

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2009 – 2:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Wormuth; Supervisors Barrett, Connelly, Rowland, Wright, Jenkins and Southworth; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Dan Butler, Animal Shelter; Wes Carr, Youth Bureau; Paul Lent, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Paul Viscusi Probation; Britta Degenshein, Motorola; Press.

Chairman Wormuth called the meeting to order and welcome all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Rowland the minutes of the March 10, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Viscusi said the Department of Social Services has received a grant in the amount of \$205,228 that can be made available to Probation.

The grant consists of the following three components:

- Administrative
- Contract for Family Specialist
- Contract for Respite/Crisis Counseling

Mr. Viscusi requested committee approval to authorize the acceptance of grant funds to the Probation Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Rowland to approve the transfer of a \$205,228 grant received by the Department of Social Services to the Probation Department. Unanimous.

Mr. Carr requested approval of a State grant for the Community Work Order and Pre-Trial Services Program in the amount of \$34,600.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Rowland to accept a State Grant for the Community Work Order and Pre-Trial Services Programs in the amount of \$34,600. Unanimous.

Mr. Hellwig said the Board of Supervisors has to approve the county's participation in the STOP DWI Program. The following is a breakdown of the distribution of money for the program:

ADMINISTRATION

Personnel	\$13,906
Contractual	\$ 6,675

Dept. Expenses	\$ 2,653	\$23,234
<u>ENFORCEMENT</u>		
Sheriff	\$46,100	
SS City Police	\$36,000	
SGF – Village	\$ 7,750	
Waterford	\$ 6,300	
Mechanicville	\$ 4,800	
Ballston Spa	\$ 5,900	
Corinth-Village	\$ 6,300	
Stillwater	\$ 3,500	
Add'l Funding	\$19,839	\$136,489
<u>COUNTY DEPARTMENTS</u>		
DA	\$37,650	
Probation	\$57,700	
Mental Health	\$60,750	
Emergency Services	\$ 1,800	\$157,900
<u>OTHER AGENCIES</u>		
ASAAP	\$73,050	
SADD PROGRAMS:		
Ballston	\$ 400	
Burnt Hills/BL	\$ 400	
Corinth	\$ 400	
CAPTAIN	\$ 400	
Galway	\$ 400	
Hadley-Luzerne	\$ 400	
Mechanicville	\$ 400	
Northville	\$ 400	
Saratoga Catholic	\$ 400	
SS High School	\$ 400	
Schuylerville Jr.	\$ 400	
Shenendehowa	\$ 400	
SGF High	\$ 400	
Stillwater	\$ 400	
Waterford Halfmoon	\$ 400	<u>\$79,050</u>
		Total: \$396,673

Mr. Hellwig said the program is self-supporting and financed through fine money that is collected from individuals who are convicted of DWI. The amounts in the above categories are the same as last year.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Connelly to authorize the County to participate in the 2009 State STOP DWI Program and contract with local agency participants. Unanimous.

Mr. Butler said the 3rd Annual Busy Bone 500 will take place at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds on May 9th.

The following is an overview of the Animal Shelter monthly report:

Two hundred and twenty one animals were received at the shelter with 136 coming from County residents, 84 from animal control and one from the Animal Shelter Personnel.

Fifty-two of the animals were returned back to their owners; 126 animals were adopted; 48 animals were euthanized; 2 animals were submitted to the rabies lab for testing with no positive results for rabies.

There were 62 licenses issued for the month. One hundred and fifty two animals received the rabies vaccination and 74 animals were spayed/neutered at the shelter.

Mr. Butler outlined the following upcoming events:

Senior Adoption Clinics	April 21 st April 22 nd	Senior Center, Saratoga Springs Shenendehowa Senior Center
Pet Appreciation Week	May 2 nd	Impressions in Saratoga Springs
Brunch – Friends of the Shelter	May 3 rd	Saratoga National Golf Course
Penny Harvest Program	May 4 th	Saratoga County Animal Shelter was chosen as the recipient of the 150 pennies collected at the Ballston Spa High school.
Third Annual Busy Bone 500	May 9 th	Saratoga County Fairgrounds

Mr. Lent requested a resolution to amend the 2009 budget to accept a \$125,000 member item grant from former Senator Bruno for the purchase of equipment and training services for Emergency Service volunteers. He proposed that a portion of the grant be used to fund the replacement of fire pumps at the fire training center. The pumps at the fire-training center are used to supply water from the pond to equipment during training drills. The current pumps used at the training center were “on loan” from the West Milton site for a considerable period of time. The West Milton site has notified Emergency Services that due to a change in contractors operating the site, the pumps must be returned to the site.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Rowland to approve a resolution to amend the 2009 budget to accept a \$125,000 member item grant for the

purchase of equipment and training services for emergency service volunteers. Unanimous.

Mr. Lent said the FCC and NEXTEL have agreed to swap frequencies in the 800 MHz band, and it is imperative that Saratoga County's interests be protected through this process.

In 2007 the County was notified by the FCC that because the 800Mz system had not been completed, licenses in that spectrum were taken away. At the urging of Blue Wing Consultants, Mr. Lent is requesting authorization for Ms. Sachs, a former FCC counsel well versed in the workings of the FCC re-banding process, to work on behalf of the County with the FCC and NEXTEL. As part of the re-banding process, Ms. Sachs' fees will be paid by NEXTEL at an agreed upon amount between NEXTEL. The county will be held harmless through this process.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Connelly to authorize Ms. Sachs, to work on behalf of the County with the FCC and NEXTEL with regard to the FCC re-banding process at no cost to the County. Unanimous.

Mr. Lent said Blue Wing, the County's consultant, has been working on evaluating the bid responses from vendors for the new radio system, and meeting as necessary with vendors. It is anticipated that more information will be available by the end of May.

Mr. Lent said distribution of the new fire pagers has begun. Corinth was the first fire department to receive the new pagers. Reports from the field indicate the new pagers are working well and coverage has improved significantly. South Glens Falls and Gansevoort Fire Departments will be the next to receive pagers.

Mr. Tremblay gave a brief overview of the of the March 2009 Fire Services Report as follows:

The following State Fire Training Courses were offered in the month of March:

- Introduction of Fire Officer
- Principle of Building Construction: Combustible
- Firefighter II
- Ice/Cold Water Rescue – Technician Level

Mr. Tremblay said, in the Governor's proposal that went through the budget firefighters are now allowed to drive firefighter apparatus back from fire calls.

Mr. Tremblay requested a resolution to authorize the Chairman to enter into a memorandum of agreement with Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady counties to build

WMD Hazardous Material Response and Decontamination capabilities on a regional basis.

The grant would cover the following:

- Equipment \$67,000 True Defender Meter
- Equipment \$1,931 to develop a data base of available equipment
- Exercise development \$32,500

A motion was made by Mr. Rowland, seconded by Mr. Jenkins authorizing the Chairman to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady counties to build WMD Hazardous Material Response and Decontamination capabilities on a regional basis. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Rowland, seconded by Mr. Barrett the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sansom