AGENDA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MARCH 27, 2019

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

1. LOCAL LAW NO. "G" FOR 2018: A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK TO LIMIT THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT CANINES MAY BE RESTRAINED OUTDOORS TO NO MORE THAN TWO HOURS IN ANY CONTINUOUS TWELVE-HOUR PERIOD

2. LOCAL LAW NO. "R" FOR 2018: A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK PROHIBITING ALBANY COUNTY GOVERNMENT FROM ASSISTING IN THE INVESTIGATION OF CITIZENSHIP OR IMMIGRATION STATUS OF ANY PERSON

3. RESOLUTION NO. 376 FOR 2018: PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. "R" FOR 2018

CURRENT BUSINESS:

4. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PITTSFIELD COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM INC. REGARDING RADIO COMMUNICATION SERVICES
Honorable Andrew Joyce and Members of the Albany County Legislature:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

The Public Safety Committee of the Albany County Legislature met on February 27, 2019. Chairperson Miller, Messrs. Bullock, Fraimier, Ward, Tunny, Stevens and Ms. Lockart were present. Mr. Clay and Ms. Willingham were excused. The following items were discussed and/or acted upon:

Approving Previous Meeting Minutes: Unanimously approved.

1. Local Law No. "G" for 2018: A Local Law of the County of Albany, New York to limit the length of time that canines may be restrained outdoors to no more than two hours in any continuous twelve-hour period: Tabled at the request of the Sponsor.


4. Amending Resolution No. 194 for 2015 regarding an Easement and Lease agreement for a radio tower at property located at 28 Jansen Lane in the Town of Berne: The Albany County Sheriff and Mr. Jody Jensen have requested an amendment to Resolution No. 194 for 2015 regarding an easement and Lease agreement for a radio tower at property located at 28 Jansen Lane in the Town of Berne. The Sheriff has indicated that the proposed amended easement and ground lease agreement shall be at an annual rent of $13,000.00 payable in equal monthly installments of $1,083.33 with an annual 3% escalator increase over the term of the agreement for an initial term of five years, followed by four five-year renewals subject to the authorization of the Albany County Legislature in compliance with Section 215 of the County Law. After further discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

5. Adopting the 2019 revision of Albany County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan: The Sheriff's Department has submitted a revised and updated County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan which is thorough and complete in scope and will serve as the backbone of Albany County's effort to educate and protect citizens in the event of an emergency.
After further discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

6. Authorizing an agreement between the Sheriff’s Department and the Capital District Woman’s Bar Association Legal Project regarding legal services for the immigrant population residing in Albany County and at the Correctional Facility: The Sheriff after an RFP process has requested authorization to enter into a one-year agreement with the Capital District Women’s Bar Association Legal Project, Inc. regarding legal and support services for the immigrant population residing in Albany County and at the Albany County Correctional Facility in an amount not to exceed $170,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019. After further discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

PAUL MILLER, Chair  PETER B. TUNNY
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LOCAL LAW NO. “G” FOR 2018

A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK TO LIMIT THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT CANINES MAY BE RESTRAINED OUTDOORS TO NO MORE THAN TWO HOURS IN ANY CONTINUOUS TWELVE-HOUR PERIOD

Introduced: 4/9/18
By Mr. Cahll and Ms. Cunningham:

BE IT ENACTED by the Albany County Legislature as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

This Legislature hereby finds and determines that the Albany County Legislature has been a leader in protecting the health and welfare of animals in Albany County.

This Legislature also finds and determines that animal owners will sometimes tie their animals to a stationary object outdoors for a short period of time.

This Legislature further finds and determines that some owners, however, leave their animals tied to a stationary object outdoors for long periods of time, in some cases, all day.

This Legislature finds that animals left tied to an object outdoors for prolonged periods often do not have sufficient food, water or shelter from inclement weather.

This Legislature further finds that tethers, chains and other restraints can also injure animals, as the restraint may tangle or catch on other objects.

This Legislature also finds that dogs left on tethers, chains and other restraints may be more aggressive and create a public safety hazard.

This Legislature also determines that it is in the best interests of Albany County residents and their pets to limit the amount of time animals spend tied outdoors to a stationary object.

Therefore, the purpose of this Local Law is to limit the length of time that animals may be restrained outdoors to no more than two hours in any continuous twelve-hour period.

Section 2. Definitions
As used in this Local Law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

(a) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, society, association, or any organized group of persons, whether incorporated or not.

Section 3. Prohibitions.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to tether, leash, fasten, secure, restrain, chain or tie a dog to any stationary object outdoors or cause such dog to be restrained in a manner that:

(1) Endangers such dog's health, safety or well-being;
(2) Restricts such dog's access to suitable and sufficient food and water;
(3) Does not provide such dog with shelter appropriate to its breed, physical condition, and the climate as defined by §353-b of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law; or
(4) Unreasonably limits the movement of such dog because it is too short for the dog to move around or for the dog to urinate or defecate in a separate area from the area where it must eat, drink or lie down.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (a) of this Section, no person shall tether, leash, fasten, secure, restrain, chain or tie a dog to any object with a device that:

(1) Is a choke collar or pinch collar, or a similar collar that tightens when pulled;
(2) Restrains the dog in such a manner that it impairs the flow of oxygen or blood to the dog which may cause choking or causes substantial discomfort to the dog;
(3) Is embedded, partially embedded or may become embedded in such dog's skin;
(4) Has weights attached or contains links that are more than 1/4 inch thick;
(5) Weighs more than 25% of the dog's total body weight, not to exceed 25 pounds for any dog;
(6) Is less than 10 feet in length;
(7) Because of its design or placement is likely to become entangled;
(8) Is long enough to allow such dog to move outside of its owner's property; or
(9) Would allow the restrained dog to move over an object or edge that could result in the strangulation of or injury to such dog.

(c) No person shall tether, leash, fasten, secure, restrain, chain or tie a dog to any stationary object outdoors for more than two hours in any twelve-hour period. And if the dog is tethered to a pulley, running line, or trolley or cable system, the top line must be a minimum of fifteen feet long and six or less feet above the ground.
(d) No person shall tether, leash, fasten, secure, restrain, chain or tie a dog to any stationary object outdoors for any period of time if:

(1) The dog is less than 6 months old;
(2) There is an active weather alert;
(3) Tethering may exacerbate an existing health condition;
(4) Multiple dogs are tethered and their tethers may become entangled; or
(5) The dog is not displaying current identification as defined by section § 108 of New York State Agriculture and Markets Law.

Section 4. Enforcement.

This Local Law shall be enforced by the office of the Albany County Sheriff and may also be enforced by any police officer, peace officer, or local dog control or animal control officer with jurisdiction within Albany County.

Section 5. Penalties for offenses.

A violation of this Local Law shall be punishable by a fine of not more than $150 for a first offense, by a fine of not more than $300 for a second offense and by a fine of not more than $500 for a third or subsequent offense.

Section 6. Applicability.

This article shall apply to all actions occurring on or after the effective date of this Local Law.

Section 7. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 8. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

*Referred to Law and Public Safety Committees – 4/9/18*
LOCAL LAW NO. "R" FOR 2018

A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK PROHIBITING ALBANY COUNTY GOVERNMENT FROM ASSISTING IN THE INVESTIGATION OF CITIZENSHIP OR IMMIGRATION STATUS OF ANY PERSON

Introduced: 7/9/18
By Messrs. Fein, Simpson and Bullock:

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Albany as follows:

Section 1. Title

This local law shall be known as the "Welcoming Albany County Act"

Section 2. Legislative Intent

The Legislature finds that Albany County has a diverse population, with residents from many different cultures and backgrounds, including many different races, ethnicities, faiths, and national origins.

The Legislature further finds that the residents of Albany County benefit from the County's diverse cultural heritage.

The Legislature further finds that it is in the best interest of the residents of Albany County to be a welcoming place for all people of all walks of life with no deference to nationality or citizenship.

Therefore, the purpose of this local law is to ensure that Albany County is a welcoming place for all individuals and that Albany County officials do not investigate individuals' immigration or citizenship status, do not participate in the enforcement of Federal immigration law, and leave the enforcement of Federal immigration law to Federal officials.

Section 3. Definitions

As used in this local law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

A. "Administrative warrant" means an immigration warrant of arrest, order to detain or release aliens, notice of custody determination, notice to appear, removal order, warrant of removal, or any other document, issued for a civil immigration enforcement purpose and that is not issued or signed by a judge
appointed pursuant to article III of the United States constitution or a federal magistrate judge appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631. This definition includes, but is not limited to, administrative warrants entered into the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s National Crime Information Center database. This definition does not include any criminal warrants issued upon a judicial determination of probable cause and in compliance with the requirements of the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and New York law.

B. “Agency” means every Albany County department, agency, division, commission, council, committee, board, or other body established by authority of a local law, resolution, or executive order, and shall encompass, for the purposes of this local law, all contractors performing work on behalf of the county.

C. “Agent” means any person employed by or acting on behalf of an agency or county contractor.

D. “CBP” means the United States Customs and Border Protection agency and shall include any successor agency charged with the enforcement of federal civil immigration laws.

E. “Certification” means any law enforcement certification or statement required by federal immigration law including, but not limited to, the information required by Section 1184(p) of Title 8 of the United States Code (including current United States Citizenship and Immigration Service Form I-918, Supplement B, or any successor forms) for purposes of obtaining a U visa, or by Section 1184(o) of Title 8 of the United States Code (including current United States Citizenship and Immigration Service Form I-914, Supplement B, or any successor forms) for purposes of obtaining a T visa.

F. “Certifying agency” means Albany County law enforcement agency or other authority that has responsibility for the investigation, prosecution, or sentencing of qualifying criminal activity. “Certifying agency” includes any agency that has criminal investigative jurisdiction in its respective areas of expertise.

G. “Citizenship or immigration status” means an individual’s recorded citizenship or immigration status, as such status is defined in the federal immigration and nationality act, at the time an agent or agency receives such information.

H. “Contact information” means home address, work address, telephone number, electronic mail address, social media information, or any other information that can be used as a means of locating or contacting an individual.
I. “Eligible for release from custody” means that the person may be released from custody because one of the following conditions has occurred:

a. All criminal charges against the person have been dropped or dismissed.
b. The person has been acquitted of all criminal charges filed against him or her.
c. The person has served all the time required for his or her jail or prison sentence.
d. The person is ordered to be released from custody pending the disposition of his or her pending criminal case.
e. The person has posted a bond.
f. The person is otherwise eligible for release under state or local law, or local policy.

J. “Family member” means a person’s (i) mother, father, spouse, brother or sister (including blood, step or half), son or daughter (including blood, step or half), father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparent or grandchild; or (ii) court-appointed legal guardian or a person for whom the person is a court-appointed legal guardian; or (iii) domestic partner or the domestic partner’s mother, father, brother, sister (including blood, step, or half), son or daughter (including blood, step or half).

K. “ICE” means the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency and shall include any successor agency charged with the enforcement of federal civil immigration laws.

L. “Immigration detainer” means a request by ICE or CBP to a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency that requests that the law enforcement agency provide notice of release or maintain custody of an individual, including detainers issued pursuant to Sections 1226 or 1357 of Title 8 of the United States Code or 287.7 or 236.1 of Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These detainers include DHS Form I-247-A “Immigration Detainer – Notice of Action”; DHS Form I-247D “Immigration Detainer – Request for Voluntary Action”; DHS I-247X “Request for Voluntary Transfer”; DHS Form I-247N “Request for Voluntary Notification of Release,” or any successor forms.

M. “Immigration enforcement operation” means any operation that is primarily for the purpose of identifying or apprehending a person or persons: 1) in order to subject them to civil immigration detention, removal or deportation proceedings, and/or removal or deportation from the United States; or 2) to criminally prosecute a person or persons for offenses related to immigration status, including but not limited to violations of Sections 1253, 1304, 1306(a) and (b), 1325, or 1326 of Title 8 of the United States Code, or violations of Sections 1028A or 1546 of Title 18 of the United States Code.
N. "Judicial warrant" means a warrant based on probable cause and issued by a judge appointed pursuant to article III of the United States constitution or a federal magistrate judge appointed pursuant to 28 USC 631, that authorizes federal immigration authorities to take into custody the person who is the subject of such warrant. This does not include warrants or orders issued by employees of the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, or the Executive Office for Immigration Review.

O. "Qualifying criminal activity" means any activity involving one or more of the following or any similar activity in violation of federal, state, or local criminal law: rape; torture; trafficking; incest; domestic violence; sexual assault; abusive sexual contact; prostitution; sexual exploitation; female genital mutilation; being held hostage; peonage; involuntary servitude; slave trade; kidnapping; abduction; unlawful criminal restraint; false imprisonment; blackmail; extortion; manslaughter; murder; felonious assault; witness tampering; obstruction of justice; perjury; fraud in foreign labor contracting (as defined in Section 1351 of Title 18 of the United States Code); or attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit any of the above-mentioned crimes. This list of qualifying criminal activity is not a list of specific statutory violations, but instead a list of general categories of criminal activity. Activity not listed in the first sentence of this definition shall be presumed to be qualifying criminal activity when its nature and elements are substantially similar to any qualifying criminal activity listed herein. Qualifying criminal activity that occurs during the commission of non-qualifying criminal activity shall be considered qualifying criminal activity regardless of whether criminal prosecution was sought for the qualifying criminal activity.

P. "Victim of qualifying criminal activity" means any individual who has reported qualifying criminal activity to a law enforcement agency or certifying agency, or has otherwise participated in the detection, investigation, or prosecution of qualifying criminal activity, who has suffered direct or proximate harm as a result of the commission of any qualifying criminal activity and may include, but is not limited to, an indirect victim, regardless of the direct victim's immigration or citizenship status, including the spouse, children under 21 years of age, and, if the direct victim is under 21 years of age, deceased, incompetent or incapacitated, parents and unmarried siblings under 18 years of age of the direct victim. A bystander victim may also be considered as a "victim of qualifying criminal activity." More than one victim may be identified and provided with certification depending upon the circumstances. For purposes of this definition, the term "incapacitated" means unable to interact with law enforcement agency or certifying agency personnel as a result of a cognitive impairment or other physical limitation, or because of physical restraint or disappearance.

Section 4. Requesting information prohibited
No agent or agency shall request information about or otherwise investigate or assist in the investigation of the citizenship or immigration status of any person, except as may be required under Section 10 of this local law, unless such inquiry or investigation is required by court order. Notwithstanding this provision, the Albany County attorney may investigate and inquire about citizenship or immigration status when relevant to potential or actual litigation or an administrative proceeding in which the county is or may be a party.

Section 5. Conditioning benefits, services, or opportunities on immigration status prohibited

A. No agent or agency shall condition the provision of Albany County benefits, services, or opportunities on matters related to citizenship or immigration status unless required to do so by state or federal law, or court order.

B. Where presentation of a driver's license or identification card issued by New York State or any U.S. State or U.S. territory is accepted as adequate evidence of identity, presentation of a photo identity document issued by another country, such as a driver's license, passport, or consular identification document or presentation of a photo identity issued by a school, college, or employer located in the United States, shall be accepted and shall not subject the person to a higher level of scrutiny or different treatment than if the person had provided a driver's license or identification card issued by New York State or any U.S. State or U.S. territory except that this subsection (b) shall not apply to the completion of the federally mandated I-9 forms.

C. In order to ensure that eligible persons are not deterred from seeking Albany County benefits, services, or opportunities, all agencies shall review their confidentiality policies and identify any changes necessary to ensure that information collected from individuals is limited to that necessary to perform agency duties and is not used or disclosed for any other purpose, except as may be required under Section 10 of this local law. Any necessary changes to those policies shall be made within 60 days of the adoption of this local law, consistent with agency procedures.

D. All applications, questionnaires, and interview forms used in relation to Albany County benefits, opportunities, or services shall be promptly reviewed by the pertinent agencies and any questions regarding citizenship or immigration status, other than those required by statute, federal law, or court order, shall be deleted within 60 days of the adoption of this local law.

Section 6. Immigration enforcement actions and Federal responsibility
A. No agency or agent shall stop, arrest, detain, or continue to detain a person after that person becomes eligible for release from custody or is free to leave an encounter with an agency or agent, based on any of the following:

a. an immigration detainer;
b. an administrative warrant; or
c. any other basis that is based solely on the belief that the person is not present legally in the United States, or that the person has committed a civil immigration violation.

B. No agency or agent shall accept requests by ICE, CBP, or other agencies to support or assist in any capacity with immigration enforcement operations, including but not limited to requests to (1) provide information (including custody status, release date, home address, or work address) regarding persons who may be the subject of immigration enforcement operations except as may be required under Section 10 of this local law, (2) investigate or interrogate such persons, (3) establish traffic perimeters, or (4) otherwise be present to assist or support an operation. In the event an agent receives a request to support or assist in an immigration enforcement operation, he or she shall report the request to his or her supervisor, who shall decline the request, except as may be required under Section 10 of this local law, and document the declination in an interoffice memorandum to the agency director through the chain of command.

C. No agency or agent shall enter into an agreement under Section 1357(g) of Title 8 of the United States Code or any other federal law that authorizes or permits state or local governmental entities to enforce federal civil immigration laws.

D. Unless presented with a valid and properly issued judicial warrant, no agency or agent shall:

a. stop, arrest, detain, or continue to detain a person after that person becomes eligible for release from custody or is free to leave an encounter with an agency or agent;
b. permit ICE or CBP agents access to a person being detained by, or in the custody of, the agency or agent;
c. transfer any person into ICE or CBP custody;
d. permit ICE or CBP agents use of agency facilities, information (except as may be required under Section 10 of this local law), or equipment, including any agency electronic databases, for investigative interviews or other investigative purpose or for purposes of executing an immigration enforcement operation; or
e. expend time to respond to ICE or CBP inquiries or communicate with ICE or CBP regarding a person's custody status, release date, home address, work address, or other information, except as may be required under Section 10 of this local law.
Section 7. Certifications for victims of qualifying criminal activity

A. A certifying agency shall execute any certification requested by any victim of qualifying criminal activity or representative of the victim including, but not limited to, the victim’s attorney, accredited representative, or domestic violence service provider, within 45 days of receiving the request. If the victim seeking certification is in federal immigration removal proceedings, the certifying agency shall execute the certification within 14 days of receiving the request. If the victim or the victim's children would lose any benefits under Sections 1184(p) and 1184(o) of Title 8 of the United States Code by virtue of having reached the age of 21 years within 90 days after the certifying agency receives the certification request, the certifying agency shall execute the certification no later than 14 days before the date on which the victim or child would reach the age of 21 years. Requests for expedited certification must be affirmatively raised by the victim.

B. If a certifying agency denies a request for certification, the agency shall notify the applicant in writing of the basis for the denial and the process for appealing the denial to the agency head. Within 90 days of receiving an applicant’s letter appealing a denial, the certifying agency head shall notify the applicant in writing that the appeal is rejected and the initial denial is upheld or that the appeal is granted and the certifying agency will issue a certification.

C. The head of each certifying agency shall perform, or designate an agent with a supervisory role within the agency to perform, the following responsibilities:

a. respond to requests for certifications;

b. provide outreach to victims of qualifying criminal activity to inform them of the agency’s certification process; and

c. keep written records of all certification requests and responses.

D. All certifying agencies shall implement a language-access protocol for non-English speaking victims of qualifying criminal activity.

E. A certifying agency shall reissue any certification within 45 days of receiving a request from the victim of qualifying criminal activity or representative of the victim including, but not limited to, the victim’s attorney, accredited representative, or domestic violence service provider.

F. There is no requirement that there be a current investigation, the filing of charges, a prosecution, or a conviction in order for a certifying agency to provide a certification, and there is no statute of limitations on providing a certification.
G. A certifying agency shall not refuse to provide certifications to applicants with criminal histories or outstanding warrants.

H. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a certifying agency's completion of a certification shall not be considered conclusive evidence that the victim has met eligibility requirements for a U or T visa, and completion of a certification by a certifying agency shall not be construed to guarantee that a victim will receive federal immigration relief. It is the exclusive responsibility of federal immigration officials to determine whether a victim of qualifying criminal activity is eligible for a U or T visa. Completion of a certification by a certifying agency merely verifies factual information relevant to the immigration benefit sought including information relevant for federal immigration officials to determine eligibility for a U or T visa. By completing a certification, the certifying agency attests that the information is true and correct to the best of the certifying official's knowledge. If after completion of a certification, the victim unreasonably refuses to assist in the investigation or prosecution of the qualifying criminal activity of which he or she is a victim, then the certifying agency may notify the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in writing.

Section 8. Federal registry programs

No agency or agent shall expend any time, facilities, equipment, information, or other resources of the agency or agent to facilitate the creation, publication, or maintenance of any federal program to register individuals present in the United States based on their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or national or ethnic origin, or the participation of any residents of the Albany County in such a registry.

Section 9. Commitments

A. The county commits to working with community advocates, policy experts, and legal advocates to defend the human rights of immigrants.

B. The Albany County Sheriff’s Department will continue to respond to requests from immigrant communities to defend them against all crimes, including hate crimes, to assist people with limited language proficiency, and to connect immigrants with social services.

C. The county recognizes the arrest of an individual increases that individual's risk of deportation even in cases where the individual is found to be not guilty, creating a disproportionate impact from law enforcement operations. Therefore, for all individuals, the Albany County Sheriff's Department will recognize and consider the extreme potential negative consequences of an arrest in exercising its discretion regarding whether to take such an action, and will arrest
an individual only after determining that less severe alternatives are unavailable or would be inadequate to effect a satisfactory resolution.

Section 10. Information regarding citizenship or immigration status

Nothing in this local law prohibits any Albany County agency from sending to, or receiving from, any local, state, federal agency, information regarding an individual's citizenship or immigration status.

Section 11. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, subdivision, or other part of this local law or its application shall be inconsistent with any federal or state statute, law, regulation or rule then the federal or state statute, law, regulation, or rule shall prevail. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, subdivision, or other part of this local law or its application shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of the local law which shall remain in full force and effect except as limited by such order or judgment.

Section 12. Effective Date and Applicability

This local law shall be effective immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Referred to Law, Public Safety and Audit and Finance Committees – 7/9/18
RESOLUTION NO. 376

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. “R” FOR 2018

Introduced: 8/13/18
By: Messrs. Fein and Simpson

RESOLVED, By the County Legislature of the County of Albany that a public hearing on proposed Local Law No. “R” for 2018, “A Local Law of the County of Albany, New York Prohibiting Albany County Government from Assisting in the Investigation of Citizenship or Immigration Status of Any Person,” be held by the County Legislature in the Legislative Chamber, Albany County Courthouse, Albany, New York at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, and the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to cause notice of such hearing to be published containing the necessary information in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

Referred to Law, Audit and Finance and Public Safety Committees – 8/13/18
February 23, 2019

Honorable Andrew Joyce  
Albany County Legislature  
Legislative Clerk’s Office  
112 State Street, Room 710  
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The attached correspondence is forwarded for presentation to the Albany County Legislature.

I respectfully request legislative action in the form of a resolution authorizing a five year service agreement between Pittsfield Communications System Inc. and the Albany County Sheriff’s Office. In accordance with this agreement, Pittsfield Communications Systems Inc., will provide eight (8) hours per week of scheduled radio communication services to the Albany County Sheriff’s Office, which shall include preventative maintenance, system upgrades, system repair, system programming and installation and repair of emergency equipment for emergency vehicles.

In exchange for the previously mentioned radio communications services, the Albany County Sheriff’s Office has agreed to make five annual payments of $39,520.00 to Pittsfield Communications Systems Inc., with the understanding that additional hours required will be billed at $95.00 per hour. The total fixed cost for this agreement over the initial five (5) year term is $197,600.00. Additionally, this agreement allows for an option for three (3) subsequent five (5) year renewal terms with no escalator.

The fixed costs for this agreement has been included in both the 2018 and 2019 budgets. Furthermore, our recommendation to select this vendor’s bid has been concurred by the Albany County Department of General Services Purchasing Division. I have attached said concurrence for your review.

Should there be any questions, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Craig D. Apple, Sr.
Sheriff

Att.

cc: Hon. Daniel P. McCoy, County Executive  
Hon. Paul Miller, Public Safety Chairman  
Hon. Dr. Charles Dawson, Audit & Finance Committee  
Kevin Cannizzaro, Esq., Majority Counsel  
Arnis Zilgme, Esq., Minority Counsel
MEMORANDUM

TO: Craig Apple
   Sheriff

FROM: Karen Storm
       Purchasing Agent

DATE: June 5, 2018

RE: RFB #2018-002R Two Way Radio Service and Preventative Maintenance

I am in receipt of your recommendation to award the aforementioned Request for Bids to Pittsfield Communications in the amount of $39,520.00 per year for five years for a total of $197,600.00.

As Pittsfield Communications is the low responsive and responsible bidder, I concur with your recommendation.

Please obtain the necessary contract approval of the County Legislature, so that we may issue a Notice of Award to the successful bidder.
COUNTY OF ALBANY

BID FORM

BID IDENTIFICATION:

Title: Two Way Radio Service and Preventative Maintenance
Bid Number: 2018-002

Hourly Rate for 8 Hours on Site Weekly $ 95.00
Hourly Rate for over 8 Hours Weekly $ 95.00
Parts Markup over Cost or Discount from List +_____% or -_____% 
***Parts discount based on the current NY State Contract PT67405

COMPANY: Pittsfield Communications Systems, Inc.
ADDRESS: 1502 West Housatonic Street
CITY, STATE, ZIP: Pittsfield Ma 01201
TEL. NO.: 413-448-8214
FAX NO.: 413-448-6263
FEDERAL TAX ID NO.: 04-3204725
REPRESENTATIVE: John J Ullrich
E-MAIL: jullrich@bcn.net

SIGNATURE AND TITLE

DATE 1-15-2018

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ATTACHMENT “A”
NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO
SECTION 103-D OF THE NEW YORK STATE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW

A. By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid, each party thereto certifies as to its own organizations, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of knowledge and belief:

(1) The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor.

(2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not knowingly been disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, prior to opening, to any bidder or to any competitor.

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

A bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made where (1), (2), and (3) above have not been complied with; provided, however, that in any case the bidder cannot make the foregoing certification, the bidder shall so state and shall furnish with the bid a signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons thereof. Where (1), (2), and (3) above have not been complied with, the bid shall not be considered for any award nor shall any award be made unless the head of the Purchasing Unit to the political subdivision, public department, agency or official thereof to which the bid is made, or his designee, determines that such disclosure was not made for the purpose of restricting competition.

The fact that a bidder (a) has published price lists, rates, or tariffs covering items being procured, (b) has informed prospective customer of proposed or pending publication of new or revised price lists for such items, or (c) has sold the same items to other customers at the same prices being bid, does not constitute, without more, a disclosure within the meaning of paragraph “A” above.

B. Any bid hereafter made to any political subdivision of the state or any public department, agency or official thereof by a corporate bidder for work or services performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be sold, where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule, regulation, local law, and where such bid contains the certification referred to in paragraph “A” of this section, shall be deemed to have been authorized by the Board of Directors of the bidder, and such authorization shall be deemed to include the submission of the bid and the inclusion therein of the certificate as to non-collusion as the act and deed of the corporation.

[Signature]
President
Title

1-15-2018
Date

Pittsfield Communications Systems, Inc.
Company Name
ATTACHMENT "B"
ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY BIDDER

If Individual or Individuals:

STATE OF _____________  )
COUNTY OF _____________   ) SS:

On this _____ day of _______________, 200_ , before me personally appeared
______ to me known and known to me to be the same person(s) described in and
who executed the within instrument, and he (or they severally) acknowledged to me that he (or they) executed the same.

Notary Public, State of ____________________________
Qualified in ______________________________________
Commission Expires ________________________________

If Corporation:

STATE OF Ma. )
COUNTY OF Berkshire ) SS:

On this 16th day of January __________ , 200_ , before me personally appeared
John J Ullrich ______________ to me known, who, being by me sworn, did say that he resides at (give
address) 487 Sheffield Plain, Sheffield, Ma; that he is the (give title)
President _______________ of the (name of corporation)
Pittsfield Communications Systems, Inc., the corporation described in and which executed the above
instrument; that he knows the seal of the corporation, and that the seal affixed to the instrument is such corporate seal;
that it was so affixed by order of the board of directors of the corporation, and that he signed his name thereto by like
order.

EDWARD G. McCORMICK
Notary Public
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
My Commission Expires September 25, 2020

Notary Public, State of ______________]
Qualified in ______________________________
Commission Expires ________

If Partnership:

STATE OF _____________  )
COUNTY OF _____________   ) SS:

On the _______ day of _______________, 200 , before me personally came
_________ to me known to be the individual who executed the foregoing, and who, being duly
sworn, did depose and say that he / she is a partner of the firm of ___________________________ and that he / she has the authority to sign the same, and acknowledged that he / she executed the same as the act and deed of said partnership.

Notary Public, State of __________________________
Qualified in __________________________________
Commission Expires ______________________________

ATTACHMENT “C”
ALBANY COUNTY
VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. VENDOR IS:  
   &Prime Contractor

2. VENDOR’S LEGAL BUSINESS NAME
   Pittsfield Communications
   Systems, Inc.

3. IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS
   a) FEIN # 04-3204725
   b) DUNS # 80-899-7241

4. D/B/A – Doing Business As (if applicable) & COUNTY FIELD:

5. WEBSITE ADDRESS (if applicable)

6. ADDRESS OF PRIMARY PLACE OF BUSINESS/EXECUTIVE OFFICE
   1502 West Housatonic Street
   Pittsfield Ma 01201

7. TELEPHONE NUMBER
   413-
   448-8214

8. FAX NUMBER
   413-
   448-6263

9. ADDRESS OF PRIMARY PLACE OF BUSINESS/EXECUTIVE OFFICE
   IN NEW YORK STATE, if different from above
   18 Wade Road
   Latham NY 12110

10. TELEPHONE NUMBER
    518-
    250-5190

11. FAX NUMBER
    518-
    313-7104

12. AUTHORIZED CONTACT FOR THE QUESTIONNAIRE
    Name: John J Ulrich
    Title: President
    Telephone Number: 413-448-8214
    Fax Number: 413-448-6263
    e-mail: jullrich@bcn.net

13. LIST ALL OF THE VENDOR’S PRINCIPAL OWNERS.
    a) NAME
       John J Ulrich
       Title: President
       b) NAME
       c) NAME
       d) NAME

14. DOES THE VENDOR USE, OR HAS IT USED IN THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS, ANY OTHER BUSINESS NAME, FEIN, or D/B/A OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED IN ITEMS 2-4 ABOVE? List all other business name(s), Federal Employer Identification Number(s) or any D/B/A names and the dates that these names or numbers were in use. Explain the relationship to the vendor.

15. ARE THERE ANY INDIVIDUALS NOW SERVING IN A MANAGERIAL OR CONSULTING CAPACITY TO THE VENDOR, INCLUDING PRINCIPAL OWNERS AND OFFICERS, WHO NOW SERVE OR IN THE PAST ONE (1) YEARS HAVE SERVED AS:
    a) An elected or appointed public official or officer?
       List each individual’s name, business title, the name of the organization and position elected or appointed to, and dates of service.
    b) An officer of any political party organization in Albany County, whether paid or unpaid?
       List each individual’s name, business title or consulting capacity and the official political position held with applicable service dates.
16. WITHIN THE PAST (5) YEARS, HAS THE VENDOR, ANY INDIVIDUALS SERVING IN MANAGERIAL OR CONSULTING CAPACITY, PRINCIPAL OWNERS, OFFICERS, MAJOR STOCKHOLDER(S) (10%) OR MORE OF THE VOTING SHARES FOR PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANIES, 25% OR MORE OF THE SHARES FOR ALL OTHER COMPANIES, AFFILIATE OR ANY PERSON INVOLVED IN THE BIDDING OR CONTRACTING PROCESS:
   a) 1. been suspended, debarred or terminated by a local, state or federal authority in connection with a contract or contracting process;
   2. been disqualified for cause as a bidder or on any permit, license, concession franchise or lease;
   3. entered into an agreement to a voluntary exclusion from bidding/contracting;
   4. had a bid rejected on an Albany County contract for failure to comply with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles;
   5. had a low bid rejected on a local, state or federal contract for failure to meet statutory affirmative action or MWBE requirements on a previously held contract;
   6. had status as a Women's Business Enterprise, Minority Business Enterprise or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, de-certified, revoked or forfeited;
   7. been subject to an administrative proceeding or civil action seeking specific performance or restitution in connection with any local, state or federal government contract;
   8. been denied an award of a local, state or federal government contract, had a contract suspended or had a contract terminated for non-responsibility or
   9. had a local, state or federal government contract suspended or terminated for cause prior to the completion of the term of the contract.
      □ Yes □ No
   b) been indicted, convicted, received a judgment against them or a grant of immunity for any business-related conduct constituting a crime under local, state or federal law including but not limited to, fraud, extortion, bribery, racketeering, price-fixing, bid collusion or any crime related to truthfulness and/or business conduct?
      □ Yes □ No
   c) been issued a citation, notice, violation order, or are pending an administrative hearing or proceeding or determination of violations of:
      1. federal, state or local health laws, rules or regulations.
      □ Yes □ No

17. IN THE PAST THREE (3) YEARS, HAS THE VENDOR OR ITS AFFILIATES HAD ANY CLAIMS, JUDGMENTS, INJUNCTIONS, LIENS, FINES OR PENALTIES SECURED BY ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY?
   Indicate if this is applicable to the submitting vendor or affiliate. State whether the situation was a claim, judgment, injunction, lien or other with an explanation. Provide the name(s) and address(es) of the agency, the amount of the original obligation and outstanding balance. If any of these items are open, unsatisfied, indicate the status of each item as "open" or "unsatisfied."
   □ Yes □ No

18. DURING THE PAST THREE (3) YEARS, HAS THE VENDOR FAILED TO:
   a) file returns or pay any applicable federal, state or city taxes?
      Identify the taxing jurisdiction, type of tax, liability year(s), and tax liability amount the vendor failed to file/pay and the current status of the liability.
      □ Yes □ No
   b) file returns or pay New York State unemployment insurance?
      Identify the years the vendor failed to file/pay the insurance and the current status of the liability.
      □ Yes □ No
   c) Property Tax
      Identify the years the vendor failed to file.
      □ Yes □ No

19. HAVE ANY BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS BEEN INITIATED BY OR AGAINST THE VENDOR OR ITS AFFILIATES WITHIN THE PAST SEVEN (7) YEARS (WHETHER OR NOT CLOSED) OR IS ANY BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING PENDING BY OR AGAINST THE VENDOR OR ITS AFFILIATES REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF FILING?
   Indicate if this is applicable to the submitting vendor or affiliate. If it is an affiliate, include the affiliate’s name and FEIN. Provide the court name, address and docket number. Indicate if the proceedings have been initiated, remain pending or have been closed. If closed, provide the date closed.
   □ Yes □ No

20. IS THE VENDOR CURRENTLY INSOLVENT, OR DOES VENDOR CURRENTLY HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT AN IN VOLUNTARY BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING MAY BE BROUGHT AGAINST IT? Provide financial information to support the vendor’s current position, for example, Current Ratios, Debt Ratio, Age of Accounts Payable, Cash Flow and any documents that will provide the agency with an understanding of the vendor’s situation.
   □ Yes □ No
ALBANY COUNTY
VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE
FRN# 04-3204725

State of: Ma. )
) ss:
County of: Berkshire

CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned recognizes that this questionnaire is submitted for the express purpose of assisting the County of Albany in making a determination regarding an award of contract or approval of a subcontract; acknowledges that the County may in its discretion, by means which it may choose, verify the truth and accuracy of all statements made herein; acknowledges that intentional submission of false or misleading information may constitute a felony under Penal Law Section 210.40 or a misdemeanor under Penal Law Section 210.35 or Section 210.45, and may also be punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment of up to five years under 18 USC Section 1001 and may result in contract termination; and states that the information submitted in this questionnaire and any attached pages is true, accurate and complete.

The undersigned certifies that he/she:
- Has not altered the content of the questions in the questionnaire in any manner;
- Has read and understands all of the items contained in the questionnaire and any pages attached by the submitting vendor;
- Has supplied full and complete responses to each item therein to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief;
- Is knowledgeable about the submitting vendor's business and operations;
- Understands that Albany County will rely on the information supplied in the questionnaire when entering into a contract with the vendor;
- Is under duty to notify the Albany County Purchasing Division of any material changes to the vendor's responses.

Name of Business: Pittsfield Communications Systems, Inc.
Address: 1502 West Housatonic Street
City, State, Zip: Pittsfield, MA 01201

Sworn before me this 25 day of January, 2018.
Notary Public

Edward G. McCormick
Notary Public
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
My Commission Expires September 25, 2020

Signature of Owner

Printed Name of Signatory: John J. Ullrich
Title: President

Printed Name

Signature

Date: 1/15/18
Attachment “D”
Certification Pursuant to Section 103-g
Of the New York State
General Municipal Law

A. By submission of this bid/proposal, each bidder/proposer and each person signing on behalf of any bidder/proposer certifies, and in the case of a joint bid, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of Section 165-a of the New York State Finance Law.

B. A Bid/Proposal shall not be considered for award, nor shall any award be made where the condition set forth in Paragraph A above has not been complied with; provided, however, that in any case the bidder/proposer cannot make the foregoing certification set forth in Paragraph A above, the bidder/proposer shall so state and shall furnish with the bid a signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons therefor. Where Paragraph A above cannot be complied with, the Purchasing Unit to the political subdivision, public department, agency or official thereof to which the bid/proposal is made, or his designee, may award a bid/proposal, on a case by case business under the following circumstances:

1. The investment activities in Iran were made before April 12, 2012, the investment activities in Iran have not been expanded or renewed after April 12, 2012, and the Bidder/Proposer has adopted, publicized and is implementing a formal plan to cease the investment activities in Iran and to refrain from engaging in any new investments in Iran; or

2. The political subdivision makes a determination that the goods or services are necessary for the political subdivision to perform its functions and that, absent such an exemption, the political subdivision would be unable to obtain the goods or services for which the contract is offered. Such determination shall be made in writing and shall be a public document.

[Signature]
President
Title

1-15-2018
Date
Pittsfield Communications Systems, Inc.
Company Name