

Minutes

Public Safety Committee

February 20, 2019, 4:15 pm, Room 331

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Niebel, Vanstrom, Bankoski, Whitford, Pavlock

Others: Tampio, Ames, Dennison, Griffith, Cresanti, Quattrone, O'Connell, Chagnon, Himelein, Narraway, Kneer, Wendel, Thomas

Chairman Niebel called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (1/16/19)

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski , SECONDED by Legislator Pavlock

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time.

Proposed Resolution- Appoint Jail Medical Director

Chairman Niebel: O.k., you are appointing Dr. Brian Walters, effective March 1st. Is there anything more to add to that?

Mrs. Dennison: I just wanted to confirm that this position is in the budget. It is allocated, there are two Medical Director positions in the budget and each of them are allocated between several departments. This particular position, the salary is \$60,259 and 9% of that goes to the Sheriff's organization to oversee the EMT program. A portion of it goes to Emergency Services, also associated with the EMT program, 25% of it and then the remaining salary is allocated to the Jail for the oversight of the Jail.

Sheriff Quattrone: Dr. Walters has quite a bit of experience in working in Jails. He's worked at the Cattaraugus County Jail.

Mrs. Dennison: The second Medical Director position has the same first two allocations, 9% to the Sheriff's organization, 25% to Emergency Services and then the balance of that other position is allocated to the Coroners Department. So the other Medical Director would have oversight of the Coroners.

Chairman Niebel: Do we have someone in place for the second Medical Director?

Mrs. Dennison: I know that there is someone in mind, has he been officially appointed, I don't know.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions? All those in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Authorize Fire Service Loan to Findley Lake Fire Department

Mr. Griffith: So the revolving loan fund is a great program the County has and we quite often loan different amounts of money out of that. If we loan up to \$50,000, we do not have to have legislative approval and Findley Lake is going to purchase a new tanker and they are borrowing \$100,000. Their paperwork was all in order, cleared through all the legal hurdles and everything and I would recommend that this be accepted. This is a great way for a fire department to upgrade their equipment and for the County to assist with the money that sits in the revolving loan fund.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions for John?

Legislator Pavlock: How does the revolving fund work?

Mr. Griffith: Monies were put aside years ago when we had the tobacco settlement money and it sits as a line item in the budget for the revolving loan. So a department decides they want to borrow from the loan fund, the interest is set by the Finance Department and it's usually about what the County can borrow money for and correct me if I'm wrong, anybody that knows this, so they would apply through our office. It's pretty formal thing. You would submit your application for your loan, of course your reason why, along with your operating budget for your fire department and then let's say resolutions from your department to borrow the monies and then from there the process moves. It goes through a resolution, it goes to the Law Department, and it goes back through. If it's less than \$50,000, it can be given as a fire (*cross talk*). It's been used in the past for things like radio's, equipment, different things, power stretchers, things like that that has been used for and it's worked out really, really, well for it. This is the first one that I have been involved with for this much money but I know that it has been done like this in the past for amounts over \$50,000. It's set up on a five year pay back, annual payments.

Chairman Niebel: Is this a no interest loan?

Mr. Griffith: No, there is an interest rate on it. I can't remember the exact documents. It usually is the same amount of money that the County could borrow monies for.

Legislator Vanstrom: (*Inaudible-cross talk*)

Mr. Griffith: Yeah, it's like – Kathleen, do you know what the rate is?

Chairman Niebel: Kathleen, just a rough estimate of what the interest rate might be.

Mrs. Dennison: I do not know what the rate is but the Fire Service Loan Department does have an interest earnings revenue line, \$8,700 expected revenue in 2019.

Legislator Pavlock: And that is based on how many loans? Now that is what is expected all together?

Chairman Niebel: Offhand do you know how much is in the revolving fund for that?

Mrs. Dennison: I don't but I'm about to look.

Mr. Griffith: I would say around \$400,000. Let's see how close I am.

Chairman Niebel: We're not going to hold you to that.

Mr. Griffith: I know, but I try and keep track. I think there is like four loans right now. East Town, Ashville – I can get that for the committee.

Chairman Niebel: While Kathleen is checking that out, David, you have talked to the Findley Lake Fire Department? This is a 3,000 gallon tanker they obviously need otherwise they wouldn't be asking.

Legislator Himelein: Yeah, the tanker I bought back in 1978.

Chairman Niebel: It's time for a new one.

Legislator Himelein: Yes, it's time for a new one. It's well beyond its useful life.

Chairman Niebel: Just a quick question. How is the Findley Lake Fire Department doing as far as membership? I guess what I am getting at is, have you thought about – you're next to Mina and you're also next to Panama. They have tankers as well right?

Legislator Himelein: Well, we're not next to Panama, no. Clymer and Sherman.

Chairman Niebel: Right, Clymer and Sherman. Of course, if there was mutual aid you'd call them.

Legislator Himelein: Yeah absolutely, that's a given.

Chairman Niebel: But this is something that Findley Lake Fire Department has looked at.

Legislator Himelein: Yeah. We can do it with our own, when we do have a fire, mutual aid, and our own fire, you know.

Chairman Niebel: This is just a general question, I guess John, but things like this, loans that come up through the revolving loan, do they come before the Fire Advisory Board?

Mr. Griffith: Yes they do.

Chairman Niebel: O.k, you guys discuss it there.

Mr. Griffith: We go to the Loan Committee first Terry, and then from the Loan Committee it would go to the complete Fire Advisory Board if it's under \$50,000 and if it's over that, it comes here.

Chairman Niebel: Have you discussed it at the Fire Advisory Board?

Mr. Griffith: Oh yeah, this has cleared everything through the whole process to get to you tonight.

Chairman Niebel: O.k, and they are in favor of it?

Mr. Griffith: Yes.

Chairman Niebel: O.k., that's the major question I had. Any other questions for John or Dave?

Mrs. Dennison: Mr. Chairman, right now we have loans outstanding that are to be repaid to the County are \$150,651 and there are a variety of fire departments.

Chairman Niebel: East Town of Dunkirk and etc..

Mrs. Dennison: West Dunkirk, City of Dunkirk, and others.

Chairman Niebel: West Town John, not East Town.

Mr. Griffith: East Town had one. They must have paid theirs off.

Chairman Niebel: And the interest will – is what the County would ordinarily get as far as interest?

Mr. Griffith: It's my belief, yes.

Chairman Niebel: Any other questions of either David or John?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- 2017 Hazardous Materials Grant Program

Mr. Griffith: These are just monies that we have in the grant program. The monies are there. There is no local share to this. This is monies to be moved from the grant program to be able to be spent.

Chairman Niebel: For \$6,000.

Mr. Griffith: Yeah, it's part of a \$94,000 grant. It's set up now to move the money in and move the money out at the same time.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Fiscal Year 2018 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program

Mr. Griffith: This is the same thing. Another Haz Mat grant and this is the same thing, to move the money in and then move the money out.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Amend 2018 Budget for Year End Reconciliations – Emergency Services

Mr. Griffith: This is just the balancing of our accounts at the end of the year. To run the budget the way we did and to come within \$26,000, I mean, we had money in the budget, we didn't go over budget. It's just a matter of leveling out the budget to come where we're at.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Amend 2018 Budget for Year End Reconciliations – Probation

Mr. Narraway: This resolution to adjust the amounts for the year end reconciliation for our budget.

Chairman Niebel: Tom, it's for \$21,627, all within your budget.

Mr. Narraway: Yes.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Amend 2018 Budget for Year End Reconciliations – Office of the Sheriff

Sheriff Quattrone: This is the amend our budget, to equal it out. We'll be all within our own budget. A couple of increase in the appropriations by decreasing our appropriations to balance.

Chairman Nebel: So you are over in some and under in some to the tune of \$258,696.

Sheriff Quattrone: That is correct.

Chairman Nebel: I'm trying to look real quick, you probably wouldn't know but how did we do as far as overtime this year in the Jail?

Ms. Cresanti: Jail overtime, we did go over budget. I can't recall the specific amount but that did still go over budget a little bit.

Chairman Nebel: It happens quite often.

Ms. Cresanti: Yes.

Chairman Nebel: Any questions?

Legislator Pavlock: Some of the bigger items that went over were adjustments made this year to compensate that or don't –

Sheriff Quattrone: We are in the process of making some adjustments within our spending policies within the agency. I'm working on that to get that out and making sure we have a little bit more control of that.

Chairman Nebel: Anything else?

Unanimously Carried

Legislature Chairman Wendel: I would just like to say congratulations. I know that Jim is coming in (*inaudible*), but this is the first time in four years that this budget has been as low as it is, reconciliation which last year it had about four times overages from another department so, I applaud the efforts of Ms. Cresanti and her job as finance person –

Chairman Nebel: I think last year P.J., it was over a million dollars.

Legislature Chairman Wendel: One point three. Six million nine hundred thousand and one point three last 3 years so this is a great deal of effort and undertaking.

Chairman Nebel: Excellent. Nice job, thank you. Any questions?

Proposed Resolution- Amend 2018 Budget for Year End Reconciliations – Assigned
Counsel/Conflict Administrator

Mrs. Dennison: There is an amendment that I did very late this afternoon and I'm not sure if you have that.

Chairman Niebel: Kathleen, do you want to give us the highlights of this?

Mrs. Dennison: Yes, this Conflict Administration is the department that used to be called Assigned Counsel and for 2018, it was located in the Unified Courts organization in 19' and moving to the Legislature for oversight, but unfortunately we have kind of a recurring theme here that this department is over budget yet again by \$295,375, over budget.

Chairman Niebel: Community College Tuition?

Mrs. Dennison: No, the Conflict Administration is over budget. So the fees through the Public Defender's office, hiring outside counsel for representation to avoid conflicts of interest, that department has overspent \$295,375. So, the Unified Courts organization doesn't have any other department with sizeable budgets to cover this overage so I'm proposing that we can cover it from Community College Tuition. Community College Tuition, that line item is currently under budget, approximately \$386,000. So we're essentially borrowing that surplus from the Community College Tuition to pay off the Conflict Administration overage.

Chairman Niebel: It seems to me quite often, we have a surplus in the Community College Tuition. That might be something that we might want to take a look at in the future just as far as budgeting and stuff. But, as far as the Unified Courts, yeah, I understand that we spend more than we budgeted, again.

Legislator Bankoski: Is there some way to address that so that we're not borrowing every year?

Mrs. Dennison: Well, there is a change that is planned for 2019. We do have some additional funds available to create a Conflict Administrator and so I know that is in the 19' budget to hire that position. So that person would be assigned to administer the conflicts and that is supposed to significantly decrease the amount of money that is spent on it. Because the Conflict Administrator also will provide oversight of what is charged by the attorneys when they do the representation. Currently there is, honestly from what I am told, there is not a lot of oversight on that. Or, not somebody that is analyzing those charges and making sure they are consistent from attorney to attorney. So, there is a new program that is designed to be put in place in 2019.

Chairman Niebel: There is and plus Kathleen, a lot of the Public Defenders have now gone from part time to full time. That may help a little bit.

Mrs. Dennison: They have but we were hoping – I mean the budget for 18' was reduced because that change was implemented in 18' to increase them to full time and the idea was that it

would reduce the expense of the Conflict Administration but unfortunately, we did not see that happen. So those steps were taken in 18' but as I say, we are hopeful that the Conflict Administrator, having that position will alleviate the problem.

Chairman Niebel: Once it gets up and going. P.J., did you have something you wanted to say?

Legislature Chairman Wendel: One of the things that happened in this new loan, this new grant that the Public Defender's office was able to get, one of the things that they were very excited about was this new Conflict resolution, management. This is something that has plagued us for a very long time. These numbers have been astronomical. So one of the things with this loan, as Kathleen said, it's going to help get this unit established and then have a great deal of oversight than they ever have before. So, one of the things that the State was really excited about was having Chautauqua County implement this, so, I know speaking with Mr. Borrello when they first were awarded, he's been very excited and I'm sure that it's probably going to be a little easier for Kathleen to is, when they reconcile this and keep this a little bit more manageable.

Chairman Niebel: These costs should be going down, hopefully, with the Conflict Administrator.

Legislature Chairman Wendel: That's the idea and this has been something that we have been talking about for the 8 years since I've been on the Legislature.

Chairman Niebel: We have, Pierre has -

Legislature Chairman Wendel: Oh yeah it's everybody but that grant that they were awarded this year, it's going to continue on for two years, is really going to help mitigate this thing (*cross talk*)...

Legislator Pavlock: What stage of the process are we in now? Is the program set up and we people -

Chairman Niebel: We don't have a Conflict Administrator yet. That will be the next step.

Legislature Chairman Wendel: There ironing out some details. I don't know 100% where we stand with that right.

Mrs. Dennison: I don't either. I'm looking at Kathy and -

Chairman Niebel: It's in progress Dan, it's in progress.

Legislator Pavlock: I remember in our budget session we talked about it but it's been awhile.

Legislature Chairman Wendel: I'm not pushing blame. It's the State. The State usually, to get the ball rolling, we have to have contracts and our legal department looks and in fact, it was

brought up in January that the legal – I did talk to that personally and the legal department is now looking at it from the Office of Indigent Legal Services. So they have a part in this and they are going to review it and send it back and hopefully things get ironed out. Unfortunately it's a long process. The State is not eager to give out \$900,000.

Legislator Whitford: Funds are only released as you bring the program on line.

Legislature Chairman Wendel: I believe so. They are waiting to find all of our budgetary issues, making sure the budgets are all lined up and the expenditures, etc., so, as I talked to Ned in the first part of January, this is about 95-98% done. Now it's in the hands of the State and they are going to get back to us. That is where it was last I knew.

Legislator Pavlock: The longer we go through this year, the larger this account will get again. Once we put that in place, hopefully this will help for next year.

Chairman Niebel: But Dan, I think the problem is, a lot of these steps have to be oked by the Office of Indigent Legal Services. It's going forward but you do have to get approval from the State and different stages. O.k., thank you. Any other questions for Kathleen? Oh, we do need a motion to amend this resolution.

Legislator Vanstrom: So moved.

Legislator Whitford: Second.

Chairman Niebel: Those in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Chairman Niebel: Those in favor of the resolution as amended?

Unanimously Carried

Mrs. Dennison: Mr. Chairman, if I could just offer a little more information. This is backtracking to the Fire Service Loan fund. I was doing a little research and I did misstate the revenue. There are two revenue components with the Fire Service Loan Fund and the one that I quoted was the interest, \$8,698. That's actually the interest on the money that is available to be loaned. I'm trying to get a number on that and – like we have \$150,000 of loans that we have made that are coming back to us but there must be – the actual pool to be loaned, I have not found that amount.

Chairman Niebel: I guess John has left but he mentioned off hand that he thought it was around \$400,000.

Mrs. Dennison: So I'm looking for what the total amount available to loan is which I have not put my fingers on yet. So, the \$8,698 is interest on that pool of available money. There is another line that's actually the interest we receive from the Fire Departments. That revenue

budget for 2019 is \$2,000 and I just looked at some recent receipts of loan interest and the one that I looked at was a 2% rate. As I say, for tomorrow morning, I'll try and get our finger on what the actual total amount.

(Cross talk)

Legislator Pavlock: *(Inaudible)*.

Mrs. Dennison: What interest they were charging?

Legislator Pavlock: So the pool money, let's say, we'll use \$400,000 and what are we earning on that?

Mrs. Dennison: The budget of what we earn on the pool is the \$8,698.

Legislator Pavlock: Right so –

Chairman Niebel: Two point something percent.

Legislator Pavlock: I would suspect that when we loan out the money that rate would be the same, yes? You wouldn't lose.

Chairman Niebel: Thanks Kathleen.

Proposed Resolution- Amend 2018 Budget for Year End Reconciliations – District Attorney's Office

Ms. Kneer: This resolution is to authorize our personal services and our Crime Victim Unit. Due to an increase in work hours from 35 to 40 hours a week. We were able to pull from our contractual which we didn't have enough there to increase the personal services and decrease the appropriation account in the contractual in the DA's office for this \$14,960.

Chairman Niebel: So it's all within your account. You're increasing your point one but decreasing your point four.

Ms. Kneer: Yes.

Chairman Niebel: Simple enough. Any questions?

Legislator Vanstrom: Not on this one. Next one, I might.

Chairman Niebel: All in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Amend Budget Appropriations and Revenues Associated with Vehicle Purchases by the District Attorney

Ms. Kneer: This one is similar to resolution 280-18 which we amended. It was based on the purchase prices of net trade in allowances in which we actually had to auction our vehicles through Auctions International. We sold one vehicle last year and we just sold one in January so we need to adjust.

Chairman Niebel: We had a very similar resolution to this back in December as I recall. Actually, I think it was for the exact same amount.

Ms. Kneer: Yes.

Chairman Niebel: Six thousand seven hundred and ninety two dollars.

Legislator Vanstrom: But why are we doing it again?

Chairman Niebel: You have to do it over, I think, four years, don't you?

Ms. Kneer: Yes.

Chairman Niebel: So last year was year one, this is year two and then there is year three and year four coming up, right?

Mrs. Dennison: That's correct.

Ms. Kneer: And we actually will have a surplus in our sale of equipment because the vehicle sold for \$9,200 so we've got \$6,792 this year, that we're accounting for.

Chairman Niebel: And \$6,792 last year and then –

Ms. Kneer: Right and then for two more years for a total of \$27,168.

Chairman Niebel: Is that what is comes to?

Ms. Kneer: Yes, total budget.

Mrs. Dennison: Well, it was not in the budget for 18' and 19' obviously, the budget for 20' and 21' has not been created yet but the purchase price of the vehicles is allocated over four years, so one quarter of the expense of purchasing the vehicle is charged to the DA and each year starting in 2018.

Legislator Vanstrom: (*Cross talk*) over budget, on budgets that haven't been created yet.

Mrs. Dennison: Well, I wouldn't say that he's over budget because the budget hasn't been created yet.

Legislator Vanstrom: If we're amortizing the cost of the vehicle over budgets that haven't been created yet.

Mrs. Dennison: The purchase price of the vehicles, I mean, his 2020 budget will include 25% of the purchase price, yes.

(cross talk)

Legislator Pavlock: It will be offset by the \$6,792.

Mrs. Dennison: There is revenue and there was revenue in 2018, there is revenue from the sale of vehicles in 2019. There will not be revenue from sale of vehicles in 20' or 21'.

Legislator Vanstrom: I think that we budgeted a lot less than what we spent and so, I'm going to vote no on this but you might have other people that might support it. I mean, that's what happened so I want to call a dollar a dollar.

Chairman Niebel: That goes back to last year, I think Lisa. We did purchase two vehicles last year, correct?

Ms. Kneer: Yes.

Chairman Niebel: Roughly \$75,000, we budgeted about \$48,000 as I recall.

Mrs. Dennison: Yes.

Chairman Niebel: So we had under budgeted but this has to do with –

Legislator Vanstrom: We didn't under budget, he over spent. I can't take responsibility for the vehicles he picked out.

Chairman Niebel: Understood.

Mrs. Dennison: Yes, the purchase price was in excess of what was budgeted however there is revenue from trade-ins that offsets some of the - *(cross talk)*...

Chairman Niebel: Which we're trying to account for now in 2018/2019 and we'll have in the 2020 budget, right? We'll make those adjustments in 2020?

Mrs. Dennison: Mrs. Vanstrom is correct that the vehicles, the purchase price was \$27,168 more than what was in the capital vehicle budget for 2018. So, that extra cost is amortized over four years. So we need to add that expense into the 18' budget and 19' budget because they were already created. When we get to the 2020 budget, the vehicle purchase allocation will be 25% of the purchase price which will be \$18,711. That is going to be the vehicle purchase allocation budget in 2020 and 2021 assuming there is no other vehicles that are purchased.

Legislator Vanstrom: The allocations are based on past purchase prices?

Mrs. Dennison: The allocation is based on the actual price of the vehicle. The vehicle was purchased in 18' and so 25% of that price will be charged to the department in four years, starting in the year in which its purchased.

Chairman Niebel: Any further questions?

Legislator Whitford: I'm struggling to understand the four years, the 25% amortization, over – it doesn't seem like it's right.

Mrs. Dennison: Most departments when they purchase vehicles, they are purchased out of a – they have a capital budget for that. So they buy it out of their capital budget so they don't get hit with 100% of the purchase price in which they purchase it, we charge it back over four years. So they have the budget to buy the vehicle. The DA overspent his budget to buy the vehicle so that is why the purchase allocation expense had to be adjusted in 18' and also in 19'.

Legislator Whitford: I understand that, but I thought you said there was increased revenue with how much exactly was that?

Mrs. Dennison: I show there was \$14,000 –

Ms. Kneer: Actually the total was \$12,450 because (*cross talk*).....

Mrs. Dennison: O.k., so it's \$9,200?

Ms. Kneer: Yes.

Mrs. Dennison: So there is sale of equipment income in 2018, there was income of \$3,250 which was not originally budgeted.

Legislator Whitford: It was sixty some hundred you ended up with and you ended up with ninety something and that's why there is a difference of \$3,200?

Mrs. Dennison: We increased the revenue, we had additional expense because of the increase purchase allocation and additional revenue to go with it. In 18' the revenue budget was established as \$6,792. At the time we did the resolution, we thought that that vehicle was going to fetch at least that much at auction. The one sold in 2018, the purchase price was only \$3,250 at auction. So in 18', there is a revenue budget of \$6,792, the actual revenue is only \$3,250 but in 2019, revenue budget we're proposing would be \$6,792, the vehicle has already been sold for \$9,200.

Legislator Whitford: So it's pretty much a wash because you were under by \$3,200 and then you are over by approximately the same, correct? Or even less.

Mrs. Dennison: It is pretty much a wash in 18' and 19'.

Legislator Whitford: Right, what you estimated to get at auction, correct?

Mrs. Dennison: Well, the revenue budget was established to be equal to the additional expense. Really was not dependent on the auction price but given what the information that was forthcoming, it appeared that the sales at auction would be close to the additional expense in 18' and 19'.

Legislator Vanstrom: Kathleen, does this have anything to do with the fact that he went from trading in sedan's to buying Ford SUV's where there is a huge discrepancy on sticker prices, even if we get at government cost? Does that weigh into any of this?

Mrs. Dennison: When the budget was established, the request was for SUV's. I don't want to say for two SUV's, it sounds like, not four cars but his vehicle request was for SUV's. I can look up the model number if you would like.

Legislator Vanstrom: There wouldn't of been enough money to cover that purchase. They are expensive vehicles.

Mrs. Dennison: There is no dispute that he spent more than the original purchase price. He made a request, there was a purchase price, there was at trade-in allowance and then a net cost.

Legislator Vanstrom: They really didn't trade in. They took them to auction.

Mrs. Dennison: Right so in my opinion there is no fault of the DA that he sold at auction instead of getting a trade-in. The way the budget was created, it was assumed a trade-in and of course they were sold at auction. So that requires and should lead to an amendment because from an accounting standpoint, instead of getting one bill for the net cost of a vehicle, purchase price that trade-in, we're getting a higher bill for buying a vehicle and now we're getting revenue. In an ideal situation, the higher cost of the purchase and the revenue from the auction, would equal the original budget.

Chairman Niebel: Kathleen, but I think Lisa's concern is that, we budget a certain amount and yet what we purchased was an upgrade and that was quite a bit more than what was budgeted.

Mrs. Dennison: Yes.

Ms. Kneer: Two wheel drive to four wheel drive.

Legislator Whitford: Right, you are asking for approval for something that you've already done where it should have been at least (*inaudible*).

Mrs. Dennison: Yes.

Legislator Vanstrom: And we got the bill after we already owned the vehicles and took possession of the vehicles.

Mrs. Dennison: Part of the reason that happened as we discussed last year, December I guess, there is a peculiarity in the capital budgeting system for capital vehicles. So there was one department that included budgets for the DA, for Social Services, I believe for I.T.. So normally if someone is trying to overspend their budget, I would get a notification. They could not make the purchase unless I approved it. I never got the notification because it was one pot of money for the DA, Social Services, and I.T.

Legislator Vanstrom: Who helps the DA come up with this own budget within office because every year at budget time, they all come to us, we all sit through budget hearings and every department head brings a staff member that helped them create their budget and helps pay the bills. So, who did that?

Mrs. Dennison: I believe that he created his own. The vehicle budget he created on his own.

Chairman Niebel: Going forward, where we had this one pot where everything was grouped together, now going forward, it will be department by department and you'll have more control over it?

Mrs. Dennison: Yes.

Chairman Niebel: You'll be able to see what was budgeted versus what they are trying to buy?

Mrs. Dennison: Yes. We have already instituted that, that each capital vehicle budget is in its own department.

Chairman Niebel: So right now what we're addressing right here is just an accounting function for 2019, basically.

Mrs. Dennison: Well, yes and no. If you do not approve the resolution, what will happen is – the DA will have a lower contractual budget. His budget will remain the original purchase allocation which I think was around \$11,000. Yeah, \$11,919 is what was budgeted for the cost of his vehicles. That was the budget in 18', that was the budget in 19', that is the projected budget for 20' and 21'. So if the resolution is not approved, his vehicle allocation line item will remain at \$11,919.

Legislator Whitford: Rather than \$17,000?

Mrs. Dennison: Correct because his actual charge, he will be charged on that line item, \$18,711. One quarter of the purchase price. So, he will have to make up – he'll have to save \$6,792 some place else in order to be on budget for the contractual category.

Legislator Vanstrom: That sounds like a good idea.

Mrs. Dennison: Then he will have revenue, he will have no budget for sale of vehicle revenue so his budget will be zero but he will have actual revenue of \$9,200. So he'll have a surplus in his revenues because he has unbudgeted revenue. What could happen then at the end of the year, all of the things being equal, he would be over budget in his contractual cost by \$6,792, he would balance that by a revenue surplus. As Rachel is trying to point out, for 18', the DA's office in total, his local share is under budget.

Chairman Niebel: I will vote to let this go as long as we have some constraints or as long as there will be more supervision or more oversight as far as your concerned going forward. So, I vote in favor of this, this time but going forward, we're going to have to be closer to budget before our capital expenditures. Any other questions?

Carried w/ Legislators Vanstrom and Whitford voting "no".

Discussion- EMS in Chautauqua County- David Thomas, Executive Director, WCA Services Corp.

Other-

No others.

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Whitford to adjourn.

Unanimously Carried (5:19 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
Olivia Ames, Committee Secretary/Lori J. Foster, Deputy Clerk/Secretary to the Legislature