

**REGULAR MEETING OF
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Ontario County Safety Training Facility
May 20, 2013 2:00 P.M.**

| Committee Members | Others Present |
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| Samuel Casella, Chairman | Philip Povero, Darlys McDonough, Alice Haskins |
| Mary Luckern –Necessarily Absent | Tom Harvey, Jeff Rougeux, Steve DeChick, |
| John Champlin | Halle Stevens, Mary Gates |
| Norm Teed – Necessarily Absent | |
| Robert A. Green, Jr. | |
| Donald Ninestine | |

The Public Safety Committee met in the Ontario County Safety Training Facility on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. for a regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting was chaired by Chairman Casella.

Approval of Minutes:

Supervisor Ninestine moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 29, 2013. Supervisor Green seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

District Attorney:

On behalf of Mr. Tantillo, Sheriff Povero requested authorization to continue an agreement with Monroe County Forensic Laboratory Services. The contract amount is \$169, 125, which is about \$3,000 less than what was budgeted. Sheriff stated this lab does a great job.

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

On behalf of Mr. Tantillo, Ms. Gates requested authorization for the appropriation of Forfeiture Reserve for the purpose of sending District Attorney Staff to a training conference. She advised the amount has been updated to \$1,300 instead of the \$1,100 on the original transfer request.

Supervisor Ninestine moved approval of the amended budget transfer as requested by Ms. Gates. Supervisor Green seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Planning:

Mr. Harvey requested authorization for the Next Generation 9-1-1 Capital Project: Bid Award for New NG 9-1-1- Switch with Frontier Communications. He reviewed the bid specifications. Two bids were received. Mr. Harvey presented an updated resolution. The only change from the original resolution is a transfer of \$3,400 from the Software line item to Data Processing Equipment (hardware) for the purchase of PCs. He received the final cost estimates on Friday for the additional Dispatch computers. The rest of the budget transfer moves \$300,000 from Wireless 9-1-1 Surcharge and adds it to the Capital Project to cover the cost of the new 9-1-1- Switch. Discussion followed regarding the primary and backup centers, how calls are routed with regard to those that may come from the City of Geneva.

Supervisor Green moved approval of the amended resolution as requested by Mr. Harvey. Supervisor Ninestine seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Mr. Harvey requested payment of the following invoices. The first two are per contract and the Messenger Post is for the bid specification ad.

- A. Parsons Brinckerhoff, Invoice No. 20 for \$7,717.22
- B. Parsons Brinckerhoff, Invoice No. AR-516871 for \$1,634.88
- C. Messenger Post Newspapers, \$24.90

Supervisor Ninestine moved approval of the three invoices listed above as requested by Mr. Harvey. Supervisor Green seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Mr. Harvey advised that installation of the new furniture for the 911 center will begin tomorrow. They are in the middle of a field acceptance test with the communications system and things are going well. Mr. Harvey thanked Mr. DeChick and Mr. Harloff for all their hard work on the project. Mr. DeChick stated that the Next Generation 9-1-1 Switch is fully capable and will be able to handle future needs.

Probation:

Mr. Rougeux requested authorization for an agreement with Linden Oaks Specialized Assessment and Treatment Services as a replacement for Kim Rossi. He and his sex offender staff met with various treatment providers who were interested in doing business with the County. The only change is that Linden Oaks charge \$75 more for evaluations. The clients will pay \$5 more for group sessions. This group is familiar with the Westchester Model that Probation uses and they want to continue using it. This is the easiest transition for everyone. The evaluations are \$250 a month for the indigent people, which are the ones the County pays for. As far as participating in group, the clients pay the provider directly. Many of the providers interviewed charge far more. Discussion followed regarding the number of evaluations per year.

Supervisor Green moved approval as requested by Mr. Rougeux. Supervisor Ninestine seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ninestine updated the Committee regarding the concerns he had at the last meeting about a local sex offender. He stated that the Geneva PD has notified the neighborhood of the offender. There was further conversation on the subject of sex offender notifications.

Emergency Management:

On behalf of Mr. Harloff, Ms. Gates requested authorization to Amend the Budget for the Grant from NYS DCJS. This was discussed at the last Committee meeting. Since the portable x-ray machine is no longer affordable, Mr. Harloff would like to purchase a light tower trailer, portable lights, and gas sensors. Mr. Harloff contacted the Justice Department and they have approved the purchase of these items. Sheriff Povero stated the portable lights and light tower can be used by the Office of Sheriff as well.

Supervisor Ninestine moved approval as requested by Ms. Gates. Supervisor Green seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

On behalf of Mr. Harloff, Ms. Gates requested authorization for Appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board for next year.

Supervisor Green moved approval as requested by Ms. Gates. Supervisor Ninestine seconded the motion.

Chief Haskins gave a presentation on overcrowding of inmates at the Jail. This primarily deals with people age 18 and under. The good thing is that the number of people in the Jail in that age group has declined significantly. However, when the population count looks lower, it is deceiving as cells for that age group cannot be used for anything else. The Jail is allowed to request co-mingling of any age group to three times per year. We have used our three requests and the third will expire June 24 and will not be able to comeingle adults and minors again this year. There was a time this year, when the variance was not in effect, that female minors had to be housed out. It may happen again this year. The alternative is that there are six cells in the medical unit that are considered as part of our maximum space. However, they are not staffed in our Maximum Staffing Analysis so overtime would have to be used if they were filled. When this situation comes up, a decision has to be made as to what is more cost efficient, overtime or housing out. Chief Haskins also discussed PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act). The Act was passed in 2003 and becomes fully effective August of this year. The Act does not allow for the housing of 18 year olds with 16 and 17 year olds and they cannot be housed with those 19 and older. At the Federal level, they do not want 18 year olds in Jail. New York is one of two states that have 16 and 17 year olds in Jail. It was anticipated that the state legislature would address the matter this year, but there has not been any direction given. It may be that a regional cooperative would be necessary, with Wayne and Seneca Counties, splitting up the age groups. This will have an impact however it works out and can be a serious issue moving forward. The space is there but can't be used. Discussion followed. Sheriff Povero stated that Chief Haskins is working at the state level with other jail administrators on how to implement PREA. The bottom line for the County is that we have four 24-bed pods and one or more could be tied up with two, three, or four people.

Sheriff Povero requested authorization for a Budget Transfer for Jail Overtime.

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

Sheriff Povero discussed the Capital Project with regard to the Jail and modifications of the pods. The Commission of Corrections, Buildings and Grounds, and Jail administration is looking at existing space to try and determine a way to divide housing pods and unused space at a cost efficient price, to accommodate more beds. Chief Haskins stated the sub committee is also looking at court transports and ways to reduce overtime. Human Resources is looking at ways to attract people for corrections positions that are a right fit for the job. Sheriff Povero stated that part of the proposed 2014 CIP is to study Jail inmate population predictions and the impact that could have on existing cell availability. Ms. McDonough stated this is similar to the study done prior to the current Jail being built. The local advisory group will also be involved. All of the different elements come together. Chief Haskins stated that mental health is a big part of this and involves not only the Jail but law enforcement i.e. do they need to be arrested, what other options are there, do they need to go to the hospital, etc. Changes need to be made and ways of doing things differently.

Supervisor Champlin entered the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Sheriff Povero addressed the Committee regarding personnel requests in Correctional Health Care and authorization for a Part-time Nurse at the Jail. These items were discussed last week at the Management Compensation Committee meeting. As an informational item, there is a vacant RN position he would like to fill and start at Step 2 based on the nurse's experience. Funds are in the 2013 budget. Secondly, when the Committees and the Board approved a contract with a current RN at the Jail allowing her to study in a Nurse Practitioner program at St John Fisher; this created a vacancy in shifts during her study times. The Sheriff has discussed this with Chief Haskins and Correctional Medical. They would like approval to hire a Registered Nurse part time through the end of the year to fill in until the Nurse graduates the Nurse

Practitioner program. Funding of \$19, 046.00 would come from the contingency line item in the .4s. So far, overtime has been used to cover the vacancies.

Supervisor Green moved approval of a Part-time Nurse as requested by Sheriff Povero. Supervisor Champlin seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Povero requested authorization for Acceptance of Donation from the Finger Lakes Credit Union. This is for Operation Safe Child.

Supervisor Champlin moved approval as requested by Sheriff Povero. Supervisor Ninestine seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Povero updated the Committee on Jail revenue. For March, we earned 17 days of revenue, \$1,445.00, for housing an inmate from another county for 17 days (1.2% of the budget revenue). The population count over the weekend was 218. Earlier today, the population was at 210, with 43 females. Supervisor Ninestine asked how much was spent to house out during this same time period. Chief Haskins advised that as soon as it got to the point of having to house out, that inmate was returned back to her county.

Other Items:

Chairman Casella asked about a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the COPS Grant. Sheriff advised it is being worked on and the deadline for the grant has been pushed back. He has met with Ms. Gates and Ms. Stevens to work on the grant and the letter. Chairman Casella asked that it be done before the next Board meeting.

Supervisor Casella asked Mr. DeChick about giving a brief update to the Board on the new 911 Center at an upcoming Board Meeting. Mr. DeChick will determine a date to give the presentation.

Sheriff Povero asked Chairman Casella for Privilege of the Floor at the June 20th Board meeting. Peter Kehoe, Executive Director of the New York State Sheriffs' Association, will be here to present re-accreditation certificates for Court Security and Law Enforcement. Ms. Hudson will contact Ms. DeMay to request Privilege of the Floor.

Mr. DeChick spoke of the passing last week of two Town of Seneca Fire Department members, Andy Coon of the Hall Fire Department and Stanley Fire Chief Todd Nellis. Mr. DeChick is a part of a fire chief chaplain organization and they performed honor guard duties for both members.

Mr. DeChick gave an update on the 911 Coordinator's Association of New York State. It is comprised of 62 counties. Ontario County will be sponsoring a conference in the fall, most likely at Inn on the Lake.

Mr. DeChick advised that new Buildings and Ground Supervisor Steve Vanderbrook and his department are working very well with 911 on the move.

Chairman Casella spoke about Law Day last week and how nice an event it was. Several Supervisors were in attendance as were Members from the Canandaigua PD and the New York State Police were in attendance. Sheriff Povero stated that the Sheriff's Office representatives were in attendance at services held by the Canandaigua Police Department and the New York State Police. Also, the Farmington-Victor Kiwanis Club annually recognizes a Trooper and a Deputy. At their Friday breakfast during Police Memorial Week they recognized Deputy Kelly Fogarty for her contributions to the Victor-Farmington community through her law enforcement efforts at Eastview Mall. She is a 15 year member of the Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Casella updated the Committee on a meeting he attended regarding a Route 364 Corridor Study. CNS Consulting has done the report and review work. There have been a number of complaints about the CMAC Concerts with people walking along the road etc. There needs to be some form of a sidewalk or walking path on the other side of the road away from residences maybe some sort of ring around FLCC and CMAC and street lighting. Discussion followed regarding the 5&20 detour with regard to traffic coming to the concerts. Sheriff Povero advised that FLCC and The Friends of CMAC have created apps, as well as informational and social media, along with information on people's tickets about traffic. They have identified concert goers by zip code. There will be a big push to the east of us through personal and media notifications to get information out there. Signage is in place to direct people. There are also extra State Police Officers that will be on Routes 5&20 to assist with traffic flow. There have been several meetings and CMAC is making every effort to get the word out. Chairman Casella discussed comments he has received as to why there isn't more of a police presence, why can't the County do more. He simply stated it is a matter of dollars and cents. Sheriff Povero stated that staffing is increased for major events.

Supervisor Green moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:03 p.m. Supervisor Champlin seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hudson
Confidential Secretary