

**REGULAR MEETING OF
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Ontario County Safety Training Facility
February 24, 2014 2:00 P.M.**

Committee Members

Theodore Fafinski, Chairman
Gregory Bendzlowicz
Charles Evangelista – Necessarily Absent
Robert Green
Margaret Hilton
Kristine Singer

Others Present

John Garvey, Sheriff Povero, R. Michael Tantillo,
John Sheppard, Darlys McDonough, Cathy Bentzoni,
Leanne Lapp, Tom Harvey, Tim Jensen, Jeff Harloff,
Dru Malavase, Jeff Rougeux, Virginia Gumaer-Muller,
Steve DeChick, Deb Gierman, Diane Johnston,
Deb Trickey, Mary Gates, Halle Stevens,
Leslie Hickey, Mary Burnett

Guests

Judge Lew, Judge McGuire, John Champlin, Gregory Eisenhut, Colleen Gleason

Approval of Minutes:

The Public Safety Committee met at the Ontario County Safety Training Facility on Monday, February 24, 2014. Supervisor Fafinski called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Supervisor Hilton moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 3, 2014. Supervisor Singer seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Chairman Fafinski declared Supervisor Evangelista to be Necessarily Absent.

County Administrator:

Mr. Garvey addressed the Committee regarding the STOP-DWI Coordinator position. He provided a letter from Mr. Tantillo and a draft of the new job description and qualifications. Ms. Malavase is retiring but will work with Mr. Garvey on the transition of the position. Mr. Garvey has reviewed the position with Human Resources, Probation, and the District Attorney's Office and he is seeking Committee support to move forward to Personnel and Finance with position changes and a small salary increase. The position has become what it is due to Ms. Malavase. Originally, an Associate's Degree or grant writing/public relations experience was required for the job. This is no longer an entry level position, but a position for someone who has been involved in the criminal justice system. It would be the same level as a Sr. Probation Officer. The final title has still to be determined. Mr. Tantillo stated that Ms. Malavase took the position and grew it into a position that is respected and attempted to be emulated around the state.

The Committee unanimously agreed that Mr. Garvey should proceed with the next step to update the STOP-DWI position requirements

Champlin Commission:

Judge Lew spoke to the Committee, stating that he and Judge McGuire have been active on the Champlin Commission the last couple of months. He then gave the floor to Chief Haskins. Chief Haskins gave a brief overview on how the Commission is proceeding. The group meets regularly, discussing issues with Jail operations, how to move people through the system in a more expeditions and beneficial manner, working to prevent the need to expand Jail operations at this time. A lengthy discussion followed. Supervisor Hilton recommended the Champlin Commission continue on as a subcommittee of Alternatives to Incarceration. Further, Judges Lew and McGuire will represent the Courts on the ATI Advisory Board. Ms. Gumaer-Muller will prepare a resolution asking for Judges Lew and McGuire to be placed on the Board. The Commission will provide information on their final recommendations prior to next year's budget meeting.

Presentation- Mercy Flight Central:

Mr. Gregory Eisenhut, Regional Director for Mercy Flight Central, and Ms. Colleen Gleason, EMT provided a presentation on Mercy Flight's critical care service. This is a non-profit organization. Following the presentation, there was a question and answer period. With the onset of a for-profit service coming into the area, Chief DeChick reiterated that there are specific guidelines for air transport. The Ontario County 911 Center will continue to use the closest resource available when requesting air service.

Planning:

Mr. Jensen gave a brief update on the County All Hazard Mitigation Plan. The County is required to update the plan every five years. It is a multi-jurisdictional plan as it serves the 26 County municipalities. Genesee Regional Planning Council was contracted, at a cost of \$75,000, to compile the plan. They hope to have it completed by the end of 2014. The County is applying for a \$60,000 grant from the State of New York State. GFL is already under contract but if the grant is awarded, the funds can be applied to the contract. The plan allows everyone to come together as a community, identify hazards i.e. flooding, and to formulate action plans.

Mr. Harvey stated that Dell Invoice No XJ9J94D32, \$988.00, should be pulled as it was previously paid. He requested authorization for payment of L. R. Kimball, Invoice No. 523569, for \$5,409.00, for consultant services related to a grant for the 700 MHz Interop Project.

Supervisor Green moved approval of the L. R. Kimball Invoice as requested by Mr. Harvey. Supervisor Singer seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Finance:

Ms. Burnett requested authorization for Authority to Remove Fixed Assets from Ontario County Records. These items have not been part of the physical inventory since 2009. They are very old and obsolete. Finance would like to have the records updated to show these items have been disposed.

Supervisor Green moved approval as requested by Ms. Burnett. Supervisor Bendzlowicz seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

STOP-DWI:

Ms. Malavase requested authorization for the County Administrator to Sign a Contract with Canandaigua Police Department for STOP-DWI Program.

Supervisor Green moved approval as requested by Ms. Malavase. Supervisor Bendzlowicz seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Emergency Management:

Mr. Harloff requested authorization for the payment of Finger Lakes Communication Invoice 102001947-2 for \$31,367.90, related to UHF Paging System for Hunt Hollow.

Supervisor Green moved approval as requested by Mr. Harloff. Supervisor Singer seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Office of Sheriff:

Sheriff Povero requested authorization for Budget Transfer for New Jail Equipment, two Vicon KT-4 Encoders. This equipment hooks into the Jail security system and translates an analog video signal to digital so that it can be recorded. Vicon no longer has these products available but there is another vendor that sells them. The Encoder is a critical piece of equipment that needs to be on hand at the Jail in case a replacement is needed.

Supervisor Singer moved approval of the Budget Transfer as requested by Sheriff Povero. Supervisor Hilton seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Povero requested authorization to accept a Donation from Constellation Brands for \$30,000. This is in support of the traffic enforcement the Sheriff's Office provides for CMAC concerts. The overtime costs for this in 2013 was around \$85,000 plus costs for the 911 staff.

Sheriff Povero requested authorization to accept Donations totaling \$200.00 from the Knights of Columbus for The D.A.R.E. Program.

Supervisor Bendzlowicz moved approval to accept the above two donations as requested by Sheriff Povero. Supervisor Singer seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Povero updated the Committee on SRO Contract with Naples Central School District. When the agreement was discussed earlier this year, the Schedule A was written to reflect the rate of pay for a police officer at the top of the scale. This has changed dramatically with the officer assigned. The cost has dropped from \$62.52 per hour to \$20.44 per hour. The Sheriff's Office expenses are billed to the school.

Sheriff Povero updated the Committee on the Jail population. The weekend high was 235 inmates. Today, the count is at 219. There are two female inmates in Pod 2 waiting for final deportation. The smaller Pods are full. The State Commission of Correction has again allowed a co-mingling variance so that male juveniles can be mixed with adult males. This is the second variance used this year, of the three that are allowed.

Sheriff Povero requested authorization for a Policy on Law Enforcement Communication with Persons having Limited English Language Proficiency. He has participated in discussions with the District Attorney, County Attorney's Office, and State Attorney General's Office in order to create a policy that law enforcement in Ontario County can use when speaking with people that may not be fluent in the English language. They will be trained to know what resources are to ensure there is effective communication with suspects, victims, witnesses. The County Attorney and District Attorney Offices have signed off on the policy. The Sheriff and Asst. County Attorney Kris Thorsness will be giving a presentation at the Government Ops Committee meeting on Tuesday afternoon. A brief discussion followed.

Supervisor Bendzlowicz moved approval as requested by Sheriff Povero. Supervisor Green seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Other Items:

Mr. Harvey updated the Committee on the radio frequency problems experienced by Town highway departments. Some changes have been made to the infrastructure. Finger Lakes Communications is working on the issues and things have improved. Mr. Harvey asked that the highway departments keep him updated.

Mr. Harvey advised the Naples Ambulance is the only agency still being paged on the old low band system. They are looking for funding to purchase 20 pagers. The County is committed to this system through 2018 but once Naples has funds to upgrade, it will be eliminated. Mr. DeChick stated that the feedback from highway supervisors is that the VHF frequency is working better than it was three weeks ago; however, it will not be as good as it was as it is narrow banded and there is only one tower site for the highway frequency.

At 3:35 p.m. Supervisor Hilton moved to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Green seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A. Hudson
Confidential Secretary