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FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

October 14, 2025

10:30 A.M.

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

Guest(s): N/A

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Legislator Monell asked for a motion to approve September 16, 2025, minutes. Legislator Ciotoli made the motion seconded by Legislator Brown and was unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL: Legal and Safety's budget are tracking well. However, County Attorney DeWind continues to monitor the Legal Fees object line.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Litigation and Claims:** There are no new claims. A claim has been filed regarding out-of-state pistol permits. A request has been made to amend the complaint to add the County to the lawsuit due to New York State settling this lawsuit without including the additional four counties named in the petition. Outside counsel may need to be retained to address the amended petition.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Flood Insurance:** Due to the governmental shut down FEMA is not writing flood insurance policies. This impacts one policy for the County.
- **Space Heater Policy:** Safety Officer Holbrook will submit this policy next month for Legislative approval.
- **PESH Audit:** On November 18, 2025, PESH will review the County's policies and programs for compliance.
- **CDL Drug Testing:** CDL drug testing for the fourth quarter will be completed as scheduled.

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PERSONNEL:

- 3rd Assistant County Attorney vacancy remains open with no interest.
- Assistant Public Defender vacancy: A committee will be appointed to interview prospective candidates for this position due to the retirement of Public Defender Cline at the end of this year.
- Case Manager (Public Defender's Office): An offer of employment has been made and accepted, and a resolution has been submitted to authorize the hiring for this position.

RESOLUTIONS: AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF CASE MANAGER (PART TIME) PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE and REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS DISTRICT ATTORNEY were moved into full Legislative session without further questions.

PROCLAMATIONS: N/A

EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

ADJOURNMENT: Legislator Monell adjourned the Finance, Legal and Safety Committee meeting at 11:04 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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