I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Malter called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and asked Ms. Fitzpatrick to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Sheriff’s Office

1. GTL Contract – Mr. Wheeler stated last week the committee approved a contract amendment with GTL that also included the donation of equipment, which needs to be separate. He requested the committee rescind the motion made at last week’s meeting and to approve just the contract amendment.

MOTION: RESCINDING THE MOTION MADE AT THE MAY 3, 2021, PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH GTL TO EXTEND IT FOR FIVE ADDITIONAL YEARS AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF TASERS, CARTRIDGES AND BODY CAMERAS VALUED AT $68,773 MADE BY MR. RYAN.

SECONDED BY MR. HORTON. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.

Mr. Malter asked what is the reason that the percentage the company receives went from 40 percent to 60 percent? Mr. Wheeler replied the increase was due to the large use of the tablets. Mr. Van Etten stated I thought it went from 55 percent to 60 percent. Mr. Malter asked what percentage does the County get; 20 percent? Sheriff Allard replied I don’t believe so. I wasn’t prepared to answer these questions.

Mr. Wheeler explained the phones and tablets for the inmates is paid for out of the commissary account. The inmates pay for it and the company provides the devices.

Mr. Horton asked is what we are approving the contract with the devices? Mr. Wheeler replied no. You would be approving the contract amendment. The acceptance of the donation of equipment for the Jail needs to be handled separately. Today you would only be approving the contract.

Ms. Fitzpatrick stated I would like to have a better understanding of how the contract works realistically. Should you have an answer on that before you do this? Mr. Malter stated we don’t want to stop the services and then there is the timing. Ms. Prossick explained the extension would begin February 2022. If that is the timeframe we have time to figure this out.
Mr. Van Etten stated if the contract is going from 55 percent to 60 percent, is the 60 percent what GTL gets or the County? Mr. Wheeler replied that is what GTL gets. Mr. Van Etten asked what does the County get? Mr. Malter stated at one time 20 percent was what the County got. Mr. Van Etten commented GTL is getting a larger commission because they are providing the tablets for this system. We have to disassociate any gift because it doesn’t look good.

Mr. Malter asked can we wait on this? Mr. Wheeler replied yes. We can bring this back with the information about what the County retains. We will bring it back for discussion next month.

Ms. Fitzpatrick stated in the contract it states it will be going from 55 percent to 60 percent upon the execution of the amendment. They charge $0.15 per minute and they pay 20 percent in gross revenue to the County. Mr. Malter asked where does the other 20 percent go? Mr. Wheeler stated that is a good question. We can get an answer and bring it back. Mr. Malter stated we will discuss this again at next month’s meeting.

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HORTON. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.**

Respectfully Submitted by

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Steuben County Legislature