2 million including the addition of 6 ADA's, Richmond County, closest in size to Onondaga, is asking for \$4.3 million; he is asking for 2 new Grand Jury stenographers because every case has to be transcribed, even if the defendant wants to plead guilty it must be transcribed first; pay is not competitive with the Office of Court Administration
- Sad to see talented, professional, dedicated professional servants leaving; cannot compete with the private sector and don't want to, want people that understand what they are signing up for but at some point, not today, will have to revisit entry-level salary structure for the ADA's, even counties such as

Oswego, Lewis, Jefferson, and St. Lawrence is significantly higher than Onondaga; despite that, we have had people that want to work here in one of the best DA offices's in America

- Not an alarmist, will make it work if given the tools to do so; someday in 2020 someone will commit a violent heinous crime in NY, there will be overwhelming evidence he did it, he will be released on bail, and the case will be dismissed because some police agency didn't get the discovery to the DA in time, guarantee that is going to happen, pray it is not here in Onondaga
- Thank you, glad to answer any questions

Mr. May:

- Thanks for the good fiscal work you do year to year; before getting into numbers, and because this is not in the detail provided, please do a slightly deeper dive on the discovery piece, the right of the accused to revisit the scene of the crime and all the implications

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Now when we have a serious arrest the police come in, i.e. see woman standing over the body of her husband with knife wounds to his chest, she's holding a knife, invokes her right to counsel, police make arrest for homicide, she is arraigned and is assigned or hires an attorney who then contacts the assigned ADA, defense lawyer share certain information, i.e. what happened - was this a murder for insurance, has she attempted to do this before or is she a battered spouse defending herself, all this evidence is collected, based on all the facts and circumstances we conclude this is criminally negligent homicide; under discovery statutes if both he and the defense lawyer agree she cannot enter a plea until all the blood work is complete, i.e. all material in the apartment analyzed, blood splatter, DNA on the knife and so forth; this has nothing to do with fairness, will cause an increased burden on his office, increase assigned counsel costs, and burden the lab
- In terms of scene visits, i.e. a burglary, homicide, rape, imagine the ignominy of standing in your home while someone who has abused your child gets to have an escorted visit through your house; unconscionable and nothing to do with fairness, everything can be recreated by means other than a physical visit but that is the law passed
- Cannot say, as eluded to his opening remarks, how serious a problem witness intimidation is, cases have gone down in open court because witnesses won't cooperate, plead the 5th amendment; up to this point he has been able to say the chances of a case going to trial are not very good, now he has to tell the witness that within 15 days the accused will have everything they need to know about them and even if held on bail, which would be unusual, he has communication skills and friends out there; this will not be good

Chair Cody:

- To be clear the state is not offering any resources to deal with these reforms

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- No, they passed a law but did not segregate a single dollar; most of his predictions have come true, when they did Raise the Age (RTA) he warned of the serious problem in this county with juvenile violence; when going to Centralized Arraignment Part (CAP) the promise to the DA's office started at \$2 million, then \$1.5 million, then \$1 million, wound up being zero, all went to the defense side; \$100,000 million was allocated by the state for RTA but not a dime was allocated to the DA's office and now this – not a dime to DA offices or labs, it is unconscionable

Chair Cody:

- Agreed

Mr. Ryan:

- Provide a little more on the CAP, Special Mental Health Court, Opioid Court and the next phase of implications for RTA; how we are doing and a budgetary perspective?

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Haven't asked for increased money for CAP, impose upon staff to make sure it is properly manned, surviving; same for RTA, would defer to the county attorney who's burden has probably gone up; had a number of disagreements with the courts about whether a person belongs in juvenile or adult court

- For 28 years his philosophy's are: is it a crime, do we have the right person, if both are affirmative then what is the crime, what is the harm to society, can we have restorative justice – can people be made whole, he then described examples of when restorative justice is and is not appropriate; some DA's across the country have made blanket statements that they won't prosecute certain crimes, usually have a list of 15 or 20, it is a misunderstanding of the word prosecute which doesn't mean go to court, find them guilty, lock them up and throw away the key, prosecution is a chain with many, many links, the first link starts with the crime, then investigation, an arrest, an arraignment and then a whole new process starts; he then went on to describe crime examples, how he tries to determine why the crime was committed, if they have done it before, and if they have a drug, alcohol or mental health problem
- Mental Health is the most ignored problem in America; school shootings can all be traced to mental health issues; goes untreated because of the stigma attached to it; Mental Health Court is designed to address those specific issues
- Analogize the Opioid Court to the emergency room of a hospital, America will lose between 60,000 and 70,000 adults this year; as a government we have allowed this to happen, Congressmen and women get wine and dined by big pharma, he then described an example of a doctor overprescribing pain meds for surgery, happening all over America; sorry to go off on tangent, was a broad question

Mr. Trunfio:

- In terms of budget, you gave us an RTA position a couple of years ago, state promised to fund; funded an ADA position with CAP, ADA now starts their day in the evening and works until 10:00 p.m. every day of the week; RTA ADA now handles the RTA court and assess every case that comes in, as the DA said there is a give and take with court in terms of whether the case should be in family or adult court; first 6 months of RTA we had the highest number of cases going to the adult court because of the level of violence; used those resources but don't know if the county every got reimbursed by the state as promised

Mr. Ryan:

- You've said surviving, whether RTA is a good or bad thing is a conversation for another day, it is here and if we need to put more resources towards that; do we have enough and are we doing enough?
- Secondly, Opioid Court seems to be working and a good thing; a lot are coming back through the Drug Court and be exonerated out

Mr. Trunfio:

- Those problem-solving courts do not correspond with the new legislation because Opioid, Veterans and Drug Courts require pleas upfront and the defendant to waive a number of rights; right now the Office of Court Administration and the state legislature are trying to rectify all these problem courts, may all go away or have a very different look January 1st

Mr. Ryan:

- Need to follow up with that conversation on another day; with the new criminal procedure, are you confident you are asking for enough?

