

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

Present: Chairman Wormuth; Supervisors Jenkins, Lucia, Rowland, Southworth, Veitch, Collyer, Grattidge, Yepsen, Sausville and Barrett; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Paul Lent, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Saratoga Springs City Police Chief Veitch; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Rowland the minutes of the June 11, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mrs. Wormuth introduced Chief Veitch from the City of Saratoga Springs Police Department. Mr. Veitch began his career in Burlington Vermont as a police officer in 1994 and was hired in Saratoga Springs in 1995. He has numerous awards and holds a degree and masters for leadership from the University of Plattsburgh. He lives in the City of Saratoga Springs with his wife Jennifer and their five children. Mr. Veitch was currently promoted to his position as Chief in May of 2013.

Mr. Veitch introduced himself and took the time to shake the hands of everyone on the committee.

Mrs. Yepsen thanked Mr. Veitch for coming to the committee meeting. She said there has been a big difference in terms of the outreach and the networking that he is doing to make everyone safer. She said in a City that never sleeps, the police department is extremely busy and working diligently.

Mr. Lent emailed his monthly report to all committee members for their review.

Mr. Lent said in March he approached the committee and asked for a budget amendment for the contract with Pittsfield Communications. He said since then he has been notified that the amount that he requested was not correct, as there were more invoices than he was aware of at the time. Another amendment to the contract is being requested in an amount not to exceed \$6,200. This is for work that was done in the Sheriff's Department relative to installation and removal of patrol cars and also some undercover vehicles that were brought into the fleet. There is money in the Sheriff's operational budget; therefore, there will be no budget impact.

**A motion was made by Mr. Rowland, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve a contract amendment with Pittsfield Communications in the amount of \$6,200. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent said Emergency Services accepted a Homeland Security Grant early in the year that was pending the approval of the Department of Homeland Security. The grant has now been approved, and a request is being made to move the funds into the Emergency Services budget. The grant is an administrative grant to be used for upgrades to office computers, update and add new training simulators at the Fire Training Center, as well as audio visual equipment for advanced training, and printing and preparation of the new county emergency operation guidelines.

**A motion was made by Mr. Rowland, seconded by Mrs. Southworth to approve funds from a Homeland Security Grant approved by the Department of Homeland Security. Unanimous.**

Mr. Tremblay emailed the Fire Services Report for June 2013 to all committee members for their review.

Mr. Tremblay said Emergency Services received notification of a 2013 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$165,000 to be used for the following:

- Radio equipment including bank of radios for events and base station for adding paging site to Fraker Mountain
- Second portion of computer aided dispatch system
- Secure County infrastructure
- Annual equipment maintenance along with MCI Trailer improvements and to replace the Cyano Kits that have reached their expiration date.

**A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve the acceptance of a 2013 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$165,000. Unanimous.**

Mr. Tremblay requested approval of a budget amendment for \$19,146 for funds received through a Public Health Nursing (DHS) Grant to purchase Decontamination Equipment.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Rowland to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$19,146 for funds received through a Public Health Nursing Grant to purchase Decontamination Equipment. Unanimous.**

**On a motion made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Veitch the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom