

# PUBLIC SAFETY Transcript 5/4/2021

## **SPEAKERS**

Jean Raymond, Tara Gaston, Jonathan Schopf, Preston Allen, Several Supervisors, Dick Lucia, Michael Zurlo

### **Jonathan Schopf**

We will call the May 4 2021 Public Safety Committee meeting to order. Jonathan Schopf Vice Chair, I'm stepping in today for the Chairman Supervisor Lant who's out today. Could I get a motion to start with for the approval of the minutes of last month's April 6, 2021 meeting?

### **Preston Allen**

So moved.

### **Dick Lucia**

Second.

### **Jonathan Schopf**

Sounded like that was moved by Supervisor Allen seconded by Supervisor Lucia. Any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all in favor?

### **Several Supervisors**

Aye.

### **Jonathan Schopf**

Anyone opposed? All right, passes. Then up next we have the Village of Corinth Law Enforcement Contract. Sheriff Zurlo are you there today?

### **Michael Zurlo**

I am Vice Chairman. I'm here to present.

### **Jonathan Schopf**

How are you sir?

### **Michael Zurlo**

Good. How you doing today?

### **Jonathan Schopf**

Good. Just want to give us a brief overview of it? I know that's all attached to the meeting agenda. So sort of an annual housekeeping contract. I think?

**Michael Zurlo**

Correct. Authorizing the Chairman of the Board to enter into a contract on behalf of myself to provide specialized law enforcement services to the Village of Corinth. It will be a three year contract commencing June 1 2021. It will be for one patrol, Monday through Sunday, eight hours per day, to cover the Village of Corinth. The amount for the first year is \$78,255.14 and has been prorated.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Sheriff are you generally happy with everything in the proposal and it's going to meet all your needs, and take care of whatever you need in the department?

**Michael Zurlo**

It is Vice Chair.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Okay, great. And Dick since you're on, I know this is in the Village, but do you have any concerns from the Town's perspective on this?

**Dick Lucia**

No, I don't. I think it's a great thing to get it back.

**Jonathan Schopf**

All right, good. Anybody else have any questions for the Sheriff or anybody else about this before we move it? All right, hearing none, I'll entertain a motion to approve the approval of this contract for the approval of the Chairman.

**Dick Lucia**

I would like to make that motion, please.

**Jean Raymond**

And I will second it.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Motion by Supervisor Lucia, second by Supervisor Raymond. All in favor?

**Several Supervisors**

Aye.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Any opposed? All right, excellent. We got it passed. Good thing for the Village. And, Sheriff, you've got a software agreement on here as well. Just want to give us a couple quick hits on that.

**Michael Zurlo**

Sure. Looking to enter into a contract with Lexipol. They've been our vendor for our policy, to provide specialized software and management services for policy development. Like I said, they are our current

vendor of policy accreditation and training, and this is a yearly contract. The total amount is \$38,019 and there is money in the budget for this line item.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Great. And does anybody have any questions for the Sheriff on the Lexipol agreement? Hearing none, is there a motion to move this?

**Tara Gaston**

Chairman.

**Jonathan Schopf**

I'm sorry, is that Supervisor Gaston?

**Tara Gaston**

This is Supervisor Gaston. So the amount is \$38,000 annually?

**Michael Zurlo**

Correct.

**Tara Gaston**

Okay, thank you.

**Michael Zurlo**

You're welcome.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Any other questions from anyone? All right so I have a motion?

**Preston Allen**

So moved, Supervisor Allen.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Supervisor.

**Jean Raymond**

I'll second that.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Second by Supervisor Raymond. Any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all in favor?

**Several Supervisors**

Aye.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Any opposed? All right, motion passes. Thank you. Is there any other business anyone would like to bring before the Committee or any concerns you have Sheriff about anything we can help you with today?

**Dick Lucia**

No I'd just like to thank the Sheriff

**Jean Raymond**

I have a question.

**Michael Zurlo**

Vice Chair, I just have one more item, if you don't mind.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Sure, would that be?

**Michael Zurlo**

This week is National Correctional Officers week and Employees week. And I'd like to recognize the members of my Correctional staff, the men and women that work diligently for me. And they don't get that much recognition, and this is the week for them. So they do an outstanding job for me. They have some tough days and some good days. But this is their week. So I'd like to recognize them on behalf of myself and my Undersheriff who is here with me today.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Thank you very good. I wasn't aware of that. Would you be looking for any type of proclamation from the Chairman or anything at the Board meeting this month?

**Michael Zurlo**

No. I just wanted it to be recognized that our Public Safety meeting today.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Okay. All right. That sounds good, very good.

**Jean Raymond**

Mr. Chairman, I have a question.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Yes, Supervisor.

**Jean Raymond**

Sheriff under your monthly statistical report, notice a very large jump in calls for service between April of 20 and 21. Do you have any reason for that that you can think, that you recognize and do you have enough staff to handle that big a surge in calls?

**Michael Zurlo**

In April of 2020 we were in the pandemic, the COVID. Things were different as we see it starting to open up now, more people are out and about and I did see that huge increase in our numbers. It's just the amount of work that the Deputies are handling on a daily basis and doing a great job at it. But I think this week is from COVID of April 2020, and everything's opening up now.

**Jean Raymond**

Okay, so it would be more closely aligned with maybe April of 2019 then?

**Michael Zurlo**

Correct? Yes.

**Jean Raymond**

Okay. Thank you.

**Michael Zurlo**

You're welcome.

**Jean Raymond**

Sheriff, I would just like to thank you for the contract for the Village.

**Michael Zurlo**

You're welcome, Supervisor. Looking forward to providing the service for the Village residents up there in Corinth.

**Tara Gaston**

Supervisor Schopf.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Yes Supervisor Gaston.

**Tara Gaston**

Apologies Supervisor Raymond just mentioned a document that I don't think was in the information sent to me. Is that something that's just provided to the committee?

**Michael Zurlo**

Correct.

**Tara Gaston**

Is there any way that other supervisors can also obtain it?

**Michael Zurlo**

I'll go on the direction of Chairman Schopf.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Tara I can send that to you. It's just a sort of gross across the board year to date comparison of calls for various things.

**Tara Gaston**

Thank you. It sounds like information that would be handy to have as we're looking at the expenses and the needs of the Department, and how to properly staff and pay for it. So I'd appreciate that. Thank you.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Sheriff, since we are talking about in an open session. I certainly never shared it publicly, but any confidentiality concerns with releasing it?

**Michael Zurlo**

No, not at all Vice Chairman.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Okay. Just want to be, just checking. Any other questions from anyone? If there's no further questions or business I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

**Jean Raymond**

So moved.

**Dick Lucia**

Second.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Motion by Supervisor Raymond, second by Supervisor Lucia. All in favor?

**Several Supervisors**

Aye.

**Jonathan Schopf**

Doesn't look like there's any opposed. So thank you all for coming today and glad we were able to get through that quickly.