

REGULAR MEETING OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Ontario County Safety Training Facility
June 9, 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
Alice Haskins, Leanne Lapp, Tom Harvey, Jeff Harloff,
Sue Cirencione, Jeff Rougeux, Karen Groot,
Steve DeChick, Mary Gates, Halle Stevens
Deb Trickey, Kris Thorsness, Deb Gierman

Approval of Minutes:

The Public Safety Committee met at the Ontario County Safety Training Facility on Monday, June 9, 2014. Supervisor Fafinski called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Supervisor Bendzlowicz moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 19, 2014. Supervisor Singer seconded the motion, approved unanimously.

Public Defender:

Ms. Lapp requested authorization for acceptance of an Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grant. Application for this grant was done last October and the award is \$299,529 to be distributed over a three-year period. There is no county cost.

Supervisor Singer moved approval as requested by Ms. Lapp. Supervisor Hilton seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

STOP-DWI:

Ms. Cirencione requested authorization to transfer Stop-DWI Reserve Funds for the purchase of equipment for the Geneva Police Department, for radar installation, and also funds for court reporting, mileage and conference funds.

Supervisor Bendzlowicz moved approval as requested by Ms. Cirencione. Supervisor Green seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Probation:

Ms. Groot gave a presentation on Electronic Home Monitoring, with a demonstration of the three home devices and how they are used in lieu of incarceration. The first device, a Sobrieter, a little larger than a cell phone. This has a GPS function built in and the client must take a breath test using the device upon receipt of a text message. This device costs the client \$7 per day. The second device, a SCRAM unit is strapped on the client's ankle. This is a 24 hour continual alcohol monitoring system through the skin. If a test showed some form of alcohol, it is evaluated to determine if it is actually alcohol usage or not. The client cost is \$9-\$10 per day. The third device is a base that is at the client's home locked into their phone. It monitors when the person is home or not and would generate a report if the person leaves the house when they are not supposed to. This is the "house arrest" unit and is \$7 per day. Discussion followed.

Planning:

Mr. Harvey requested authorization for approval: Capital Project 5-2013, Contract with Harris Corporation - 700 MHz Interop Capital Project.

Supervisor Evangelista moved approval as requested by Mr. Harvey. Supervisor Green seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Mr. Harvey requested authorization for approval: Capital Project 7-2006, Extension of Bid B12027, Emergency Radio Communications Capital Project.

Mr. Harvey requested authorization for approval: Capital Project 7-2006, Extension of Bid B12038, Emergency Radio Communications Capital Project.

Mr. Harvey requested authorization for approval: Capital Project 7-2006, Extension of Bid B12039, Emergency Radio Communications Capital Project.

Mr. Harvey requested authorization for approval: Capital Project 7-2006, Authorization to Purchase Radios for Ontario County Jail and Budget Transfer, Emergency Radio Communications Project.

Supervisor Green moved approval of the above four resolutions pertaining to Capital Project 7-2006 as requested by Mr. Harvey. Supervisor Bendzlowicz seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Mr. Harvey requested authorization for payment of the following invoices.

- A. Harris Corporation, Invoice No. P000000987 for \$144,020.00 (CP 7-2006)
- B. Harris Corporation, Invoice No. 000000987A for \$7,580.00 (CP7-2006)
- C. L. R. Kimball, Invoice No. 524754 for \$2,574.00 (CP5-2013)

Supervisor Green moved approval of the above three payments as requested by Mr. Harvey. Supervisor Evangelista seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Alternatives to Incarceration:

On behalf of Ms. Gumaer-Muller, Mr. Rougeux presented the 2014-2015 ATI Service Plan for review and approval. State funding remains the same.

Supervisor Hilton moved approval as requested by Mr. Rougeux. Supervisor Singer seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Emergency Management:

Mr. Harloff requested authorization for the approval of a contract with Finger Lakes Communication for Equipment Purchases and Installation Services - CP 6-2912- UHF Simulcast Network Project. Resolution 577 created a project to build out the UHF Simulcast System. The planned purchases for the 2013 grant funds would use up most of the grant funds and funds have to be spent with one year of the award.

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

Mr. Harloff requested authorization to apply for a Grant from the Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (LEMPG). This was discussed at the last Committee meeting and will be on this week's Financial Management Committee agenda. A memo was included in the mailing of possible choices for this grant funding. Mr. Harloff stated that in previous years a representative group met to discuss how the funds would be used for the SHSP grant. He would like to use that same group to review this grant funding. A new representative is needed from Public Safety. Supervisor Singer advised that she would participate in this advisory group. Mr. Harloff is interested in creating a stockpile of sandbags as one choice for the funds. The sandbags that are currently stored in the County are County owned and released to municipalities to protect the infrastructure. They cannot be given to homeowners to protect their property. This is always an issue in times of flooding. These bags would be filled with sand in advance and the County would decide who gets them. He also would like to look at the possibility of inmates filling the bags and also of purchasing a sand bagger. Chief Haskins said using inmates for this had been done once before. Chairman Fafinski suggested filling them right at the Jail. If sandbags are able to be purchased, Mr. Harloff will work with Chief Haskins on having inmates work on filling these bags with sand.

Supervisor Evangelista moved approval of the grant application as requested by Mr. Harloff. Supervisor Bendzlowicz seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Mr. Harloff updated the Committee on the Preliminary Damage Assessment in Ontario County due to flooding. The Governor should have received the information last week. Ontario County has just over \$1 million dollars in damages. This should then go on to the President for his signature. Mr. Harloff also said a letter has been received from Yates County Emergency Management acknowledging the assistance from Ontario County during the flood emergency.

Mr. Harloff updated the Committee on a Haz-Mat incident at Home Depot on May 29 for an unknown odor. It was determined that the came from outdoor trash that was put through the compacter. One fireman and three employees were treated for breathing issues with the odor, which had dissipated when the Haz-Mat Team entered the building. Home Depot will be billed for the Haz-Mat callout.

Office of Sheriff:

Sheriff Povero requested authorization for a budget transfer to Adjust Grant funding – Emergency Radio Communications Capital Project 7-2006. This transfer would adjust grant funding of \$8,800 from Homeland Security SLETPP Gant. The funds were originally slated for training on the communications system. However, it was decided the best use of the money is to upgrade some of the officer communications equipment. With this upgrade, police officers would have the ability to communicate with other counties that do not have the 700 MHz or similar system. This will allow Finger Lakes Communications to reprogram existing portable radios so the road officers can still communicate with Wayne, Yates, and Seneca counties when necessary.

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

Sheriff Povero requested authorization for a budget transfer to Provide Funding for Purchase of Omnivore Field Kit L15 System. He explained that in the current operating budget, Signal and Communications, \$6,040 was for the purchase of 12 ear mic cables and 40 ear mic secure communication units for officers. By reprogramming existing portables, it is not necessary to purchase this equipment at this time. They would like to transfer these funds to law enforcement equipment line to purchase a software upgrade for the Omnivore Field Kit L15 System, which allows investigators to take equipment into places such as a retail establishment that captures video through store security. This software upgrade will allow the raw data to be transferred, better enhanced, and clarified to assist officers in their investigations. A brief discussion followed.

Supervisor Singer moved approval as requested by Sheriff Povero. Supervisor Bendzlowicz seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Povero requested authorization to apply for a Grant from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Program (COPS). If the application is successful in the grant it would come back to approve its acceptance and discuss options for funding the School Resource Program. Only one grant was awarded last year in the entire state.

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

Chief Haskins requested authorization for an Agreement with Edward Holtz dba Community Connections Outreach.

Commissary fund would be used to contract for transition programs. He helps the homeless, who need assistance and connections to work within the system for Access or other federal programs that help underprivileged people.

Supervisor Singer moved approval as requested by Chief Haskins. Supervisor Hilton seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Povero requested authorization for a new Sr. Communications Officer Position in 2015. The Sheriff met with the Management Compensation Committee last Monday to discuss this position, approved by them, and referred to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion. Since the new 911 Center opened in October, some of the Sr. Communication Officer responsibilities have changed. A greater responsibility for communication between officers has fallen on the Sr. Officer due to the physical layout of the center. That officer makes sure information is properly relayed. The operational channels in the new system, with the 700 MHz frequency are monitored closely to be sure all communications received are properly handled. There have been concerns by Fire and EMS over the last year about staffing levels in the Center, particularly on major incidents, to be sure that communications are properly handled. Some feel communications are improving with the new system but that additional help for significant emergency operations should be considered for the safety of emergency personnel on scene. Mr. DeChick reviewed duties of the new supervisor, working a flex shift, which would help reduce overtime. There is still 24 hour mandatory supervision. Discussion followed. Supervisor Singer clarified that Management Comp did not actually approve the position request but agreed that it should move on to other Committees for consideration. Supervisor Bendzlowicz asked if the new position would be equal or less than overtime. The breakdown of costs would need to be reviewed. Ms. Gates stated \$92,077 was for salary costs, uniforms, and fringe benefits. Supervisor Evangelista asked if an existing Dispatcher would be promoted. This would be a promotion and the Dispatcher position would be backfilled. Ms. Gates said there would be some cost savings due to the Dispatcher position being entry level. Mr. Garvey feels this position is very much needed in 911. Supervisor Sheppard is concerned about the amount funds already put into 911. He is not sure another position would overcome the deficiencies. Maybe there is another alternative such as a mic system that could be looked into. Supervisor Singer said that another concern down the line could be taking over the City of Geneva calls. Mr. Garvey said the City is looking at it now and if that happens, we would have to be prepared. This is a City decision Supervisor Singer spoke about the volume of calls increasing. Crime tends to go along with economic stress. She proposed letting this go forward through the budget process but not to create the position at this time, no action, but include in the budget with full justification.

Chief Haskins updated the Committee on Jail population. As of today, there are 200 inmates, three females are Immigration detainees and there is one from Yates County. The weekend high was 207. There are three state ready inmates; two are male and one female. There are two parole violators, with no other charges, and a total of 39 females. Discussion followed. The average stay for the Immigration inmates is about two weeks. Mr. Garvey asked about the status of the weekend detail work crews. Chief Haskins

stated there has been discussion. At this time, there is not a completed program. It would have to be up and running for the judges to sentence people to do this work. It could be ready by the next Committee meeting. Sheriff Povero stated that staffing issues have to be addressed.

Planning Addendum Item:

Mr. Harvey requested authorization for Award of Bid B14042 and Authorization to Sell Real Property, Emergency Radio Communications Capital Project (7-2006). This is the Shay Road property and the bid came in at \$128,000; the minimum was \$120,000.

Supervisor Evangelista moved approval as requested by Mr. Harvey. Supervisor Green seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Fleet Management:

Mr. Wright presented revised replacement plans for Sheriff's Office Vehicles 2015-2016. The SUV for 2015 would be replaced with a sedan and two vehicle purchases would be delayed until 2016. The original request of 19 vehicles in 2015 would be reduced to 16 and increased from 15 to 16 in 2016. The original proposal last year was approximately \$553,000. When presented this year it was up to \$637,000 for 2015. After reassessing things and moving a few vehicle purchases, the proposal is down to \$531,000 for 2015, a decrease of \$106,000. For 2016, the original proposal was \$538,000, up to \$560,000.

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

Emergency Management Addendum Item:

Mr. Harloff requested authorization for a contract with Earth Networks, Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Program for purchase installation of a weather station and lightening detection unit. The County will install portion of it. This is a 2010 LEMPG grant and this would close out the grant.

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

Other Items:

Supervisor Hilton gave a brief recap to the Committee on the recent Alternative to Incarcerations meeting. The different programs under this umbrella are Day Reporting, Community Service, Pre-Trial Release, Youth Court and special courts such as Mental Health, Veterans, and Drug Court. Supervisor Hilton was very pleased with the reports given and felt the programs are well run. She did ask several questions regarding utilization of the programs. When these alternative programs are suggested, there is a pre-plea report that suggests whether the programs would work and also a pre-sentence investigation report. The turnaround time for the pre-sentencing report is 6 weeks. If the proposed new Probation Officer position were approved (for someone to do these reports) the turnaround time could be reduced to about four weeks. This would then reduce defendant's jail time, pending court scheduling. Also, if alternatives were suggested in these reports, possibly the programs would be used even more. Supervisor Hilton said it would be a positive thing if this position were approved.

Ms. Lapp stated that Veteran's Court is starting upon Friday, May 13, at 10:00 a.m. Invitations were sent out to Board members. Chairman Fafinski will be speaking. Mental Health Court is doing well. It starts right after Drug Court ends and they utilize mostly the same staff. It starts around 10:30 on Friday if anyone wishes to sit in. She is very pleased with how things are going.

Mr. Garvey stated that Undersheriff Tillman was at Management Compensation and was very positive that reducing one week off pre-sentence investigations and the effect that would have of eliminating hundreds of days off jail incarceration. Supervisor Hilton further stated that once that starts taking place, communication with the courts is necessary so that courts are rescheduling inmates to return to court sooner. Supervisor Evangelista asked about a report that would track the recidivism rate. For some people, jail might not be a deterrent. Supervisor Hilton that would be a referred to be to Mr. Rougeux or Ms. Gumaer-Muller. Discussion followed.

At 3:15 p.m. Supervisor Hilton moved to adjourn the regular meeting and reconvene for Executive Session. Supervisor Singer seconded the motion, approved unanimously. All Supervisors, Mr. Garvey, Ms. McDonough, and Ms. Lapp stayed for Executive Session.

At 3:34 Supervisor Green moved to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. Supervisor Evangelista seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

At 3:35 p.m. Supervisor Green moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Supervisor Evangelista seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A. Hudson
Confidential Secretary

APPROVED