

## AMENDED

### **REGULAR MEETING OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE Ontario County Safety Training Facility June 30, 2014 2:00 P.M.**

#### **Committee Members**

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

#### **Others Present**

John Garvey, Sheriff Povero, Darlys McDonough,  
John Sheppard, Kris Thorsness, Tom Harvey,  
Andrea Schoeneman, Jeff Harloff, Sue Cirencione,  
Steve DeChick, Mary Gates, Halle Stevens,  
Deb Trickey, Deb Gierman, Carla Jordan, Taylor Samuels

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

The Public Safety Committee met at the Ontario County Safety Training Facility on Monday, June 30, 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 June 9, 2014. Supervisor Evangelista seconded the motion, approved unanimously.**

#### **Jail Research:**

Mr. Harvey introduced Intern Taylor Samuels, who attends Ithaca College, pre-law. He advised that in the late 1990s a statistical analysis was done on the jail population. That report led to many initiatives for Alternatives to Incarceration and also formed the basis for the County's discussion with the Commission of Corrections regarding the size of the current jail facility. Ms. Samuels is updating those statistics to determine what has changed in the last 15-16 years. Ms. Samuels addressed the Committee. This background data will help the County in its decision making about the jail. As was done before, three different days will be used to give statistically valid samples of the jail population incorporating one weekend day, no holidays, no Monday or Friday due to weekend sentence releases. The original analysis incorporated three different times of the year and seasons. She used same methodology but expanded it, using dates around which there seemed to be problems, with a date range of 06/01/13-05/31/14 to select her three-day snapshot. Categories are total inmates, male/female, pre-trial, sentenced, state ready, parole violators and eight separate age ranges. She used daily totals to help create monthly averages for each category and looked at graphs depicting trends/discrepancies/problem areas to peg three dates for the snapshot. The first date was based on intermittent sentencing trends; the second based on sentenced/unsentenced discrepancies; the third date was selected from a summer month, which typically has higher incarceration rates. Inmate data on those three dates will include age, race, gender, religion, education, marital status, residence at time of arrest, current crime statistics (why they are there). She will be provided information from Probation, Jail, and District Attorney. No personal information is used, just various categories. All will be confidential. The three sample shots will be in form of charts and graphs. Discussion followed. Ms. Samuels reiterated that individuals will remain anonymous i.e. no names will be used. Regarding the three-day snapshot, Mr. Harvey advised that in 1998, the State Commission provided information on how many days should be used to get an accurate picture. In a three-day time frame, the information of many individuals could be reviewed. Supervisor Evangelista asked that recidivism statistics be provided in the analysis.

#### **Planning:**

Ms. Jordan gave a brief update to the Committee on the Firing Range Analysis. Consultant T.Y. Lin subcontracted with TRS Range Services to be their range experts. These companies are in the process of completing a County user

inventory and are now working with outside users. There seem to be three predominant issues: a critical gap between certification and training needed for requalification; range does not have enough space for users to become proficient in all forms of weapons they are issued; and a need for tactical training. TRS has made a site visit to the Wayne County Range. Day Environmental and T.R. Lin were at the Ontario County range this month taking soil samples. Results may be back next week. Discussion followed.

Mr. Harvey request authorization for payment of L. R. Kimball Invoice No 525157 for \$1,026.00. This is for consultation services on the 700 MHz Interop Project.

**Supervisor Evangelista moved approval of the invoice as requested by Mr. Harvey. Supervisor Bendzłowicz seconded the motion, carried unanimously.**

### **STOP DWI:**

Ms. Cirencione requested authorization for a Budget Transfer for the Purchase of two Handheld ID Scanners. She gave a brief background on arrests for false IDs used at various concerts. The scanners are also used for FAIR training and there is a request to use them at carnivals as well. Discussion followed. The purchase of the scanners was previously approved and this budget transfer now provides the money for the actual purchase.

**Supervisor Green moved approval of the Budget Transfer as requested by Ms. Cirencione. Supervisor Bendzłowicz seconded the motion, carried unanimously.**

### **Emergency Management:**

The resolution for authorization to Host Regional Hands-On Training for NYS Association of Fire Chiefs (NYS AFC) was pulled from the agenda.

Mr. Harloff updated the Committee on recent Emergency Management activities. Last Saturday and Sunday, RACES participated in international field day events, an annual tradition. There were 33 participants communicating with 40 states and several Canadian provinces. Wayne, Seneca, and Yates Counties also participated.

On June 13, the Emergency Management Office began implementing social media. Four staff members, attended two FEMA courses on social media. The instructor from that course, EM office employees, and the County Information Services department created Facebook and Twitter accounts specific to emergency management. This is another way to communicate with the public and also ems volunteers. Since creating these accounts, at any given time there are 400-500 Twitter followers. This will be a highly effective communication tool.

Mr. Harloff spoke of an unusual incident on June 26, when several things came together and ended on a positive note. a Shortsville Fire Department member was directing traffic on Route 21. During that time, there was a 911 call about a person traveling at a high rate of speed on that road. This same individual showed up at a road block and advised the people directing traffic that he had a medical emergency with a passenger overdosed on heroin. EMS administered an antidote. The Sheriff's Office also responded. Further investigation revealed the driver was drinking. He faces several charges. Volunteer emergency personnel encounter many different situations when called out. It has changed over the years. Sheriff Povero stated a valid application is in to the state for Narcon nasal mist for heroin overdose. We are still waiting for our supply which will be distributed to both police officers and emergency personnel.

Mr. Harloff advised that, based on conversations he has had, he is assembling a panel of County volunteers, consisting of six people that will meet and discuss recruitment and retention of new volunteers, retention of volunteers, and to identify barriers that exist. There is a good cross mix of fire and EMS personnel.

**Office of Sheriff:**

Mr. DeChick requested authorization for approval invoices as listed below. These invoices are for work related to improving police officers' ability to interoperate outside of Ontario County using portable radios.

- A. Finger Lakes Communication Invoice 102002395-1 for \$1,633.80
- B. Finger Lakes Communication Invoice 105004825-1 for \$7,142.75

**Supervisor Evangelista moved approval of the above two invoices as requested by Mr. DeChick. Supervisor Green seconded the motion, carried unanimously.**

Sheriff Povero requested authorization for approval for a Resolution of Sympathy for James E. Feligno. Mr. Feligno was a seven year veteran 911 Dispatcher who passed away unexpectedly on June 21, 2014. He was a respected member of the staff as well as a long-time emergency service volunteer of the Geneva Fire Department.

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

Sheriff Povero requested authorization for approval of a Donation to the K-9 Unit. The Sheriff's Office received correspondence from a Rochester attorney advising that, as part of a trust agreement, an individual that passed away indicated in her will that she wished to show her appreciation to the Sheriff's Office by way of a \$5,000 donation for the purchase of a K-9. One of the current German Shepherds is eight plus years old and may need to be retired in 2015-16, barring any unforeseen circumstance. Discussion followed. The Sheriff clarified that there would not be an increase in the number of K-9s we currently have but that the funds would be used only for replacement of an existing K-9. Any purchase of a K-9 shall be referred to Committee for approval.

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

Sheriff Povero requested authorization for a contract with Naples Central School District for the School Resource Officer Program. A contract with the school district was approved earlier this year and that contract expires at the end of today. A part-time officer position in the fall has been very well received. Naples would reimburse personnel costs, wages, and benefits for approximately \$25,000. This contract would run from 09/01/14 through 06/30/15.

**Supervisor Evangelista moved approval of the contract as requested by Sheriff Povero. Supervisor Bendzlowicz seconded the motion, carried unanimously.**

Sheriff Povero requested authorization for the award of a Contract for Purchase of Prescription Drugs and Pharmaceuticals for the Ontario County Jail. Purchasing sent out requests for bids. A bid came in from Diamond Dugs. Their pricing could be a savings of thousands of dollars. Other county jails in the state that have contracted with Diamond Drugs are not finding any operational issues with them. This would be for a one year contract, with an option for two one-year renewals.

**Supervisor Hilton moved approval of the contract award as requested by Sheriff Povero. Supervisor Singer seconded the motion, carried unanimously.**

Sheriff Povero request authorization to amend a Contract with Erie County Public Health for Lab Services for Housed Inmates of Ontario County.

**Supervisor Bendzlowicz moved approval of the amended contract as requested by Sheriff Povero. Supervisor Bendzlowicz seconded the motion, carried unanimously.**

Sheriff Povero requested authorization for the Renewal of a Bid for Night Vision Equipment. Funds are not currently budgeted to purchase equipment; it would be only if needed. This is the first of two 12-month renewals.

**Supervisor Evangelista moved approval of the bid renewal as requested by Sheriff Povero. Supervisor Singer seconded the motion, carried unanimously.**

Sheriff Povero requested authorization for the Renewal of Bids for the Purchase of Prisoner Uniforms & Accessories for the Ontario County Jail. The state mandate standards require that certain clothing items are provided to inmates.

**Supervisor Evangelista moved approval of the bid renewal as requested by Sheriff Povero. Supervisor Singer seconded the motion, carried unanimously.**

Sheriff Povero updated the Committee on the current Jail population. There are 198 inmates housed as of today. The weekend high was 216. There are 46 inmates in Pod 2. Two females are being detained awaiting deportation. There were two transports today to state facilities, seven males went to Elmira and two females to Albion. This past weekend was very busy with mental health issues. There were seven 1:1 over the weekend. One admission involved five females charged in connection with property type related type crime.

**Addendum Items:**

Mr. Garvey introduced Andrea Schoeneman who has been appointed as the new Conflict Defender effective July 1. Her office will be at 3019 County Complex Drive. Ms. Schoneman advised that one of the things needed to be done is a revision of the assigned counsel plan. She will be meeting with judges, assigned counsel administration, and the Bar Association to discuss those plan revisions. It may be three months or so before a transition is made from assigned counsel. She has many ideas and will also be interviewing attorneys. Ms. Schoeneman will give periodic reports to the Public Safety Committee. A brief discussion followed.

Mr. Garvey spoke about the email he sent last week regarding the NY Civil Liberties Union press release and the settlement with Ontario County (one of five counties named in landmark class-action lawsuit). Mr. Garvey is very pleased with the work done by the County Attorney's Office. He commended the Board members, stating they created a state wide recognition that was the key in having the ACLU recognized Ontario County as doing the right thing for indigent people that have legal problems. Mr. Garvey thanked the Public Safety Committee for their support. This has been a long time coming. Ontario County will continue to be a model leader.

**At 2:55 p.m. Supervisor Singer moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Supervisor Hilton seconded the motion, carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A. Hudson  
Confidential Secretary