

## Public Safety Committee Minutes

March 8, 2011 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Wormuth; Supervisors Grattidge, Hargrave, Jenkins, Veitch, Richardson and Wood; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Wes Carr, Youth Bureau; John Adams, Probation; Sheriff Bowen; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Daniel Butler, Animal Shelter; League of Women Voters; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Hargrave the minutes of the February 3, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Adams said there is a 2011 ATI I Service Plan with a new five-year contract. The tentative amount for the Community work Order Program, run by the Employment and Training office is \$12,220 and for the Pre-Trial Services \$20,304. He said the Probation Department is moving forward with an evidence based assessment tool, COMPASS, determines an offenders failure to appear risk, which is anticipated to be implemented in April. This is a Statewide approved assessment tool that has been validated in the State of New York and is predictive of an offenders ability to appear in court, which is a function of the Pre-Trial Release Program.

Mrs. Wormuth asked if an 8% cut from last year's figures was still expected? Mr. Adams said that is what has been recommended based on the Governor's budget.

Ms. Wormuth requested approval to authorize the Chairman to enter into a five-year contract with the Division of Criminal Justice Services and accept the alternative to incarceration grant in the amount of \$32,524/ annually, beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2015.

**On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve a resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into a five-year contract with the Division of Criminal Justice Services, and to accept the Alternative to Incarceration grant in the amount of \$32,524/annually, for the time period beginning January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2015. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Wormuth introduced Sheriff Bowen and stated that he would be looking at a contract with a rate increase for the Central New York Psychiatric Center, where prisoners are sent for mental health care.

Sheriff Bowen said it is a three year renewal contract, where the county was paying \$140/day and it has now been moved up to \$165/day. This is where individuals from the county correctional facility are sent. A requirement is to have security at the facility, so the rates have been raised by \$25/day. Sheriff Bowen said there should be enough money in the Sheriff's budget to cover the costs, so there will be no budget impact.

**A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave seconded by Mr. Veitch to enter into an agreement with the Central New York Psychiatric Center. Unanimous.**

Mr. Butler distributed copies of the monthly Animal Shelter report and stated that February is the slowest month of the year at the shelter. There were 171 animals turned into the shelter, with 114 adoptions. The annex is doing very well, with approximately 1,000 cats having been adopted since its opening in 2009. There were 7 animals sent to the rabies lab with one positive raccoon. The yearly rabies clinics will begin on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Butler said all the paperwork has been completed with regard to the NYSERDA grant to upgrade the efficiency of the lighting and the motors that run the air handlers, and the HVAC vents. He requested a resolution to accept the NYSERDA grant in the amount of \$39,957.

**A motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve a resolution to accept a NYSERDA grant in the amount of \$39,957 to upgrade the efficiency of the lighting and the motors that run the air handlers, and HVAC vents at the County Animal Shelter. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent said annually the county receives from the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services an allocation of money to help offset the administrative costs in the Emergency Services Office. This will be accepting money for federal fiscal year 2010. The allocation that has been granted is \$83,186, which is an increase of approximately \$6,000 over 2009.

**A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve a resolution to accept a NYSERDA grant in the amount of \$83,186. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent requested approval of a resolution to amend a Blue Wing Services Contract. Blue Wing Services is the consultant for the County Radio System. There were some frequencies that the FCC said had to be given up and given to NEXTEL, and in turn NEXTEL gave some frequencies. Mr. Lent said we don't pay for the research to get the new frequencies, but once they are gotten you have to go through the licensing part of it. While most of the licensing was done, there were a couple of frequencies that required additional engineering and paperwork that had to be done. Mr. Lent is requesting an amendment to the Blue Wing contract to take care of that. The contract amendment is not to exceed \$8,500. Some monies will be received back from NEXTEL, he said.

Mrs. Wormuth said there is plenty of money in the radio budget to cover this, so there will be no budget impact on the radio project. This is something that is required by the FCC.

Mrs. Wormuth asked who determines the amount of money we will receive back? Mr. Lent said there is an independent third party, appointed by the FCC, which reviews it and then makes the determination.

**A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve a resolution to accept an amendment to the Blue Wing Contract in the amount of \$8,500. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent said the Radio Project is on schedule and all of the Sheriff's radios have been installed. The process has begun to install radios in all of the ambulances. The next step will be the installation of radios in fire apparatus.

Mr. Grattidge asked when the final radios will be installed? Mr. Lent said it is anticipated that the final installations will be completed by the end of May.

The following report for the Public Safety Radio Project was distributed to all committee members for their review:

**Accomplishments this Period:**

Much of our outside construction activity slowed down this period due to weather related issues. The various snow storms and icing has prevented us from getting much of the outside work completed.

Installation of new radios in EMS units has begun.

Radio base station equipment installation has been completed at Clifton Park.

Motorola user training of "train-the-trainers" for Sheriff, EMS and Fire was completed during February. The EMS trainers have their radios and are about to start the training of the first responders within the EMS community.

We resolved the equipment issue with Alcatel regarding the lost shipment of microwave equipment for Clifton Park. Installation of all microwave radio equipment should be under way at any time for the Clifton Park to Halfmoon link.

Mr. Lent met with the landowner for the Lakeview (Town of Day) site to start the discussion of finalizing a land use agreement with him. Additionally, a letter was sent to the individual who owns the right of way access to gain access to the site. With each of these individuals we will need to execute a timber preservation easement as required by the Adirondack Park Agency.

Work Continues on the preparation of radio system operating procedures for both Fire and EMS. The final draft of the operation protocols should be completed by April.

**Scheduled Items Not Completed:**

Weather has prevented the final elements of construction to be completed at the Lake Luzerne tower site. It is hoped that weather will permit the final installation of the branches on the tower by mid March.

**Activities Next Period:**

Begin the installation of dispatch consoles at the county communications center.

Finalize the installation of mobile units within the EMS community.

Begin the process of installations in the fire units.

Have the microwave link up and running between Clifton Park and Halfmoon water tank.

Begin the process of resolving licensing clean up with the FCC.

**Issues**

We have had a failure of the T-1 (data link provided by telephone company) circuit between Fraker Mt. and Providence. No operational traffic is being carried on this circuit at this time as the site was only in test mode. The issue appears to be on the Frontier Communications side of the circuit, and they are working on it.

**Budgetary**

For this reporting period there were expenditures of \$339,022.98. The largest single payment was to Alcatel-Lucent Corporation for microwave communications equipment installed at the various transmitter sites at a cost of \$326,157. Other payments consisted of miscellaneous payments to other service vendors.

Mr. Hellwig introduced Ryan Moore, as his Deputy in the Administrator's Office.

**On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Hargrave the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom