

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 13, 2007 – 3:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Trottier; Supervisors Callanan, Connors, Grattidge, A. Johnson, and M. Johnson; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Mark Rider, County Attorney; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Dan Butler, Animal Shelter; Wes Carr, Youth Bureau; Paul Viscusi, Probation; Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; John Mazur, Fire Advisory Board; Lou Pasquarell, Clifton Park Safety Officer; Jim Bowen, Sheriff; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Callanan the minutes of the February 13, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.

Sheriff Bowen distributed a copy of the monthly Sheriff's report to all committee members and gave a brief update.

Mr. Bowen said a Statement of Work is needed for ADMIT, which is the company that is working on the wireless 911. Currently, there is a contract with INTERACT, which had a problem producing record management. He said, INTERACT is going to get out, and the system is going to be updated with ADMIT in order to be operating by April 1st. The contract is for \$140,710.

Mr. Bowen requested a resolution to authorize the Chairman to enter into a contract with ADMIT for the wireless 911 system for a contract amount of \$140,710. Unanimous.

Mr. Bowen requested approval of a local law to put a .30 cent surcharge on every cell phone housed in Saratoga County. A local law would also need to be formed to direct all the cell phone companies to send all their wireless 911 calls to the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department. The money will go into a fund at the County to support the wireless 911-communication center. Under state law the surcharge money can only be used for wireless 911-communication, i.e. computers, mapping, he said.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Connors to introduce a local law to establish a surcharge to cover costs of providing enhanced wireless 911 service and scheduling a Public Hearing on April 11, 2007 at 4:50 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors meeting room. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Connors to introduce a local law directing all wireless phone service providers operating in Saratoga County to send all wireless 911 calls to the Saratoga County Sheriff's Dispatch Center, and setting a Public Hearing on April 11, 2007 at 4:45 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors meeting room. Unanimous.

Mr. Bowen said once the County has passed the local law telling all the phone companies that they have to send all wireless calls to the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department, they have up to 120-days to comply.

Mr. Butler distributed a copy of the January and February Animal Shelter Report to all committee members for their review.

Mr. Carr said each year the State Department of Probation and Corrections requires the Youth Bureau to submit and approve an Alternative to Incarceration Program. A copy of the plan was given to each committee member for their review.

Mr. Carr requested a resolution to approve the 2007 Pre-Trial Services and Community Work Order Service Plans in the amount of \$37,500.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Callanan to approve a resolution approving the 2007 Pre-Trial Services and Community Work Order Service Plans and accepting \$37,500 in State grants. Unanimous.

Mr. Lent distributed copies of the monthly report from the Office of Emergency Services and gave a brief overview as follows: During the month we received word from the Federal Communications Commission granting the county an extension on its 800 MHz license to have the system operational. After considerable discussions with the FCC the County was successful in negotiating an extension through 2007.

The county was also notified from the FCC that the current microwave license in the 2.4GHz range has been sold at auction. This was anticipated, he said. The band, which we operate in, will be shifted to commercial wireless use from public safety microwave use. This is in response to the growing demands of wireless users. The county will be compensated by the purchaser of our spectrum for new equipment, engineering and installation costs.

An amended permit was received from the Adirondack Park Agency to allow Emergency Services to move forward with the relocation of the antennas from our towers to the National Grid tower on Spruce Mountain.

With regard to the Community Alert Project the contracts have been signed by American Emergency Notification and forwarded to the County Attorney for processing.

The Office of Emergency Services has continued to work closely with local jurisdictions assisting them in their efforts to become compliant with required NIMS planning and training.

Mr. Lent said this month Blue Wing will be contacting some of the more intense users of the system to begin fleet mapping.

Mr. Tremblay distributed the fire training report to all committee members and gave a brief overview of the months activities.

Mr. Grattidge said the sub-committee for retention and recruitment has requested that Mr. Lent move forward to organize meetings with other counties with retention and recruitment to gather information and ideas.

Mr. Trottier appointed Mr. Grattidge, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Connors to a sub-committee to review the idea of a feasibility study for the Public Safety Building. He asked that they report back at the next Public Safety meeting.

The committee agreed to move forward with an RFP (Request for Proposal) for a feasibility study for the Public Safety Building.

A motion was made by Mr. Callanan, seconded by Mr. Johnson to direct Emergency Services Department to develop an RFP for a feasibility study for the Public Safety Building. Unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom