

**Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: October 7, 2020 – 5:15 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing (646) 558-8656
Meeting ID: 917 4154 9281
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairwoman Eve Walter
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk, Fawn Tantillo, Senior Legislative Staff
PRESENT: Legislators Donaldson, Fabiano, Haynes & Heppner
ABSENT: Legislator Parete
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Bartels, Bruno, Corcoran, Criswell, and Uchitelle, Sheriff Figueroa – UC Sheriff's Office, Director Peterson & Deputy Director/Fire Services Erichsen – UC Emergency Management/Emergency Communications, Budget Director/Finance Commissioner Gulnick, Acting Public Defender Owens, Director Schmidt & Deputy Director Naccarato – UC Probation, Deputy County Executives Milgrim & Rider – UC Executive's Office, Ms. Ruth Boyer, Esq.

Chairwoman Walter called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM.

Motion No. 1: Moved to **APPROVE** the Minutes & Transcript of the September 2, 2020 meeting

Motion By: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes & Transcript APPROVED**

Resolutions for the October 20, 2020 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 327: Confirming The Appointment Of Ruth Boyer As Director Of Ulster County's Public Defender's Office

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the appointment of Ruth Boyer to the position of Ulster County Public Defender

Motion No. 2: Moved Resolution No. 327 FOR DISCUSSION
Motion By: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 3: Moved TO ADOPT Resolution No. 327

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 334: Amending The 2020 Budget For COVID-19 Related Expenses – Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2020 Budget to increase the Emergency Management/Emergency Communications Medical Supplies expense line by \$459,504 to cover the cost of unforeseen COVID-19 related expenses.

Motion No. 4: **Moved Resolution No. 334 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Heppner & Walter
Voting Against: Legislator Fabiano
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 335: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For Participation In The Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Program For Federal Fiscal Year 2020, Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget – Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair to execute an agreement with DHSES for the LEMP grant for the term October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022 in the amount of \$72,181.00.

Motion No. 5: **Moved Resolution No. 335 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 336: Approving The Adoption Of A Revised Ulster County Fire Mutual Aid Plan, Pursuant To New York State County Law Section 225-a – Ulster County Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a revised Ulster County Fire Mutual Aid Plan.

Motion No. 6: **Moved Resolution No. 336 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Walter

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 337: Approving Ulster County’s 2021 STOP DWI Program Plan And Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute All Inter-Municipal Agreements Required Under The Plan – Department Of Probation, STOP-DWI Division

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the 2021 STOP DWI Plan and authorizes the Chair to enter into intermunicipal agreements with various police agencies to carry out the plan.

Motion No. 7: **Moved Resolution No. 337 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Walter

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 338: Authorizing the Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept A Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee Grant – Child Passenger Safety Program – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair to accept \$6,500 in funding from the NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for the “Child Passenger Safety” Program.

Motion No. 8: **Moved Resolution No. 338 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 339: Authorizing the Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept A Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant – Police Traffic Services – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair to accept \$10,725 in funding from the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for participation in the statewide Police Traffic Services Program.

Motion No. 9: **Moved Resolution No. 339 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 350: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$23,320.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contact amendment with New York Communications Company, Inc. in the amount of \$23,320 to extend the term of lease for Corrections Division radio equipment through March 31, 21 to coincide with the new lease.

Motion No. 10: **Moved Resolution No. 350 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 351: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$363,780.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with New York Communications Company, Inc. in the amount of \$363,780 for a comprehensive radio equipment lease from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2027.

Motion No. 11: **Moved Resolution No. 351 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Chairwoman Walter recognized Probation Director Schmidt to discuss the County Executive's Proposed 2021 Budget as it pertains to the Probation Department.

See attached transcript.

Chairwoman Walter recognized Emergency Management/Emergency Communications Director Peterson to discuss the County Executive's Proposed 2021 Budget as it pertains to the Emergency Management/Emergency Communications Department.

See attached transcript.

Chairwoman Walter updated the members on the Criminal Justice Reform Task Force.

See attached transcript.

Chairwoman Walter asked the members if there was any other new or old business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:25 PM

Respectfully submitted: Deputy Clerk Mahler & Confidential Secretary Lichtenstein (transcript)
Approved: November 4, 2020

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Chairwoman Walter: All right. Well, I think we should probably start because we have a pretty heavy agenda. So, I'll call the meeting to order. Can I take a motion for approval of the September 2, 2020 meeting minutes and transcript?

Legislator Heppner: So moved.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairwoman Walter: Second by Fabiano. All in favor?

Committee Members: Aye.

Chairwoman Walter: Opposed? Abstain? All right. Great.

So, we have this Resolution No. 327: Confirming The Appointment Of Ruth Boyer As Director Of Ulster County's Public Defender's Office

So, can I have a motion to open?

Legislator Heppner: So moved.

Chairwoman Walter: Heppner. Second?

Legislator Haynes: I'll second. Haynes.

Chairwoman Walter: Okay, all in favor?

Committee Members: Aye.

Chairwoman Walter: Okay. So, as with the previous, first individual appointee, we have a set of questions. So, I'm just going to lay out what's going to happen and then we can let it happen. So, we're going to give Ms. Boyer an opportunity for a brief opening statement. And we have a set of questions that are similar to those that we had asked

previously. And then, after the questions, any other questions that any anybody wants to present to Ruth Boyer, you're welcome to.

I just want to say very briefly, that as a Legislator, and as a Chair of this committee, I personally feel that the confirmation of the Chief Public Defender is probably the most important thing I could do in my time as a Legislator. That for me, this is someone who's on the front line of taking care of those people in our county who are most in need. And I take it really, really seriously because I feel like this is such an important role in helping eliminate disparities and ensuring fairness.

And so, I just want to say that I appreciate, Ruth, that you're here. And I know I'm looking forward to it. I'm sure I could speak for the rest of Legislature who are present that we're looking forward to getting a chance to meet you. And so, with that, I will open the floor to you for a brief opening statement.

Ruth Boyer: Thank you, Chairman Walter and committee members for taking the time to discuss my nomination as the Ulster County Public Defender. I'm very excited to have been nominated by Executive Ryan and I'm honored to be considered for confirmation by the Legislature.

I have dedicated my legal career to serving in the public interest. I have represented indigent criminal defendants at every level for over 20 years, as well as parents in Family Court matters for nearly 15 years. Additionally, I also bring skills developed by managing a staff. I am excited because I am confident that my extensive experience in these areas make me uniquely qualified to successfully lead the Ulster County Public Defender's Office at this time.

We are in unchartered and challenging times which have fostered overdue public discourse about criminal justice reform in the important areas of the law governing bail and the discovery process. I am confident that my experience and skills, along with those of the entire dedicated Public Defender staff, will provide the highest level of legal representation to our clients, resulting in an atmosphere of increased community confidence and trust in the Public Defender's Office. Thank you.

Chairwoman Walter: Thank you. It looks like we have Jay perhaps on. There we go. Nothing from John yet? No, okay.

Deputy Clerk Mahler: Legislator Parete is still driving around Boiceville.

Chairwoman Walter: Okay. All right. So, the first set of questions, and it's kind of multi-barrel but I'm sure you can extract the elements of it, are related to criminal defense experience. So, in Ulster County, and other counties across New York State, the requirement for the position of Public Defender include a minimum of five years' experience in the field of criminal defense and three years of trial experience in criminal matters. It's also required that the Public Defender be highly skilled in presenting a defense to jury in criminal proceedings. And so, the first part of this question is, please describe how you, do you, meet these minimum requirements?

Ruth Boyer: I have practiced in the area of criminal law for over 20 years. 10 years as a Public Defender in Dutchess County. I practiced almost four and a half years as a Public Defender in Ulster County, both in the areas of criminal and Family Court law. And as a private practitioner, for eight years. I also practiced primarily in the areas of criminal and Family Court law.

Chairwoman Walter: Great, thank you. Can you please describe your experience in handling criminal matters, including the degree in which you've handled them from inception to disposition over your career. And your experience drafting and filing written motions a criminal proceeding?

Ruth Boyer: I have handled from inception until resolution, hundreds of criminal matters. From arraignments, negotiations, motion practice, hearings, trials, sentencing hearings, probation hearings, parole hearings, grand jury presentations, and writing and arguing an appeal on a murder case.

Chairwoman Walter: And yeah, sorry, I don't know if you mentioned it, negotiating plea bargains on behalf of criminal defendants?

Ruth Boyer: I have done that. Yes.

Chairwoman Walter: And on jury trials. Please describe your experience with jury trials, including jury selection, the extent of jury trials that you've handled from inception to verdict, overall, but also in County Court and New York Supreme Court.

Ruth Boyer: Overall, I have handled very many dozens of criminal court matters. Felonies, probably two dozen or more, of felony trials from arraignment through completion.

Chairwoman Walter: And County Court and New York State Supreme Court, have you...

Ruth Boyer: I've done over two dozen felony trials, all levels of felonies. And I've done numerous misdemeanor trials.

Chairwoman Walter: So, I'll just direct the felony cases, but specifically when you were at the Ulster Public Defender's Office, can you talk a little bit about your experience working in that? Handling felony trials here in Ulster County?

Ruth Boyer: Specifically, in Ulster County, I handled one, only one felony trial from inception through jury selection, at which time the defendant decided to take the plea offer. After we selected the jury, and he saw the witnesses who were lined up to test against, testify against him. During that same period. I did... well. I'll stop there. That's the phone I've only done one felony trial in Ulster County. I've done over two dozen trials in Dutchess County.

Chairwoman Walter: Thank you. Can you talk about your handling... have you had any high-profile felony cases?

Ruth Boyer: I have. I have had high profile felony cases. I've had gang assault cases. I've had A1 and A2 drug felonies. I have had murder trials, attempted murder, assaults on corrections officers in prisons, robberies, first degree assaults.

Chairwoman Walter: Yeah, thank you. All right. The next section is on management. So, the Chief Public Defenders are required on a weekly, if not daily basis, to use their judgment to decide how to best proceed the defense in major cases, major felony cases. In turn, the Public Defender must make decisions regarding how to use limited financial resources for expert witnesses, DNA, blood, spatter, etc. And the public defender must ensure that all the assistant public defenders are provided are providing high quality counsel to our indigent populations. And overseeing a considerable budget including several grants. Can you just discuss your strengths and weaknesses regarding these kinds of management tasks?

Ruth Boyer: I have managed a staff including hiring, firing, training, setting goals, team building, supporting, supervising. And, my management style is to make sure that one, there are open lines of communications in both directions. I definitely have an open-door policy; I want to know about any concerns of staff prior to them becoming large concerns. So, I'd like to know right away. And I also would want to advise right away if there's anything that I notice of any gaps. I'm a strong believer in not only training everyone, not just the attorneys, but the support staff. Because, you know, they really are the backbone of the office. You don't see their faces, but if they're not at their highest level, the attorneys cannot be at their highest level. And that includes clerical support staff, investigators, social workers, staff that is tasked with diverting clients out of incarceration into substance abuse programs, mental health programs, dual diagnosis programs. So, training, and once people are trained at the highest level possible, I believe in continuous training, I don't think that once you learn something, you know, that you don't need to be updated on whatever the subject matter is, whatever the skill is. And I also believe in cross training. So if there's a gap in a staff member's ability to complete their tasks due to illness or any other things that come up in life, that shouldn't be a gap

that our clients fall through, that should be a gap that other people in the office can easily step in, to fill to keep that support for the clients.

Chairwoman Walter: Now, you may have kind of already answered this, but you know, there's a challenge and starkly in our country with having Public Defender's Offices that are individuals who are overworked, who are not necessarily committed to the causes of caring for indigent. What's the most important thing that you could do as the Chief to ensure that you have very strong Public Defenders in your office?

Ruth Boyer: I think recruiting from law schools that concentrate and training public interest attorneys. I think having those relationships on an ongoing basis. For example, reaching out, proactively, to law schools and saying, can you please let your students who are interested in criminal defense and Family Court law know that we have internships that are available, unpaid internships that are available, where they can be trained and inspired by the staff that is completely dedicated. In my experience of 28 years, the attorneys at Public Defender's Offices, they are not in a revolving door. They are there because it is... they are a defender in their heart, they're not there, generally, as a steppingstone, has been my experience. So, I feel that if we recruit lawyers who already are predisposed to want to represent our population, and train them the way that we want our Ulster County residents to be trained, that that would be a good pipeline to get qualified attorneys.

Chairwoman Walter: And we're getting close to the end. So, I'm just moving on to some policy issues. Can you talk about your position regarding Restorative Justice as it relates to the duties of the Public Defender?

Ruth Boyer: I strongly believe in the Restorative Justice Program; I know that the recidivism rate drastically decreases when clients participate in that program. I do understand that it's at the DA's recommendation that someone is eligible. And I think that that's appropriate, because they are having the initial and the most significant contact with victims and victims' families. And I am very much in favor of that program.

Chairwoman Walter: That's actually unfolding still. But yeah, thank you.

Can you talk about your position on the recent Bail and Discovery Reforms, and reforms of the reforms? Do you feel that what the State has done is sufficient? Has it gone too far? Or it hasn't not gone far enough? And if you can, elaborate on your answer.

Ruth Boyer: First, regarding Bail Reform, I think that generally, it's a great idea, because everyone is innocent until they are convicted, either by a jury, or by their own guilty plea, to some criminal offense. And prior to Bail Reform, there were many, many people sitting in jail, effectively being punished, without being convicted. So, that is very antithetical to our system of justice. So, I'm in favor of Bail Reform. Having said that, I think that it's still in flux. I think that it needs to continuously be evaluated. It's still so new. And then having it dovetail with COVID. I think it needs to be examined continually and further. But generally, I think it's good for people to not be punished without having been convicted of especially a low-level, nonviolent, alleged offense.

Regarding the Discovery Reform, I'm very glad that that is in place. New York State is one of the last states to adopt that. I have many, many times been in court. And literally while the jury, the prospective jurors are walking in, the DA is putting a stack of papers on the defense table for Rosario material. Which is the, well, you know what it is, but prior testimony of the People's witnesses. So, that was an uneven playing field that really didn't give the defense and adequate time to prepare for cross-examination. And if you can't do that, you really can't mount the most effective defense that's possible. So, I'm in favor of the discovery reform, as well.

Chairwoman Walter: Great. So, I'm going to open the questions up to others. Dean, I saw your hand was up. Do you want to...you have a question or statement?

Legislator Fabiano: Nope. I'm good. Thank you.

Chairwoman Walter: Your hand is up for so long.

Chairwoman Walter: Okay, Chairman Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson: Yes. I got a couple quick questions. Where did you actually manage staff?

Ruth Boyer: I managed staff at a Bank for two years. And I also did not have a title of managing staff, but I was a senior attorney that a lot of younger attorneys came to for advice and counsel, every time they had a trial or a difficult client, for me to sit in, advise and consult. So, I've actually done it for longer than my resume would indicate.

Chairman Donaldson: Okay, but so, you haven't actually managed attorneys in criminal courts, and...

Ruth Boyer: I have been a person who they have sought out to be their supervisor, but no, I have not been hired to be a manager of attorneys. That's correct.

Chairman Donaldson: I mean, you, when you, you know, you're probably going to run across things that you're not quite sure how to deal with, that's the nature of the job. Probably the nature of every job. Who would you be reaching out to if you're, you know, sort of caught, not sure where you should proceed or, you know, what action you should take.

Ruth Boyer: I'd be reaching out to attorneys who have more experience than I do. I would be reaching out to Public Defenders of other counties of comparable sizes and populations, to see how they have handled similar problems. I think it would be unusual for an issue to come up that no one has dealt with. So, I would primarily, you know, know what I don't know. And seek out people who I think would know, based on their position as running a Public Defender's Office of a similar or a larger size for a period, a period of years.

And also, I am a member of the New York State Defenders Association. And they are a great resource. Every time I've reached out to them, they get back to me, within a few hours. Sending me cases, sending me advice, putting me on the phone with an experienced attorney whose only job is to answer questions of defense attorneys around New York State. And they have a huge database of resources, materials, and contact people who have dealt with virtually everything.

Chairman Donaldson: Is there any particular reason that you, you know, left Judge Cahill's position that you had with them?

Ruth Boyer: I have. I very much enjoyed working with Judge Cahill. It's been a really wonderful opportunity. And I've learned a lot. What I feel, right now, is that my professional experience and education is really well suited to the opening as the Chief Public Defender. Having practiced extensively in both of the main areas of law that they that they practice in. Having dedicated my career to public service, including the choice of law school that I went to, which is CUNY Law School, the only truly public interest law school in the country. And having worked in the office, this exact office, understanding the internal dynamics, and having worked with probably 90% of the staff that's there. We have been colleagues over the years. I feel that I'm uniquely a perfect fit, honestly, for this position.

Chairman Donaldson: Have you reached out to anyone recently, just that, now that you're, you know, that you're, just prior to, or after you received the nomination?

Ruth Boyer: Meaning staff of the Public Defender's Office?

Chairman Donaldson: Yeah, anyone? Yeah, I mean, somebody that you reached out to for comfort, or knowledge, or whatever you might want to talk about.

Ruth Boyer: I'm in touch with many of the people who currently work at the Public Defender's Office, both attorneys and support staff. Since I've been with Judge Cahill, a few of the attorneys have called me to seek my advice on clients and trials that they were having after I left the office. I know that three or four attorneys have reached out to me and offered their complete support if I were to get the position, stating that, you know, they would do everything to support my having that position. And so, yes, I have.

Chairwoman Walter: We know...

Chairman Donaldson: One last one last comment...

Chairwoman Walter: Chairman can you just hold on one second, just to confirm who 845-303-3109 is? The caller at 845-303-3109, tell us who you are.

Steve Peterson: Hey, Eve. This is Steve Peterson. I think that's the fire coordinator Everette Erickson? I believe, I just have to check the number.

Chairwoman Walter: Well, he's here.

Everett Erichsen: That's not me.

Steve Peterson: Okay. I didn't see you before.

Deputy Executive Milgrim: Chair, they would need to be unmuted to be able to speak.

Chairwoman Walter: Oh, I don't have... Fawn, can you unmute them?

Deputy Clerk Mahler: I requested they unmute. So, I'm not sure what's going on.

Legislative Staff Tantillo: We can only ask them to unmute, we can unmute them ourselves.

Chairwoman Walter: Well, what do you suggest? I mean, typically, we need to know who they are.

Chairman Donaldson: Well, it's not an executive session. So...

Deputy Executive Rider: I believe, and he may just have a problem unmuting, but I believe that's Cliff Owens. I could be wrong. That's I just checked my phone to see if that was in my contacts and...

Chairwoman Walter: Okay, great. Thank you. All right, Chairman, you can continue.

Chairman Donaldson: I just have one last question. When the position was advertised, did you put your resume in? Or were you sought out?

Ruth Boyer: I did not put my resume in prior to the last vote on the prior nominee. And I gained interest after there was not a confirmation.

Chairman Donaldson: Okay. So, then you put it resume in on the second one.

Ruth Boyer: That's correct.

Chairman Donaldson: Okay. Thank you.

Chairwoman Walter: Al. Legislator Bruno.

Legislator Bruno: Yeah. Thank you. Ms. Chairman. I've got a quick question for you. If you had to make any major changes to the Office of Public Defender, being a new Public Defender, what would they, if there are any changes that you want to make, what would they be?

Ruth Boyer: I would consider establishing bureaus, such as a Family Court Bureau that would have a supervisor, and a Criminal Court Bureau, that would have a supervisor that would be for the Justice Courts. And those attorneys practicing in those courts would report to the supervisor, they would have someone to have constant contact with, as well as myself. And so, the supervision would be at a higher level than I could provide for every single staff member. And they would be a very experienced Criminal Court attorney for the Justice Courts and a very experienced Family Court attorney for the Family Courts for extra level of support and supervision and training for those attorneys under them.

Legislator Bruno: Thank you.

Chairwoman Walter: Chairman Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson: I do have another question. On the last Public Defender, he was very active in the community. Spent a significant amount of time in schools and things of that nature. I know he used to go to the Law Day in Kingston High School and teach three or four different, you know, not necessarily teach, but present three or four different classes and sometimes in the auditorium. Are you going to be comfortable doing that?

Ruth Boyer: I'd be very comfortable doing that. In fact, just last March, four days before we realized that COVID was shutting things down, I judged moot court competition at the Kingston High School. I would be very interested in getting involved in People's Place. And I know the Family of Woodstock does a lot of assistance for our clients, mainly out of the Family Court. I'd like to strengthen the alliances that we have with them.

I think that the face of the Public Defender's Office should not just be one person's face. And I'm very happy to be as involved as possible, especially in the schools and the local community organizations. But I also would encourage my staff, to the extent that their schedules, and time permitted, but I would want to encourage them and let them know that I support them doing the same thing. And I would try, to the extent possible, give them the space, and the time, and the room, to be able to have the face of the Public Defender all over the communities in Ulster County. My face is happy to be there. But I'd like to encourage my staff as well.

Chairman Donaldson: So, you, you judged a mock trial case at the high school then...

Ruth Boyer: Yes, I did on it on March 12th.

Chairman Donaldson: You probably saw my daughter; she runs the program.

Ruth Boyer: Oh, I must have.

Chairman Donaldson: All right. thank you.

Ruth Boyer: Thank you.

Chairwoman Walter: Any other Legislators have questions? All right. So, as a reminder, this has to be voted for on the floor. So, if we need... whatever your feelings are, we do need to essentially approve this and so it can move on. And any kind of vote you might have, for or against, you should save for the floor itself because we need to move this on to the floor.

Chairman Donaldson: Motion to move it.

Chairwoman Walter: Okay, second.

Legislator Fabiano: I second it.

Chairwoman Walter: All in favor?

Committee Members: Aye.

Chairwoman Walter: Opposed? Abstain? All right. So, moved.

Thank you so much, Ruth, for giving us some of your time.

Ruth Boyer: Thank you, everyone. Thank you.

Chairwoman Walter: Okay, next we have Resolution Number 334: Amending The 2020 Budget For COVID-19 Related Expenses – Emergency Management.

I don't know if... I'm trying to see who's still on, who's left, whether John wants to talk about this or whether... who else is here?

Deputy Clerk Maher: You still have Director Peterson.

Chairwoman Walter: Oh, he's right... he's there.

Deputy Executive Rider: Burt's on as well.

Chairwoman Walter: Yeah, I mean, I think it's just who wants to give the quick rundown as to what this, you know, to some background on this. Oh, sorry. Take a motion to for discussion.

Chairman Donaldson: So, moved.

Chairwoman Walter: Second?

Legislator Haynes: Second. Haynes.

Chairwoman Walter: Haynes. Okay. All right. So, John, Steve, Burt, do you want to just briefly tell us what you're hoping for this resolution?

Finance Commissioner Gulnick: Yeah. Chairwoman Walter, this is Burt. This resolution is provided basically on the request of Ways and Means. Because we were going to use the Tax Stabilization Fund to use for the \$1.6 million have, we spent through now, September 18. And Ways and Means requested that we use contingency first. And so, this resolution is using all of what's left in contingency account, \$459,504, and Steve's budget, in terms of Emergency Management, he's expended over \$800,000 to use for COVID-related expenses. So, that's why I chose kind of his department. And the medical supply line is where a lot of PPE equipment has been purchased from.

Chairwoman Walter: Steve, were you going add something or just clearing your throat?

Steve Peterson: No, I was just clearing my throat.

Chairwoman Walter: Okay. And this is the amount, the \$800K, etcetera, that you came up with, this is as of what date?

Finance Commissioner Gulnick: That is as of September 18, that has been spent, out of Steve's budget.

Chairwoman Walter: Anyone have any questions or comments? Any other discussion? Tracey?

Legislator Bartels: Sorry, I had to unmute. It's a really a question for Burt. I understand. I'm sure we'll talk about this in Ways and Means. I understand the draw down on contingency. But I'm wondering if you ever ran the metric that's required in that fund? In other words, did you do the mathematics to remove what was in the budget from what was actually spent netting out the difference? Because it seems that we've just, we're just applying everything that we're flagging as COVID, whether or not there was money in, for example, an overtime line, or supplies line.

Finance Commissioner Gulnick: But all of these expenses with COVID weren't budgeted for. So, my kind of interpretation is, these are unexpected expenses that the fund can be used for.

Legislator Bartels: Can I... I mean, this again, this is something that's confusing to me, because the examples given by the Comptroller, not our Comptroller, but the State Comptroller's Office, utilize examples such as overtime. Overtime, by its very nature is, you know, that there's an expectation that there may be a need for overtime, but what it's for is something different. And when they show in these unanticipated expenses example, they use lines like overtime, removing the budget and amount of overtime from the from the amount that exceeded it. So, I'm just confused. I feel like that right now, our take on this, or at least Finance Office's take on this is that anything that we're flagging on COVID, as COVID, is unanticipated.

Finance Commissioner Gulnick: And that is my interpretation.

Legislator Bartels: Okay.

Chairwoman Walter: Did that answer your question, Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Well, that answers my question that that's Finances approach. I don't know that that's, I don't know that that's the correct approach, but I get that that is Finance's approach.

Finance Commissioner Gulnick: I mean, I, I followed up with the County Attorney's Office and they didn't dispute my kind of thinking on this.

Legislator Bartels: Okay, I'll have to have a conversation with them with the Comptroller's report.

Finance Commissioner Gulnick: Sure.

Chairwoman Walter: Any other questions or comments? On Resolution 334. Okay. Legislator Haynes, do you have any questions or comments? So, all in favor of Resolution No. 334?

Committee members: Aye.

Chairwoman Walter: Opposed?

Legislator Fabiano: I am opposed at this time.

Chairwoman Walter: Okay. Abstentions? All right. So, it passes.

The next we have is Resolution No. 335: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For Participation In

The Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Program For Federal Fiscal Year 2020, Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget. Okay.

Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Walter: Second?

Legislator Heppner: Second.

Chairwoman Walter: Okay. Any discussion?

I have a question. And I'm not sure if you have this answer. But and I, and I'm sorry for not thinking about it before to give you time for the answer. But when I had looked at some Homeland Security grants, specifically for the Sheriff's Office, there was a caveat for all the Homeland Security grants that if you were to get this grant, you would have to provide information to ICE. And that any state that had pulled itself and was not going to comply with that couldn't apply for these grants. And New York State was then among the states that weren't even eligible. I assumed since this here that that doesn't fall into this classification. But I don't know if anyone could speak to their knowledge about that particular caveat. And it was added maybe like, only about six months ago to the Homeland Security RFP.

Deputy Executive Rider: I do know that in certain grant contracts that there was language, I think it was, and the Sheriff may be able to answer this better. I think the language was inserted in some of the contracts that had to do with undocumented individuals. And I don't know that it was in every single grant, I don't believe the language has been made its way to the Emergency Management grants.

Chairwoman Walter: It might have been related to law enforcement more specifically,

Sheriff Figueroa: That there is also, I believe the Governor had signed, and it changed a little bit in regard to the information that can be granted to Homeland Security as well.

Chairwoman Walter: All right, thanks. Any other comments or questions on this resolution? All in favor of Resolution 335?

Committee Members: Aye.

Chairwoman Walter: Opposed? Abstentions. Okay.

And next we have resolution 336: Approving The Adoption Of A Revised Ulster County Fire Mutual Aid Plan, Pursuant To New York State County Law Section 225-a – Ulster County Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management.

Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Legislator Haynes: Second, Haynes.

Chairwoman Walter: Second.

Okay. Any discussion? Any questions? All in favor of Resolution 336?

Committee Members: Aye.

Chairwoman Walter: Opposed? Abstentions? Okay.

Next, we have Resolution Number 337: Approving Ulster County's 2021 STOP DWI Program Plan And Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute All Inter-Municipal Agreements Required Under The Plan

Motion to discuss

Chairman Donaldson: Move it.

Chairwoman Walter: Second.

Legislator Heppner: Second

Chairwoman Walter: Heppner. Any discussion? All in favor of Resolution No. 337?

Committee Members: Aye.

Chairwoman Walter: Opposed? Abstain? Heidi, your hand was up. In favor I assume. Yeah, okay.

Resolution No. 338: Authorizing the Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept A Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant – Child Passenger Safety Program.

Chairman Donaldson: Move it

Chairwoman Walter: Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairwoman Walter: Fabiano. All in favor of Resolution 338? Opposed? Abstain. Great

Resolution 339: Authorizing the Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept A Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant. This one is for police Traffic Services. Motion to...

Chairman Donaldson: Move it.

Legislator Heppner: Second.

Chairwoman Walter: Heppner, any discussion? All in favor of Resolution No.... oops, I turned my page too quick... 339. Opposed? Abstained? All right. Now I can turn my page.

Resolution Number 350: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$23,320.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff. Motion to discuss.

Legislator Heppner: So moved.

Chairwoman Walter: Heppner. Second by Donaldson. Any discussion questions or anything while the Sheriff is with us? Okay, all in favor Resolution No. 350.

Committee Members: Aye.

Chairwoman Walter: Opposed? Abstain? All right. Resolution 351: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$363,780.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc., also for the Sheriff. Motion to discuss.

Chairman Donaldson: Move it.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Walter: Any discussions questions for the Sheriff? All in favor of the resolution.... You had a question?

Chairman Donaldson: I'm just... what communications are? What is this for your radio or?

Chairwoman Walter: Your muted, Sheriff.

Sheriff Figueroa: Yes, Chairman, it is for the car radios and portables for the Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Donaldson: Okay, thanks. That's what I thought it was. Just wanted to make sure.

Chairwoman Walter: Any other questions or comments? Okay, all in favor of Resolution 351?

Committee Members: Aye.

Chairwoman Walter: Opposed? Abstentions? All right. Perfect. Just give me a sense, when do, when does the next meeting start?

Legislator Fabiano: At 6:30.

Chairwoman Walter: Perfect, I just want to have it down in my head. To make sure you get it your next class on time.

Okay. So, we are going to start our budget reviews. We put Probation and Emergency Communications, Emergency Management tonight. We are all of the remaining ones will be done on October 15. Since we have several programs to talk about their budgets, we felt like it would be worth trying to get a couple in tonight.

And so, you know, at this early stage, I think that in general, it'd be nice to hear from each of the departments in terms of maybe what kinds of losses they had to delivery in service this year, because of having to make the cuts related to COVID as one important element.

And the second important element is where there anything any elements that you had requested in the 2021 budget that were not able to, that were not included in the 2021 budget, that you want us to know about?

And third, is if you want to talk about any new initiatives, whether it's a new funding source are new, anything new that you, that's coming up in 2021 that we might not have known about now would be a good time.

So, Nancy, do you want to start?

Nancy Schmidt: Sure, thank you. So, the main consideration that occurred in 2020 was, of course, the retirement incentive. And we did have several people take that. So, we had somebody leave late spring, early summer. We had another person leave in the summer. We had a couple people retire at the end of August, and we have one going in November and another in March.

So, as we prepared the 2021 budget, some of those we knew about. A couple of them we found out about mid... after we had submitted our budget, and so those got corrected by finance. But we have to POs, those lines we're not filling, probation officers. We had a senior probation officer that retired and was reduced to a probation officer in a less than half-time position. So, there were savings both from the title and going to less than half time, and no benefits. And

then we have a senior probation assistant who's retiring in March. And that position also, she's going to stay on in a part-time entry-level capacity, so that we can keep our program functioning. And that's it our Stop DWI program.

So, we had sufficient, I'd say, a spread of the retirements. So not to have it happen all at once, and also leaving us enough resources to manage our numbers. As COVID hit, our numbers started to go down. And these numbers, as people have retired, things have started to creep up again. I think we'll be okay through 2021 with the staffing that we have in place, with the positions we've got.

Let's see. I've forgotten what your other questions were, sorry.

Chairwoman Walter: Were there any... well, before I get... were there any elements that you had requested that did not make it into the 2021 budget?

Nancy Schmidt: No.

Chairwoman Walter: Okay. And can you talk... I know there's a couple of state or federal lines that are potentially at risk. Can you talk about those and the impact on your program.

Nancy Schmidt: So, as everyone has been aware of, in many departments have experienced, there has not been information forthcoming about when our grant awards or our state funding is coming through. We tried to be somewhat conservative in either remaining the same or in one grant cutting back to a conservative estimate, and just being prepared to watch, move, change, whatever we need to do as those come forward.

Chairwoman Walter: And you explain what any type of specific programming that's impacted by that chain?

Nancy Schmidt: So, specific programming, we didn't plan... at this point, there really isn't programming impacted. There were a couple of things that we, with COVID, and with the numbers of people coming into the office, we're doing differently. Like we're using other resources, because those services... Like, we had a couple hours in the office, mobile mental health had a person, but we can use them via phone, or they're not, we're not open the same way we were. So, people can't come. That's just an example. So, we have alternatives for everything that we were providing in person. But with COVID. We couldn't provide it because we were closed.

Chairwoman Walter: I have some, another question. But I'm going to just see if anyone else does first. Any other legislators have questions for Nancy?

So, how did the announcement of the expanded Restorative Justice in the Executives Budget for 2021, how is that going to impact Probation in any way?

Nancy Schmidt: So, the funding that we have for Restorative Justice is, it's going to allow us to do what we've already been doing with the One80 Program, which is for Restorative Justice for juveniles. And our intent is to use those same resources and create a program to provide it with adults.

Chairwoman Walter: Right. And so, we've been, I mean, I've been on the Restorative Justice Subcommittee. What will it, beyond that, I mean, what will the revenue and added revenue stream from the Executive's Office towards this, how will that change or be utilized? Will it in any way differently than what's been discussed in subcommittee?

Nancy Schmidt: Well, I don't know exactly how that will play out when we get it up and running. But the other thing is that we had some funding, that's county funding, for One80. And then we also have the potential that Raise the Age funding could give us additional service money, but we'll see.

Chairwoman Walter: Okay, great. Anyone else have any questions for Nancy? Nancy, any anything else you want to mention about your budget?

Nancy Schmidt: I think we tried to be careful, cautious, and make sure we were covering all the bases. We have a lot of mandated services, those are covered. And yet be prepared to move as needed with staff changes, or whatever, to wherever the needs may be. And I think we have the flexibility and the support to do that.

Chairwoman Walter: All right, thank you.

Nancy Schmidt: Thank you.

Chairwoman Walter: Next Emergency Communication and Emergency Management. So, sort of same questions. What kinds I mean, obviously, this, this department probably was one of the most impacted by COVID, but not necessarily in doing less, but doing more. Also, highly impacted by the retirement. So, can you talk about what the changes in 2020? And then the second one was, desires for 2021 that perhaps did not make it to the Executive Budget that you would like the legislature to know about?

