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**REGULAR MEETING OF
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Ontario County Safety Training Facility
April 7, 2014 2:00 P.M.**

Committee Members

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

Others Present

John Garvey, Undersheriff Tillman, R. Michael Tantillo,
John Sheppard, Tom Harvey, Bill Wright, Jeff Harloff,
Dru Malavase, Alice Haskins Cathy Bentzoni,
Steve DeChick, Mary Gates, Halle Stevens, Deb Trickey

Approval of Minutes:

The Public Safety Committee met at the Ontario County Safety Training Facility on Monday, April 7, 2014. Supervisor Fafinski called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Supervisor Green moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 17, 2014. Supervisor Bendzlowicz seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

At 2:01 p.m. Chairman Fafinski declared Supervisor Singer to be Necessarily Absent. Agenda Item 8 was pulled as it was approved at the last Board meeting.

District Attorney:

Mr. Tantillo requested authorization for a salary adjustment, from the Associate Level to the Senior Level, for Assistant District Attorney Eaggleston. Mr. Eaggleston has been a practicing lawyer for 10 years, previously working in the Public Defender's Office, then in private practice before coming to the DA's Office. The Board of Supervisors had approved him for senior status when Mr. Eaggleston was at the Public Defender's Office. Discussion followed. The increase would be effective 01/01/15, and was approved at Management Compensation last week.

Supervisor Green moved approval as requested by Mr. Tantillo. Supervisor Hilton seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Mr. Tantillo advised that last week 13 applications were received from individuals that met the criteria for the STOP-DWI Coordinator position. The interview process will probably begin next week.

Mr. Tantillo stated the Victims Rights Ceremony will be held Friday at the Courthouse at 11:30. All are invited.

Fleet Management:

Mr. Wright said that part of the yearly Capital Planning process involves vehicles and he presented the Office of Sheriff proposed fleet purchases for 2015-2016 for Committee review. Included is an

analysis/ranking of the equipment. It helps in determining what, and how many, vehicles need to be replaced. Mr. Wright, Kevin Owen, and Undersheriff Tillman were involved in formulating the 2015-16 plan. Some changes are proposed. There was concern over the 2015 increase in funds allotted to the department. Mr. Wright said the average age of the vehicles right now is almost 6 years. Ten to twelve vehicles should be replaced each year, but the average replacement each year is 9-10 cars. Vehicles are showing their age. There is a higher cost year due to the replacing one more patrol car this year than in the past and also a Jail vehicle. There was additional discussion. This will also be discussed at today's Public Works meeting.

Planning:

Mr. Harvey requested authorization for payment of L.R. Kimball Invoice No. 523919, in the amount of \$6, 174.23 related to the state Interoperable Communications Grant (CP5-2013).

Supervisor Evangelista moved approval as requested by Mr. Harvey. Supervisor Green seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Undersheriff Tillman requested authorization to apply for 2013-2014 Public Safety Answering Points Consolidation, Improvements, and Enhancements Grant – NYS Division of Homeland Security, up to \$500,000. There is no county match. We have been involved with surrounding counties to build an infrastructure, whereby they could be Ontario County's answering point(s) should we have a breakdown or overflow of calls that we couldn't handle. There would be a direct link with the VA Medical Center also.

Undersheriff Tillman requested authorization to apply for 2013-2014 Public Safety Answering Points Sustainment Grant from NYS Division of Homeland Security, up to \$100,000. Again, no county match is required. This grant involves next generation technology i.e. the 911 Center answering text messages and video feeds from people using cell phones and electronic devices. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Green moved approval of the above two grant applications as requested by Undersheriff Tillman, with the notation that a correction be made in the resolution for Public Safety Answering Points Sustainment Grant from NYS Division of Homeland Security. The 3rd Whereas should read "materials such as software and the purchase". Supervisor Bendzlowicz seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Undersheriff Tillman requested authorization to renew an Intermunicipal Cooperative Agreement with Schuyler County to Provide Law Enforcement Services. An agreement has been in place with them since 2009 for additional law enforcement to assist with the annual race at Watkins Glen. The agreement is due to expire this year and there is a five-year renewal option.

Supervisor Bendzlowicz moved approval as requested by Undersheriff Tillman. Supervisor Evangelista seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Undersheriff Tillman advised there will be a Telecommunicator Recognition Ceremony at the 911 center on Thursday, April 15th. Dispatcher Sabrina Mario will be recognized for her efforts in giving lifesaving instructions. The victim will attend the ceremony. All are invited.

Chief Haskins updated the Committee on Jail medical and mental health issues. She stated that there has been an increase in inmates age 60 and older. Chief Haskins gave some in-depth information regarding

the serious physical and mental conditions of several inmates. There are high medication costs and high overtime costs associated with medical transports and one to one supervision of mental health cases. Discussion followed. Today's Jail population is at 201.

Other Items:

Supervisor Sheppard thanked the Sheriff's Office for helping insure there were no incidents involved in the Town of Seneca detour related to the Pathways Bridge replacement.

Mr. Harloff noted that in the past a Public Safety Committee member has been on the Fire Advisory Board. He respectfully requested consideration to have the Public Safety Committee represented at the quarterly meetings. Supervisor Green volunteered to be on this Board.

Mr. Harloff updated the Committee on a hazmat incident in the Town of Candice. The Livingston County HazMat Team was dispatched prior to Mr. Harloff being called out. A fire was caused by a 500 gallon fuel tank leak outside a mobile home. It was discovered that at some point in time, a line was run from a meter box mounted on a pole, around behind the fuel tank, and into the side of the home. Either the ice melting underneath the tank, or the tank slipping over the course of time, caused it to rub against the line. The cable arced, starting a fire. The Livingston County HazMat Team was able to plug the leak.

At 2:40 p.m. Supervisor Green moved to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Evangelista seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A. Hudson
Confidential Secretary