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Uncertain, may be back, honest assessment; asking for what is needed not what he wishes he could have

Mr. Ryan:

- What might the ask be if you come back; there are a lot of moving parts to this, SPD is understaffed, 15 days is a quick turnaround for evidence collection, we can't try the case if we don't the evidence or the defense lawyer could say they didn't get the information in time so the defendant is walking

Mr. Trunfio:

- These agencies are already bulking they don't have the resources to do this, it is the law so they have to; meeting with them at 11:00 a.m. today

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Chief Buckner has been very proactive and is a home run for this community

Mr. Ryan:

- The take away is he may be back before the Public Safety Committee to say what is and is not working; people who do bad things may get off on technicalities because police, law enforcement agencies, DA's and the courts don't have enough resources to prosecute the crime

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Right, think we will know by Spring; have a great staff, will make it work

Mr. Ryan:

- Thank you

Mr. May:

- Talked about ADA compensation being an issue every year since he's been here, given the impression that there are 2 aspects 1) supporting local justice courts 2) their pay; not getting too specific, what direction do you think you need to take to become more competitive as a career path for young attorneys?

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Adopt the career ladder so that people within the office can be promoted, entry-level \$56,000, neighboring counties with a 10th of the caseload are \$63,000 and \$65,000, have to compete with them; not discussing it today because we have this crisis, maybe next year

Mr. May:

- Do other counties pay expenses associated with driving to other Justice Courts?

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Don't believe so

Mr. May:

- That is kind of standard practice

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Yes; could save money with district courts but there is resistance, there are clerks, court officers, and judges that would lose their job, a lot of communities like having someone that they know right there i.e. Clay, Cicero, Fabius, Spafford, Tully

Mr. May:

- A local revenue stream

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Could generate more revenue with a more efficient system

Mr. May:

- Thank you, just wanted a better picture of that

Mr. Rowley:

- Part of the increase in authorized positions is reflective of the career ladder strategy?

Mr. Morgan:

- Correct – created 6 unfunded positions, ADA 1's and 2's, will allow them to promote folks within to stay competitive as much as possible, as people are promoted the position they leave will stay vacant, similar to what the Health Department does in the lab and ME's office where they have career ladder 1's, 2's and 3's

Mr. Rowley:

- Funding 5 additional positions and creating 3 for criminal justice reform?

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Yes

Mr. Rowley:

- What is the \$17,000 new membership (**page 3-68 All Other Expenses**)?

Mr. Trunzio:

- It is for a Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS); NYPTI provides a free case management system which would usually cost \$1 million per year but with the new legislation we will be managing all bodycam videos, the cost for storage is about \$150 per terabyte; from other similar-sized jurisdictions using DEMS we expect the cost to be between \$3,000 and \$4,000 per month; no other way to do this unless IT is willing to give them a whole server for themselves

Mr. Rowley:

- What was the \$58,916 new revenue stream (**A590022 State Aid-Public Safety**) that came on in 2019?

Mr. Trunfio:

- McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center got a grant for a specialized forensic interviewer; our specialized investigator works there to interview children, their grant budget reimburses the county; renewed in August for 2 years

Mrs. Abbott-Kenan:

- The County Task Force for School Safety and Security, which you and your officer were part of, is an awesome example of collaboration that will make a difference, schools need guidance, they are not the experts, need to protect our kids, could potentially have multiple agencies coming from everywhere, common language is vital and critical, all perspectives were taken into account; was a breath of fresh air to her and her colleagues to have guidance and the data behind it, excited to see it's going to continue

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Thanks for the great work you did on that; started with 25 and expanded to 65 people, had unbelievable collaboration and almost unanimity in the recommendations made; think we had a little to do with the passage of the Red Flag law, an important aspect; any school district in Onondaga County can reach out to Dr. Knoll and the Mental Health Taskforce for assistance in assessing a threat risk from a student; Sheriff Conway has everyone on the same page in terms of training, downloading apps to all local police departments which give a physical layout of the schools
- Parkland had all kinds of different agencies responding and weren't on the same communication page; after the task force, with the assistance of 911, any school shooting responded to will have everyone talking with each other and know within seconds the exact location

Mrs. Abbott-Kenan:

- There is not a lot of money to go around, dealing with a lot of big issues, when we collaborate we are a force to be reckoned with, need to keep doing this; also need to look at how we fund mental health in this county, all know it's a problem, need to figure it out

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Agree

Chair Cody:

- Requesting 2 vehicles in 2020; did you purchase a vehicle this year?

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Yes; keep in mind he has a police department that works for his office, it is not a luxury, just like Chief Buckner or Sheriff Conway needing vehicles; 2 is a modest request

Chairman Knapp:

- Had a very expensive trial a couple of years ago; whether the same or a different defendant are we set up to handle that in this budget?

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Little vague because the case is pending, the Court of Appeals will decide the Neulander case any day, either reinstate conviction or order a new trial; if a new trial is ordered it will not cost as much as the last, if increased costs are needed he will come to the legislature before burdening the county with the costs; won't comprise justice

Chairman Knapp:

- Quickly talk about criminal justice reform as it relates specifically to traffic violations; an important source of revenue for a lot of our towns and an additional burden on the DA and whoever issued the ticket

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- As discussed earlier with DNA and fingerprints the speeding ticket is no different, it is an accusatory instrument; most of the time a radar gun is used which must be calibrated over a certain period of time; people often hire an attorney and if appropriate are allowed to plead to a lesser charge - now cannot plead guilty unless evidence is produced that the radar gun was working

- Think the Defense Bar will eventually come to some type of conclusion that they have a good thing in Onondaga County

Chair Cody:

- Thank you very much

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

- Thank you, as always appreciate your concerns, comments, interest and most of all service to this county

Chair Cody noted that they are running behind and asked everyone to keep their answers concise.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS, pg. 4-8: Julie Corn, Commissioner; Benjamin Rinaldi, Public Safety Shift Supervisor, Sandra Miller-Martens, Administrative Officer - Financial Operations

Ms. Corn:

- Introduced herself; an honor and a privilege to be in front of you today and to be in this new position after being in DC for the last 20 years working in the defense and intelligence industry; thank you for the past support given to our center and department, look forward to working with all of you in the future
- Speaking from the funding adjustments sheet (**pg. 4-10**); will be as brief as possible and highlight some of the major changes; any questions please let me know, staff members are present to help answer your questions
- Overall budget down, mainly due to the decrease in debt service, over \$2 million
- Biggest appropriation change involves top-level leadership, looking to make some adjustments to the Deputy Commissioner, Operations position currently vacant, upgrade from grade 35 to 36, also adding a Deputy Commissioner of Administration; future changes are coming to the 911 center which will impact our technical systems and the people we manage, mostly involve next-generation 911, the technical systems managed are extremely complex – phone system, communication network between 911 and first responders, the radio system, and all the hardware and software that goes into making our operation run successfully, need someone that can look at those systems holistically to prepare for the future; have over 130 people working on the floor, 24/7 operation with a no-fail mission, need to be prepared to help train people on these new systems, will be ingesting more complex data, moving to taking calls involving pictures and videos, need to be prepared for the stress level folks will experience and the higher level of expectation; need strong leadership to help manage these things and competitive salaries to attract the best candidates
- SOCPA's GIS Special 2 position is not in our budget, mention it to stress the need for an individual to help with our mapping and geographic information systems – location-based services are one of the foundational elements of what makes us successful, being able to locate callers and the nearest first responder is totally dependent on the mapping system we have within our county, critical to have an extra person
- On the revenue side the surcharge was extended an additional 10 years, \$.65 on landlines; shows an increase, weren't sure we were going to receive that revenue, renewed this summer, keeps us at the same level (**A590005-Non Real Prop Tax Items**); a win for us, historically lots of discussions with different surcharges that we could or could not receive with the state, very happy to be receiving this one
- CIP projects not authorized last year are critical because they are passed their life cycle; the Mobile Data Communications Network goes beyond CIP funding, will impact our operational budget for years to come; any questions?

Chair Cody:

- Before getting into questions, please give a quick update on the Madison County consolidation

Ms. Corn:

- Consultant's study recommended a phased set to steps that would eventually lead to consolidation, Madison County opted to not consolidate; met this week to see if we can help them get to where they need to be with their CAD system, they don't have the resources to start from scratch, something we are exploring – at this time that is the degree of collaboration

Mr. May:

- Welcome to your first budget process; what's going on with overtime?

Ms. Corn:

- To her understanding, it is a jump but don't know that it's any different than in the past - asked for a little more, is less than we hoped to get; it's something we monitor, can't give any specific reason for new changes in overtime

Mr. May:

- What are the drivers to OT in your department?

Mr. Rinaldi:

- Training and personnel shortage; cannot train people to work on the new systems while they are working their regular job, have to be taken off the operations floor and backfilled or come in on their days off; trying to get to full staffing, very grueling process, not everyone makes it through the training

Mr. Morgan:

- To Mr. Rinaldi's point, there is an interplay between their 101 and 102 accounts (**A641010 Total Salaries and A641020 Overtime Wages**) typically interchange those accounts because they have to backfill with overtime, they live within the overall amounts; 2018 is what they typically spend on a yearly basis, trying to get them a little closure to that level knowing they'll probably have a little savings in 101 that we will be able to scrape in to cover that

Mr. May:

- Those in the center have a very unique job, not everyone makes it through the training or is suited for the job; bears mention that it will always be a little bit of a challenge to fully staff the department all the time

Mr. Ryan:

- Last year we talked about a big number for that system upgrade; with the Madison County changes the number is not going to change?

Ms. Corn:

- No - the majority of that merger was going to help Madison County; if we collaborate with them on the CAD system we are looking to somehow have an incentive of cost savings

Mr. Jordan:

- **The explanation for Maintenance, Utilities, Rents (pg. 4-10) shows an increase of \$16,118 for Operational System maintenance contract costs but your budget (A694130 pg. 4-8) shows an increase of \$20,021; why the difference between those numbers?**

Ms. Corn:

- **Will get back to you with the discrepancy;** contracts go up incrementally year to year, can look into where the extra \$4,000 is coming from

Mr. Rowley:

- Is the new Deputy Commissioner Administrative position funded in this budget?

Ms. Corn:

- It is not.

Mr. Rowley:

- \$13,161 budgeted for laptop replacement; IT has near \$100,000 budgeted for laptop replacement for departments throughout the county: don't you participate in that program?

Mr. Rinaldi:

- Currently, use laptops for training, have a special program; using old laptop donated from fire departments, passed life expectancy when we got them, looking to replace them because they are starting to go

Mr. Morgan:

- Specialization is probably why we pay for them out of the department; will work with IT to make sure they meet the overall specs

Mr. Rowley:

- Mentioned last year's budget did not include surcharge revenue but it is in this year's budget

Mr. Morgan:

- To clarify what Ms. Corn said, we did budget for it but it was set to sunset in July of this year, so there is a partial year at the higher surcharge rate, factored it phasing out of this year's budget in July; will have a bit of a windfall this year

Mr. Rowley:

- Thank you, that was my question

Mr. May:

- There are a lot of capital requests for 2020; will there be an impact with respect to those projects; almost everything requested was that which was not accomplished this year; the legislature parched out some of those requests feeling that on a one-off basis we could target cash

Mr. Morgan:

- For all capital asks the only actual items that relates and you will be voting on during this budget is the cash in DOT and WEP, other than that nothing in the CIP pertains; once projects are authorized we wait to borrow until needed and the debt service doesn't come on until the following year or so

Mr. May:

- Good to prepare for similar type discussions with respect to the capital ask: 1) are there things we can do with cash, 2) prioritize things; maybe things that needed to happen in 2019 didn't because they weren't totally prepared for the conversation – just a suggestion

Ms. Corn:

- Sounds great, was hoping he would say this and was thinking the same thing

Chair Cody:

- Thank you

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, pg. 4-16: Daniel Wears, Commissioner; Taviot Jackowski, Administrative Officer - Financial Operations

Mr. Wears:

- Thank you for the opportunity to talk about our 2020 budget and some of the changes we are requesting; before getting into the numbers would be remiss if he did not recognize the work of our staff over the last year to 18 months, went through a significant retirement percentage, able to assembly a tremendous team who picked up the ball and continued the work with very little hiccup
- Looking into 2020 have a few request, fund the Director of Security position, position was previously funded, then unfunded; with everything going on in the world need to put increased emphasis on safety and security of county-owned facilities, already started working with contractor, one of their first recommendations and question to us is do we have somebody for which that is their whole responsibility, to pull this off correctly it is critical to have someone quarterback this and the number of players that are involved, Facilities, the Sheriff's office, and Personnel all have a play in this
- Provide cause and origin fire investigation for all the fire departments within the county excluding the City of Syracuse, have to make sure they are personally protected, requesting an increase of \$4,000 in Supplies & Materials (**A69300**) to cover hazardous gas detectors to ensure they do not enter buildings before it is safe to do so; much cheaper alternative than putting them in full breathing apparatus
- Professional Services (**A694080**), for a number of years, we provided some EMS training to fire departments and EMS agencies; providers and the supply of this have changed drastically – last year had about \$90,000 in appropriations and revenue for this line item, demand really changed, a lot of providers already providing these classes to the community, polled fire departments for needs, now feel there is no reason to have that much money in our budget for it, zero-sum either way because it is matched on the revenue side, bringing it more in line with what we think it might be, still able to provide the same level of service
- On the revenue side, last year proposed implementing building permit fees, after further review there was a concern that this could potentially increase costs to the county by the way projects are paid for, debt

service and other things, decided not to charge those fees, revenue is being removed from that project; those are the summations of what we are looking at for 2020

Mr. May:

- Thanks for coming in; before moving on from the permit topic, can you take a little deeper dive – what do you mean by debt service and things of that nature, thought it was a matter of charging for support in the issuance of permits or not

Mr. Wears:

- We are legally required to issue the permits, that hasn't changed; we were looking to charge a permit to the contractor, after looking at it further there was concern that the contractor wasn't billing us for that already so it would add to the cost of the project and increase the cost to the county, would just be taking the money from one pocket and moving it to the other, a decision was made not to do it that way; the interest rate charged on a large project bond could essentially increase the cost to the county

Mr. May:

- Understand, leaves it a net cost to whatever it is to perform that duty

Mr. Wears:

- Right

Mr. Rowley:

- \$40,000 decrease in State Aid – Health (**A590023**)

Mr. Wears:

- Cleaning up what our anticipated grants are going to be; grants have been going down for a number of years since the surge from 9/11 to where we are now, more in line with what we are actually receiving today

Mr. Rowley:

- Was speaking of the operating budget but this is helpful to know too

Mr. Wears:

- That is the offset for the training, where the appropriation and revenue balance out

Mr. Rowley:

- Employee Benefits – Interdepart (**A691200**) seems out of line relative to your salary increase

Ms. Venditti:

- Based on 3-year actuals; perhaps in the past 3 years they weren't able to charge as much to a grant or something

Chairman Knapp:

- Heard lots of positive comments from the local emergency community as far as your level of engagement, cooperation, working together, and the whole nine yards; thank you

Mr. May:

- Some of us are pretty entrenched in that public safety community and it is great to see you out interfacing, and attending meetings; keep it up because that level of engagement, on behalf of Onondaga County, sends a fantastic message to the local agencies, like the Public Safety Collation in Lysander and all the agencies that serve it, love seeing you or someone there, means a lot to them and it is nice for them to have a live connection

Mr. Wear:

- It is one thing we have really worked on as a team, tried to increase that emphasis this year and will continue for next year

Chair Cody:

- Great; thank you

PROBATION, pg. 4-44: Andrew Sicherman, Commissioner; Philip Galuppi, Deputy Commissioner; Patrick Bane, Account 2 - Finance

Mr. Sicherman presented the following:

2020 Budget Remarks

Good Morning and thank you for the opportunity to present the Onondaga County Probation Department's 2020 budget.

Criminal justice reforms at the state level continue to affect the department's budget. October, 2018 saw the majority of sixteen year-olds no longer treated as adults in criminal court. Next month, seventeen year-olds will be included as well, resulting in a significant increase in our Family Court workload. As a result, we are requesting one additional Probation Officer position for 2020. This position will be fully reimbursable under Raise The Age.

In January of 2020, New York State will enact sweeping changes to the current cash bail system. We anticipate these reforms will cause a sharp increase in the number of individuals released by the Courts to pretrial release. Unfortunately, at this time, there is no funding to accompany these changes. To this end, we have requested an increase in local funding for our pretrial program. This request is reflected in the contracts budget line.

Finally, the budget reflects a decrease in revenue of \$88,000. In keeping with the County Executive's mission to address local poverty, we have introduced legislation to eliminate several of the fees authorized under local law, which we currently charge probation clients. As you are aware, the majority of our probationers are not financially stable and these fees pose an undue hardship and distract from our primary mission of public safety and client rehabilitation. We will continue to collect a \$30 monthly fee from our D.W.I probationers. This is the only fee that has NYS legislative support.

Lastly, I would like to thank my staff for their hard work and dedication. At this time, I would be happy to answer any questions. Thank You.

Chair Cody:

- Thank you, could you give an overview of RTA costs and the positives and negatives from your perspective

Mr. Sicherman:

- From my perspective RTA is a positive, are told and anticipate full reimbursement for the county local costs; essentially no longer treat 16-year-olds like adult criminals; NY has a special spin on this, other states that have done this simply made 16-year-olds juveniles at a certain date and then correspondingly considered 17-year-olds juveniles at a certain date, NY did things a little different so the law can be confusing, we have something called an Adolescent Offender and a Designated Adolescent Offender Court, felony cases appear there initially and then can be referred down to Family Court which is the primary route these cases take; avoids giving young folks criminal records early on in their lives and gives us an opportunity to work with them to get them on the straight and narrow before they move on

Chair Cody:

- As long as we get that reimbursement from the state

Mr. Sicherman:

- We are told that is coming, understand it has been a stress

Mr. May:

- Thanks for coming in, good to see everybody; any indicator for sustainability of the RTA funding?
- To your points, think we are doing some good things on that front but we have to be able to pay for it; what are you hearing or seeing?

Mr. Sicherman:

- Can only go by what he has been told, which is the funding will be sustained

Ms. Rooney:

- At the NYS Association of Counties meeting this week, she attended a session on RTA and brought up our concerns about reimbursement; reimbursement largely comes after the state approves our plan which we have now submitted at least 18 times because of all the state departments involved, have assurance we are close; nothing on our end, just them doing reviews amongst departments, no county with a

detention center has received reimbursement yet; \$100 million in last year's state budget for RTA, doubled investment this year and no discussion of any lapse in funding going forward

Mr. May:

- Suppose the double of the state's budget allocation is pegged to the addition of the 17-year-olds coming into the process

Ms. Rooney:

- Yes

Mr. May:

- Are you holistically on track for the budget this year?

Mr. Sicherman:

- Yes, in good shape

Mr. May:

- Not necessarily relying on the state money to stay whole

Mr. Sicherman:

- Mr. Morgan has had to do some work; legally have to continue to provide services

Mr. Morgan:

- Based on what Probation has been seeing with RTA, think they are fine for this year

Mr. May:

- Great; thank you

Mr. Rowley:

- The contractual expense (**A695700**) increase for pretrial services for criminal justice reform is not aided correct?

Mr. Sicherman:

- No, that is local funding

Mr. Rowley:

- What exactly are those services?

Mr. Sicherman:

- Essentially pretrial release services; with the new bail reform law taking effect January 1st we will see a significant increase in the number of folks released to pretrial, previously cash bail would have been set for many of these folks and with a few exceptions cash bail is done in NYS January 1st so the courts will need to rely on pretrial release and specifically that is us, it is a contract we have with Cayuga Counseling – in other words, we are contracted to provide that service

Mr. Rowley:

- What is the \$153,000 plus in the Contingent Account (**A666500**) for this year's budget?

Mr. Morgan:

- That is the value of some of the RTA positions, a place holder; also explains the increase in the 101 line (**AA641010**) for next year, not to be in contingency but programmed into the 101 account, a good part of the jump for next year

Mr. Rowley:

- That makes sense; thank you

Mr. Ryan:

- There are a lot of changes and you are doing a good job; keep up the good work

Mr. Sicherman:

- Thank you very much; appreciate that

Chairman Knapp:

- Echo Legislator Ryan, appreciate your activity and the amount you are out in the community
- How will the reforms for next year change your budget, and if someone is given an appearance ticket and doesn't show up does this fall to you or the Sheriff?

Mr. Sichertman:

- Will fall across both agencies because of the way warrants are handled; Sheriff's office is responsible for locating those with a warrant and does the majority, during the day we handle warrants for folks that wander in to see us; will see an increase in the warrants we execute based on the fact that folks might get out that were normally held with bail; opportunity for us to file a violation right away
- The primary increase will involve the services of pretrial release; planning for it to be very significant

Chairman Knapp:

- Haven't requested additional positions?

Mr. Sichertman:

- No, because this is a contracted function we are increasing our contract, which will increase the number of folks that agency hires to handle this pretrial work; will be a lot, not only number wise, absent a few circumstances the law includes a provision where police are now required to issue appearance tickets, a real significant change
- Judge Murphy put together a group to discuss these issues, attended first meeting, 2nd meeting coming in October; there will be a lot of stuff and we will have to work closely together

Chairman Knapp:

- The whole point is coordination between departments

Mr. Sichertman:

- There will be a lot of communication between the Sheriff's department, our agency, the Assigned Counsel Program and SPD; working on how we will communicate so that we don't lose these folks, everyone's goal is to get people to appear in court

Ms. Rooney:

- Part of the law mandates the court to notify those who received an appearance ticket and the courts will use our pretrial release program to do that

Chair Cody:

- Is there state reimbursement?

Mr. Sichertman:

- There is no money for any of this

Chair Cody:

- Once again an unfunded initiative

Dr. Chase:

- Confused on no cash bail; doesn't mean that people aren't released being bonded?

Mr. Sichertman:

- Actually it does; currently at arraignment the judge either sets bail, releases someone on their own recognizance (ROR) or puts them in the custody of the Sheriff's department, with few exceptions cash bail, and cash bail is related to bonding, is off the table; are some exceptions, not the best person to ask, have to do with the severity of the crime, still ability for a judge to set bail
- The words pretrial release is never mentioned in the current law, it is a form of ROR, essentially released on your own recognizance with judge imposed conditions, i.e. that you report to a pretrial release agency; under the new law they are under a new category called Released Under Supervision – will be released to a Pretrial Release program with conditions under supervision of pretrial release

Dr. Chase:

- It is really a misnomer; should be clearer about what it actually is, people think no cash bail means no bond either, aren't given the opportunity or mandate to put something monetary up to ensure they will show up for the trial

Mr. Sichertman:

- Can see where that could be a cause for confusion; the focus of the state by enactment is to remove undue financial hardship

Dr. Chase:

- Any idea of the percentage of people who remained in jail because of this?

Mr. Sicherman:

- Don't have a percentage; not significant but it absolutely happens
- In the past, Mrs. Ervin has sponsored and the legislature supported Jail Ministry

Chair Knapp:

- Legislator Ervin and he have both supported Jail Ministry for the past several years and their specific mission is that exact situation – somebody with a relatively low-level crime, low bail and cannot afford it, Jail Ministry fronts the bail and has done a pretty good job of not losing; saves us money because the person is out of the system

Mr. Sicherman:

- Worked with them closely, they've done an excellent job but that doesn't address all of the folks we are talking about; this takes an additional step in that regard

Ms. Rooney:

- For clarification, NYS did an analysis of every county on charges from last year, for Onondaga County 85% of Syracuse City Court charges levied would no longer be eligible for bail if the reform was enacted so they would not be in the Justice Center

Mr. May:

- Like to talk numbers when talking about budget but views criminal justice reform and RTA as some of the more significant aspects of this budget and budgets going forward; gotten a better understanding of things over the last few months and realizes that things are changing for everyone, Probation, the Sheriff, the DA, etc.; very real things that county government has to deal with
- The scope of people you are dealing with is going to be different, the bar is being raised with respect to the type of folks you will be dealing with in the performance of your jobs; does that cause any concerns with respect to staffing, the capabilities of those currently employed or the type of training they may need, see all of that as incremental requirements going forward

Mr. Sicherman:

- He and his staff have done a good job consistently preparing for things we know are coming, i.e. worked on RTA 18 months ahead or longer; Onondaga County has done a great job in planning, putting the right people together and figuring out what we have to do, to that end, he approaches it the same way when running the Probation department; a certain number of folks are on probation but we use a ton of tools to determine their needs and risks and set supervision levels based on those factors so we are spending our time and limited resources on the folks that pose the most threat, never take our eye off the ball, as a result, we are constantly looking at caseloads and staffing to see where we can shift; i.e. 4 to 5 years ago started low-level case load, shift those scored as low-risk into high numbered caseloads thereby leaving the other caseloads more manageable; wasn't easy, staff pushed back but has worked exactly as predicted, these people don't get rearrested, can be supervised at a minimal rate, and can approach the court for early release
- Appreciate your comments; have been able to absorb changes for the primary fact of good planning

Mr. May:

- Great to hear you are ahead of the curve; for as much as these new regs are going to help people that cannot afford to post bail, it is also going to facilitate or accommodate people that represent a little more danger back on the streets, that is the reality of the situation

Ms. Rooney:

- Adding to what Mr. Sicherman talked about with planning, as part of RTA, effective January 1st there will no longer be state reimbursement if you detain a Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) or for instance put them in Hillbrook; for other counties this is huge because it all becomes a local cost; you haven't heard about this because of all the reform we've done, we don't remand PINS to Hillbrook, we service them in the community; certain parts of the legislation will have huge impacts to other counties and we haven't had to ask for other funding because we have already addressed it

Mr. Sicherman:

- Just to be clear, on the pretrial side we don't know, doing the best we can in the planning of that, next year may need additional funding; agree with Ms. Rooney, especially on RTA, as we usher in the 17-year-olds next month the planning that we've done has paid off

Chair Cody:

- Thank you

SHERIFF, pg. 4-54: Sheriff Eugene Conway; Undersheriff Jason Cassalia; Captain Paula Pellizzari; Chief Joseph Ciciarelli, Police; Chief William Bleyle, Corrections; Chief Ken Andrews, Civil; Chief Esteban Gonzalez, Custody

Sheriff Conway presented the following:

Sheriff's Office 2020 Budget Presentation

The budget for 2020 for the Sheriff's Office will be impacted the most by the recent legislation in Albany that changes the Criminal Procedure Law. These areas of change include speedy trial, bail reform, discovery and arraignments. Since this legislation becomes effective before the end of this year the financial impact is projected to result in a large increase for the year 2020.

This comes on the heels of the enactment of the Centralized Arraignment Court, of which the Custody Department is forced to staff this separate and additional responsibility seven days a week solely on overtime. This again is a mandate that was put in place with no funding support from the State.

This is the first year of presenting our budget request for the Corrections Department. While still putting into place policies and procedures that are consistent with the Offices goals and objectives we feel confident that we will continue to find efficiencies.

This year's request to fund the air frame overhaul of Air 1 is in keeping with sustaining the only aviation Unit in Central New York. The periodic inspection and maintenance that has been performed over the last four years insures that the helicopter can continue in service for at least several years to come.

Our vehicle request includes 12 patrol vehicles, these are the marked vehicles that are operated by our patrol deputies on a 24/7 basis. This amount represents 5 percent of the overall fleet.

We continue to be competitive with seeking to fill vacancies in all four departments despite the overall decline of interest in those seeking careers in public safety.

Sheriff Conway:

- Thank you for the opportunity to come before you; want to acknowledge those at the table, they individually and connectively are responsible for any success we have in the Sheriff's office and certainly when it comes to the topic of our budget each is very dedicated to operating within our limits

Mr. May:

- Nice job fiscally over the last few years, staying on task and focusing on the things that you think you need to do in the way of public safety; glad we have been able to support that and look forward to doing the same this year; Air 1 capability is more important than ever before, the money in this budget is very important to keep that going and urge my colleagues to give serious consideration to that
- Glossed over some of the more significant changes to criminal justice reform; dive into the dollar implications for your department

Sheriff Conway:

- The dollar implications are really yet to be known; have been participating in all the meetings held over the past several weeks about this

Undersheriff Cassalia:

- One area to highlight is the need to complete processing reports of those we arrest within a timeframe never had before; large organization, make many arrests, previously had the ability to triage that timeframe based on the balance between the needs of the justice system and the impact to budget, reports in their entirety, including every piece of evidence, electronic or physical, needs to be in the hands of the prosecutor, which means it will have to be completed and approved within a 24-hour timeframe

Mr. May:

- Will that report be solely on the police side?

Undersheriff Cassalia:

- Yes; just one example of the impact, can only start to forecast, believe it is upwards of \$200,000 right there; will focus on creating a process to be able to manage that but are very concerned about the impact to administration and records; have been looking at technology as a force multiplier for all that we do to drive costs down by that has yet to reveal itself; also an impact to our warrants unit on the police side, and a number of smaller concerns

Chief Ciciarelli:

- Working closely with the DA's office to try and iron out the many issues forth coming; through some different types of supervision should be able to fully stay within that mandate, will be 18 to 24 months before we can say exactly how it will go – again it is the unknown

Mr. May:

- Months ago you came into Public Safety and talked about the state of affairs within the department and some needs, a lot of those needs were based on 4-years of experience and having Corrections within the Sheriff's Department, appreciate you taking the time to figure that out before having it brought to the legislature; would be helpful to fill in the blanks on the specific need for the administrative chief

Sheriff Conway:

- With the acquisition of the Corrections Department 200+ employees have been added to the Sheriff's office, together with that and the requirements we have to provide to NYS and the county we feel there is a need for this position; had this position many years ago, not sure why it went away; 800+ employees, necessary in order to keep things going smoothly if nothing less than our budget itself

Mr. May:

- You've done this before, but for the sake of everyone here define the specific administrative duties or needs that are going to be met

Sheriff Conway:

- Command level position, oversees people responsible for human resources, personnel, grievances, employee relations, and some financial; assistant chief positions haven't been filled since this administration came into place, not just adding to an already top-heavy command staff, it is effectively utilizing a position identified as being important over the course of the last 4 to 5 years

Mr. May:

- Thank you

Chair Cody:

- How many school resource officers (SRO) are being added?

Sheriff Conway:

- Want to explain both he and his office strongly believe the best method of law enforcement in schools is an SRO, more than just armed security, provide students education, a resource for students, teachers, and the administration, while each district has their own view of what is needed the history of an SRO is clear, has been effective, and in place since the 1960's throughout the country; Cicero-North Syracuse and Baldwinsville School Districts contract with us for SRO's, a little over a year ago both wanted 2 additional SRO's, honored that request; while those SRO's are funded by the district they had to come from existing racks, 3 came from Patrol and the 4th came from our Community Relations Unit, for that period of time we haven't had 4 deputies doing their former duties; not a request for above and beyond SRO's, just trying to make us whole and fill positions as a result of the new SRO's

Chair Cody:

- Thank you for the clarification

Mr. Ryan:

- Can we fund more SRO's?

Sheriff Conway:

- No; just looking for the funding to fill those 4 people

Mr. Ryan:

- We are unfunding a couple of positions – correct?

Sheriff Conway:

- Hope not; if still on the topic of SRO's we honored a request from districts that have an existing contract, went ahead and supplied those people but need to replace where they came from; not an additional ask for money, just not unfunding those positions and making it appear to be that he is asking for 4 additional deputies to fulfill SRO positions

Mrs. Ervin:

- When they are no longer SRO's do they come back; would then have an abundance of people

Sheriff Conway:

- Yes; the contact is usually on a yearly basis; SRO's have been in the CNS District for 15 years

Mrs. Ervin:

- School boards vote in May, if they don't want their SRO's 4 people will be coming back and you would then have an extra 4 people theoretically

Sheriff Conway:

- Always have at least a few vacancies; hiring is another conversation, the decision of whether the legislature or county executive didn't want to fund those 4 people because he went ahead would be a decision beyond him; should still have the ability to fill the positions vacant by those SRO's

Mrs. Ervin:

- What and how are you doing on recruiting; see very few areas of diversity in your staff

Sheriff Conway:

- As said in the opening remarks, seeing a decline in interest for Public Safety positions across the country; beyond what we are doing now, trying to get people interested to sign up for the exam; within the last year the list was exhausted, had vacancies to fill, requested exam, Civil Service complied by moving up the date almost 1-year and we were able to draw people from that list
- On a separate topic, personally feel the NYS Civil Service system for police officers is antiquated and archaic, attempts made to reform the entrance exam have been slow, beyond disappointing that we can't find a better way than 1 of 3 candidates before moving on to another person on the list; doesn't even speak to how service exams are given but we are required to work with that; now learning there has been some movement on the Corrections and maybe Custody side to have a different type of exam that would allow more people to be successful
- In the area of recruiting, added a female African American to our Community Relations Unit, out there together with the others to promote the Sheriff's office and the benefits, competing with other local agencies for the best and diverse candidates

Mrs. Ervin:

- Any thought to growing your own from schools; work with Fowler High School or PSLA Fowler to recruit students, seems like a natural way to groom people to become part of your staff

Sheriff Conway:

- Yes and we are in some of those places you just mentioned; beyond that, just completed our 2nd Youth Law Enforcement Academy, open to Onondaga County students in 9th grade and higher, who spend 2 weeks with us in a setting that is educational and fun, gives them exposure of law enforcement and specifically what the Sheriff's office has and can provide should they decide to become a police officer; hope to expand

Mrs. Ervin:

- Good; should then be getting better results and she shouldn't have to ask this question again – correct?

Sheriff Conway:

- Correct

Mrs. Ervin:

- Thank you

Mr. Ryan:

- Where are we at with positions for each division?

Sheriff Conway:

- Hardly ever where they want to be, such a fluid situation, people retire, go to another agency or decide they no longer want to be in this profession; 14 Police recruits scheduled to graduate the first week of November, depends on successful conclusion; 12 just out of the academy for Custody, now going through field training in the Justice Center; 12 Correction recruits at the Cayuga County Academy are in their second week; still have vacancies

Mr. Ryan:

- How many?

Sheriff Conway:

- Don't have the exact number, 4 departments, 12 in Custody alone

Mr. Ryan:

- All are funded?

Sheriff Conway:

- Yes; at the moment it is not a matter of funding, it is keeping pace with the vacancies

Mr. Ryan:

- In reference to the Administrative Chief, other departments in the county do a lot of HR, personnel, and employee relations already

Sheriff Conway:

- Don't necessarily do it for us; for correlation the county IT department assigns people to us but with the number of computers, computerized equipment, responsibilities, and compliance, he's amazed that we've been able to keep up with what we have, not an ideal situation; a lot of HR and personnel reports and responses are very timely and there are ramifications if we don't hold to those

Mr. Ryan:

- There is an additional create as well?

Sheriff Conway:

- Not sure which position you are referring to; will abolish a position to create the Employee Relations Officer and unfund a position to create the Administrative Assistant; Contract Compliance Administrator position is a move from the Health Department, told there is no cost

Mr. Burtis:

- Thank you all for your service
- Air 1 is a great and necessary asset to our community; with the work that's been done what is the lifeline of that asset?

Sheriff Conway:

- Should be good for several more years if good maintenance continues; some is required, expensive item but help prolong the useful service of this important tool

Mr. Burtis:

- Agree, it is very important to our community; big fan of maintenance for all assets used to serve the community

Chair Cody:

- Agreed, we appreciate that

Mr. Bottrill:

- Thank you for the great work you and your department do to make us all safe and make this community a great place to live and work; very pleased to see the Sheriff's department in the city to help out SPD, hopeful that continues, understand it is expanding to other parts of the county; please comment on what you might need from us to make that grow and be as effective as possible

Sheriff Conway:

- Doesn't matter where you live, criminals commit crimes wherever there is opportunity; all in law enforcement should do everything we can to help each other, it is an obligation and duty to the citizens; funding is an issue as it usually comes on top of our normal duties, if we don't help SPD we will see the effects in some other way down the road, i.e. gang problem in our city, now becoming a problem in our towns and villages; try to stay on top of where these issues come up, whether a pocket in the City or Town of Salina feel the need to address it, always more successful working together
- Sheriff's office fortunate to be responding in a timely manner, important and needs to continue; requests in 2020 budget aren't outrageous, all understand the cost of public safety, maintaining what we are able to do is important as well; made a request for 12 vehicles, at the moment only funded for 9.5, will have impact; city or county makes no difference - helicopter assisted SPD in locating stolen car suspects last week; willing to help provide police services wherever the need is to the best of our ability

Mr. Rowley:

- District reimbursement for SRO's is not evident from the revenue side as that line is going down due to abstract reconciliation; want to ensure it is in this budget and roughly the amount

Captain Pellizzari:

- Charge actual cost of the deputy assigned; estimated cost provided to the district is just over \$111,000, includes air cards, cell phones, salary and benefits for each deputy; receive revenue for the 294 days they are at the district; costs come out of the 101 which relates to the SRO request for funding the Sheriff spoke of, partial cost to the county, those deputies serve the county during days not assigned to the district

Mr. Rowley:

- Ever consider reaching out to retired officers to fill these needs and has it gone anywhere?

Sheriff Conway:

- Hasn't gone further than thought because it's all about the right person, individual district have their own feelings about what they want, i.e. some schools don't want a uniformed officer; whether a retired or sworn person if they're not the right person it's a failure because their responsibilities go beyond a physical presence and where the full benefit of an SRO comes into play as mentioned earlier; very fortunate to have tremendous SRO's and there is a screening process for that

Mr. Rowley:

- Funding adjustments (**pg. 4-56**) states State Aid is decreasing because of RTA reimbursement; under the assumption that RTA costs are 100% reimbursable; is this indicating a reduction of costs or a cost you're incurring that isn't covered by RTA?

Captain Pellizzari:

- Relates to the 6 deputies requested for RTA, expected to be reimbursed, the state hasn't approved the plan so it has been removed from the budget for 2020

Mr. Rowley:

- But the deputies are still in the budget?

Captain Pellizzari:

- 2 of those deputies were in contingency and never filled in 2019; the executive budget shows 3 positions will be unfunded, as Mr. Ryan asked about earlier

Mr. Rowley:

- Interfaith Works contract increasing over \$68,000 (**pg. 4-56**); what do they provide?

Captain Pellizzari:

- Religious services in each of our facilities

Mr. Morgan:

- Executive met with Interfaith Works, there was concern about services for a specific denomination; committed to increasing their contract to ensure appropriate services are provided

Mr. Rowley:

- **Why the decrease in Social Security Income for inmates (pg. 4-56)?**

Captain Pellizzari:

- Corrections and Custody report information on inmates admitted and discharged to Social Security, technical issues with the IT department caused recent reports not be done and the projected income for 2020 was removed, however, this started again effective August but these documents were already processed; **anticipate receiving those funds in 2020**

Mr. Ryan:

- Provide more detail on the duties and/or scope of the Contractual Compliance Administrator

Captain Pellizzari:

- The position is assigned to the Health Department and paid for through our 101 account; for 2020 moving that position is to the Sheriff's Department, no change in costs, already paying for it

Mr. Morgan:

- Position oversees the Correctional Health contract; Sheriff is charged with overseeing that contract, makes sense for the position to reside in his department

Mr. May:

- Where are we at with the Correctional Health contract in terms of its lifecycle?

Undersheriff Cassalia:

- Currently out for RFP

Mr. May:

- Some Justice Center Oversight Committee (JCOC) recommendations presented opportunities to improve how we administer the contract; is the position move from Health to the Sheriff's department a step toward addressing those opportunities with the vendor?

Undersheriff Cassalia:

- No, she will be doing the same exact job; worked on other considerations, RFP out for per diem consultation with a doctor, Sheriff can work with an involved 3rd party to address JCOC concerns and at the same time manage medical concerns

Mr. May:

- Great decision; are the cost of those services reflected in this budget?

Chief Andrews:

- Yes

Mr. Morgan:

- Under Contractual Expenses Non-Govt (**A695700**)

Chairman Knapp:

- Pistol permit process going well, low wait times; shout-out to Whitney Vincent-Amidon, great job
- Any idea of the impact on the jail census from no cash bail and the other criminal justice reform items, also how staffing rules will come together?

Sheriff Conway:

- Custody is under the oversight of State Commission of Corrections, dictates a lot of the policies, i.e. currently 1 deputy oversees a pod or housing unit of up to 60 inmates, would still need the deputy if the number decreased to 3; caution drawing a correlation between potential declining population of inmates and a reduction of staff at this time, mandated to provide many services regardless of the number of participants; will monitor and make adjustments to be most efficient, really unknown

Chairman Knapp:

- Centralized arraignment has worked out well but the Sheriff's department took the hit; had discussions to ensure we help you out, appreciate all your efforts

Sheriff Conway:

- Thank you

Chair Cody:

- Thank you and your department for your presence in the community; always willing to come out and address concerns at the Salina Neighborhood Watch meetings

Chair Cody recessed the meeting until 1:00 p.m. at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHERINE M. FRENCH, Deputy Clerk
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