Steve Peterson: Okay, thank you all very much for taking, for giving me the opportunity to come to you guys. Yeah, we've been busy with COVID. We received our first our first positive case on March 8. And we operated the EEOC. And we continue to operate the EEOC in support of the Department of Health since March 9, when we opened. And the EEOC has stood up to support the Department Health with any kind of needs, any kind of assistance that they would need to respond to the pandemic. And one of the big items, one of the big-ticket items is PPE, and the distribution of PPE to the to the first responder community: law enforcement, fire, EMS, and also doctors' offices, and so on.

Excuse me. The 911 staff, during the during the pandemic, it was, it was quite interesting because we started out very busy within the 911 Center. And then it kind of like, it went into, it went into a lull where we weren't that active, and EMS was not that active. It was almost like, it was almost like folks were riding out any type of situation that they would get into they would typically 911 for, they were staying away from the hospitals, which is, which is something that we wanted them to do. But it was, it was interesting how the call numbers, the call line did not increase significantly during that time. Or even since then.

Some of the things that we've that we've implemented during the course of, of this year, in August, we implemented a new staffing schedule for the 911 Center, which reduced our overtime costs and shift differentials, significantly. We ran, today we ran some numbers. We started in August of this year. And we compared August and September of 2019 to August and September in 2020. And then, just in the overtime costs alone, there was a 20% reduction between the two years. And in shift differential, is about a 5% reduction. So, we're able to maximize our shifts and our staff and have better coverage, and reduce overall costs, which is which is pretty interesting. Oh, sorry. Go ahead.

Chairwoman Walter: I was just going to ask you to talk about how the retirement incentive impacts you. Or will it impact you.

Steve Peterson: Yeah, we have one retirement that's going to take place in 21. And that'll be in March, March 1 of 2021. So that's a position. What's that.

Chairwoman Walter: Only so... only one person took the incentive?

Steve Peterson: Yes, only one person took the incentives? Yes.

Legislator Fabiano: One person out of the whole county.

Chairwoman Walter: And were there any items that you had requested for 2021 that were not he did not make it into the Executive Budget?

That was the only the only thing that that didn't get the didn't get put through this year were three part-time positions on the Division of Fire Services. So, one was a part-time Training Coordinator for the Public Safety Training Center. And then there were two county Fire Instructors to add to the staff that we have. Those are the only ones that didn't make it to the to the '21 budget.

You want to tell us a little bit about the relevance of those positions?

Steve Peterson: Sure, I mean, actually Everett is, is on the line. He can speak directly to those positions. They were they were requested by him. Everett, are you still there?

Everett Erichsen: Yeah, absolutely, Steve. Thank you. So, basically, those positions, the first one, the part-time Training Coordinator was requested to assist with managing the amount of training that we're, we've been putting out to the Fire Service. We're responsible for training the 50 fire departments, over 2,000 firefighters in Ulster County. We have 49 volunteer and one career Fire Department in Ulster County. So, we manage approximately 1,700-1,800 hours of state training hours. And about the same amount of county training hours.

Now, with the over the past three years, we've boosted the amount of training that we've been offering at a county level tremendously. A lot based off of state requirements, some new requirements for firefighters. New York State has been trying to meet the national standards over the past five or so years. So, we've boosted the amount of hours that we've been, we've been offering. And with the Public Safety Training Center up and running, as well, and ensuring that we have a facilitator on site. We, you know, we were looking for that position to assist with managing that. You know, tracking the amount of training that we're putting out there, putting the classes together, handling registration, handling the paperwork associated with it, with it all. And then the other two positions, which are less than part time would assist with the facilitation of the facility as well as the, as well as acting as instructors.

Chairwoman Walter: Were any... we've had a major issue with recruitments. Do any of these positions have any role in recruitment?

Everett Erichsen: So, recruitment, we've been working on as we, as you may recall, last year, the we rolled out the Explorer Program, and that was supposed to start this year with the starting of the school year. But with COVID, that kind of went on the, on the back burner, because we weren't able to bring kids together and run that program. So, we're still working on how we might be able to do some things virtually. We reached out to other counties that do have some core programs to see if they're doing anything virtually. There's the attendance isn't, isn't there. When it comes to virtual, we got to remember that firefighting is more of a hands-on type thing. So, you know, that, the Explorer Program to our group is huge, when it comes to bringing in those of ages 14 to 16 to 18. Because getting them in young, and then being able to do this minimum amount of hours of training that's required now by the state is huge. If you take a 25-year-old, 30-year-old, who's really just getting situated, has a job, has a job and a half maybe starting a family, they don't have the time to commit to those hours. And that's where the recruitment problem is. But yeah, I mean, the part-time Training Coordinator position would assist with running the Explorer Program, you know, when we do move that forward.

Chairwoman Walter: Any other people have questions, any other legislators have questions?

Steve, can you explain? So, with the Executives, announcement of expansion of mobile mental health and the inclusion of a social worker? Would that social worker be situated with you?

Steve Peterson: Yeah. Yes, that social worker... no, that that social worker would be within the 911 Center. So, it would be right within the dispatch staff, but not assigned to my budget, is my understanding.

Chairwoman Walter: And then could you, do you have a familiarity of what the expansion of mobile mental health is beyond the add-on of a social worker?

Steve Peterson: It's going to be it's going to be a resource for the call takers at the 911 center to be able to transfer a caller that's in crisis, but doesn't need, doesn't rise to the level of a law enforcement response, so to speak. So, it's a resource for the dispatch staff, 911 Center, to be able to transfer that caller to the social worker, they can continue the conversation but be in the same room, same communications room, so that if something goes wrong, it's a face to face contact between the social worker and the 911 dispatcher that can send the assistance that's needed. I think it's a good setup, honestly, and an valuable resource to 911.

Chairwoman Walter: I would agree. I guess the question is, is there other expansions of mobile mental health beyond that social worker? Marc, you can answer if you want.

Deputy Executive Rider: Because it's the mental health budget. We are expanding the hours there. Right now, there's two teams for the mobile mental health team, one in Ellenville, one in Kingston. After we lost some grant work, I should say, after a grant expired, we reduced one of the hours of those teams. And we had Kingston going from 12 to eight, and Ellenville, going from 10 to six. But the busiest time for both teams is whenever they get there. People are waiting for them to answer the phone. So, we're expanding the hours so that both teams are basically 10 to eight. We're expanding the Kingston hours.

Chairwoman Walter: Yeah, very often, we have criminal justice and health sort of intersecting with each other. So, thank you. Anyone else have any questions for Steve or Everett? Steve, is there anything else you want to add?

Steve Peterson: Not at this time. And we, we were, we were delayed with our capital projects for the radio system upgrade due to COVID. But we're back on track now. We've had our kickoff meeting with Motorola, so, we'll start to roll that out. So, it may be slightly delayed in '21. Maybe roll into '22 by the time it's completely built out. But you know, we're starting to ramp back up on that.

Chairwoman Walter: Are there efforts to set up a system that allows like emergency notifications or messages to go out to all Ulster County residents? Like a text system?

Steve Peterson: Yeah, like a mass notification? Yeah, So, the county supports New York Alert. And New York Alert and Everbridge, recently, within the last the last year or so... Everbridge is one of the other mass notification systems that's available to Emergency Management. And they came in and partnered with New York Alert to basically rebuild New York Alert to allow for that capability. So, we will continue to push that out. And that can actually be drilled right down to each municipality where they could... a municipality could to do a notification to their residents alone. So, it's, it's something that we're looking at.

Chairwoman Walter: And are their County costs are all those covered through state and federal?

Steve Peterson: And all those are covered? All the county costs are covered.

Chairwoman Walter: That'd be great to hear more about in 2021. It would be so good if each of the municipalities have that capacity, as well as the countywide. Let's remember that. Luckily, this is being recorded, so you don't have to.

Deputy Executive Rider: I stepped away. So, maybe Steve brought this up. But we are shifting a capital project. We were looking at putting the PSAP in the Law Enforcement Center and now we're looking at moving it to a vacant spot at the BRC. I don't know if Steve wants to bring that up briefly. Unless he already did.

Steve Peterson: No, I can touch on that, Marc, thank you. So, the capital project that we had out originally for the relocation of the 911 Center was to go to the Law Enforcement Center. Just prior to COVID, we went out to bid for design and engineering. And I think the capital project was established for \$3 million to do that work. Obviously, we get into we get into COVID and everything gets basically put on hold. And in the meantime, this space was, was identified at the BRC, which is it really works out well for our operations. It's sizeable. It's close to 4,500 square feet,

which includes the office and the dispatch communications floor. But the ability to build that out is going to be far less than what we were looking at, at the Law Enforcement Center. So, there's a reduction in, in that capital project that will benefit as well.

Chairwoman Walter: And that's shown in the 2020 work order Marc?

Deputy Executive Rider: I believe it is. I mean, I think that that other capital, when it was all said and done, Steve was going to be around \$6 million, because we had to carry over... Am I right on that, Steve? Somewhere in there?

Steve Peterson: No. The public safety radio system was up that high.

Deputy Executive Rider: Oh, was it just... Okay. So, so it was \$3MM. But we were going to have to build out over the area of the Law Enforcement Center, not where the rotunda is, but visitation for the jail currently. This is going to be much cheaper. And I believe there was a reduction shown in the 2021-2025 Capital.

Steve Peterson: I talked to Burt today. I don't know if he is still on the line.

Finance Commissioner Gulnick: Chairwoman Walter, I found out yesterday from Buildings and Grounds, I omitted three projects from the Capital Program. One of which is the 911 move. I will offer that as an amendment for the adopted plan. I will give that out as soon as I can if... there were three projects. And one was this for \$3 million.

Chairwoman Walter: Legislator Fabiano. You're on that committee also?

Legislator Fabiano: Yes, on the Public Works and Capital Projects.

Chairwoman Walter: You can look for that.

Chairman Fabiano: I Chair that committee. Oh, great.

Finance Commissioner Gulnick: Yeah, I will get that out tomorrow.

Chairwoman Walter: Great. Anybody else? Any other questions? All right. Thank you, Steve and Everett. I appreciate it.

Criminal Justice Reform Task Force update. For just those who don't remember, we have three different subcommittees. Restorative Justice, which I think Nancy briefly explained the work that's happening with the Restorative Justice Subcommittee in trying to increase that age group. And working directly with the District Attorney, and hopefully, with the public, incoming Public Defender, should she be confirmed. And but there has been the ongoing trainings, and again, this is a reminder for all of you, there is a Restorative Justice training every month on the second? Third Monday?

Nancy Schmidt: Third Monday and I think it's five to seven.

Chairwoman Walter: And five to seven. And so, if anyone's interested, please, you can either let me know, or Nancy know, or Jay know. We can let you know about that.

The Centralized Arraignment Subcommittee, which actually now we know that the 911 is not going into the jail, it actually opens up more of the possibility of considering that space for Centralized Arraignment. That did not meet in the last month. So, there's something new with that. And then the police reform, there are a couple of initiatives that they're working on that will be shared in a subsequent meeting.

Any new business? I got my eye on the clock for you Dean. You got five minutes now.

Any old business? All right, I'll take a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Heppner: So moved.

Legislator Fabiano: Move it.

Chairwoman Walter: Heppner. Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairwoman Walter: Fabiano. Okay, all in favor?

Committee Members: Aye.

Legislator Heppner: Thank you, Chair.

Chairwoman Walter: Thank you all.

Legislator Fabiano: Thank you. Good job.

Deputy Clerk Mahler: Thank you Fawn

Chairwoman Walter: Thank you Fawn