

Public Safety Committee Minutes

May 12, 2009 – 2:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Wormuth; Supervisors Barrett, Connelly, Jenkins, Rowland, Wright and Southworth; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Dan Butler, Animal Shelter; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; James Murphy, District Attorney; Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Paul Parker, Deputy Fire Coordinator; Helen Cranshaw, League of Women Voters; Britta Degenshein, Motorola; Press.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting. Unanimous.

Mr. Hellwig said the Sheriff's department submitted an application to the State for Homeland Security funding that will be used to purchase equipment and provide training for the dive team. Notice was received that the grant was awarded for a total of \$82,000. The largest piece of equipment that is going to be purchased is a Dive Van to replace the vehicle that is currently in place and approximately ten years old. Approximately \$6,000 will be used for training. This is 100% state aid.

A motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Barrett to approve a resolution authorizing the Chairman to amend the budget to accept \$82,000 in funding from the New York State Office of Homeland Security to purchase dive team equipment and training for the Sheriff's Department. Unanimous.

Mr. Murphy requested a resolution to accept a grant in the amount of \$17,500, which is the Road to Recovery Grant covering the period from January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009. The reason for the short time frame is because the legislature has changed the Rockefeller Drug laws, and in doing so they have changed the funding stream, giving the first quarter money rather than for the entire year.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Wright authorizing the Chairman to accept a \$17,500 Road to Recovery Grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Steps/Road to Recovery Program for the time frame of January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009. Unanimous.

Mr. Murphy requested a resolution for a Legislative Grant in the amount of \$13,100 to authorize a contract with ASR Systems Group, Inc. This is a storage system that will allow records to be condensed into a much smaller space, helping with record maintenance.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Connelly authorizing the Chairman to amend the budget to accept a \$13,100 Legislative Grant and authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement ASR Systems Group, Inc. to provide secure shelving for criminal case files. Unanimous.

Mr. Butler gave a brief overview of the Monthly Report from the Animal Shelter as follows:

For the month of April 239 animals were brought in, averaging approximately 8 animals per day. The majority has been received from county residents with 37 returned to their original owners. One Hundred and thirty three animals were adopted. This is due in large part to the many volunteers that have participated in the off site adoption clinics throughout the county.

There was an increase in rabies tests, with four animals submitted to the lab and one raccoon testing positive in the Town of Malta. There were a total of 139 animals vaccinated at the rabies clinic for the month of April.

The following is a list of events that took place during the month:

- 5th Annual Dog Day Celebration - Saratoga Springs
- Busy Bone 500 Walk - \$7,300 raised
- Penny Harvest – Ballston Spa Central School

There will be an adoption clinic at the Wilton Mall beginning Friday, May 15th through Sunday, May 17th, located just outside the theatre entrance.

A presentation on pet care will take place at the Clifton Park/Halfmoon library on Saturday, May 16th between 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. An adoption clinic will then be held from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Lent said as part of the new radio project, Emergency Services bid out the co-location work that needed to be done at the FAA tower site in Stillwater. The bid results were better than expected. The original budget was approximately \$77,000 and the low bid was \$61,200.

The following is a list of all the bid results:

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| • Baron Utilities | \$61,200 |
| • Advanced Network Services | \$71,245 |
| • R.J. Schickler | \$74,500 |
| • J&A Bayly Construction | \$94,400 |
| • Wm. J. Keller | \$94,720 |
| • MPC Construction | \$137,470 |

The engineers have reviewed the bid submission to ensure that it is compliant and has met all the specifications, and it has.

Mr. Lent requested a resolution authorizing the contract be awarded to Baron Utilities of Albany in the amount of \$62,100.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowland, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve a resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into agreements with Baron Utilities to complete work required to co-locate County radio equipment at the FAA tower site in Stillwater at a cost of \$61,200. Unanimous.

Mr. Lent said the work permit has been issued by the Department of Corrections for Mt. McGregor in Wilton.

Mr. Lent requested committee approval to formally accept the work permit and request the Chairman of the Board to execute the work permit.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowland, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve the work permit that has been approved by the County Attorney for Mt. McGregor and authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute. Unanimous. (Committee Approval Only)

Mr. Lent said there will be no rent paid to the State, and electricity will come from the State at a very competitive rate for the site. In return, the County is allowing the State to put two antenna and two bay stations in the County shelter for the Department of Corrections.

Mr. Lent said the road has been completed on Fraker Mountain and accepted by the County. Both the county engineers and County DPW personnel have inspected it and signed off on it with the contractor. The original budget was for approximately \$100,000 to establish power on Fraker Mountain. After everything was completed the actual bill that was received was just over \$65,000.

Mr. Lent said he distributed to all supervisors a Mutual Aid Agreement for their review as it relates to the Decembers Ice Storm. As a result of the December Ice Storm and through the process of obtaining reimbursement from FEMA, it has become evident that if the County had executed an all inclusive mutual aid plan for the purpose of fulfilling requests for public works assistance, obtaining reimbursement would have been easier. FEMA has encouraged the County to execute such a document so that the next time the County will be in line for possible FEMA reimbursement, and the method to obtain reimbursement would be less cumbersome.

The goal is to have every town, village and city in the County execute the document. The final document should be ready by the committee meeting in June.

Mr. Tremblay gave a brief overview of the Fire Services Report for April.

Introduction to Fire Officer – A new course in a new series addressing command and management in today’s fire service. The 27-hour, 9-unit course was held at the Middle Grove Fire Station with 42 completing the course.

Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations – Prepares emergency response personnel to effectively respond to and stabilize incidents involving hazardous materials from a defensive position. This is a 4 unit, 15-hour course with one course being held at the Edinburg Fire Station with 25 completing the course, and a second at the Victory Mills Fire Station with 28 completing the course.

Firefighter 1 – This is a new training curriculum for interior structural firefighters. The 26 unit, 78-hour course at the Schuylerville Fire Station was attended by 26.

The following incidents took place in April:

Structure Fire at 120 Putnam Road in the Arvin Hart Fire District.

James Thompson Company in the Valley Falls Fire District.

Monclair Drive and Droms Road in East Glenville – Search for a 14 year old Autistic Female.

Saratoga Winners Rt. 9 in Colonie, Boght Fire Department – Structure Fire

A Hazardous Materials Response Training was conducted on Radiological Incident Response.

Mr. Connelly said there is a mandate that will be enacted as of January 1, 2010, involving a new fingerprinting technique that is going to be required by all police departments. He asked if there would be any funding for this as the cost would be significant.

Mrs. Wormuth said she would speak to the Sheriff’s Department.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom