

Public Safety Committee Minutes

June 9, 2009 – 2:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Wormuth; Supervisors Barrett, Connelly, Grattidge, Jenkins, Rowland and Wright; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Mark Rider, County Attorney; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; League of Women Voters.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Rowland the minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Hellwig presented a request for approval of a Domestic Violence Equipment Grant on behalf of the Sheriff's department as follows:

There was a application that was submitted last year and signed by Supervisor Hargrave. The Sheriff's office has just received notice from DCJS that the funding has been approved. The Sheriff is requesting a resolution to allow an amendment to the budget accepting a grant in the amount of \$30,000. The grant would be used for the purchase of equipment for investigation of domestic violence cases, including digital cameras, mini DVD recorders, and other recording equipment that will be used in the interrogation process.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Grattidge to accept a \$30,000 Domestic Violence Grant for the purchase of equipment by the Sheriff's office to include digital cameras, mini DVD recorders and other recording equipment used in the interrogation process. Unanimous.

Mr. Butler gave a brief overview of the monthly Animal Shelter report as follows:

There were 286 animals received at the shelter for the month with approximately 50% of them turned in by residents of the county. Thirty-three animals were returned to their owners with 177 adopted.

Eight animals were sent to the rabies lab for testing, with one raccoon testing positive in Clifton Park. One hundred and nine animals were vaccinated at the shelter. The next rabies clinic will be held on June 16th.

There was a trust fund that was set up approximately three years ago for donations. Mr. Butler requested a resolution to transfer \$9,710 to be used for a picture gallery on the website, crates for the off site adoption clinics and spaying of cats before adoption.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Connors to approve a resolution to amend the budget and transfer \$9,710 from the Animal Shelter Trust fund for activities related to the expansion of the website, spaying of cats before adoption and portable crates for off site adoption clinics. Unanimous.

Mr. Butler said a check was received today as a donation to the Animal Shelter in the amount of \$100,000.

Mr. Lent gave a brief overview of the monthly report from the Office of Emergency Services as follows:

New Radio System

National Grid has begun work at Fraker Mountain to clear the overhead electric line route and begin construction on the full service for the Radio System. It is anticipated that the entire overhead service of 5,200 ft. will be installed by Mid July as the project is ahead of schedule.

Full construction plans have been completed for work at Fraker Mountain by Chazen Company. The bidding of the work is expected to take place shortly.

New Pagers

Saratoga County has been advised by Motorola that the county is eligible for a rebate plan being offered through August toward the purchase of pagers. For every six pagers the county purchases they will receive a \$360 rebate. The rebate plan will apply retroactively to some of the pagers already purchased. The estimated savings will be approximately \$92,000.

Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement

Copies of the proposed Public Works Mutual Aid agreement were distributed to all committee members for their review.

Mr. Lent said the agreement came about at the strongest urging of FEMA as it relates to cost capturing and reimbursement when other towns respond to other towns during an incident.

After discussions with the County Attorney additional comments were included in the agreement.

A copy of the monthly Fire Services Report was distributed to all committee members for their review.

On a motion made by Mr. Rowland, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of Litigation. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Rowland the meeting was reopened to regular session. Unanimous.

No action was taken.

On a Motion made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Wright the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom