

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 13, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Wormuth; Supervisors Daly, Jenkins, M. Johnson, Veitch, Wright, Peck; Rowland, Grattidge, Southworth, Wood; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Dan Butler, Animal Shelter; Paul Lent, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Jim Murphy, D.A.; John Mazur, Fire Advisory Board; Paul Parker, Deputy Fire Coordinator; Barbara Thomas, LWV; Steve Williams, Daily Gazette

Chairman Wormuth called the meeting to order.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 8, 2009. Mr. Jenkins seconded. Unanimous.

Chairman Wormuth appointed Mr. Jenkins as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Chairman Wormuth stated this meeting's regular day will be on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, but it will be different next month also because some people will be at training sessions.

Mr. Hellwig stated the Sheriff needs to reappropriate unspent Wireless 911 and Homeland Security Grant funds. He said the Wireless 911 balance is \$176,560, and that is for equipment for the Dispatch Center and there is a little over \$10,000 left in the Homeland Security Grant to be used for new dive equipment. He stated the amount to be reappropriated is \$186,754.56, and these are 100% State funds. **Mr. Wright moved to approve the reappropriation of these funds. Mr. Jenkins seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Murphy reported that Leandra's Law went into effect December 18th. In this law, if you drive drunk and you have a child 15 years of age or younger in the vehicle, it will be charged as a felony. This is named after a young girl who had a similar thing happen in New York City. He said the most recent cases are a woman doctor in Albany County who has been charged, and in Saratoga County, there is a case with a person from Galway who stole a vehicle and drove drunk with his children in the car. That case is still pending, he said.

Mr. Murphy said the DWI Ignition Interlock Law, which goes into effect August 15th, says anyone who is convicted of DWI misdemeanor or felony must install an ignition interlock device in their vehicle. There are 12 in the County now, and it will go to about 500 – 600. These will be on State contract. He explained this will take your photograph as you blow into the device to start your vehicle. Every hour or so it will signal you to pull over in order to do certain things. If you blow into it and it registers positive for alcohol, it immediately signals through a phone carrier to the interlock company that will send a message to the Probation Department, and they will notify law enforcement. We are looking for companies that will have this service, and it is about \$100/month for this device. There is a sliding scale if the person is indigent.

Ms. Daly said with respect to this new law with children, she said he hopes the DARE programs would receive notification to help inform the students about this law. Students have the right to hear about the law and be kept in the loop, she stated. Mr. Murphy said he will mention that to the Sheriff.

Mr. Butler distributed copies of his monthly report for December, 2009, and he briefly reviewed it. He stated in the annex in the Clifton Park Center mall, 280 cats were adopted last year from September – December and 25 so far this year. He mentioned the volunteers to a great job down there.

Mr. Butler stated he needs to reappropriate \$47,775 of Homeland Security Grant funds. He said he received the grant last year for an emergency transport trailer, but they are still waiting for Warren County to submit their emergency disaster plan. **Mr. Jenkins moved to approve reappropriating these funds. Mr. Veitch seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent distributed copies of his Monthly Departmental Report. He requested approval to formalize our relationship and the court findings with the Town of Lake Luzerne to move forward with the construction of that site. **Mr. Veitch moved to authorize an agreement with the Town of Lake Luzerne to obtain the necessary radio tower easement for the 911 Emergency Radio System. Mr. Jenkins seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent said construction has started at the Mt. McGregor site, and the tower should be up at the end of January.

Mr. Lent said they are looking for a project kick-off meeting with Motorola at the end of January. We have been working on a presentation for the First Responder community to make sure they are fully aware of where we are going and what we are doing. We will keep everybody notified, he stated.

Mr. Lent stated the Fraker Mt. tower is up. Mrs. Johnson asked about the communications building for there, and Mr. Lent said right now, it is being stored at the town garage.

Mr. Tremblay distributed copies of the Fire Services Report for December, 2009. He reviewed the State fire training courses that were held. He requested a Homeland Security Grant fund reappropriation of \$18,071 (FY06) and \$123,873.02 (FY07). **Mrs. Johnson moved to approve the reappropriation of these funds. Mr. Wright seconded. Unanimous.**

Chairman Wormuth stated she would like a resolution to appoint a Change Order Subcommittee because some of last year's members are no longer on this Committee. **Mr. Jenkins moved to appoint Chairman Wormuth, Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Wright to the Change Order Subcommittee. Mr. Veitch seconded. Unanimous.**

On a motion by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann