

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 10, 2007 – 3:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Trottier; Supervisors Callanan, Connors, Grattidge, A. Johnson, M. Johnson, Lawler, Sausville, and Gutheil; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Mark Rider, County Attorney; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Daniel Butler, Animal Shelter; Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Judge Courtney Hall; Paul Parker, Deputy Fire Coordinator; Bob Murphy, DWI Coordinator; Lou Pasquarell, Safety Officer, Clifton Park; Jim Burn; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Johnson the minutes of the March 13, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Bowen gave a brief overview of the monthly report from the Sheriff's office as follows:

1. Commission on Inmate collect calls is up from last year.
2. A total of 629 tickets were issued for the month of March.
3. With regard to the license plate reader, there were 37 hits for the month of March and 31 traffic tickets issued.

Mr. Bowen commended the Board of Supervisors for all the hard work that went into obtaining a \$1.8 million grant for the new radio communications center. The center is up and running he said.

Mr. Butler said there were 210 animals received at the Shelter for the month of March, with nine animals submitted to the rabies lab. There were three raccoons that tested positive, one in Galway, Ballston, and Moreau.

Mr. Butler said the adoption neuter deposit that is placed on the animals has not been changed since 1995. Dogs were \$40 and Cats were \$30. Mr. Butler requested a resolution approving an increase in the fees to \$50 for both Dogs and Cats. This money is refundable to the owner when proof is shown that the Dog or Cat have been spayed or neutered, he said.

Mr. Butler said the fees for testing for Heartworm, Lyme, Erlichia in Dogs are currently \$7 with the cost to the county at \$8.42. The cost for testing of FELUK/FIV in cats is \$9 with an actual cost to the county of \$9.60. Mr. Butler is requesting a resolution to increase the fees for all tests to \$10.

**A motion was made by Mr. Janik, seconded by Mr. Callanan to approve a resolution authorizing the County Animal Shelter to increase neuter deposits to \$50 for dogs and cats and increase Heartworm/Lyme/Ehrlichia tests for dogs and Feline Leukemia/FIV tests for cats to \$10 per test. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent said with regard to the community alert system, the entire telephone upload data has been completed and installed. Currently, work is being done on the GIS center line data for the mapping system for reverse 911. This will be loaded this week, he said. Then there is an approximate two-week period of purification and testing that has to be done with the GIS data and then the system will be ready for training and implementation.

Mr. Lent distributed copies to all Supervisors of the Policy and Procedures for the Community Alert – Reverse 911 with local municipalities as requested by the committee at last month's meeting.

**A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Callanan to adopt the Community Alert-Reverse 911 Policy and Procedures to establish protocol for system usage and forward it on to the Board of Supervisors for their review. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent distributed copies and gave a brief overview of the Request for Proposal with regard to a feasibility study of the Public Safety Facility to all committee members for their review.

**A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the Request for Proposal with regard to the Public Safety Facility Feasibility Study. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent said next week, a meeting has been scheduled with representatives from the Statewide Wireless network to discuss the coordination of the county and state system.

Mr. Lent said last month the microwave licenses were sold at an FCC auction. Emergency Services was contacted by one of the winners from the auction, T-Mobile, and will be entering into negotiations, with regard to reimbursement to the county for the Microwave system as mandated by the FCC. Blue Wing consultants will be assisting in the negotiations with T-Mobile.

Mr. Lent requested an authorization for the Chairman to sign Mutual Aid Agreements for the National Information Management System.

**A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Johnson to authorize the Chairman to sign National Information Management System mutual aid agreements between the county and local governments. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent requested authorization to submit to the State Emergency Management Office a Hazardous Mitigation Grant. This grant is for the hiring of a consultant to assist the Emergency Services office and local municipalities to identify a plan for hazards for natural disasters in the amount of \$200,000.

**A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Callanan to approve authorizing Mr. Lent to submit to the State Emergency Management Office a Hazardous Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$200,000. Unanimous.** (Committee approval only)

Mr. Tremblay distributed a copy, and gave a brief overview of the March Fire Services Report.

**On a motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Johnson the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom