

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 – 3:30 P.M.

Present: Vice Chairman Grattidge; Supervisors Connors, A. Johnson, and M. Johnson; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Bob Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Jim Murphy, District Attorney; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mrs. Johnson the minutes of the August 7, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.

Vice Chairman Grattidge distributed copies of the Sheriff's Report to all committee members for their review.

Mr. Lent distributed copies of the monthly report from the Office of Emergency Services and gave the following overview.

Emergency Services has issued a bid specification for the solicitation of bids to install new antennas, coax and supporting structures at the National Grid tower on Spruce Mt. The low bid was submitted from Advanced Network Services of Albany for a price of \$99,250. There was one other bid from Mid-State Communications of Oriskany in the amount of \$113,000.

Mr. Lent recommended the acceptance of the low bid of \$99,250.

Mr. Lent said that the Public Safety Committee in October of 2006 authorized up to \$160,000 of funds from the project money to get some of the work done.

Mrs. Johnson asked if any of the money had been spent? Mr. Lent said approximately \$12,000 has been spent on electrical work.

Mr. Connors asked if there would be any other expenses to come out of the previously approved \$160,000? Mr. Lent said there might be more expenses

for the installation of two HVAC units and grounding work. This project will likely be under budget, he said.

A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to authorize the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Advanced Network Services of Albany, to install antennas on the National Grid Tower at a cost not to exceed \$99,250. Unanimous.

Mr. Lent said one of the sites that were selected for the new radio project is the FAA tower at the old radar station in Stillwater. Communications have been back and forth with the FAA concerning access to the tower. Emergency Services has been approved to access it. The FAA is asking that the County enter into a reimbursement agreement with them for up to \$26,700, which would cover the cost of a structural analysis for the tower and also pay for an FAA representative to be on site during times when work is being done on the tower and during installation.

Mr. Grattidge asked if the FAA would bill the county and then reimburse 100%? Mr. Lent said, no. The County will enter into an agreement with the FAA who will incur expenses. The County will reimburse the FAA for their expenses up to \$26,700, which would include engineering work and an FAA site representative on site.

Mr. Grattidge asked when the work would take place? Mr. Lent said, October-November 2007.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Johnson authorizing the Chairman to enter an agreement with the FAA for engineering work and site structural analysis on the Stillwater Radio Tower in an amount not to exceed \$26,700. Unanimous.

The committee agreed to have a power point presentation to update all Supervisors on the status of the New Radio Project at the October Agenda Meeting.

Mr. Lent said Mrs. Johnson has scheduled a workshop for the Public Safety Feasibility Study on September 24th at 4:00 p.m. addressing the Animal Shelter and Public Safety Building.

Mr. Lent said FAA approval was received for construction of the new tower in Providence. The tower is being proposed at the same height as the existing tower, but will be larger in width to hold the load. The FAA is requiring painting the tower and lighting it. Mr. Lent is proposing to appeal the painting portion of the requirements, as this is a very expensive maintenance item over the years.

Mr. Murphy requested a resolution to accept a \$50,000 grant from DCJS to offset the costs associated with the running of the New York State District Attorney's Association. Mr. Murphy said, as President of the association you are required to run two conferences. There will be a four-day conference in January in Manhattan, and a summer conference in July at the Gideon Putnam in Saratoga Springs.

A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mrs. Johnson authorizing the Chairman to accept a \$50,000 legislative member item grant from Senator Bruno and amending the county budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom