

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**April 19, 2012**

**PRESENT:**

**Roy Brown, Chairman  
Kevin McDonald  
Matt Murell  
Jeffrey Nayer  
John Porreca Sr.  
Jeffrey Braley  
Valerie Bertran, non-voting member**

**ABSENT:**

**William Hughes, Jr., notified**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Gail DiCosmo, Clerk  
Paul Czajka  
Robert Lopez  
John Leonardson  
Dennis McEvoy  
Sheriff Harrison, Jr.  
John Howe  
Paul Donofrio  
David Costanzo  
Sarah Sterling**

**PRESS: 1**

**Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.**

**The first order of business, a motion for the Probation's Annual Report to be accepted, this was submitted last month for review, motion to accept by M. Murell, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried.**

**District Attorney: Paul Czajka**

**Requested a motion to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION, motion by K. McDonald, seconded by J. Nayer at 6:03 PM, carried.**

**REASON: Confidential Matters**

**A motion to return to REGULAR SESSION by J. Braley, seconded by M. Murell at 6:22 PM, motion carried.**

**Resolution Request: to re-create the position of One (1) Chief Investigator, part-time, base salary of \$30,000.00, and One (1) Investigator position, part-time, per-diem at the rate of \$200.00 a day, motion by K. McDonald, seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved Refer to Finance.**

**Resolution Request: to fill the Paralegal position at an annual salary of \$43,948.00, motion by J. Porreca, Sr., seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved forward to Finance.**

**Resolution Request: Authorization to amend the Confidential Secretary's salary to \$60,000.00 and shall include the duties of record management for the District Attorney's Office, M. Murell suggested the salaries & positions be split, R. Brown informed the committee according to Civil Service, there cannot be more than one exempt position in one office, motion by J. Porreca, Sr., seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried. Two (2) No votes, Brown & Nayer. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved Refer to Finance.**

**Resolution Request: Authorization to temporarily hire (for no more than eight weeks) three (3) persons at the rates of \$25.00 per hr. and 2 @ \$12.00 per hr. to organize and move all District Attorney files, motion by J. Braley, seconded by M. Murell, motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved Refer to Finance. All of the above requests are pending with the review of Civil Service and Human Resources.**

District Attorney Czajka spoke on Traffic tickets, which his office will be handling for the towns throughout the County. He is hopeful, and confident this will be handled more uniform and gearing for the towns to receive more money.

**911-R. Lopez**

**Resolution Request:**

Requesting authorization for the Emergency Management Grant Administrator to accept the FY2012 State Homeland Security Program Grants. The total amount of the grant is \$74,000 with no required match by Columbia County, specific breakdown for the grant is State Homeland Security Program \$55,500.00, and State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program \$18,500.00. Additionally requesting authorization to disperse such grants in accordance with State Homeland Security guidelines. Applications are due 4/25/2012. Motion by J. Porreca, Sr., seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried.

**Agency Data:**

**Call volume** for March was 4,782 calls.

**In March** Columbia County 911 dispatched:

1028 EMS Agencies

316 Fire Agencies

998 Police Polls

646 Public Service Calls which includes (Controlled burns, Highway Dept calls, Power Company, Phone Company, Cable Company, Addressing etc.....)

**Fire Coordinator: J. Howe**

Update on maintenance cost of (WMD) Weapons of Mass Destruction Trailers: J. Howe informed the committee the state will no longer fund the maintenance. It's a heads up for the future.

**Overview of the current Battalion meeting:** There are usually four (4) Battalion mtgs a year, 85 Fire Officers attended and was very well received.

FYI: The Cause & Origin Team have a very old bus, a newer ford F450 bus has been made available by a Fire Department in Long Island, members of the C&O team will be taking a trip to L.I. to check out the bus which is being offered for free.

**Public Defender: A. Levinson** submitted-unable to attend

**Distribute March 2012 monthly report** and reviewed.

**Conference Objective Form:**

Judicial Diversion Training in Saratoga Springs, May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012, One (1) attending at no cost, motion by K. McDonald, seconded by J. Porreca, Sr., carried. He will be renting a car from Central Garage.

**Sheriff's Dept.:** Sheriff Harrison, Jr.

**Resolution Request** – Authorization to fill one full-time Deputy Sheriff due to resignation effective April 22, 2012, with an annual salary of \$44,533.00 and

**Resolution Request** – Authorization to fill one full-time Deputy Sheriff due to resignation effective April 22, 2012, with an annual salary of \$44,533.00, motion for both positions by J. Nayer, seconded by K. McDonald, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved Refer to Finance.

**Resolution Request** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Dietician Lynn Hart for her services at the Columbia County Jail, to be paid \$116.66 per month. Agreement period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013, motion by J. Braley, seconded by K. McDonald, carried. Refer to Finance.

**Conference Objective Form** – TRACS User Group Annual Meeting, May 16-17, 2012, Syracuse, New York at No Cost to the County, motion by K. McDonald, seconded by M. Murell, carried.

**Conference Objective Form** – DEA Drug Investigative Unit Supervisor and Management Training, June 11 – 12, 2012, Quantico, Virginia, No Cost to the County. Motion by K. McDonald, seconded by J. Porreca, Sr., carried.

**Emergency Management: W. Black**

**Update: on Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Lee: Grant Funding, the State is picking up the Local Share of 12%. Any Fire Department that has not sought reimbursement can still do so, please contact Bill's office for assistance.**

**Conference Objective Form: May 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> All Hazards ICS Position Unit Leader Classes in Concord, New Hampshire at a cost of \$350.00 with one (1) attending, motion by J. Porreca, Sr., seconded by K. McDonald, carried.**

**Second Alternate Conflict Defender: D. McEvoy**

**Monthly Activity Report distributed.**

**With no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:03 PM by M. Murell, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried.**

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