



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 19, 2025

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Erie County Youth Detention – Interior and Exterior Security Improvements

Dear Honorable Members:

This resolution, from the Department of Public Works, is seeking authorization for the County Executive to enter into contracts with the lowest responsible bidders for work associated with Erie County Youth Detention – Interior and Exterior Security Improvements project. General, Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing construction bids were received by the Department of Public Works on July 18, 2025 and a copy of the bid tabulations are attached for your reference.

The project entails exterior security improvements that include additional layer of security fencing along the perimeter of the property, removal of scalable features on the building exterior; interior security improvements that include physical modifications to a housing unit and construction with more durable materials.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner William E. Geary Jr. at the Department of Public Works. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark. C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/jk
Enclosure

Cc: William E. Geary, Jr., Commissioner, Department of Public Works

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Public Works
Re: Erie County Youth Detention – Interior and Exterior Security Improvements
Date: September 19, 2025

SUMMARY

This resolution is seeking authorization for the County Executive to enter into contracts with the lowest responsible bidders for work associated with Erie County Youth Detention – Interior and Exterior Security Improvements project. This project involves addressing interior and exterior security elements at the County Youth Detention Facility located at 810 East Ferry Street, Buffalo, NY 14211. General, Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing construction bids were received by the Department of Public Works on July 18, 2025 and a copy of the bid tabulations are attached for your reference.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds for the project are currently available from the approved as amended Capital Budgets, Funds Center 122, Fund 410, as follows:

A.16036 - 2016 Renovation to Secure Youth Facility	\$ 42,733.14
A.17031 - 2017 Renovations to Secure Youth Facility	\$ 11,049.90
A.19030 - 2019 Youth Detention Health, Safety, & Facility Upgr.	\$ 841,040.38
A.20030 - 2020 Youth Detention	\$ 2,200,000.00
A.22062 - 2022 Youth Facility	\$ 600,000.00
A.23013 - 2023 Youth Security	\$ 817,000.00
<u>A.25062 - 2025 Youth Detention</u>	<u>\$ 580,000.00</u>
Total not to Exceed	\$ 5,091,823.42

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

This project is recommended to address observations and concerns from a security inspection by the Erie County Sheriff's Office and to support the ongoing needs of the facility, including continued physical improvements to accommodate older individuals as a result of the Raise the Age law.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Youth Detention Facility was designed and built to encourage a culture of learning and rehabilitation. Efforts were made to use commercial grade building materials, as opposed to creating an institutional environment. Unfortunately, years of high use with a population that has a tendency to be aggressive has resulted in damage to the facility which creates health and safety concerns. Physical improvements to the interior and exterior of the building will be made to satisfy the safety and security concerns of housing older youth as a result of NYS Raise the Age Law. The recommended improvements derive from an Erie County Sheriff's Office Security Inspection report.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

If the interior and exterior security improvements are not completed, safety and security concerns will remain which pose a risk to occupants and staff.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon Legislative approval, the County Executive will enter into contracts with the lowest responsible bidders so work can proceed.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Comptroller's Office and is related to an authorized capital project for which there are sufficient appropriations for the action proposed.

 9/3/25

Timothy C. Callan
Deputy Comptroller
Comptroller's Office

File Copy (ECDPW Proj No. 2020-876-01/ Erie County Youth Detention – Interior and Exterior Security Improvements)

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- A.25062 – 2025 Youth Detention

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RE: Erie County Youth Detention Facility – Interior and Exterior Security Improvements

WHEREAS, The Division of Youth Services is required to provide a safe and secure environment for staff and youth held at the Youth Detention Facility; and

WHEREAS, security inspection of the facility was performed at by the Erie County Sheriff's office; and

WHEREAS, a number of physical interior and exterior improvements were recommended to be implemented in the inspection report; and

WHEREAS, interior security improvements include physical modifications to a housing unit and construction with more durable materials; and

WHEREAS, exterior security improvements that include additional layer of security fencing along the perimeter of the property, removal of scalable features on the building exterior; and

WHEREAS, stamped plans were submitted to NYSCOC and NYSOCFS for review and approval before construction and alteration; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Labella Associates are recommending award of contracts to the lowest responsible bidders for the General, Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing construction work received on July 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required for the County Executive to issue contracts with the lowest responsible bidders for the Youth Detention – Interior and Exterior Security Improvements project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contacts with lowest responsible bidders for Erie County Youth Detention – Interior and Exterior Security Improvements project for an amount not to exceed as follows:

General Construction Work:

Rodriguez Construction Group	Base Bid	\$ 3,300,000.00
	Add Alt G-01	\$ 8,700.00
	Add Alt G-02	\$ 447,000.00
	Add Alt G-03	\$ 13,000.00
	Add Alt G-04	\$ 8,000.00
	Add Alt G-05	\$ 20,000.00
Total GC Contract Not To Exceed		\$ 3,796,700.00

Mechanical Work:

<u>J.W. Danforth</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>\$ 113,000.00</u>
Total Mechanical Contract Not to Exceed		\$ 113,000.00

Electrical Work:

<u>Frey Electric</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>\$ 468,000.00</u>
Total Electrical Contract Not to Exceed		\$ 468,000.00

Plumbing and Fire Protection Work:

<u>MKS Plumbing</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>\$ 114,000.00</u>
Total Plumbing Contract Not to Exceed		\$ 114,000.00

Total Contract Award Not to Exceed \$ 4,491,700.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for sum of \$600,123.42 be allocated to a Construction Contingency Fund with authorization for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed the Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that change order reductions will result in these funds being returned to the Construction Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Comptroller's Office to make payment from the following capital project in Funds Center 122, Fund 410:

A.16036 - 2016 Renovations to Secure Youth Facility	\$ 42,733.14
A.17031 - 2017 Renovations to Secure Youth Facility	\$ 11,049.90
A.19030 - 2019 Youth Detention Health, Safety, & Facility Upgrades	\$ 841,040.38
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A.23062 - 2022 Youth Facility	\$ 600,000.00
A.23013 - 2023 Youth Security	\$ 817,000.00
<u>A.25062 - 2025 Youth Detention</u>	<u>\$ 580,000.00</u>
Total Amount Not to Exceed	\$ 5,091,823.42

and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner's Office, and one copy each to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office and Division of Budget and Management.

TO: TIMOTHY C. CALLAN, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 55

CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST

CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT

COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH

1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME
Rodriguez Construction Group \$ 3,796,700.00
J.W. Danforth \$ 113,000.00
Frey Electric \$ 468,000.00
MKS Plumbing \$ 114,000.00
Construction Contingency \$ 600,123.42
2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT Not to exceed \$5,091,823.42
3. PROJECT NUMBER
A.16036 \$ 14,032.65
A.17031 \$ 11,049.90
A.19030 \$ 841,040.38
A.20030 \$ 2,200,00.00
A.23062 \$ 600,000.00
A.23013 \$ 817,000.00
A.25062 \$ 580,000.00
4. PROJECT TITLE Erie County Youth Detention – Interior and Exterior Security Improvements

5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT
Funding questions: Kristofer Straus #7294
Letter pickup: Christy Weber at 8301

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7

6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS \$5,144,320.00
7. PERFORMED BY 

Date sent to Comptroller's Office:
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September 2, 2025



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DIVISION OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
Unofficial Bid Results

Project Name: EC Youth Detention Facility Exterior Security
Improvements and Interior Renovations

Bid Date: 07/18/2025

Project No.: 2020-876-01, Site/General Construction

Bid Time, Local: 10:30 A.M.

Bidder	Base Bid	Alt Bid G-01	Alt Bid G-02	Alt Bid G-03	Alt Bid G-04	Alt Bid G-05
Rodriguez Construction Group, Inc.	\$3,300,000.00	+ \$8,700	+ \$447,000	+ \$13,000	+ \$8,000	+ \$20,000



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DIVISION OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
Unofficial Bid Results

Project Name: EC Youth Detention Facility Exterior Security
Improvements and Interior Renovations

Bid Date: 07/18/2025

Project No.: 2020-876-01, Mechanical Construction

Bid Time, Local: 10:30 A.M.

Bidder	Base Bid
John W Danforth Company	\$113,000.00



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DIVISION OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**
Unofficial Bid Results

Project Name: EC Youth Detention Facility Exterior Security
Improvements and Interior Renovations

Bid Date: 07/18/2025

Project No.: 2020-876-01, Electrical/Security Construction

Bid Time, Local: 10:30 A.M.

Bidder	Base Bid
Frey Electric Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 468,000.00
CIR Electrical Construction Corp.	\$ 620,660.00



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DIVISION OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**
Unofficial Bid Results

Project Name: EC Youth Detention Facility Exterior Security
Improvements and Interior Renovations

Bid Date: 07/18/2025

Project No.: 2020-876-01, Plumbing Construction

Bid Time, Local: 10:30 A.M.

Bidder	Base Bid
Numarco, Inc.	\$ 146,000.00
John W Danforth Company	\$ 137,000.00
MKS Plumbing Corp.	\$114,000.00