

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 14, 2008 – 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Thompson; Supervisors Grattidge, Jenkins, Veitch, Wormuth, Yepsen; Wright; Sausville; David Wickerham, Co. Administrator; Jim Murphy, D.A.; John Ciulla, Public Defender; Jack Murray, Auditor; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; League of Women Voters Reps.; Press

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order.

Ms. Wormuth moved to approve the minutes of the September 9th meeting. Mr. Veitch seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Murphy requested a **resolution to accept a \$3,000 Legislative member item grant to finish paying expenses incurred by the NYS District Attorneys' Association in July. Ms. Wormuth moved to approve this resolution. Mr. Jenkins seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Ciulla said he has contracts with three private investigators that are limited to \$10,000. One of those contracts has exceeded that limit by \$24+, he stated. He said he would like to extend that contract through January, 2009. Mr. Murray mentioned as of the end of September, this contract was over the \$10,000, and he cannot approve anything beyond that, so the contract has to go to the full Board for approval. Mr. Ciulla said he will only use this private investigator again if there is a big crime. Ms. Wormuth asked if the other two private investigator contracts are close to the \$10,000 limit, and Mr. Ciulla said he didn't know. Mr. Murray pointed out the contract is for a rate per hour and not like a retainer. **Chairman Thompson moved to authorize an additional \$2,000 on this contract for the remainder of 2008. Mr. Veitch seconded. Unanimous.**

Ms. Wormuth asked Mr. Ciulla if anything would prevent him from coming back to the Board in case he needed more money for this contract. Mr. Ciulla said no, but he will use the other two investigators. He said this is the first time they have exceeded \$10,000. Chairman Thompson asked if there was more crime this year. Mr. Ciulla stated more and more people are applying and qualifying for a public defender, and their caseload is up this year. For a number of years, our caseload has been steady, but we have seen a significant jump the end of last year and this year, he said. He stated the work has to be completed before the investigators get paid.

Mr. Lent requested **approval to award a bid to Advance Network Services (ANS) of Menands, NY to do work on the Halfmoon water tank in the amount of \$148,667.60.** He said they have done work for us in the past, and he would recommend them. **Ms. Wormuth moved to award this bid. Mr. Grattidge seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent reviewed his monthly departmental report. He stated they have successfully cut over to most of the new microwave system. We moved the antenna and transmitters from Spruce Mt. to our building occupying the National Grid tower 400 feet away, he said. He stated the last link will be operational tomorrow. Our equipment and antennas have been moved from the old tower in Providence to the new tower. We can now submit to T-Mobile for their payment to us of \$598,000 towards our microwave system in compliance with the agreement we have with them, he said. He mentioned bid specs have been prepared and are being reviewed by our Department of General Services for the dismantling of the towers and buildings on Spruce Mt. pursuant to our permit issued by the APA.

Chairman Thompson stated Mr. Tremblay was called out on an emergency, but everyone should have a copy of his September Fire Services Report in their boxes.

On a motion by Ms. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, the meeting adjourned to executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann