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FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE May 13, 2025 10:30 A.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Legislators: Chair Sauerbrey, Ciotoli, Monell, Flesher, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce

Staff: Legislative Clerk Haskell, County Attorney DeWind, Treasurer McFadden, Safety Officer Holbrook Personnel Officer Parke, Deputy Treasurer Chandler, Chief Accountant Schurter

Guests: Andrew Aronstam

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

o Legislator Monell asked for a motion to approve April 15, 2025, minutes. Legislator Ciotoli made the motion seconded by Legislator Brown and was unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL:

 Legal and Safety: Safety's budget is tracking well currently. However, Legal's budget will be impacted by two upcoming out-of-town trials that will necessitate Mr. DeWind staying out of town. Currently, Legal's budget does not have the funds to absorb the additional costs of lodging, food, and mileage.

OLD BUSINESS:

o Litigation: The Treasurer's has a resolution for a sellback of an In Rem property. The money for this property is in Escrow and the taxes have been paid in full. Another In Rem property was pulled out of last year's auction due to a bankruptcy filing. This property will have stipulations placed upon it with the County holding title and the homeowner responsible for taxes and upkeep of the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

 County Attorney's Association of the State of New York (CAASNY) Spring Meeting: Mr. DeWind will be attending this conference next week.

• Workplace Violence Assessments: Ms. Holbrook and Union Representative Baker conducted the yearly workplace violence assessments. Active Shooter training has been assigned to all County employees, and this training will be pushed out on a yearly basis. Chair Sauerbrey would like to see live active shooter training for all buildings and would like support of the Legislators to which the Legislators voiced their support of.

PERSONNEL:

- o 3rd Assistant County Attorney: There have been no new applications for this position.
- o Safety Officer's Vacation: May 16 to May 23, 2025
- RESOLUTIONS: TRANSFER OF FUNDS 2025 BUDGET MODIFICATION DISTRICT ATTORNEY was moved into full Legislative Session without further questions.
- PROCLAMATIONS
 - o N/A
- EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - o N/A
- ADJOURNMENT:
 - Legislator Monell adjourned the Legal & Safety Committee at 10:56
 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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