

Public Safety Committee Minutes

July 10, 2007 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Trottier; Supervisors Callanan, Connors, Grattidge, A. Johnson, M. Johnson and Daly; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; David Pacheco, Pacheco Ross Architects, PC; James Murphy, District Attorney; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Sandi Cross, Office for the Aging; Daniel Butler, Animal Shelter; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Callanan, seconded by Mr. Johnson the minutes of the June 12th meeting were approved unanimously.

Chairman Trottier distributed the Sheriff's report to all committee members for their review.

Mr. Murphy requested a resolution to accept a Legislative Grant from Senator Bruno in the amount of \$16,400. The grant will be used for telecommunications reimbursement, cell phone coverage and conferences. In the next month Mr. Murphy will be sworn in as the President of the New York State District Attorney's Association, representing 62 District Attorneys. Conferences will be held in New York City in August and January with approximately 600 attendees at each conference.

A motion was made by Mr. Callanan, seconded by Mr. Grattidge to approve a Legislative Grant from Senator Bruno in the amount of \$16,400. Unanimous.

Mr. Murphy requested a resolution to accept a Safe Child Program Grant in the amount of \$15,000. This a program that is being partnered with law enforcement across the county through a grant from DCJS. Setups will be put in place at various community events such as fairs, local safety seat checks, etc. Working with law enforcement photos will be taken of children, along with fingerprinting and an optional DNA swab kit to be put into a database that would be helpful in the event of a missing child. The grant

will be used for the purchase of a computer, office supplies, fingerprinting material, camera, laptop and promotion materials.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve a Safe Child Program Grant from DCJS in the amount of \$15,000. Unanimous.

Mr. Butler gave a brief up update on the monthly report from the Animal Shelter for the month of June as follows: There were 301 animals received at the shelter for the month. Seventeen animals were submitted to the lab for rabies testing, with one bat testing positive.

There were 74 animals vaccinated for rabies at the animal shelter and 147 vaccinated for rabies at the Rabies Clinic.

There were 16,119 hits for the month to the Animal Shelter Website.

The Animal Shelter will have a booth at the Saratoga County Fair. Information will be available with regard to the Busy Bones dog walk, and pictures of animals that are available for adoption.

Mr. Butler said there was a presentation made to the Buildings and Grounds committee on June 27th with the first preliminary rough draft of the new Animal Shelter. After hearing comments from the committee members, Mr. Butler met with the architects and made changes to the plans to downsize. The preliminary drawings of the new plans will be presented to the Buildings and Grounds committee as soon as the architects release them.

Mr. Butler said through a joint effort between the Animal Shelter and the Office for the Aging, a Senior for Senior Adoption Program has been established. Anyone 60 years or older will be eligible to come to the Animal Shelter and adopt a senior pet, five years or older. The Office for the Aging will pay for the adoption and the spay/neuter of any cats or dogs that are adopted by seniors.

Ms. Daly commended both the Animal Shelter and Office for the Aging for their forward thinking in initiating the County Senior to Senior Animal Adoption Program.

Mr. Lent said training has commenced for the potential users of the Reverse 911 system, with five people trained. The system is now operational at the county level, with more training available, as the local municipalities require it.

Mr. Lent said negotiations with T-Mobile have been completed for the replacement of the existing microwave system. The agreement that was reached with T-Mobile was \$597,000 to be reimbursed to the county, which will pay for new equipment at Spruce Mt., Providence, Halfmoon and the county communications center.

The County Attorney has reviewed the contract document. Comments and revisions have been forwarded to T-Mobile for incorporation into the agreement. The agreement calls for the county to be up and running with its new equipment by June 2008.

Mr. Lent requested a resolution to accept a \$597,000 reimbursement to the County from T-Mobile to be used for new equipment at Spruce Mt., Providence, Halfmoon and the county communications center.

A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Callanan authorizing the Chairman to accept \$597,000 from T-Mobile to cover the expense of replacing the County's microwave system, which will be moved from 2GHz frequency to 6GHz frequency bands and amending the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

Mr. Lent requested an amendment to the current agreement with National Grid as it relates to Spruce Mt., to remove the annual \$2,000 per year fee paid by National Grid to the county in consideration for the county to be able to use their existing tower.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mrs. Johnson authorizing the Chairman to enter into an amended agreement with National Grid relative to the various cost/fees associated with the care and maintenance of the roadway, building, tower and generator on Spruce Mountain. Unanimous.

Mr. Lent said at a future Public Safety Committee meeting and Board of Supervisors meeting he and Mr. Rider will give a detailed update with regard to the New Radio System time lines and accomplishments.

Mr. Tremblay distributed copies of the May and June Fire Services report to all committee members for their review.

Mr. Trottier said he and Mr. Lent participated in a functional exercise with the Hudson River/Black River Regulating District in case dams were to break in the Town of Hadley. Mr. Lent said this was a requirement from the Hudson River/Black River regulating district to have the drill in order for them to keep their license to operate the Conklingville Dam.

On a motion made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mrs. Johnson the meeting adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of Contract Negotiations.

No Action was taken.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom