

Public Safety Committee Minutes
April 9, 2013 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Wormuth; Supervisors Jenkins, Lawler, Rowland, Southworth, Veitch, Lawler, Sausville and Grattidge; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; James Murphy, District Attorney; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Sheriff Bowen; Paul Lent, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Bob Murphy, STOP DWI Program; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the minutes of the March 12, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Murphy said National Crime Victims Week is April 21 – 27th and is recognized by Congress and Saratoga County. This year's theme is entitled New Challenges and New Solutions. The annual Candlelight Vigil will be held in Saratoga Springs at the Presbyterian Congregation Church on April 21st at 4:00 p.m. Recognition will be given to two people who have contributed to Victims' Rights, John Kelly, formerly from the Saratoga Springs Police Department, and now run the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and Lisa Hogan, a Crime Victims Support person who keeps all the victims information organized in the District Attorney's Office. Mr. Murphy requested a resolution proclaiming April 21 – 27, 2013 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowland, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve a resolution proclaiming April 21 – 27, 2013 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Unanimous.

Mr. Bowen requested a renewal of a Law Enforcement Agreement with the Village of Corinth in the amount of \$298,800/yr. The current agreement will expire the end of May. None of the rates have been raised as the county is still negotiating with the Unions, he said.

A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve a renewal of the Law Enforcement Agreement with the Village of Corinth in an amount of \$298,800/yr. Unanimous.

Mrs. Wormuth said she has received a number of calls and emails as Public Safety Chairman with regard to the amount of time it is taking to process pistol permits under the Safe Act. She said she has spent some time with the County Administrator and Chairman of the Board going over the budget, and found a position available in the budget that is already funded that would allow the Sheriff to hire an additional person.

Mr. Bowen said filling that position would be helpful. He said with the new Safe Act the Sheriff's office has 625 people waiting to be fingerprinted. With the help of the Sheriff, Undersheriff and Chief Deputy they have been able to bring in an additional 18 people per

week to help reduce the backlog. He said they are getting further and further behind because everyone is running scared wanting to renew their licenses.

Mr. Bowen said when he submits his budget to the Board in September he will be requesting at least two more civil clerks for 2014 to help with the additional work that is going to be required.

Mr. Lawler stated that this is just another unfunded mandate passed down to the county.

Mr. Murphy requested a resolution to accept a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$337,533, and to authorize participation in the STOP DWI Program for 2013.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowland, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve participation in the STOP DWI Program and acceptance of STOP DWI Funds in the amount of \$337,533. Unanimous.

Mr. Lent requested a resolution to authorize the chairman to accept a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$85,222 which is an annual grant received from the State that helps to offset costs related to training and administration. The funds received this year are slightly lower than in the past, he said.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Rowland to approve a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$85,222 to help offset costs related to training and administration in the Emergency Services Department. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay said it was a busy month at the Fire Training Center with several Fire Training Classes taking place. An outline describing, in detail, the different courses was distributed to all committee members.

Mr. Tremblay said when he put in for an amendment to the budget last month he inadvertently left out \$10,000 that was leftover from the GIS System. This was money that was left over in a 2010 grant that will be used before going to the 2011 grant, he said.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowland, seconded by Mr. Lawler to approve a resolution to amend the 2013 budget to appropriate \$10,000 in Homeland Security Funding for the purchase of office equipment. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay requested a resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Rensselaer County which was part of a HAZMAT grant that was received in 2011. Rensselaer received the grant in 2010 on behalf of the four counties.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Rowland to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Rensselaer County to capture funds from a 2010 grant for costs associated with participation in hazmat training. Unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom