

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Thompson; Supervisors Grattidge, Lawler, Veitch, Wormuth, Yepsen, and Southworth; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Bob Murphy, STOP DWI Coordinator; Dan Butler, Animal Shelter; Jim Murphy, District Attorney; Paul Lent,; John Mazur, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Tom McCabe, Capital Digitronics, Inc.; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the minutes of the March 12, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Murphy requested a resolution to accept the following grants:

1. \$27,336 – Recruitment and retention for the Assistant DA's as an incentive to continue their work in public service jobs. This will be divided between the number of Assistant District Attorney's.
2. \$36,000 – Violence against women – This is a federal grant that will go to DCJS.
3. \$70,000 – Auto theft & Insurance fraud- This will offset the salary for an Assistant District Attorney to prosecute motor vehicle theft and insurance fraud
4. \$71,200 – Crime Victims Board-This will help to offset Crime Victim Advocates salaries and appropriate \$370 for conferences and \$600 for publications.
5. \$49,216 – Operation Impact-This is money that the DA's office and the Saratoga Springs Police Department share to run Operation Safe Child, which is to take DNA and photograph fingerprints of children, and then entered into the DCJS database.

A motion was made by Ms. Yepsen, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve a resolution to accept the above stated grants through the District Attorney's Office. Unanimous.

Mr. Murphy requested a resolution to accept the following Legislative member items:

1. \$11,600 – Legislative grant from DCJS to run the summer conference of the NYS District Attorney's Association in July.
2. \$35,000 – Legislative grant to run the second portion of the summer conference,
3. \$100,000 – Pass through grant for the position of Executive Director of the NYS District Attorney's Association, a new position that has been created by DCJS.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Ms. Wormuth to approve a resolution accepting the above stated Legislative member items through the District Attorney's Office. Unanimous.

Mr. Murphy, STOP DWI Coordinator distributed handouts outlining the 2008 STOP DWI Program budget as follows:

ADMINISTRATION:

Personnel	\$12,876	
Contractual	\$ 6,344	
Dept. Expenses	\$ 2,653	\$21,873

ENFORCEMENT:

Sheriff	\$46,100	
SS City Police	\$36,000	
SGF – Village	\$ 7,750	
Waterford	\$ 6,300	
Mechanicville	\$ 4,800	
Ballston Spa	\$ 5,900	
Corinth – Village	\$ 6,300	
Stillwater	\$ 3,500	
Additional Funding	\$19,839	\$136,489

COUNTY DEPARTMENT:

DA	\$37,650	
Probation	\$57,700	
Mental Health	\$60,750	
Emergency Services	\$ 1,800	\$157,900

OTHER AGENCIES:

ASAAP	\$73,050	
<u>SADD PROGRAMS:</u>		
Ballston	\$ 400	
Burnt Hills/BL	\$ 400	
Corinth	\$ 400	
CAPTAIN	\$ 400	
Galway	\$ 400	
Hadley Luzerne	\$ 400	
Mechanicville	\$ 400	
Northville	\$ 400	
Saratoga Catholic	\$ 400	
SS High School	\$ 400	
Schuylerville Jr.	\$ 400	
Shenendehowa	\$ 400	
SGF High	\$ 400	

Stillwater	\$ 400	
Waterford-Halfmoon	\$ 400	<u>\$ 79,050</u>
TOTAL:		\$395,312

Mr. Lawler asked for clarification with regard to ASAAP. Mr. Murphy said that is the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Council in Saratoga Springs. ASAAP is an educational/organizational program that works with the schools and is supplemented through the STOP DWI Program.

Mr. Murphy said he would provide additional information to Mr. Lawler with regard to the ASAAP program.

A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Ms. Yepsen to approve the 2008 STOP DWI Program Budget as outlined above. Unanimous.

Mr. Butler distributed copies of the monthly report from the Animal Shelter for the month of March. There were 242 animals receive at the shelter for the month with 28 returned to their respective owners, 180 adopted, 23 euthanised. Six animals were submitted to the rabies lab with no positive results for the month.

March was the first month for the rabies clinic for 2008 with 146 participants.

Mr. Butler said Doggy Earth Day will be celebrated on April 20th at the Saratoga State Park.

Other events are:

1. Impressions - held in Saratoga on May 3rd
2. Dog walk - held at the Saratoga County Fair Grounds on May 10th

Mr. Lent distributed copies of the monthly report from the Office of Emergency Services and gave a brief overview as follows:

A month ago the committee approved a contract to build the communication shelters. On March 26th, Mr. Lent visited the manufacturing plant of Shelter Technologies, Inc. to review the shelter layout plans with the engineers at CSI. Some minor refinements were made to the layout of the shelters and the outside texture of the shelters was reviewed and approved. Samples of the exterior texture must be submitted to the Adirondack Park Agency for approval.

All paperwork has been filed with the FCC for licensing of the new microwave system. Alcatel-Lucent has completed their path engineering and verified that the predicted paths will work within the 6 GHz band. The FCC is in the process of reviewing the licenses. It is anticipated that it will take approximately four weeks to receive approval from the FCC.

It is expected that Sabre Towers will manufacture the towers by May 20th and delivery will take place approximately a week later.

New antennas have been installed on the National Grid Tower on Spruce Mountain. Bid specifications are being prepared to move the radio base stations from their current location in the county building to another building on Spruce Mt.

Information was received from the FAA that they have turned over the antenna loading information to their structural engineers with regard to the use of their tower in Stillwater. It is anticipated that the structural analysis results will be received next week.

Mr. Lent said the next step is for the release of bids for site preparation work and tower erection. It is anticipated that during April the Request for Information will be ready for release to prospective radio equipment vendors.

Mr. Lent said as part of the new radio system, we are updating the county's alerting system used to notify the fire departments that they have an alert. The county advertised for new station house monitors and the low bid was received from Capital Digitronics of Albany at a cost of \$39,390.

Mr. Lent requested a resolution to accept the bid and enter into a contract with Capital Digitronics.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve a resolution to enter into a contract with Capital Digitronics of Albany and accept their bid for new station house monitors at a cost of \$39,390. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay distributed copies of the monthly Fire Services Report for March 2008. The county a Firefighter 11 course at the Schuylerville Fire Station with 14 firefighters completing the course.

A course on Principle of Building Construction/Combustible was held at the Eagle Matt Lee Fire Station of the Ballston Spa Fire Department with 17 people completing the course.

The county HAZMAT Team has been training and conducted detection meter reviews and use.

Mr. Tremblay requested a resolution to accept a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$158,000. This grant would be used to follow a purchase plan for Mobile workstations with wireless cards and emergency response software and purchase radio and paging equipment in conjunction with the New Radio System.

A motion was made by Ms. Yepsen, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth to approve a resolution to accept a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$158,000 to be used for the purchase of new radio system equipment. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay requested authorization to accept a \$13,000 grant from the Oliver B. Merlyn Foundation for four fire investigation kits.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Grattidge to approve a resolution to accept a \$13,000 grant from the Oliver B. Merlyn Foundation for the purchase of four fire investigation kits. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Ms. Yepsen the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom