

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

**May 11, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Chairman Wormuth; Supervisors Barrett, Daly, Jenkins, M. Johnson, Veitch, Wright, Peck; Wood, Collyer, Yepsen; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Karen Heggen, D.A.'s Office; Sheriff Jim Bowen; Undersheriff Michael Woodcock; John Ciulla, Public Defender; Bob Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Dan Butler, Animal Shelter; Sam Pitcherale, Treasurer; Paul Lent, Ed Tremblay, Dan Miller, Emergency Services; LWV Rep.; Press

Chairman Wormuth called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Jenkins seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Heggen stated Senator McDonald secured a \$10,000 legislative grant for them that they would like the Board to accept so that they can move forward with upgrades for their computer network. **Mr. Barrett moved to accept this grant. Mr. Wright seconded. Unanimous.**

Sheriff Bowen requested acceptance of a Homeland Security Grant of \$119,750. He said with this grant, they would like to purchase an underwater robot camera, a specially equipped vehicle for transport of the robot, specialty equipped vehicle for transport of an explosive detecting canine, and overtime for monthly training on the use of the submersible robot. **Mr. Barrett moved to accept this grant. Mr. Jenkins seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Ciulla requested acceptance of an Aid to Defense Grant in the amount of \$16,900. He said this is approximately a 10% cut from last year, and they have been getting regular cuts from the State. We get this grant every year for work we do to target cases, he said. **Mrs. Johnson moved to accept this grant. Mr. Wright seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Murphy distributed copies of the 2010 STOP DWI Program Budget. He stated this budget must be submitted to the State in September, and it is a 16 – 18 page narrative that was accepted by the State at the end of December. He said we are in the middle of proms and graduations, and the agencies spend a lot of time on DWI patrols. They are coordinated with our Traffic Safety Board, he said. He said the Sheriff's Department is our source for coordinating all other enforcement agencies. Our revenue always covers our expenditures, he stated. **Mrs. Johnson moved to adopt this STOP DWI Program Budget. Mr. Wright seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Butler distributed copies of his April Monthly Report, and he briefly reviewed it. He stated 236 animals were brought to the shelter. We are averaging double from County residents vs. animal control, he said. He mentioned five animals were submitted to the

rabies lab, and one skunk came back positive. He said they have foster homes for kittens that do not weigh 2 lbs. When they reach that weight, they are brought back to the shelter, and we have them spayed or neutered, he said. He said there were 255 animals at last month's rabies clinic – 95 cats and 160 dogs.

Mr. Butler requested a transfer of funds from the Shelter's Trust account that is set up for equipment for the new shelter. We are starting to buy some of the equipment, and he requested that \$136,900 be transferred -- \$116,900 for equipment and \$20,000 for dr. fees to spay. That will leave \$251,444 in that account, he stated. **Mr. Jenkins moved to approve this transfer of funds. Mr. Veitch seconded. Unanimous.**

In discussing the Radio System financing options, Mr. Pitcherelle distributed copies of an evaluation of financing alternatives prepared by Jeanine Rodgers Caruso of Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. He stated this recommendation was based on a municipal lease from Motorola. He said the back page of this is the analysis which shows a slight favorable variance by choosing bonds. The rates will change depending on the law, he said. Because of our AA+ rating with Standard & Poors, we expect to get good rates. If you agree that General Obligation Bonds are the way to go to finance the purchase of the Motorola equipment, we will go out in July because of the roll over of the Sewer District bonding. He stated Jeanine highlighted some considerations that are slightly favorable for monthly leases: you can pay it all off with no prepayment penalties, or you can end the lease and not make the lease payments due to a "non-appropriation" clause, but if you cancel, you will hurt the reputation of the County. I would concur our best choice are the General Obligation Bonds in July saving the cost of issuance by splitting it with the cost of the Sewer bonds either 5, 7 or 10 years. I would be more inclined to do two separate issues, 7 years with Series A and Series B, he stated for \$11,819,000 for the issuance. He stated timing is important if you are going to General Obligation Bonds. **Mr. Jenkins moved to go with General Obligation Bonds. Mr. Barrett seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent distributed copies of his Monthly Departmental Report and reviewed it. He stated they received a legislative member item grant in the amount of \$125,000 which was accepted by the Board per Res. 78-09. He requested authorization to appropriate \$67,190 of that to the expense category to purchase radio equipment in order to start training on the new system. **Mr. Veitch moved to approve that appropriation. Mr. Jenkins seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent said the contract with our current vendor providing Reverse 9-1-1 is about to expire. We went out to bid to solicit new proposals, and 11 bids were received. We have not had time to look through them, but we will be evaluating them. We are recommending that we bring in the low 2 – 3 bidders. Chairman Wormuth appointed a subcommittee of Supervisors Veitch, Wright and Jenkins to review those bids that are brought forth.

Mr. Tremblay distributed copies of the Fire Services Report for March/April, and he briefly reviewed it. He requested the appropriation of a \$246,000 Homeland Security Grant, that was accepted by the Board by Res. 187-09, for the purchase of a meter that

identifies vapor, communications equipment, and protective equipment that we have not had for our HazMat team members. **Mr. Barrett moved to approve this appropriation. Mrs. Johnson seconded. Unanimous.**

On a motion by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Ms. Daly, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann