

**REGULAR MEETING OF  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Ontario County Safety Training Facility  
July 1, 2013 2:00 P.M.**

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Samuel Casella, Chairman	Philip Povero, John Marren, Darlys McDonough,
Mary Luckern	Jeff Harloff, Dru Malavase, Steve DeChick,
John Champlin	Halle Stevens, Mary Gates
Norm Teed	
Robert A. Green, Jr.	
Donald Ninestine	

The Public Safety Committee met in the Ontario County Safety Training Facility on Monday, July 1, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. for a regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting was chaired by Chairman Casella.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Supervisor Teed moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 10, 2013. Supervisor Champlin seconded the motion, which was approved, with Supervisor Luckern abstaining.

The next agenda item, authorization for a Grant from the Office of Indigent Services, was pulled and will be presented at the next meeting.

**Planning:**

On behalf of Mr. Harvey, Mr. Harloff requested authorization for approval of a contract amendment with Finger Lakes Communication for the upgrade of existing UHF base stations. This is part of the dispatching system for the ten-site transmitters for dispatch radio tone voice system and will update allow for the updating of six existing base stations.

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

On behalf of Mr. Harvey, Sheriff Povero requested authorization for a budget transfer to fund 700 MHZ radio license application fees, emergency radio communication project. This has to do with the finalization of the process to allow frequency applications for the 700 MHZ system now that the treaty issues with Canada have been worked out.

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

Mr. Harvey submitted of invoices as listed below for approval of payments.

- A. RS/AASHTO, Invoice No. 17669, for \$440.00
- B. RS/AASHTO, Invoice No. 17670, for \$330.00
- C. RS/AASHTO, Invoice No. 17671, for \$495.00
- D. RS/AASHTO, Invoice No. 17672, for \$495.00
- E. Admar Supply Company, Invoice No. 1614014-0001, for \$50.00
- F. McMaster-Carr, Invoice No. 52036114, for \$442.76
- G. McMaster-Carr, Invoice No. 51823382, for \$38.72
- H. Grainger, Invoice No. 9148638696, for \$524.44
- I. Dansville Electrical Supply, Inc., Invoice No. 211893, for \$2,178.86
- J. Dansville Electrical Supply, Inc., Invoice No. 211898, for \$9.36
- K. Dansville Electrical Supply, Inc., Invoice No. 212475, for \$426.00

**Supervisor Teed moved approval of all of the above listed invoices. Supervisor Luckern seconded the motion, carried unanimously.**

**Emergency Management:**

Mr. Harloff requested authorization for the purchase of a vehicle for the EMS Coordinator and authorization for a budget transfer for purchase of said vehicle. At the April 8, 2013 meeting there was discussion regarding the EMS Coordinator having a County vehicle for responding to multiple agency incidents. The vehicle most appropriate is a 2004 Tahoe from the Sheriff's Office, which is slated to go to auction. The cost would be \$10,520 and would include installation of emergency lights as well as changing the decals. Other vehicles were considered but this is the most appropriate. It should provide two years of service, at which time another vehicle from the Sheriff's Office fleet would be considered for replacement. Ms. Gates provided a memorandum showing the estimated mileage analysis paid out to the EMS Coordinator for the past two years. It does not reflect the number of miles that employee used the dual wheel pickup truck for meeting attendance, going on scene for damage assessment and representation of the office for a variety of activities.

Discussion followed. Supervisor Green reiterated his support for this purchase and stated that it is not appropriate for the County to be represented by a person in this position to be using their personal vehicle, as well as raising insurance issues. Supervisor Teed stated he was in agreement with Supervisor Green. Ms. McDonough advised that there may be questions on this purchase at Financial Management regarding expansion of the fleet in general. This will add a vehicle to the County fleet that Vehicle Maintenance will be responsible for as well. Mr. Harloff will attend the Public Works Committee meeting and the Financial Management Committee meeting to explain the issues involved and the need for this vehicle by the EMS Coordinator.

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

Mr. Harloff updated the Committee on an incident at the Ontario County landfill on June 25 where an employee was thought to be contaminated. The employee was operating a bulldozer and began to have trouble breathing. The product he was moving was from a Utica gas plant. Loads from this project have been coming in since February of this year. As it turned out, the employee did not have to be decontaminated. He was treated at the hospital, received oxygen, and released. The issues were not related to a haz-mat incident.

Mr. Harloff advised that on the previous Friday at 2:00 p.m. there was a state wide call for mutual aid for the flooding in Herkimer County. Five fire departments were deployed from our County for a 72 hour deployment. The five units returned to the County on Sunday evening between 7-8 p.m. There were not any injuries or damage to equipment of these five companies.

**Office of Sheriff:**

Sheriff Povero discussed the Chaplain Program. Last Tuesday night, he met with 24 clergy members from Ontario County who are willing to be part of a Police Chaplains Program. Two people familiar with this program are Reverend Mark Ammerman from Geneva representing the west side of the County and Reverend Tom Wickett, from Canandaigua representing east side of the County. Reverend Wickett already has a similar role with the fire services. The volunteer chaplains would serve two basic functions. They could be called to the scene of an incident to assist a police officer making a notify to the family of a serious situation. The other major function is to serve as a sounding board for all members of the organization who might need someone in the clergy field to discuss private personal issues, or if notification has to be made to family of members of the Sheriff's Office that something tragic had happened. Chief DeChick, Lt. Storer and two uniform patrol Sergeants also participated. It was a well received and well attended meeting. These 24 clergy members spread out geographically throughout the County. There will be a call out system generated by Reverends Wickett and Ammerman and they will contact the appropriate volunteer clergy when notified by 911. The Chaplain Services position has been vacant for a while. It is volunteer, not paid. Identification cards will be issued so that the clergy can be easily identified and to report to the police officer(s) at the scene. There will be male and female clergy, as well as Hispanic clergy from Geneva. The Sheriff's Office is very excited about the possibilities of this program. The County Attorney's Office has

reviewed the modifications of the MOI. Kris Thorsness will discuss this volunteer program at tomorrow's Insurance Committee meeting.

Discussion followed. The volunteer clergy will complete paperwork for a background check and verify that they are clergy as recognized by law. County cost will include an identification card. Supervisor Teed asked what the procedure is if a volunteer got hurt. Sheriff Povero stated this is part of the discussion with the County Attorney's Office. The volunteers have their own vehicles and medical insurance.

**Supervisor Ninestine made a motion of support for the Police Chaplain Program. Supervisor Luckern seconded the motion, carried unanimously.**

Sheriff Povero advised that there was not any Jail revenue for the month of June. From June 7 through June 19, the 16, 17, and 18 year old minor males were housed in Steuben County. They will be billing us for housed out days. These juveniles are normally in Pod 3. During this time, Pod 3 was used for close supervision of other males or for weekend females. The crowding of females in Pod 7 has diminished somewhat. New York State was here on Friday to transport Michael Lewis, convicted of sex abuse of two girls. While here, they were able to take 8 more state ready inmates. This then allowed us to move the juveniles back from Steuben County. The female inmate with the baby is being released today as her sentence has expired. The weekend high was 222 inmates, with a total of 212 this morning. Pods 4 and 5 are full. Pod 7 has 47 inmates and there are 49 in Pod 8. A lot of overtime is being used for staffing shortages, hospital observations, and Jail medical.

**Other Items:**

Ms. McDonough discussed an insurance issue concerning Dr. Sharza, from Thompson Health. He is also the County Jail physician and physician for Public Health. Due to Thompson Hospital's switch to the University of Rochester, they are changing their malpractice insurance. The Public Health portion of Dr. Sharza's malpractice insurance was not an issue but the Jail is viewed differently. Thompson Health wanted to set that aside and did not pay for the portion of the Jail coverage, which is \$3,100.00. It had to be paid by this past Friday in order to continue coverage without a break so Ms. McDonough authorized John Parrott to pay this amount. Finance will determine the payment line item from which to reimburse Mr. Parrott. As time permits, our self-insurance program will be reviewed to determine whether the malpractice insurance can be considered within our overall coverage. Or, John Parrott may be able to find coverage for next year's policy that is less than \$3,100.00.

Supervisor Champlin gave an update on the jail sub-committee meeting, which went well. There were quite a few attendees: Ms. Haskins, Ms. Lapp, Diane Johnston from Mental Health, and personnel from Probation and FLACRA. All seem to feel they can commit to this task and all agree on finding ways to lower the cost of operations. Judges will participate in some of the meetings and Judge Lew will be on the Committee once a Mission Statement is finalized. Supervisor Champlin stated that communication seems to be the key issue between the Courts and the Jail with regard to scheduling. Chairperson Casella stated it is a matter of putting the right people together to communicate with each other. Sheriff Povero said they are starting to see some progress in some areas. To be able to get together to iron out legal details in order to hold pre-trial arraignments in the Jail on weekends is a major step. These same County judges supported that effort and made it work. This is a significant move. To have a City Court Judge come to Hopewell on weekends to hold these arraignments is a significant move. The Public Defender's Office is there on weekends and the District Attorney's Office has been invited.

**Supervisor Champlin moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. Supervisor Teed seconded the motion, carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hudson,  
Confidential Secretary