

Public Safety Committee Minutes
September 13, 2011 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Wormuth; Supervisors Grattidge, Hargrave, Jenkins, Kinowski, Veitch, and Wood; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Ryan Moore, Mgmt Analyst; Paul Lent, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Jim Murphy, District Attorney; John DeMartino, Coroner; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the minutes of the August 9, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. DeMartino said that Dr. Jeffrey Hubbard is the backup pathologist at this time. The Coroner's office has a minor contract with Dr. Hubbard that allows them to spend up to \$10,000. Due to the fact that pathologist, Dr. Paston became ill and could no longer perform autopsies or finish his cases, they had to be handed down to Dr. Hubbard. At the present time the Coroner's office has just gone over the \$10,000 threshold for a minor contract; therefore, Mr. DeMartino is requesting a major contract in order to make payment to Dr. Hubbard for the additional funds that are owed.

Mr. Veitch asked what the actual amount was? Mr. DeMartino estimated that the amount over the \$10,000 was approximately \$500.

Mrs. Wormuth asked if any more expenses would be incurred this year? Mr. DeMartino said he didn't think so. This was unusual because of the retirement of Dr. Paston and having to send a lot of cases to Dr. Hubbard.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Veitch to change the contract with the Coroner from a \$10,000 minor contract to a \$15,000 major contract. Unanimous.

Mr. DeMartino said when Dr. Paston retire, Dr. Sikirica took over some of this cases and he had to perform examines that were not covered under the contract, which included an external examination at \$250 and a neuropathy examination at \$500. Mr. DeMartino is requesting authorization to pay for the two additional examinations.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to authorize an amendment to the contract with Forensic Medical Services to add additional services to include an external examination at \$250 and a neuropathy examination at \$500. Unanimous.

Mr. Lent said pricing was received from ADT to install security cameras at selected radio sites to improve our security presence at those remote sites. To provide video

surveillance at four of our most remote sites would be between \$45,000 and \$50,000 total. All equipment and services are available through NYS contract. The county already uses ADT for other alarms and security systems.

Mr. Lent said during the storm of September 4th, the radio system worked extremely well under very stressful conditions.

Mr. Lent said the final acceptance testing with Motorola should be complete by the end of October.

Mr. Jenkins thanked Mr. Lent and Mr. Tremblay for a job well done during the Tropical Storm Irene.

Mr. Lent said that Saratoga County was included in the declaration for individual assistance for people who felt that they suffered personal property loses as a result of the storm. Additionally, we were included in the Presidential Declaration for Public Assistance. On Thursday, a FEMA team did a preliminary damage assessment as it relates to public infrastructure, and based on their estimates and the estimates that were provided by Emergency Services, the county sustained a minimum of \$1.5 million of damaged public property as a result of the storm. As a result of that, on Monday, September 19th at 2:00 p.m. there will be an applicants briefing at the Round Lake firehouse.

Mrs. Wormuth thanked Mr. Lent, Mr. Tremblay and all of the Supervisors and their staff who sent people in different directions where they needed to go. The phone calls were really helpful and it was nice to see everyone pull together and take care of what need to be done to ensure the safety of our resident, she said.

Mr. Tremblay said the State Fire Training Courses for the month included a Firefighter Survival course held at the County Fire training Center with 21 Firefighters completing the class and a Firefighter 1 course, which was a two week course that finished up with 26 completing the class.

Mr. Tremblay said the county Hazardous Materials Response Team conducted In Service Training on a meter purchased with a Homeland Security Grant. The meter is a Smiths Detection Gas ID that is used to identify unknown gases and vapors. The Response Team conducted In Service Training with radios purchased through a grant received by the Capital District Regional Haz Mat committee.

Mr. Murphy requested a resolution to accept a DCJS, Aid to Prosecution Grant in the amount of \$41,300 to be used to target specific violent crime and assist in the prosecution of those violent crimes.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Kinowski to approve a resolution to accept a DCJS Aid to Prosecution Grant in the amount of \$41,300. Unanimous.

Mr. Murphy requested a resolution accepting a DCJS, Domestic Violence Grant in the amount of \$40,780.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Hargrave to approve a resolution to accept a DCJS, Aid to Prosecution Grant in the amount of \$40,780. Unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom