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SPEAKERS

Jean Raymond, John Lant, Karen Heggen, Wes Carr, Jonathan Schopf, Steve Bayle, Preston Allen, Eric Connolly, Several Supervisors, Andrew Blumenberg, Therese Connolly, Steve Gordon, Michael Zurlo, Michael Hartnett

John Lant

Welcome all to the March 2, 2021 Public Safety meeting. You've got the attendance?

Therese Connolly

I do.

John Lant

Everybody had a chance to read the February 2 minutes and looking for motion and second for approval.

Jonathan Schopf

I'll move them Mr. Chairman,

John Lant

Then a second.

Preston Allen

I'll second it.

John Lant

Okay. All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

John Lant

Opposed? Passed. Number three acceptance of grant from the New York State Office of Indigent and Legal service in the amount of \$423,201 for distribution number 11. Mr. Blumenberg do you want to speak about that?

Andrew Blumenberg

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, Committee members. I've got a pre resolution asking the Committee to accept a \$423,000 grant from Indigent Legal Services for three years to fund the Conflict Defender's office.

John Lant

Anybody have any questions?

Andrew Blumenberg

It's no budget impact for Saratoga County. It's totally State Aid.

John Lant

Looking for a motion and a second to approve that.

Preston Allen

So moved, Supervisor Allen.

John Lant

All in favor? You need a second. Can somebody second that?

Eric Connolly

Supervisor Connolly.

John Lant

All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

John Lant

Opposed? Thank you. Approval of County Alternatives to Incarceration Performance Based Service Plan through June 30 2021, acceptance for grant for Alternatives to Incarceration from the Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$26,224, period of July 1 2020 to June 30 2021. Speak about that Steven?

Steve Bayle

I don't have much to add to what the Chairman has already said. The grant amount is for \$26,224. It partially funds personnel efforts for alternative to incarceration, which is done in Probation by pretrial services and done in the Employment and Training Department by their community work order program. This grant year ends in the end of June. And this application normally comes out a month or two before the grant year starts. But it's a year late this year due to COVID. So I anticipate being back here in a couple more months if they put out the application for next year. This will be the funding through June 30.

John Lant

Anybody got any questions for Steven? Looking for a motion and a second to set that? Everybody's phone on?

Jean Raymond

Mr. Chairman I'll move that.

John Lant

Second?

Preston Allen

I'll second it, Supervisor Allen.

John Lant

All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

John Lant

Any opposed? Passed. Thank you. Executive Order 203 group report. County Attorney do you want to talk about it?

Michael Hartnett

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is the Executive Order 203 Compliance Group report. This was before the Committee last month for forwarding to the Board. This is now to put it on the agenda for adoption. It is open for public comment at this moment. And that information is on the County website. So this is a request for this Committee to forward a Resolution to the Board to adopt that report. And Dr. Prezioso, who was the Committee Chair is here if there's any questions as well, but it's to get it on the agenda for adoption. The deadline for submission of compliance with Executive Order 203 is a deadline of April 1 of 2021. Thank you.

John Lant

Thank you, anybody got any questions? Can I get a motion to accept that?

Eric Connolly

So moved Supervisor Connolly.

John Lant

Get a Second?

Preston Allen

I'll second.

John Lant

All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

John Lant

Any opposed? Passed. Six authorizing participation in the 2021 State Stop DWI Program and contracts with legal agency participants. Mr. Carr you'd like to speak?

Wes Carr

Good afternoon. This is an annual housekeeping resolution to approve the Stop DWI plan and allocating funds to the various partners who make up the Stop DWI force, I guess, if you will, that includes law enforcement, prosecution, the DA's office, our Probation Department, our County Mental Health Department, and also some public information and education, which we do through the Prevention Council up in Saratoga Springs. And we also provide funding to high schools for after prom activities. And finally, there's some administrative funding as well. And these are not tax dollars. Stop DWI funding comes from DWI fines and forfeitures. Any questions?

John Lant

Anybody got any questions for Mr. Carr? Anyone want to make a motion to accept that?

Preston Allen

So moved.

John Lant

Second?

Eric Connolly

Supervisor Connolly.

John Lant

All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

John Lant

Passed.

Wes Carr

Thank you.

John Lant

Thank you. Reappropriation of grant revenues and expense from 2020 Budget to 2021. Budget, Sheriff Zurlo?

Michael Zurlo

Chairman. My first item is to ask for a Resolution to authorize reappropriation of remaining balance of previously authorized grant revenue and expenses from the 2020 budget to the 2021 budget, that total amount in increased revenue was \$141,477.89.

John Lant

Can I get that amount again Sheriff?

Michael Zurlo

Sure. \$141,477.89.

John Lant

Thank you.

Michael Zurlo

You're welcome.

John Lant

Anybody have any questions for the Sheriff? Somebody want to make a motion to grant that?

Preston Allen

So moved, Supervisor Allen.

John Lant

A second?

Eric Connolly

So moved Supervisor Connolly.

John Lant

All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

John Lant

Passed. Number eight Service contract with Black Creek Integrated Systems Corp for licensing and support of the Black Creek SallyPort for the Saratoga County Correctional Facility. Sheriff Zurlo?

Michael Zurlo

Yes, looking for a resolution to authorize the Chairman of the Board, myself or the County Administrator to enter into a service contract with Black Creek Integrated Systems Corporation for licensing in support of the Black Creek Sallyport Saratoga County Correctional Facility at a cost not to exceed \$43,564.50 for 2021. Black Creek supplies support for the security system and records management system in the Correctional Facility.

John Lant

Anybody have any questions for the Sheriff?

Preston Allen

What was that amount again?

Michael Zurlo

\$43,564.50.

Preston Allen

Thank you, sir.

Michael Zurlo

You're welcome.

John Lant

Any other questions? Somebody like to make a motion to accept that?

Preston Allen

So moved, Supervisor Allen.

John Lant

A second?

Jean Raymond

Second.

John Lant

All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

John Lant

Passed. Number nine, National Public Safety Telecommunications week.

Michael Zurlo

I'm going to have my Director of Communications Steve Gordon, who is present to present this resolution.

John Lant

Welcome, Steve.

Steve Gordon

Thank you, Sheriff. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. Today, I would ask for the Committee's support in Proclaiming April 11 through April 17 2021 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators week in Saratoga County. This is an annual event that's sponsored internationally, and in recognition of the hard work are the men and women that make up the Division of Communications at the Sheriff's office, for their 144,000 calls that were handled last year for the residents and visitors of the County.

John Lant

Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Gordon? Somebody like to make a motion to approve that?

Jean Raymond

I'll move that. Mr. Chairman.

John Lant

Thank you, and a second?

Preston Allen

I'll second that, Supervisor Allen.

John Lant

All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

John Lant

Passed. Thank you. Authorizing acceptance of a Crimes Against Revenue Program grant amount of \$118,900 from the Division of Criminal Justice Service DA Heggen. How are you?

Karen Heggen

I'm well, thank you Chairman Lant, and good afternoon all. I'm asking for acceptance of a competitive grant that my office has been awarded in the amount of \$118,900. Crimes Against Revenue Prosecution includes prosecution of cases involving thefts of monies, which would have normally resulted in taxes being paid because people have income to themselves that they haven't attributed. It also covers prosecution of people who have falsely obtained public service type grants such as unemployment insurance, and grants from the DSS, and we recoup well over the amount of the grant each year in the net savings of those who are prosecuted. This is all State money. And we would ask the Committee to move this to the full Board.

John Lant

Does anybody have any questions for our District Attorney? Somebody want to make a motion to accept this grant for \$118,900.

Eric Connolly

I'll move that, Supervisor Connolly.

John Lant

Have a second?

Preston Allen

So moved.

John Lant

All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

John Lant

Passed. Authorizing acceptance of the Criminal Justice Discovery Reform grant in the amount of \$380,056 from the Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Wes Carr

Thank you again, Chairman Lant. This grant has just been awarded to us the beginning of last month. This is designed, and monies that were designated in last year's State budget, to assist in the transition of additional work responsibilities, providing discovery in criminal cases as a result of the 2020 Criminal Justice Reforms passed by the New York State Legislature. This will cover the time period of costs that we incurred from the beginning of last year's State budget, so April 1 of 2020 through March 31 of this year. The dollar amounts that have been awarded Statewide have been based upon an average of arraignments in our community over the preceding three years. That's where that dollar amount came from.

John Lant

Does anybody have any questions about that for the DA?

Preston Allen

So is this a State funded grant? I mean, there's no matching.

Karen Heggen

That correct. This is recouping costs that were incurred starting from April 1 of last year through the 31st of March of this year. We've already expended this money, this will be a reimbursement of those costs.

Preston Allen

Okay. Thank you.

John Lant

Any other questions? Somebody want to make a motion to accept that grant?

Preston Allen

So moved.

John Lant

A second?

Eric Connolly

Supervisor Connolly, second.

John Lant

All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Karen Heggen

Thank you very much.

John Lant

Thank you. Does anybody have any other business? Any other business? I've got one thing. I'd like to thank everybody who spoke and your staff and Departments for a great job you all do for the County and the County residents. Be proud of what you do. Somebody want to make a motion to adjourn?

Jean Raymond

I would move that, Mr. Chairman.

Several Supervisors

Get a second?

Eric Connolly

Second Supervisor Connolly.

John Lant

I know you're all in favor, right?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

John Lant

Thank you all. Thank you all for coming.