

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUNE 13, 2006 – 3:45 P.M.

Present: Chairman Lawler; Supervisors Barrett, Connors, Grattidge, Janik, M. Johnson, Gutheil and Wood; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Bob Murphy, STOP DWI; Jim Murphy, District Attorney; Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; John Mazur, Fire Advisory Board; Daniel Butler, Animal Shelter; Mark Hoppe, Blue Wing; Paul Lent Emergency Services; John Bergeron; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Barrett the minutes of the May 9, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.

The sheriff's report was distributed to all committee members for their review

Mr. Murphy requested a resolution to accept an Aid to Prosecution Grant from the Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$56,972. The money will be used for index crimes, i.e. robberies, assaults.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Janik to approve an Aid to Prosecution Grant from the Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$56,972. Unanimous.

Mr. Butler distributed copies of the May 2006 Animal Shelter report to all committee members. He said there were 240 animals received for the month.

Mr. Butler requested a resolution to amend the budget in the amount of \$44,500 to be used for the purchase of a Cremator at the Animal Shelter. There were three bids in all with the highest bid of \$66,700.

Mr. Butler requested a resolution to amend the budget in the amount of \$25,000 to be used to reconstruct the Crematory roof.

A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Janik to approve a resolution to amend the budget in the amount of \$44,500 for the purchase of a Cremator at the Animal Shelter. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Barrett to approve a resolution to amend the budget in the amount of \$25,000 for the reconstruction of the Crematory roof. Unanimous.

Mr. Butler said a new section has been added to the website for lost or stray animals, and will be updated on a weekly basis.

Mr. Grattidge requested that all towns have a direct link to the website. Mr. Butler said he would provide that.

Mr. Butler said a new computer network is coming to the Animal Shelter. As animals come into the shelter, they will be entered into the computer allowing them to be tracked until they leave the shelter.

Mr. Lawler requested a copy of the crematory report be distributed to all supervisors for their review.

Mr. Lent distributed a copy of the Emergency Services report for June 2006 to all committee members for their review.

Mr. Hoppe from Blue Wing Services presented a power point presentation to bring the committee up to date with regard to the Radio System Project. Copies of the System Design Review were distributed to all committee members.

Mr. Lawler requested consideration by the committee to withdraw the existing application to the Adirondack Park Agency. The proposal was put on hold to give time to come up with some viable alternatives, he said. Those alternatives are now being proposed.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Barrett to approve a resolution to withdraw the existing application for the County Emergency Radio System to the Adirondack Park Agency. Unanimous.

Mr. Lawler said he has requested that the new application be filed by June 30, 2006.

Mr. Lent said he and Mr. Hoppe attended a workshop with the Adirondack Park Agency on June 1st. There were a number of unforeseen requirements, he said. In view of the cooperative nature that we had with the Adirondack Park Agency, it seems prudent to go beyond the deadline of June 30th. This would all time to address the requirements that the Adirondack Park Agency has requested in the new application, he said.

Mr. Lent projected the new application would be ready for filing approximately July 15th.

A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Barrett to approve a resolution authorizing the filing of a new application to the Adirondack Park Agency for the purpose of building a new Emergency Radio System. Unanimous.

Mr. Barrett encouraged the committee not to lose the sense of urgency, and to continue to move forward in submitting the new application to the Adirondack Park Agency as soon as possible.

Mr. Gutheil commended all those who have worked toward the application for the Emergency Radio System and the progress that has been made.

Mr. Barrett said there has been a base of information and work that has happened over the course of a few years that has lead to the last six month period to get to where we are today. We are looking for additional funds to move the project forward. It is not as if the money that was spent was not useful, he said.

Mr. Lent requested additional funding in the amount of \$180,300 for the Radio System application and project. A lot of the money will be spent as work progresses through the application process along with the design work that will be needed for the two new sites requested, he said.

A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Janik to approve a resolution for additional funds in the amount of \$190,300 for services related to the preparation of the new radio system application for presentation to the Adirondack Park Agency and amending the contracts as appropriate. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay distributed copies of the Fire Services Report for May 2006.

A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Barrett to move into Execution Session for the purpose of contracts and negotiations. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Grattidge to adjourn from Executive Session and reopen to Public Session at 5:30 p.m. Unanimous

No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sansom