Public Safety BOL Meeting Minutes Final



Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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Monday, May 17, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting joint with the Committee on Budget & Appropriations

With a guorum present, Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 11:39 AM.

Pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.1, "Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency," which temporarily suspends portions of the New York State Open Meetings Law.

A section of the order, "Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar services," provides for the suspension of "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed."

Others in attendance: BOL: Catherine Borgia, Vedat Gashi, Damon Maher, Alessandra Restiano, James Silverberg, Jill Axelrod, Elizabeth LoBello, Jason Chervokas BOL Remote: Margaret Cunzio, Alfreda Williams, David Tubiolo, Jose Alvarado BUDGET Remote: Larry Soule, Gideon Grande LAW: John Nonna CORRECTIONS Remote: Karl Vollmer, Bill Fallon SENIORS SERVICES Remote: Sandra Brown, Agnes Nowak PARKS Remote: Kathy O'Connor, Peter Tartaglia DPW Remote: Ken Uhle

Present: Legislator Boykin and Legislator Covill

Absent: Legislator Johnson

Remote: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, Legislator

Shimsky and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, May 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. ACT-2021-90 IMA-Prisoner Transportation-21 Municipalities

AN ACT authorizing the County to enter into Intermunicipal Agreements with twenty-one (21) municipalities in order to provide reimbursement for prisoner transportation to the Westchester County Jail.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Joint with B&A.

Guests: Warden Vollmer and Bill Fallon - Department of Correction
Warden Vollmer and Director Fallon appeared before the Committees to discuss item
#2021-314 IMA-Prisoner Transportation-21 Municipalities. The IMAs will commence January
1, 2021 and terminate December 31, 2022 and the annual reimbursement will not exceed
\$695,563 in 2021 and 2022 for a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,391,126. These
IMAs will allow the County to reimburse the municipalities for the costs they incur in
transporting prisoners, who have been arraigned in local courts, between each municipality
and the Westchester County Jail. Reimbursement to the municipalities will be pursuant to four
zone rates which are fixed fees plus the mileage to and from the Westchester County Jail
multiplied by the then current Internal Revenue Service mileage rate. The County will also
reimburse the municipalities for the actual and reasonable cost of meals provided to
post-arraignment prisoners. Director Fallon discussed that this is the same agreement that
has been in place for many years. Warden Vollmer noted that the IRS mileage rate has
decreased to \$0.56 per mile. Legislator Covill asked what the previous rate was. Warden
Vollmer responded that it was previously \$0.58 per mile.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Covill, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Covill,

Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, Legislator Shimsky and Legislator

Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Johnson

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Shimsky, seconded by Legislator Covill, the Committee adjourned at 11:57 AM.