

**REGULAR MEETING OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Ontario County Safety Training Facility**  
**July 21, 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, Cathy Bentzoni, Bill Wright,  
Jeff Rougeux, Jeff Harloff, Tim Jensen, Steve DeChick,  
Sgt. Tate Colburn, Mary Gates, Halle Stevens,  
Deb Trickey, Carla Jordan, Taylor Samuels

**Guests**

Rick Bald, T.Y. Lin  
Kerry O'Neal, TRS Range Services

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Public Safety Committee met at the Ontario County Safety Training Facility on Monday, July 21, 2014. Supervisor Fafinski called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Supervisor Evangelista moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 30, 2014. Supervisor Singer seconded the motion and asked that the minutes be amended to state that any purchase of a K-9 shall be referred to Committee for approval. Amended minutes approved unanimously.**

**Planning:**

Ms. Jordan addressed the Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Firing Range Study. She presented Sgt. Tate Colburn, who is the Range Office, Rick Bald and Kerry O'Neal. Sgt. Colburn spoke to the Committee providing detailed information on how the range is used by the officers, both for qualifying and training. Around 191 officers from the Ontario County Sheriff's Office alone use the range, along with the other outside users. Mr. Bald presented various slides showing the current range conditions. The range has never been cleared of lead and it is estimated that over the one foot depth surface there is approximately 25,000 pounds of lead. Mr. Bald provided detailed information on ponding and water issues. The side berm is low, which could be a hazard in some of the training aspects. The current building at the range is small and lacks proper facilities. Day Environmental has completed the environmental investigation for the site and daft analyticals have been received on the soil samples. They recommend additional site characterization, suggesting more samples for certain areas. Mr. Bald advised there concern over the small range space and the growing need for scenario based training. Qualifying and training have different requirements. Responses are back from a questionnaire sent out. The Sheriff's Office is doing a good job managing the range. Other comments include the need for larger class room/meeting space (for pre-shoot and post-shoot meetings), running water and facilities, a more true rifle range with longer distances, and possible safety issues. Discussion followed. Mr. Garvey asked about cost sharing. Mr. Bald said that question was asked but there were not a lot of volunteers. Some of the state users indicated it would depend on the numbers and there would have to be approval at a higher level. Some smaller users that said if there was a fee involved, they would probably have to look elsewhere. Supervisor Evangelista recommended moving forward with this, in light of the County Administrator's question, to start to identify potential users and whether they have the ability to draw on Homeland Security Funding. He didn't think there was a better use of that funding based on what has been discussed today in terms of qualification and training. There are issues associated with the existing range and it appears that there will have to be some sort of investment in the facility by the County. Chairman Fafinski suggested a joint application based on the users as

opposed to having to charge. There are enough users, especially state users, and this could strengthen a Homeland Security Application. Supervisor Green spoke about the Utica facility, which has been opened up to local users. However, that is over 50 miles away. Ms. Jordan stated there will be another update at the next Committee meeting.

### **Public Works:**

Mr. Wright requested authorization for the award of Contracts for Jail Pod Segregation and Constant Watch Modifications and Budget Amendment. There were at least two bids for each contract. The jail floor project from the Jail Capital Plan set up last year will be deferred in order to help fund this priority project. The resolution will also go before the Public Works Committee today. Total project cost is \$479,565.

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

### **Jail Research:**

Ms. McDonough gave a brief background on the jail research being completed by Ms. Samuels. The goal of this project is to identify opportunities for reduction in the jail population and, as part of the larger effort, to look at appropriate opportunities for rehabilitation, alternatives to incarceration, Mental Health and Veterans Court. Increased staff at Probation is also a part of this. Ms. Samuels used the snapshot format that Mr. Harvey used in the prior study before the new jail was built. Ms. Samuels gave an overview on the methodology she used, data compiled and decisions made on how to extract the data and gave a PowerPoint presentation on her findings. The average number of inmates present over the three-day period was 233 per day. There was a high prior history of arrests. Violation of probation was over 12% and drug related charges were 9.45%. Most charges were felonies. Of the number of inmates surveyed, 80% were male, 75% white, 24% African American, and 3% Asian/Other. The average age was 32; 71% were County residents; 45% unemployed; and over 80% had prior arrests. Ms. Samuels is waiting for some additional information from the DA and the Jail to complete her findings. A formal report will be completed.

### **Emergency Management:**

On behalf of Mr. Harvey, Mr. Harloff requested approval for payment of Harris Corporation Invoice No. P000001046, for \$371,984.20 (CP5-2013, 700 MHz Interop Project).

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

Mr. Harloff advised the Committee of a meeting earlier today related to agenda item #6, Request for Authorization to Apply for a Grant from the Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Program. One of the topics was grant funds that the Emergency Management Department manages and a list of items they try to match up with that funding. Supervisor Singer was a participant in that group. Mr. Harloff stated there were four items that should be matched up to the LEMPG Grant. On July 11, he was advised that the County is still eligible to apply for the grant even though we didn't apply in 2012. \$43,623 is available. Documentation has to be provided, with a 50% match. The application must be submitted by August 1. The match would be covered by submitting salaries of two department staff, who meet the training requirements of the grant. This has been done in the past. Items recommended for purchase with grant funds are: sustainment of existing software programs; sand bag machine; sand bags; writing an RFP for security assessment of Safety Training and additional cyber security assessment of IT networks. The remaining balance could be considered for the construction of a cold storage building for sand bags, equipment, light trailer and haz-mat supplies that do not need heating.

Supervisor Singer stated that since the resolution was included with the packets before the group met earlier today, she would like to see the resolution amended before it goes to Financial Management on Wednesday. She suggested

listing items for potential use of the grant funds. However, if circumstances have changed when funds are received, then with approval, the funds can be used for other items.

**Supervisor Singer moved approval of the grant application as requested by Mr. Harloff, with the resolution to be amended to state that with approval, the use of grant funds can be changed based on needs at the time the funds are received. Supervisor Green seconded the motion, carried unanimously.**

**Public Safety Finance:**

Ms. Stevens presented the quarterly update ending June 30, 2014. There were some adjustments compared to last quarter in terms to show where the original budget started and modifications that were made. Everything seems to be in line overall. The report includes the month of June, including .4s. There may be some revenue that hasn't been vouchered in yet. Total annual leave buy back was \$66,600, with the highest amount paid out to Probation.

**Office of Sheriff:**

Sheriff Povero requested authorization for the acceptance of Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Sustainment Grant. The Committee previously approved to submit the application. The goal is to try and move toward the next generation 911 system (growing number of persons that want to communicate with 911 via text or video etc.). The grant award of \$25,725 allows for the purchase of computer and audio visual equipment, software for receiving text messages, and contracts for implementation and licensing costs. A brief discussion followed.

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

Sheriff Povero request authorization for the extension of an Agreement with Jay A. Supnick, Ph.D., dba Law Enforcement Psychological Associates. This is for psychological evaluations of prospective employees. Sheriff has been pleased with the service. There is not any increase in cost.

**Supervisor Green moved approval of the agreement extension as requested by Sheriff Povero. Supervisor Singer seconded the motion, carried unanimously.**

Sheriff Povero requested authorization to amend a Contract with Erie County Public Health for Lab Services. The contract dates were written incorrectly and was previously pulled from the Board agenda. There is not any change in the dollar amount but the amendment allows for correction of the wording.

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

Sheriff Povero updated the Committee on the current Jail Population. There are 205 inmates today and the weekend high was 208. Jail administration worked with Commission of Correction on 16-18 year old inmates that have to be housed separately and the Commission has accepted a variance request. The variance allowed for the move of this small group of male inmates to be moved to another part of the facility, which freed up a pod. That pod is not currently housing inmates at this time. Operationally it has helped reduce some staffing and hopefully some of the overtime, which resulted from medical and increased transports.

Supervisor Hilton stated that on July 9, she received word that DCJS approved the Alternative to Incarceration Plan Performance Plan, which has to be submitted annually. It covers the period of July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

**Other Items:**

Supervisor Singer spoke briefly again regarding the morning meeting. As the grants come in, the group will continue to meet and re-evaluate what the needs are and determined what items, if any should be purchased. One item discussed at the morning meeting was a type of pop up enclosure that can be used at accident scenes rather than tarps. There is a prior grant with \$800 available so they will look into the purchasing some of these enclosures. Supervisor Evangelista thanked Supervisor Singer for her participation and representing the Board. It is important to be aware of the County's physical assets. Supervisor Singer stressed that it is important to look at the ongoing costs of these purchases as well, and take care of the most important things first.

Chairman Fafinski stated that the new Farmington Court Open House and Dedication will be Saturday, August 9 at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to attend.

Ms. Gates reminded everyone that the August 11 meeting will also be Budget Review.

**At 3:19 p.m. Supervisor Hilton moved to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Singer seconded the motion, carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A. Hudson  
Confidential Secretary

APPROVED