

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAY 13, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Thompson; Supervisors Grattidge, Jenkins, Veitch, Wormuth, and Yepsen; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Paul Lent, Ed Tremblay, Paul Parker, Emergency Services; Dan Butler, Animal Shelter; John Ciulla, Public Defender; Karen Heggen, District Attorney's Office; Press.

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the minutes of the April 8, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Ms. Heggen said the District Attorney's office is requesting a resolution to accept a \$70,000 grant from the Criminal Justice Services for the Road to Recovery Program, an alternative to incarceration program that runs through the drug treatment court program. Road to Recovery deals with people who have had prior felony convictions and are still dealing with drug and alcohol issues. This program has been very successful.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Grattidge to accept a \$70,000 Road to Recovery Grant from the Department of Criminal Justice Services, for the District Attorney's Office to help defray the cost of prosecuting substance abuse cases. Unanimous.**

Mr. Butler distributed the monthly Animal Shelter Report for April 2008. He stated 235 animals were received at the shelter for the month with 142 adopted. Seven animals were sent to the rabies lab, with two positive results: One skunk in the Town of Saratoga and a Raccoon from the City of Saratoga Springs.

Mr. Butler requested an increase in the spaying and neutering of adopted animals in order to cover the increased fees for services. The shelter will begin neutering male cats on site, but females and all dogs will continue to be sent to local veterinarians. All animals will not be able to be spayed or neutered until the new Animal Shelter is complete. The increase in the fees is as follows:

<u>Cats that are Spayed or Neutered</u>	<u>Currently</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Adoption Fee	\$15.00	\$50.00
Leukemia Test	\$13.00	\$13.00
Distemper and Rabies Vaccination	\$ 8.00	\$12.00
General deworming and flea treatment	included	included
<b>Total Adoption Fee</b>	<b>\$36.00</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>

(\$15/adoption fee refunded when animal is returned to shelter within 2 weeks.

(\$50/adoption fee refunded when animal is returned within four weeks.

**Cats that are not Spayed or Neutered**

**Currently**

**Proposed**

Adoption Fee  
Leukemia Test  
Distemper and Rabies Vaccination  
General deworming and flea treatment  
**Total Cat Adoption Fee**  
(\$50/fee refunded when animal is returned spayed, or neutered)

\$50.00  
\$13.00  
\$ 8.00  
included  
**\$71.00**

\$50.00  
\$13.00  
\$12.00  
included  
**\$75.00**  
(\$50/fee refunded if animal is returned, spayed or neutered)

**Dogs that are Spayed or Neutered**

**Currently**

**Proposed**

Adoption Fee  
Heartworm/Lyme Test  
Distemper and Rabies Vaccination  
General deworming and flea treatment  
License  
**Total Dog Adoption Fee**  
(\$15/fee refunded if animal is returned shelter within 2 months.

\$15.00  
\$10.00  
\$ 8.00  
included  
\$ 2.50  
**\$38.50**

\$50.00  
\$10.50  
\$12.00  
included  
\$ 2.50  
**\$75.00**  
(\$50/fee refunded if animal is to returned to shelter within 4 weeks.

**Dogs that are not Spayed or Neutered**

**Currently**

**Proposed**

Adoption Fee  
Heartworm/Lyme Test  
Distemper and Rabies Vaccination  
General deworming and flea treatment  
License fee  
**Total Dog Adoption Fee**  
(\$50/fee is refunded when the animal is spayed, neutered or returned.)

\$50.00  
\$10.00  
\$ 8.00  
included  
\$7.50-\$10/50  
**\$75.50(less than 4 months)**

\$50.00  
\$10.50  
\$12.00  
included  
\$7.50-\$10.50  
**\$80(less than 4 months)**  
**\$83(over 4 months)**  
(\$50/fee is refunded when the animal is spayed, neutered or returned.)

**A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth to approve the new Fee Schedule for the Animal Shelter as stated above. Unanimous. (Committee approval only)**

Mr. Butler said every Wednesday between the hours of 9:00 – 9:15a.m. a Critter of the Week will be chosen from the Animal Shelter on radio station 107.1.

Mr. Butler said there were 63 registered walkers for the Busy Bones 500 Dog Walk with 150 attending. A silent auction was held with an estimated donation of \$10,000.

Mr. Ciulla requested approval of an Aid to Defense grant from the Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$21,164. The funds will support enhanced defense services designed to expedite the processing of violent and serious felony cases through the courts. Support is furnished to ensure thorough case processing and effective defense representation.

**A motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth to approve a resolution to accept a \$21,164 Aid to Defense Grant in the Public Defender's Office to be used toward costs of defending serious felony cases. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent distributed a copy of the monthly report from the Office of Emergency Services and highlighted the following:

In August of 2007 the county accepted a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$225,000 for the development of a countywide natural hazard mitigation plan. This plan will encompass all municipalities in the county that have not already developed such a plan. The plan will deal with items such as buildings constructed in flood zones, ice storms, wind storms, debris management, etc. The funding will allow the county to hire a consultant to assist in the development of the plan and eventually the acceptance by FEMA. Acceptance of the plan by FEMA will potentially open the opportunity to seeking funding to undertake activities to mitigate the possible adverse effects of natural disasters.

Emergency Services issued an RFP with two responses. The lowest response was from Tetra Tec of Rockaway, New Jersey at a cost of \$160,000.

Mr. Lent requested a resolution to accept the bid of \$160,000 from Tetra Tec and authorize a contract.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Grattidge to approve an agreement with Tetra Tec Consultants to develop a Hazardous Mitigation Plan for Saratoga County at a cost not to exceed \$160,000. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent said in February a contract was awarded to CIS Shelter Technologies of Londonderry, NH for providing communication shelters. Two shelters were initially ordered and Emergency Services is now in need of two more shelters for sites in Halfmoon and Mt. McGregor. The total cost for each shelter including shipping and installation is \$179,000.

**A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to purchase two communication shelters; one for the Town of Halfmoon, and one for Mt. McGregor, at a total cost not to exceed \$179,000. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent said bid specifications have been issued for site construction and tower erection at sites in Milton and Providence. The bids are due by May 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was a mandatory pre

bid meeting for any contractor who wanted to bid, with six contractors in attendance. It is anticipated that a recommendation for an award of the bid will be made in June, with the site ready for radio equipment by August 1<sup>st</sup>. All vendors report they are on schedule for timely delivery of equipment.

Radio consultant, Blue Win Services, is finalizing the Request for Information (RFI) and sending it to radio vendors who are on New York State Contract. It is anticipated that the RFI will be issued within a week. The intent of the RFI is to further clarify the county requirements and to understand the vendor's methodology for meeting county requirements and to determine further discounts and/or leasing options that will be available to the county.

Mr. Tremblay distributed the monthly Fire Services Report and reported the following:

Firefighter Assist and Search Team course was held at the Rock City Falls Fire Station with 14 completing the course. The Firefighter 1 course, which will be completed in July, was held in Greenfield with 20 firefighters attending.

Incidents for the month include: a Structure fire in the Village of Jonesville, town of Halfmoon and Clifton Park; and a brush fire in the Town of Corinth.

**On a motion made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom