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**REGULAR MEETING OF
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Ontario County Safety Training Facility
July 2, 2012, 2:00 P.M.**

Committee Members	Others Present
Samuel Casella, Chairman	John Garvey, Jeff Harloff, Mike Tantillo, Phil Povero,
Mary Luckern - Necessarily Absent	Dru Malavase, Sharon Collins, Ray DeRuyter, Sandy Sieber,
John Champlin	Stephen
Norm Teed	
Robert A. Green, Jr.	
Donald Ninestine	

The Public Safety Committee met in the Ontario County Safety Training Facility on Monday, July 2, 2012 at 2 p.m. for a regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting was chaired by Supervisor Casella.

Approval of Minutes:

Supervisor Teed moved approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee held on June 11, 2012. Supervisor Green seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

District Attorney's Office:

Mr. Tantillo requested authorization for a budget transfer of \$992.00 from DA Federal Crime Proceeds Funds, to Travel & Conference in order to send staff to a training conference.

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

Mr. Garvey reminded the committee that last year during budget time Mr. Tantillo had requested 2 new Assistant District Attorney Positions in his budget. At that time, one position was approved by Financial Management and Mr. Tantillo was advised to present the request for the other position mid-year this year for consideration.

Mr. Tantillo presented documentation and reported that cases have grown consistently over the years, but his staff has remained the same. Mr. Tantillo reported that 10 years ago there were 335 felony indictments per year and last year they were up to 465. This year may see 500 indictments, and if that occurs, that will mean the felony caseload has grown fifty percent in 10 years. The second chart is a listing of index crimes (the seven most serious) and over the past five years there has been a 16% increase across the board, but particularly troubling is a 52% increase of violent crimes over the last five years. Chart 3 shows the numbers of actual trials conducted in the 7th Judicial District and Ontario County conducts far more trials than other county in the district, other than Monroe. Mr. Tantillo pointed out that he does not engage in wide-spread plea bargaining as some counties do. Chart 3-A shows the caseloads and days in trail for 2010 for the 7 counties in the district. Ontario County has far more than the other counties. Mr. Tantillo said that there are a lot of appeals because a lot of cases go to trial. The appeals require a great deal of time to do. Mr. Tantillo said that Ontario County gets a lot more criminal cases delivered than any other county does. He used Chart 5, to show the reasons for that. The number of cases where evidence was submitted to Monroe County Public Safety Lab that shows that Ontario County police departments develop and submit far more evidence to the lab than do the other six surrounding counties, resulting in many more cases to prosecute. Mr. Tantillo attributes it to the fact that Ontario County police agencies are far more sophisticated and better trained in collecting evidence, which means there are more cases to prosecute. The last chart presented by Mr. Tantillo was the DWI convictions, which shows Ontario County has the highest number of convictions in the State at 92%.

Mr. Tantillo said that Ontario County is a safe county and the public's perception of Ontario County is that it is a safe place to live. Mr. Tantillo discussed the arrests and prosecutions from crimes committed at Eastview Mall, pointing out that it is considered to be the safest mall in the area. Mr. Tantillo said that he appreciated the new position he received last year, but the addition of this one would allow him to give people specific tasks and missions.

Supervisor Ninestine asked Mr. Tantillo to bring the same handouts to the Financial Management Committee.

Mrs. Malavase added that in the report she receives from the ADA's who handle the DWI cases, the numbers through May equaled was the total of the entire number of reports for all of last year, so they are working double time.

Stop DWI:

Mrs. Malavase requested authorization for appointments of the following people to the Ontario County Traffic Safety Board: Scott Goble, Transportation Supervisor for the Canandaigua School District, and Terry Whitt, of the Partnership for Ontario County.

Supervisor Ninestine moved approval as requested by Mrs. Malavase. Supervisor Green seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Mrs. Malavase reported on the DWI Conviction Data through 2011. Statewide (for) the conviction rate for DWI on the original charge has gone down from 53% to 49%, since Leandra's Law went into effect. The reason is mainly because some magistrates in other counties don't think Leandra's Law is fair. Fortunately, Ontario County's magistrates are consistent in following the law's requirements. Mrs. Malavase reported a concern for the fatal crashes this year, and said so far there have been 8 fatal crashes this year; three of these had multiple victims.

Planning Department Radio Communications Project 7-2006:

Mr. DeChick advised that Mr. Harvey asked him to handle his agenda items. Mr. DeChick reported that the invoice were normal bills associated with the radio project.

- a) Communications International, \$112,614.75, less retainage of \$5,630.74, for a total payment due of \$106,984.01.
- b) Computer Reporting Service \$911.90 (Public Hearing regarding Emergency Radio Communications Tower Site).
- c) Computer Reporting Service \$344.90 (Public Hearing on Consideration of Exemption from Zoning for Emergency Radio Communications Tower Site).
- d) RJ Schickler (Tower) \$15,272.40, less retainage \$763.62, total amount due \$14,508.78.
- e) RJ Schickler (Tower) \$13,905.09, less retainage \$695.25, total amount due \$13,209.84
- f) SBA Properties \$4,000.

g) Jason Wagner, consulting services for regional communications grant \$900.00.

Supervisor Ninestine moved approval of the invoices as presented by Mr. Supervisor Champlin seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Mr. DeChick requested authorization for Contract Amendment with Harris for Provisions and Installation of Narrow banded EMS Base Station for Capital Project No. 7-2006, Emergency Radio Communications Project. Mr. DeChick advised that the Emergency Medical Services in the county would benefit from an extension of time in moving to the new 700 MHz radio system in order to afford to purchase new equipment. There was some discussion.

Supervisor Teed moved approval of the invoices as presented by Mr. DeChick. Supervisor Green seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Mr. DeChick reported on the Radio Communications Capital Project Status Report, dated June 27, 2012, advising that 90% of the site construction has been completed. Mr. DeChick also discussed a draft letter to Secretary of State Clinton asking for her assistance in the cross border agreement with Canada affecting the use of 700 MHz radio spectrum.

Mr. DeRuyter discussed the bids for the subscriber equipment for the project.

Sandy Sieber, was present on behalf of Halle Stevens regarding the invoices form for the health part of the Radio Communications Project, and requested authorization for payment of the following:

- Buffalo Hospital Supply \$47.06
- Buffalo Hospital Supply \$28.55
- Human Service Development \$3,559.84
- Ontario County Printing Services \$235.20

Supervisor Teed moved approval as requested by Ms. Sieber. Supervisor Green seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Probation Department:

Ms. Collins requested authorization for a Proclamation Proclaiming the week of July 15-21, 2012 as Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week in Ontario County.

Supervisor Teed moved approval as requested by Ms. Collins. Supervisor Green seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Youth Court:

Supervisor Casella advised that he had received an e-mail from Deb Holland regarding a sample proclamation she had sent to him regarding a statewide effort through ANYSYC for Proclamation Week for Youth Court. Supervisor Casella said that he didn't recall receiving it, but asked if the Committee could approve it and he would get the proclamation to members as well as the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Green moved approval as requested by Ms. Holland. Supervisor Teed seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Office of Sheriff:

Sheriff Povero requested acceptance of Bids for the Purchase of Prisoner Uniforms and Accessories for the Ontario County Jail, which spends approximately \$10,000 per year on these items.

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

Sheriff Povero reported that the inmate population was 185 with the weekend high of 194. There are 34 females, 3 are immigration inmates. Pod 5, a 24 bed pod, is full of special housing inmates. These are individuals who have to have special attention. Pod 8 is at 145.

Sheriff Povero advised that the Commission of Correction had visited last month regarding minimum standards review of the jail to determine if the jail is in compliance. Sheriff Povero advised that the jail did very well overall. The only issue that needed to be addressed regarded log entries for key usage. The issue was addressed and the Sheriff notified the Commission of Correction that the jail is in compliance.

Sheriff Povero reported that he would be attending the next Management Comp meeting to discuss staffing issues. Areas of concern are in the jail. Last week five inmates were on one-on-one, where they had to be watched constantly due to mental health issues and suicide watch. There are concerns about over-time due to this, medical transports, etc. Sheriff Povero also advised that several employees are out on disability due to some serious health issues.

Supervisor Casella asked if Ontario County Jail still houses inmates from other counties. Sheriff Povero responded that at this time they are not. Sheriff Povero discussed reports coming in from across the state every week indicate that counties are handling their own inmates. Sheriff Povero said that they do still have some federal inmates housed.

Supervisor Ninestine moved to close the Regular meeting to go into Executive Session at 3:02 p.m. under the Public Officer's Law, Article 7, to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. Supervisor Champlin seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ninestine moved to close the Executive Session to return to the Regular meeting at 3:28 p.m. Supervisor Champlin seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

At the request of County Administrator Garvey, Supervisor Ninestine moved approval of the appointment of Jeff Rougeux as Ontario County Probation Director effective July 13, 2012. Supervisor Teed seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ninestine moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Supervisor Green seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Marx
Sr. Stenographer