

Minutes

Public Safety Committee

April 18, 2018, 4:15 pm, Room 331

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Niebel, Vanstrom, Pavlock

Members Absent: Bankoski, Whitford

Others: Tampio, Ames, Abdella, Wendel, Schuyler, Gerace, Dennison, Borrello, Sundquist, Chagnon, O'Connell, Rice

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

Approval of Minutes (3/21/18)

MOVED by Legislator Vanstrom, SECONDED by Legislator Pavlock

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time.

Tabled Local Law Intro 4-18- A Local Law Authorizing the Creation of an Animal Abuse Registry

Mr. Abdella: This Local Law had been tabled at the County Legislatures meeting. There were questions seeking clarification about some of the language. So what I did after conversation's with the County Executive and with Chairman Niebel was prepare some minor edits and I can just describe those. First of all, the section 5 as it was before just kind of rambled on in several sentences so I split it up into an A,B,C, and D just so that the individual items were in different sub sections. I also shortened the title to reflect what was in those A,B,C,D bullets. It is now titled "Prohibited Acts and Registry Checks." "A" is left as it was and that's the prohibition against the sale of an animal to someone on the registry. "B" then picks up some of the crossed out language above, it now tracks with the exact language under penalties under Section 6-B refers to the prohibition against possessing, owning, adopting, or purchasing an animal by an animal abuse offender. It would be clearer to have those two sections have the same language and they are basically saying the same thing that the law was contemplating. The last items relating to the discussion about farm animals. Clearly the intent is to have these regulations not apply to farm animals. It said

“farm animals for farmers.” The definition of farm animal is an animal used in essentially farm production so it’s essentially one in the same. There was concern in the Committee meeting last month that there is not a definition of farmer but I don’t think it’s critical to what the intent is here, which is that it not apply to farm animals which are animals used in the production food, fiber and other things as defined in the law. So to avoid any confusion about what was meant for farmers, the section was changed to “shall not apply to farm animals.”

Chairman Niebel: Steve, at the last meeting that was one of things that came up; how do you define farmers? By crossing out “farmers” and just stating “farm animals,” this helps to clarify that.

Legislator Vanstrom: Thank you for editing the language and for that clarification.

Mr. Abdella: I think it procedurally, if the committees were to recommend amendments of this nature, which are simply of a clarification aspect, and then the amendment could be made on the floor of the full Legislature. It would not be required that this Local Law sit another month for amendments such as this, which are just clarifying the existing intent. What we would do, is if amendments are recommended by this committee, the Legislative office will generate what we- in the past you have seen us label as a “Print 2” and then on the floor of the full Legislature, a legislator could move to amend to substitute “Print 2” containing these edits and then the Legislature could vote on that “Print 2” next week.

Chairman Niebel: Steve, do we have to do that today in committee?

Mr. Abdella: I think it would be worthwhile for the Committee to go ahead and recommend these amendments and then we will go ahead and put them in the format of a “Print 2” for the full Legislature.

Chairman Niebel: OK, so these really aren’t amendments, they are clarifications of the Local Law.

Mr. Abdella: They are amendments, but they are not material amendments. They are just clarifying the intent.

Chairman Niebel: Anybody else?

County Executive Borrello: I just want to say that in light of recent events, I think it’s important that we get this passed. Nobody wants to move forward with bad legislation, that’s clear. I think clarifying these things and cleaning it up, addressing the issues with agriculture in particular, certainly strengthen this and I would recommend that this Committee pass it so we can get this in play.

Sheriff Gerace: This is something that I have felt very strongly about for quite some time and I brought it to the County Executives attention, and I thank him for getting it moving.

Chairman Niebel: Steve, thank you for the legal work and George, thank you for passing this on to us and getting the ball moving. Any questions for Steve, Joe, or George? Steve, what would you like us to do procedurally? I believe we have to take it off the table? Would you like us to make a motion to accept these changes?

Mr. Abdella: Sure. It was tabled by the full Legislature, and as a result was put on your agenda for further discussion so I don't think you need to take it off the table per say. I think you could make a motion to amend the changes.

Legislator Vanstrom: I'll make a motion to accept the changes.

Legislator Pavlock: I'll second that.

Chairman Niebel: Those in favor? Aye? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Local Law Intro 7-18- A Local Law Amending the Chautauqua County Charter

Legislator Wendel: We brought this to your attention, we have talked about this for some time and as we have investigated and started to get involved with the coroners, we found that there are a lot of things in the day to day operations, laws, public health laws, data collection, data analysis, records, etc. What we are finding is that this would be better suited under the auspice of Health and Human Services. Public Health Commissioner Christine Schuyler and I have worked closely for the last several months on this. What gets a little confusing is as we have discussed in several different meetings and in our caucus is that we would turn it over to Christine's department. Well now, as you read in here, it says that "appointments will be made by the County Executive." The reason being and I'll let Steve get into that in some more detail, because the Public Health Commissioner falls under the County Executive, that's where this would fall. The appointments would come from the County Executive but the ratification would come from the County Legislature.

Chairman Niebel: Confirmation?

Legislator Wendel: Right. Its realistically, obviously I can't put words into anybody's mouth, but it would behoove the leadership to not have us involved in such an endeavor. Steve will point out some of the other positions that we do confirm within that local law. I know I have got some emails from some people that this is a little confusing because this isn't really the direction we had spoken of in previous meetings, but as I have talked to Steve, we wanted to make it as simple and most understandable so this is what we thought was probably the easiest way to do it. A lot of the other changes are going to come with the Administrative Code. I will turn it over to Steve and he can further explain this.

Mr. Abdella: We were initially asked to draft additional changes to the Charter that would, as PJ discussed, move the Coroners function into the Executive branch and that's where the day to day administration and supervision of that function would occur. If this Charter change were to be adopted accomplishing that and as stated, the appointment of the Coroners would now become the appointments of the County Executive subject to confirmation by the Legislature, then this Charter change would be subject to a permissive referendum of 60 days. It would take a few months before this change would actually take effect. What we would do in the meantime is draft language for the Administrative Code that would in greater detail explain that function and its placement within the department of Health and Human Services. The Code changes, when they're promulgated require by comparison just a 30 day implementation window opposed to the 75 almost 90 day implementation. We would be able to work on the code changes, bring them back for Committee review while the clock is still clicking on the Charter implementation and then have them land together roughly at the same time as far as going into effect. That's kind of the timing sequence that we would (*inaudible.*)

Chairman Niebel: OK.

Mr. Abdella: This is really the first of a 30,000 foot step, I mean as far as making that significant change from it being a Legislature direct supervised department to the County Executive. Keep in mind, like all County departments, the County Legislature still approves the budgets for that and that would include a sub-department for Coroners, which would likely exist within DHHS.

Chairman Niebel: Steve, I don't mean to interrupt, but you haven't worked that out yet? The sub-department?

Mr. Abdella: Yeah, that's what they use in the budget.

Mrs. Schuyler: Setting up an account number.

Mr. Abdella: We are transferring it to the DHHS budget.

Chairman Niebel: The actual clerical work will be worked out later.

Mr. Abdella: The budget accounting, right.

Mrs. Schuyler: That's the easy part.

Mr. Abdella: Like all County officers and employees, the compensation to be paid would still have to be approved with the County Legislature. That's what I'm getting at, this type of switch doesn't mean that the Legislature isn't still involved with this program, the confirmations the budget and setting of compensation remain legislative functions even with this switch.

Legislator Vanstrom: It's kind of like when we have to confirm appointments.

Mrs. Schuyler: Yes.

Chairman Niebel: Pretty much.

Legislator Vanstrom: If we don't agree with their choices then we vote no.

Mrs. Schuyler: I think that we have demonstrated a good process where we can work collaboratively and when we do have openings and positions of importance such as this we can work together as far as a committee that does include members of the Legislature as we have recently done and had a good process moving forward.

Legislator Pavlock: How does the compensation process work? Is it just through-

Mr. Abdella: So periodically we would be presenting to you the coroners compensation and any time a change was proposed it would have to be approved by the Legislature.

Legislator Pavlock: But the fact finding or the "this is how much we are going to pay them" comes from the department itself.

Mrs. Schuyler: Just like any other positions, we make suggestions in conjunction with the Human Resources department when determining a salary range or a payment for positions and then the Legislature then has to approve that if it's not something that's already listed in the budget. The coroners have been a distinct area when you look at the management salary plan that is where they are listed as a-

Mr. Abdella: Non-scheduled.

Mrs. Schuyler: Yes, non-scheduled is the category. Any changes to what is now there have to be made and approved by the Legislature.

Chairman Niebel: Look, I have a couple of questions. As far as cost, putting it under the Health Department, I think we kind of informally discussed what would you need? Would you need another half time person or position to have this function under the Health Department? Or not? Christine?

Legislator Vanstrom: What would the half time person do?

Chairman Niebel: We talked about it just briefly in caucus. Will this- I'm just wondering about the cost. Would there be an increase in cost as far as your department? Would you have to have another person assigned to the Coroners? Would we have to create a half time position or a full time position? Have we really thought that through as far as-

Legislator Vanstrom: I don't want to hire anyone else to micro-manage the Coroners. I want them to be self-sufficient and set with enough guidelines that they can-

Chairman Niebel: OK, but Lisa they are going to be transferred to the Health Department. They are going to be underneath somebody. Somebody is going to have to be over them, I would think.

Legislator Vanstrom: We were over them before.

Chairman Niebel: We were. I'm just wondering if this will create anymore positions either part time or full time in the Health Department.

Mrs. Schuyler: I feel like one of the benefits of having a large department such as mine is that we can create economies of scale when we are administering multiple programs with similar goals and objectives.

Legislator Pavlock: I think as far as oversight we want to make sure that people were making sure they are disposing of medication properly and that there is some sort of oversight on that from the department. Someone making sure that they are responding to the right calls and the necessary calls.

Legislator Wendel: I think one of the questions that first came out was, would there have to be another clerical position or would the budget have to be increased because of this? And that's not really envisioned right now. With the scale of what they are doing, and the process of DHHS, they would be right under the current system. Obviously they would have the oversight, but there wouldn't have to be any position created as far as immediate oversight or clerical or anything like that. That function would fall under what the commissioner already has as far as delegated duties from different people. There are- I can't speak to how she is going to do that, but like she said, with a department like that, there are people that are already doing that function as far as data analysis, data recording, filing, etc. that paperwork piece that was originally concerned is now going to be mitigated with the existing staff and there doesn't really seem to be any reason (*Crosstalk.*)

Chairman Niebel: So just to clarify, Christine, I understand the economy of scale. You have a big department. You can probably assign somebody to oversee the six coroners, but just to be clear you don't foresee having to ask for additional personnel if the coroners are switched to the Health Department from the County Legislature?

Mrs. Schuyler: No, I do not.

Chairman Niebel: OK, thank you. Just one more question and it's a legal question, so it's probably Steve and Christine. Steve, last year we switched the four nurses from the County Sheriff's Department to the Health Department. Essentially, the health and welfare of the prisoners at the jail are under the auspices of the Health Department. This is probably not going to happen but it has happened in the past and could happen in the future. A prisoner could die over at the County jail. What happens legally if the coroners are under the auspices of the Health Department? Your nurses have a responsibility for the health and welfare of the prisoners at the jail, does that constitute as a conflict of interest, or a perceived conflict of interest?

Legislator Vanstrom: That is quite a scenario.

Chairman Niebel: Well it could happen.

Sheriff Gerace: I can speak to that. Any death within a correctional institution in this state is investigated by the New York State Commissioner of Corrections. So, it's an independent investigation that is conducted.

Chairman Niebel: Would the coroners be involved, Joe? Were they involved in the past?

(Crosstalk)

Mrs. Schuyler: Any death within a jail or prison setting is what we call a coroners case or a medical examiners case. That would have to go to autopsy, which is the Erie County Medical Examiner's Office. There is a line of separation between the medical services provided in the jail and then where the coroners would be, as far as *(crosstalk.)* The Sheriff is still responsible for the overall administration of all functions within the confines of the jail. The memorandum of understanding that we have between the Sheriff's office and the Executive branch underneath Health and Human Services is for the implementation of those medical services. The ultimate responsibility for what happens within the confines of that jail still rest with the Sheriff. I don't know if that makes a difference but I don't see where there would be any conflict because the-

Legislator Vanstrom: So our coroners wouldn't even be involved.

(Crosstalk)

Sheriff Gerace: We do an investigation on every inmate death and then that investigation is followed up with a state investigation. They come in and they look at every document and every bit of information that they can-

Chairman Niebel: Joe, I'm not so concerned about your responsibility here but as far as the nurses and staff that have responsibility for the prisoners. Christine, suppose a prisoner dies and it's from lack of medication or lack of care which one of the nurses has inadvertently overlooked, then we have the coroner coming in and pronouncing death, and not only pronouncing death, giving a cause of death-

Mrs. Schuyler: No, a coroner will not give a cause of death in that case. That would have to go to the Medical Examiner's Office. The Erie County Medical Examiner's Office would take over jurisdiction of that case.

Chairman Niebel: OK.

Mrs. Schuyler: The clinicians within the jail as far as the nurses and the nurse practitioner function underneath the Medical Director of the jail. As far as clinical services that are provided, they function under the Medical Director.

Chairman Niebel: OK. Steve, you don't see any possible conflict of interest?

Mr. Abdella: Well, I'm hearing this hypothetical for the first time but I think in the context of the State performing its own independent investigation. The involvement in the case of autopsies by Erie County Medical Examiners, I can look at it, but there are so many layers of analysis and investigation that I don't know if the coroner's role is necessarily instrumental at that point.

Mrs. Schuyler: I have never heard that approached in Erie County. Erie County Health Department has run the Medical Services for the Erie County Jail and Holding Center and the Erie County Medical Examiner's Office is also under the Health Department.

Chairman Niebel: It's just a question.

Legislator Wendel: In simple terms, we want to make sure that the right hand doesn't tell the left hand what to do in the event of an investigation. Although this is a valid question, I mean I'm not saying that's not a concern, but I believe in the system and the checks and balances that we have within our system and how it's going to work beyond the County. I think it's going to mitigate any sort of potential for that to happen.

Chairman Niebel: Anything else? Motion to accept the Local Law amending the Chautauqua County Charter?

Legislator Pavlock: I'll make that motion.

Legislator Vanstrom: I'll second that.

Chairman Niebel: Those in favor?

Motion Failed (Chairman Niebel voted no)

Chairman Niebel: I would like to see the coroners stay with the Legislature. The proposed resolution passes.

Mr. Abdella: Actually, with there just being three of you here, if you vote no then it does not pass the Committee because you only have two "yes" votes. It was prefiled so it is still on the agenda for the full Legislature.

Proposed Resolution- Confirm Appointments - Chautauqua County Coroners

Legislator Wendel: I would like to discuss this a little bit. As the resolution states, we do have two appointments. Ms. Sundquist, would you like to come up? We have two appointments that we are proposing under this resolution. The first one is Daniel Tyler. He is going to be filling the position that was vacated by Cassandra Brigham upon her resignation and that will be expiring December 31st of 2019. The term for Ms. Sundquist will be expiring December 31st of 2020. Mr. Tyler had an interview before and we just felt that-we just put him there for those

(inaudible.) They both have accepted. I cannot say enough- the Charter Change was because we had two phenomenal applicants and through the interview process we really couldn't come out with a clear cut- because of the necessity and what's happened and what we are looking for as far as the program- the qualities and experience that both Ms. Sundquist and Mr. Tyler bring to the table are just beyond mention. Mr. Tyler is a Deacon at a Catholic Church. He has been an administrative nurse at WCA for many years, so when it comes to that compassion piece, once a fatality occurs; he has a wealth of experience with that. Conversely, Ms. Sundquist has the experience, maybe not as many years, but the piece that she brings us is as a forensic investigation for a SANE certification. Do you want to elaborate on that?

Ms. Sundquist: So my SANE certification goes back to my Bachelor's Degree where I actually did a minor in forensics, which included a forensic nursing course and actually a death, dying and bereavement course. I have been certified through New York State to perform sexual assault cases including the investigation on anywhere between the ages of eleven and what have you. So, as PJ was saying, that's kind of what I bring to the table in regards to the forensic aspect. I do have quite an extensive background in forensics and with my actual state certification in SANE.

Chairman Niebel: Welcome.

Legislator Vanstrom: We have heard good things about our candidates, very good things. Welcome aboard.

Ms. Sundquist: Thank you, I'm glad to be here.

Chairman Niebel: Desiree, I would like to just say thank you for submitting your resume and in addition to all of the qualifications that you mentioned and that PJ mentioned, I think that you also indicated that your willingness to possibly adjust your actual work schedule to work as a County Coroner.

Ms. Sundquist: Correct.

Chairman Niebel: I don't know that everyone would do that. Thank you.

Ms. Sundquist: I actually do that, effective May 1st. I did go down to casual status, still maintaining as of right now, my full time hours but it will just give me a little more flexibility where I know-

Chairman Niebel: So you can adjust to these calls?

Ms. Sundquist: Correct.

Chairman Niebel: I thank you and I thank PJ and Christine for the interview process and I don't mean to speak for the Committee, but I don't think you are going to have any problems.

Legislator Wendel: If I could just say something. In the process that we have been going through we have turned up a lot of questions and had to look things over. We did have a meeting last night, a very preliminary meeting with the two medical directors for our County EMS system Michael Faulk and Brian Walters. They have both shown an interest in potentially coming on as coroner physicians which is something we have not had in Chautauqua County directly. We have had a contract with Erie County Medical Examiner's Office and they have been providing that function for us. The program as we have since called it, Ms. Schuyler and I, we have been moving forward with some of the memos and changes we have made. We are looking to really develop this into a program that I believe will be one of the best in Western New York. We are probably going to be shy of a medical examiner but the changes that we have made already, we have seen a drastic increase in the work load and potential cost savings for us, even with the increase in compensation that we discussed. I think it's a positive move, we are moving forward. I'm excited. This program which right now is under my direction, but it's really moving forward to something- not that we haven't been proud of our coroners and their performance, but there a lot of gaps that we need to fill and this will be top rate. I just wanted to fill you in that we are moving forward and some great things are coming.

Chairman Niebel: OK, thanks a lot. We need a motion to confirm appointments of the Chautauqua County Coroners?

Legislator Vanstrom: I'll make a motion.

Legislator Pavlock: I'll second that.

Chairman Niebel: Those in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Authorizing Agreements with New York State Office of Parks,
Recreation And Historic Preservation for use of State Owned Motorized
Boats

Sheriff Gerace: This is pretty straight forward. We received three water crafts from the New York State Department of Parks and Receptions for the use on our patrols on Chautauqua Lake. The first one we received some years ago. They required an agreement which we passed through the Legislature. The remaining two, there were no agreements in place, so this authorizes us to enter into an agreement to receive a free boat.

Chairman Niebel: Pretty straight forward.

Sheriff Gerace: Yes.

Chairman Niebel: OK. Folks, any questions for the Sheriff? Those in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Authorize Execution of New York State Office of Homeland Security
Funding Grant—Operation Stone Garden FY17

Sheriff Gerace: Mr. Chair, this an ongoing funding stream from the Federal Government. This is a (*inaudible*) no local shares.

Chairman Niebel: This is something that we have gotten for the last three or four years.

Sheriff Gerace: At least.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions?

Legislator Vanstrom: No, he said no local share.

Chairman Niebel: Those in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Authorize Execution of New York State Office of Homeland Security
Grant for Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) FY17

Sheriff Gerace: This is a funding stream that comes from the state that is a chunk of a \$10 million piece of the surcharge money that the State collects for 911. This is formula type grant so it's based on the number of calls for service, the number of dispatches, 911 calls received, etc. When we budgeted for 2018 we utilized the numbers from the previous year but this year they reduced our number to \$174,000, so there has to be an adjustment made so we aren't short revenue at the end of the year in this account. There is a question that I'm not going to be able to answer and I know that you are going to ask me. If somebody's numbers were way up do they get more money, meaning everyone else gets less? I don't know the answer to that. The number we got could be a combination of our numbers being a little lower and others be higher. That \$10 million doesn't change. They utilize it-

Chairman Niebel: It's based on the information that we haven't had.

Sheriff Gerace: Correct. We just don't know if they reduce everybody if others exceed the years before. If our numbers would have gone skyrocketing, would we have gotten more money and if so, who is going to get less? \$10 million is \$10 million and its peanuts compared to the almost \$300 million that they collect.

Legislator Pavlock: Everybody's phone bill has that.

Sheriff Gerace: Yes. You get a \$1.20 surcharge from the State of New York. Every cell phone in the State of New York pays \$1.20 surcharge to the state.

Legislator Pavlock: That's a lot of money.

Chairman Niebel: Any further questions? Those in favor of the proposed resolution? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Authorize Execution of Statewide Interoperability Communications (SICG) Grant Award FY17

Sheriff Gerace: Mr. Chairman, this year we are in line to receive \$647,798 which will be utilized in a variety of ways toward interoperable radio communications and 911. This is a no local share funding stream and it's something that we will be utilizing quickly.

Chairman Niebel: Is this for this year and next year?

Sheriff Gerace: Correct. It is a fiscal 17 and 18 grant.

Chairman Niebel: And it goes until December 31st of 2019?

Sheriff Gerace: Yes, we can draw down on it until then. Some of these involve engineering and it takes time.

Chairman Niebel: Any other questions of the Sheriff?

Legislator Pavlock: You're not using any local funds?

Sheriff Gerace: In most cases.

Legislator Pavlock: Is this enough money to do what you need to for our radio systems and our communications?

Sheriff Gerace: It's a piece of it but we have our base system and goals to keep improving that as we go forward. So we are hopeful that we will continue to receive- for instance, we have areas that we see need more attention for coverage so when we can and we get funding we are going to try to fill those gaps. We have identified a couple. Everything that we want to do with this money, this also involves some of this funding will be used for enhancement of our backup center for the 911 system which is an allowable expense in this grant. We have a 100% mirror of our current system or as closely as we can get. So to answer your question directly, we are going to do this piece by piece. As we get more money, years down the road.

Chairman Niebel: Any other questions for the Sheriff? Those in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Authorize Execution of Lease Agreement with Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC for Tower Space

Sheriff Gerace: Mr. Chairman, I would like to point out that there is a typo. In paragraph one and paragraph four there is reference to the Village of Clymer and that should state Town of Mina. The mailing address for that parcel is a Clymer address but it should read Town of Mina. The mailing address is Clymer but the township that it physically is in, is Mina. There is no Village of Clymer. We try to use our tower space to generate revenue when there is someone who wants that and we have space that doesn't interfere with public safety needs and this is the case here. So the lease would be for \$1,920 and then our normal leases for tower space increase as they go down the road.

Chairman Niebel: Questions for the Sheriff?

Legislator Vanstrom: How many towers do we lease?

Sheriff Gerace: In our system we have a combination of towers that we lease, towers that we actually trade space on our site for space on other vendor sites and we have towers that we own that we lease space and we also have towers that we own that are on leased property. We have a little bit of everything.

Legislator Vanstrom: That wasn't a real cut and dry question.

Sheriff Gerace: We do lease property where we own the property out in Arkwright and we have a tower right next to this building that we own and we lease space to other vendors and then on Hardscrabble road we have a tower that is actually owned by another tower company that we lease space. We trade space on this tower for space on a tower out in Cherry Creek.

Chairman Niebel: Do you have anything in Stockton?

Sheriff Gerace: Not for law enforcement. I think that EMS might have a site out there.

Chairman Niebel: Any further questions for the Sheriff? Those in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Sheriff Gerace: Mr. Chairman, if I could, I know you are going to move to "other" but I would ask that you consider the committee to come and tour the jail at some point in time. Maybe prior to a meeting since you're already here, or after a meeting if it is a small agenda. I just would like to point out our operation to those of you that are my primary committee and those things that we are doing tremendous work with and then also some things that we need to look at in the future.

Chairman Niebel: That sounds good. I have taken a tour of the jail before but it's been a long time. Actually, years ago when you guys would come through and ask for people for a lineup.

Sheriff Gerace: Yes, we got you a lot.

Chairman Niebel: Yes. Thankfully nobody picked me out of a lineup. I would encourage people to do that. It's a nice thing. We will encourage other Legislators as well.

Sheriff Gerace: Everyone is welcome to tour. I would like you to see some of the future challenges as we start talking about those going down the road. The majority of cells are in the original jail building which opened its doors in 1939. The locking mechanisms and door releases are identical to those that were used in Alcatraz and that's a museum. That's an area of the facility that has got to be focused on in the future.

Legislator Pavlock: It may be easier to just pick a day that you could go and look at it instead of doing six or seven tours you have to show people around.

Sheriff Gerace: Anything works. We are always there, we never sleep. I just think it would be beneficial for all.

Chairman Niebel: That's a great idea. Thank you very much.

Legislator Vanstrom: Motion to Adjourn.

Legislator Pavlock: Second.

Unanimously Carried (5:05 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
Olivia L. Ames, Committee Secretary