

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 9, 2008 – 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Thompson; Supervisors Grattidge, Jenkins, Veitch, Wormuth, Yepsen; Wright; David Wickerham, Co. Administrator; Paul Lent, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Dan Butler, Animal Shelter; Paul Parker, Malta; Mark Schachner, Special Counsel; LWV Rep.; Press

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order.

Ms. Wormuth moved to approve the minutes of the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Yepsen seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Butler distributed copies of the Shelter's Monthly Report for August, and he briefly reviewed it. He mentioned there were a couple of cat adoption clinics held at the Wilton Mall, and a Meow Luau was held on Sunday at the Fairground. He said between the Shelter and other rescue groups, 18 cats were adopted. It was well attended, he stated. We will be doing it again next year, he said.

Mr. Butler said the October 9<sup>th</sup> fundraiser will be at Saratoga National Golf Course, and this will be the second one. There will be a 1944 New York Yankees pinball machine that operates on a nickel that will be auctioned off by a sealed auction. He said it was donated by the people who adopted one-eyed Jack from the shelter. We are expecting a good turnout, he stated.

Mr. Lent distributed copies of his monthly departmental report, and he reviewed it. He requested a resolution for an amendment to the Blue Wing Services contract. We are at the point where we need to work beyond the RFP, and he requested amendment to the contract to provide for additional services to take us through the conclusion of the project. The cost of this amendment is \$198,500, and has been budgeted in the radio capital plan. Mr. Wickerham said this should be a contract for \$198,500. Mr. Jenkins asked what was the original contract. Mr. Lent said we are at about \$212,000 since 2005, and this \$198,500 should take us to the end. Mr. Wickerham said this is not budgeted, but is part of the Capital project. We have about \$7 million still in the account, he said. They will bill on the basis of actual hours of work performed and according to the hourly rate we agreed to in the earlier contract. **Mr. Jenkins moved to authorize an agreement with Blue Wing Services to review RFP submissions for microwave communications equipment and take the project through completion at a cost not to exceed \$198,500. Ms. Wormuth seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent also distributed copies of the Executive Summary of the RFP. He said they are ready to release it if everyone is comfortable. Mr. Thompson said he received a letter from a fire department regarding the replacement of pagers. I

would like to move this on to Mr. Wickerham for the budget process, he said. Mr. Wickerham stated the RFP is for actual radio equipment. We are at that point to go out for final proposals. Mr. Lent said we will give vendors 30 days to respond to the RFP once it is out. It was the consensus of the Committee to go out with the RFP now.

Mr. Grattidge said he knows we signed an agreement that we would be willing to study the statewide process. Have we heard any more? Mr. Lent said technically, we were never associated or tied with them, so it does not affect us.

Mr. Tremblay distributed and reviewed his August report on Fire Training Center Usage; State Fire Training Courses, and Incidents.

On a motion by Ms. Wormuth, seconded by Ms. Yepsen, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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