

Public Safety Committee Minutes
October 11, 2011 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Wormuth; Supervisors Barrett, Grattidge, Hargrave, Jenkins, Kinowski, Veitch, and Collyer; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Dan Miller, Ed Trembley, Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Kathryn Michaud, Patricia Harrington; FEMA; Helen Cranshaw, Margot Ammon, League of Women Voters; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Veitch the minutes of the September 13, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Dorsey said the Animal Shelter holds off site adoptions several times a month throughout the county at various malls and town locations. Up until now, what these locations have been satisfied with is just to have the county name their entity as an additional insured to the county's insurance policy. What some of them are now asking for are indemnity agreements/hold harmless agreements. Wilton Mall recently presented Mr. Butler with a nine page license agreement which includes insurance and indemnity agreements in it. Some of the towns are beginning to ask for hold harmless agreements as well. Mr. Butler does not have the authority to sign such agreements on behalf of the county. The Personnel and Insurance Committee proposed a resolution which would authorize the County Administrator or in his absence, the Management Analyst, to execute hold harmless and indemnity agreements for the Animal Shelter's off-site adoption clinics throughout the county when requested.

Mrs. Wormuth asked if the agreements would be reviewed and approved by the County Attorney prior to execution. Mr. Dorsey said, yes, that could be made a part of the resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve a resolution authorizing the County Administrator or Management Analyst to enter into hold harmless and indemnity agreements with entities hosting adoption clinics for the Saratoga County Animal Shelter subject to the approval of the County Attorney. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay said requests for bids were sent out for repairs to be done to the Fire Training Center with two responses. The lowest bid came from William Strong Welding and Repair at \$17,520.

Mr. Hellwig said that the funds for repairs to the Fire Training Center would be coming from the Emergency Services budget; therefore, there will be no budget impact.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve a resolution to enter into an agreement with William Strong Welding and Repair Service for repairs to the county Fire Training Center at a cost of \$17,520. Unanimous.

Mrs. Wormuth introduced Patricia Harrington from FEMA. Ms. Harrington gave a brief overview regarding FEMA assistance to communities and distributed packets to all committee members. She said registration will end on October 31st. For projects that do qualify, FEMA will pay 75% of the costs.

Mr. Lent said currently there have been 368 applicants for FEMA help in the county. At the Waterford Disaster Reception area there were 81 families served out of that center. There are currently 38 applicants that have filed the paperwork for Public Assistance, with the total claims in excess of \$1.5 million. October 28th is the cutoff day for Public Assistance applications, he said.

Mrs. Wormuth requested that Mr. Lent send an email to all Supervisors to let them know what the cutoff dates are and asking them if they have a way or willingness to reach out to people in their community.

Mr. Hargrave asked if the reverse 911 system could be used? Mrs. Wormuth asked that supervisors be notified that if they would like a call sent out in their communities that the county could do that. She requested that, as the Chairman of Public Safety, she be notified on the end result of who reached out, and what areas we are doing them in, versus which ones haven't been heard from.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom