

Public Safety Committee Minutes
April 8, 2014 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Barrett; Supervisors Johnson, Lent, Veitch, Wood, Wright and Sausville; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Ryan Moore, Deputy Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Robert Murphy, STOP-DWI Program; Ed Tremblay, Paul Parker, Carl Zielman, Emergency Services; Chief Castle, Sheriff Zurlo, Sheriff; Oscar Schreiber, Public Defender; Charles Foehser, Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Wright the minutes of the March 11, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

Sheriff Zurlo requested a resolution to extend a contract for the Village of Corinth police protection. The current contract will expire on May 31, 2014. The contract will remain the same at a cost of \$298,800.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve a Law Enforcement Agreement with the Village of Corinth in the amount of \$298,800. Unanimous.

Mr. Murphy said he applied for a STOP DWI Grant in 2012-2013 and received \$22,000. He said another grant was applied for and was accepted where the STOP DWI will participate in a pilot program. A copy of the NYS STOP DWI Enforcement Crackdowns was distributed to all committee members where Mr. Murphy highlighted the fact that there are many more dates with added law enforcement coverage during holidays than in the past.

A motion was made by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the Saratoga County STOP DWI Program. Unanimous.

Mr. Zeilman updated the committee on two outages for the month; the first one was a Verizon 911 phone outage that affected the Sheriff's Department, Animal Shelter and DPW on March 30th; secondly, a Northern Saratoga County phone outage in the Town of Corinth due to a fiber optic cable cut.

Mr. Wright expressed his concerns for the lack of cell service in Northern Saratoga County. He said it is a continuing problem in most areas of the small towns around the north end of the Great Sacandaga Lake who don't have cell service, making it a potential safety problem when land lines are out. There is an AT&T cell antenna on a public safety communications tower in Lake Luzerne, but major carriers such as Verizon Wireless and T-Mobile haven't been willing to come into the remote towns.

Mr. Barrett asked what the cost would be. Mr. Lent said by the time you put the network in and the connectivity it would cost approximately \$1million.

Mr. Zeilman said there will be Reverse 911 training at the Emergency Services Office on Tuesday, April 22nd at 10:00 am. An invitation was extended to all Supervisors and/or their designee. Mr. Zeilman said if anyone would like to attend the April training to please contact him.

Mr. Tremblay distributed the monthly Fire Training Report to all Supervisors and gave a brief overview to the committee.

Mr. Tremblay said the IRA responding is an internet based program that gives fire departments the capability of contacting all their members through one email, giving the responding officers the knowledge of who is coming. He said there are several fire departments within the county that already use this system.

Mr. Barrett said the cost to provide the program countywide would be approximately \$30,000, with each fire department being responsible for their department. He said there is a grant that could be applied for that would cover the costs for five years. He said if the Public Safety Committee is going to recommend to the full Board of Supervisors to go forward with this initiative, each fire department would have to move forward with the assumption that at the end of five years if the grant is no longer available then each fire department will have to pick up the cost of the program or not have the program any more.

Mr. Hellwig asked if the grant covers the software, hardware, cabling, monitors, etc. Mr. Tremblay said it would cover any of those things that the departments don't already have, and would need.

On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Veitch the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom