

Public Safety Committee Minutes
June 12, 2012 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Peck; Supervisors Lawler, Wormuth, Jenkins, Lucia, Southworth, Wood, Grattidge, Rowland, M. Johnson, Raymond; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Paul Lent, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; John Adams, Probation; Wes Carr, Youth Bureau; Steve Dorsey, Hugh Burke, County Attorney; Oscar Schreiber, Public Defender; Bruce Gardner, Charlton; Cliff Ammon, Margot Ammon, League of Women Voters; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Jim Murphy, District Attorney; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Lucia the minutes of the May 8th and May 14th, 2012 meetings were approved unanimously.

Mr. Murphy requested a resolution to accept a grant in the amount of \$66,985 from the Crime Victim's Board. This is an annual grant that comes from the Division of Criminal Justice Services to offset expenses from the Crime Victim's Unit.

Mr. Peck asked how this compared to last year's grant. Mr. Murphy said it is approximately \$2,000 less than last year.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve a Crime Victim's Board Grant in the amount of \$66,985. Unanimous.

Mr. Murphy requested a resolution to accept an annual Aid to Prosecution Grant in the amount of \$41,300 through the Division of Criminal Justice Services to enhance prosecution services.

A motion was made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth to approve an Aid to Prosecution Grant in the amount of \$41,300. Unanimous.

Mr. Schreiber from the Public Defender's office requested a resolution to accept a \$15,500 grant from the Department of Criminal Justice Services. He said the money would be used to defray salary costs for the position of Public Defender.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mrs. Southworth to accept a grant from the Department of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$15,500. Unanimous.

Mr. Adams said last February he came to the committee to request approval to extend the Alternatives to Incarceration Grant, which was approved by the Board. He said his office has extended the Alternatives to Incarceration grant through June 30, 2012 to fit with the State fiscal year. This resolution is to request approval of the annual ATI plan that has already been approved by the Criminal Justice Advisory Board and also authorizing the Chairman of the

Board to enter into a contract to accept ATI funds for the Probation Department's Pre Trial Program and the Employment and Training Community Work Program for a total of \$26,995.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Lucia to approve ATI funds for the Probation Department's Pre-Trial Program and the Employment and Training Community Work Program for a total of \$26,995. Unanimous.

Mr. Lent requested a resolution for Saratoga County's participation in the North Country Interoperability Consortium. This is a consortium made up of a group of counties from the Canadian border working south to the Capital District. The consortium was put together to apply for funding, which now can't be applied for as an individual county. To apply for funding this will allow us to ultimately allow for enhancing of the radio network to be connected to other public safety radio networks throughout the consortium region. Some of the counties such as Warren and Washington provide backup services to us and Saratoga County provides backup service to them. The Department of Homeland Security requires the signing of a formal MOU by each county that participates in the consortium.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve Saratoga County's participation in the North Country Inoperability Consortium. Unanimous.

Mr. Peck said there have been ongoing discussions about charging for profit entities for dispatch of emergency services. This was forwarded to a subcommittee to come up with a charging plan. A copy of the costs associated with the emergency dispatch was distributed to all committee members for their review. Mr. Peck said he requested the County Administrator to put together a list of associated costs to include personnel, equipment and overhead costs. Those costs came to \$2,934,213. The report from the Sheriff was also included which showed a breakdown of calls received by Law Enforcement Agencies, EMS, and Fire for a total of 81,000 calls for service resulting in a per call cost of \$36.22. Mr. Peck said there was also a breakdown by municipality included in the report, which is something that may be looked at in the future. He said the Sheriff is recommending that it be done by agency because they cover, many times, multiple municipalities.

A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mrs. Southworth the Emergency Dispatch Cost Allocation formula as developed and recommended by the Sheriff and to forward it on to the Law and Finance Committee.

Mr. Peck said the process would be to forward this to the Law and Finance Committee and then onto the Board of Supervisors. A local law would be presented at the July Board meeting and a Public Hearing would be scheduled in August. It would then be forwarded to the Office of the Inspector General for a Legal Opinion.

Mr. Peck voted No. Motion passed.

Mr. Peck said he thought it was important as Chairman of the committee to come up with a plan. He said that he believes that this will be just another pass along to the taxpayers. He said if we charge any for profit, that will most likely come right back to the contract to that municipality and be passed along. He said because the Sheriff felt this was important to do, he would respect that.

On a motion made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Lucia the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom