

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2006 – 3:45 P.M.

Present: Chairman Lawler; Supervisors Barrett, Connors, Grattidge, Janik, M. Johnson, Trottier, Lucia and Yepsen; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Jim Murphy, District Attorney; Mike Hill, Mark Schachner, County Special Council; Stuart Mesiger, Chazen Company; Paul Parker, Dep Fire Coordinator; Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Bob Murphy, STOP DWI Coordinator; Wes Carr, Youth Bureau; Dan Butler, Animal Shelter; John Bergeron, Taxpayer; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the minutes of the August 8, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.**

No report from the Sheriff's Department was made.

Mr. Murphy gave a brief overview of the DNA Legislation, stating that the taking of DNA on all defendants convicted on a felony in the State of New York is now required, with the exception of felony vehicle traffic offenses such as DWI.

Mr. Carr requested a resolution to accept a grant from the State Department of Correctional Alternatives for \$37,500 a year, for five years for a total of \$185,500.

**A motion was made by Mr. Trottier, seconded by Mr. Connors to approve a resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into a five-year contract with the Department of Criminal Justice Services to accept an Alternative to Incarceration grant in the amount of \$37,500 annually for the period beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2010. Unanimous.**

Mr. Butler distributed the monthly report from the Animal Shelter to all committee members for their review. He said there were 288 animals brought to the shelter for the month with 59 animals submitted to the rabies laboratory and 6 testing positive. The total rabies cases to date are 18, with a total of 208 animals vaccinated for the month of July.

Mr. Butler said last month there was \$1,081 donated to the shelter. Channel 13, St. Peter's Health Care and the Times Union have a program called, "Thirteen Kids Who Care", each receiving \$500. Brianna Fowler from the Town of Saratoga designated the Saratoga County Animal Shelter as where she wanted her money to be placed. Mr. Butler said he would be sending a certificate of appreciation to Brianna on behalf of the Animal Shelter for her generous contribution.

Mr. Lawler stated that he would like to invite Brianna Fowler to the next Board of Supervisors meeting to present a plaque in honor of her generous financial contribution to the Saratoga County Animal Shelter.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve a resolution recognizing Brianna Fowler from the Town of Saratoga for her generous financial contribution to the Saratoga County Animal Shelter. Unanimous.**

Mr. Tremblay distributed the August Fire Services Report to the committee and gave a brief overview with regard to the State Fire Training courses. He stated, there was an arrest made with regard to the arson fire at the Comfort Suits on Plank Road in Clifton Park.

**On a motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Trottier the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Contracts. Unanimous.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Janik to adjourn from Executive Session and re-open to Regular Session. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent distributed the monthly report from the Office of Emergency Services and gave a brief overview. He said a structural examination of the National Grid tower on Spruce Mountain was done, indicating an adequate capacity on the tower for the transition of equipment from the older 120' tower. A meeting has been scheduled with National Grid to conclude negotiations. A meeting has been scheduled with the APA to discuss the move and the permits that might be needed.

Mr. Lent said, as a result of meetings that were held with the APA staff some refinement will need to be done to the current application for the New Radio System. This will require some re-engineering of some of the existing sites, he said. Mr. Lent requested approval to increase the budget \$50,000, which would go for the additional refinement to the existing application.

**A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to accept a resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into an amended contract with Chazen to allow for an additional \$50,000 in radio system expenses to conduct engineering work required for the relocation of the Lakeview Radio Tower site within the Adirondack Park. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lawler complimented Mr. Lent and all the staff members who have worked on the Radio Tower Project for their first class proposal that has been placed to the APA.

**The next Public Safety Meeting will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom