

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
November 27, 2012

PRESENT:
Roy Brown, Chairman
Jeffrey Nayer
John Porreca, Sr.
Kevin McDonald

NOTIFIED:
William Hughes, Jr. - notified
Matt Murell- notified
Valerie Bertram, notified
non-voting member
Jeffrey Braley

ALSO PRESENT:
Becky Vinchiarello, Dep. Cle
Robert Lopez
Robert Linvill
John Howe
Thomas Lanphear
Michael Benvenuto
William Black
PJ Keeler
Jessica Nabozny
Ronald Caponera
Sheriff Harrison
Chairman Grattan
Sean Lally
Arlene Levinson
Dennis McEvoy
John Leonardson
Robert Linville

PRESS: 1

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2013 Budgets were presented by R. Caponera while agendas were reviewed.
All Collective Bargaining Unit members will receive 2.5% raises. Non-bargaining unit raises are currently being discussed.

2nd Alternate Conflict Defender – 2013 Budget- 2.7% decrease over all.

Alternate Conflict Defender – 2013 Budget has a \$90 difference from the current year. Salary line is up 2.5%, but Professional Services are down.

Conflict Defender –2.7% decrease over all.

Public Defender – A. Levinson and R. Linville

2013 Budget- 14% increase due to additional grants that were received this year that will not be available at the same amount in 2013.

The Public Defenders monthly report was distributed.

Resolution Request – Authorization to fill one vacant Assistant Public Defender III position effective December 6, 2012.

Resolution Request – Authorization to fill one vacant Assistant Public Defender III position effective January 1, 2013.

Both positions are budget neutral and are needed due to employees leaving the department. Combining positions had been discussed but would not be practical according to R. Linville.

Motion to approve both requests by J. Porreca, contingent on the Salary Meeting, Budget and Salary and Finance approving, seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried. Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.

Emergency Resolution Request – Authorization to fill an Assistant Public Defender, not to exceed 90 days, due to the current employee taking a maternity leave. Motion to approve by J. Porreca, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried.

Storage options at 610 State Street on the 2nd floor and reallocation of space on the first and second floors for the use of the Public Defender and Probation Departments were discussed. R. Linville explained that the Public Defender's office is very limited on space while the second floor of the building remains near empty. A floor plan was provided. It was decided that a subcommittee would

be formed consisting of K. McDonald and J. Porreca. They were directed to work with R. Linville and M. Benvenuto and report back to the committee in January.

Stop DWI Budget – J. Nabozny

2013 Budget- \$ 32K+ increase due to the need to use funds collected from DWI fines in order to ensure that the County does not have to return said funds to the State. These funds are being allocated to the District Attorney, Probation, and Sheriff Departments. It will result in a \$30K increase being allocated back to those departments as well. DWI revenue remains the same.

Sheriff's Department – Sheriff Harrison

2013 Budget –\$9,920.00 decrease. This is a result of better utilization of Full and Part Time Deputy Sheriff's that has taken place over the years. The cost of insurance has increased to \$43,000.00 as the insurance premiums are now being allocated to their respective departments. The Sheriff's Department owns approximately seventy-five vehicles. The revenue is about constant from last year to this year. The Sheriff's Department attributes to 81.9% total cost of the County.

Jail Budget – 4.7% increase. Some of this increase is due to salaries. The other issue is with the medical service the County provides to the inmates. Revenue has decreased by around \$84K, due to the lower number of out of County inmates being housed in the Columbia County Jail. The Department is working to with the State to allow out of State inmates to be brought into the County Jail. It was mentioned that the Jail raises for last year were not added in because negotiations took longer than expected. R. Caponera confirmed they had been added in this year. Sheriff Harrison thanked Ron for assisting them with their budget.

Resolution Request – Authorization to accept the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant, award of \$27, 840.00 for the purpose of reducing aggressive driving and speeding in Columbia County. Motion to approve by K. McDonald, seconded by J. Porreca, motion carried. **Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request – Authorization to accept the Child Passenger Safety Seat Program Grant award in the amount of \$6,400.00 for the purpose of purchasing child safety seats and to conduct community safety seat checks. Motion to approve by J. Porreca, seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried. **Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request – Authorization to fill one vacant budgeted position of civil service part-time Communications Officer, per diem rate of \$12.98-\$16.20 due to resignation on November 25, 2012. Motion to approve by J. Porreca, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried. **Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request – Authorization to fill one vacant budgeted position of Full-time Deputy Sheriff with an annual salary of \$44,533.00 due to a resignation on November 25, 2012. Motion to approve by J. Porreca, seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried. **Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Requests – Authorizing a house cleaning budget transfer in the amount of \$31,262.56 within the Sheriff and Jail 2012 budgets. Motion to approve by J. Porreca, seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried. **Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request – Authorizing all County Employees to obtain identification badges that will be visible whenever the County employee is on County property and/or conducting County business. This request was amended to include Supervisors. It was noted that the Union would not have to approve this. The only cost would be that of materials. Motion to approve by J. Porreca, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request – Authorization for the Sheriff to enter into a five year lease agreement with the Town of Hillsdale for the lease of the building at 2609 Rote 23, Hillsdale, NY for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Hillsdale Sub-Station. Motion to approve by R. Brown, seconded by J. Porreca, motion carried. **Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.**

Conference Request – ICS-300 & ICS-400 – Incident Command for Major Incidents, West Point, November 26-28 and December 13-14 2012 at no cost. Three people plan to attend. Motion to attend by K. McDonald, seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried.

Conference Request – Breath Analysis Operator –Instructor Course, December 4-7 in Westchester County. One person will attend at no cost to the County. Motion to approve by J. Nayer, seconded by J. Porreca, motion carried.

Out of County Inmate Report –

October 2012- \$44,975.00

YTD - \$411,740.00

This was \$77,785.00 less than last year.

Emergency Management – T. Lanphear and W. Black

Budget –2013 Budget has increased by \$65,300K but a large portion of this is due to equipment that is to be allocated to Fire, EMS, and Emergency Management. There was also an increase in computer software due to the Code Red system as well as an increase in maintenance agreements. Cell phones have been repositioned.

The total Emergency Management Budget is around 1.1million. T. Lanphear warned that the Departments budget is running very low at this point in 2012.

W. Black announced that another individual and he had been called down to assist with Hurricane Sandy.

Resolution Request – Authorization to modify the previous resolution for the Hazardous Mitigation Planning Grant. The amount the County has to contribute has changed. This is all based on risk. It is more money than they anticipated but will still be worth it. Additionally, some of the cost may be reimbursed. Motion to approve by K. McDonald, seconded by J. Porreca, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request – Authorization to transfer money from a Jail Account to an EMO Account to consolidate the purchase of printer supplies within the Public Safety Building. This will be adjusted for next year's budget. Motion to approve by J. Porreca, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Fire Coordinator – J. Howe

2013 Budget - \$24,548.00 (30.5%) increase due to \$31,914.00 request for new emergency equipment.

The Fire Coordinators Office has attended twelve meeting during the last month.

Beginning with the onset of Super Storm Sandy the Fire Coordinators worked within the EOC as well as under the NYS Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid Plan. Columbia County Fire assets were dispatched to Nassau County at the request of the State. Eleven Columbia County Fire Departments were deployed. Close to two hundred calls were answered by Columbia County units. The Departments also assisted in distributing food and water. J. Howe explained how the volunteers went above and beyond to help.

Fire Schools continue to be well attended. 28 schools have been completed with 548 students.

Conference Request – Authorization to attend the Regional Fire Administrators Conference in Montour Falls, NY on November 28 and 29th at a total cost of \$65.00. Two people will attend. Motion to approve by J. Porreca, seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried.

EMS – P.J. Keeler

Resolution Request – Authorization for a Budget Transfer in the amount of \$800.00 which is needed to replace tires on vehicles. Motion to approve by K. McDonald, seconded by J. Porecca, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

They participated in a drill on an emergency plan for an emergency event. All went well. A 24 month system analysis on the county EMS system was distributed. Over a two year period the net cost is \$234,244.00. This has proven to be a very cost effective program.

2013 Budget - Increase of 1.9% due to requested equipment mentioned above.

Probation – M. Benvenuto

2013 Budget – Increase of \$13K+ (1.7%) This is below the 2.5% CBU increases due to better utilization of clerical staff.

E-911- R. Lopez

Resolution Request: This request is due to a change of one location to alternative site Board review and completion of SEQR, part II for wireless communications upgrade. (Original SEQR Resolution # 272-2008, 3 phase project Resolution 198-2008.) Due to better propagation from a new site that has recently been put in they would like to adjust locations to allow for better coverage in the Southeast part of the County. This Alternative site was not available when the original SEQR was completed. The change is to add a commercial tower site, and communications

shelter at 3120 Route 7 in the Town of Copake. They will build out existing microwave system, and add narrowband VHF Hi-Band simulcast radio equipment to improve mobile, portable, and pager coverage. In order to satisfy an immediate need in the Southeast part of the County they will add their existing low band Fire dispatch frequency until they migrate to the VHF Hi Band simulcast system. Motion to approve by J. Porreca, seconded by R. Brown, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Conference Request: Request for dispatchers to attend the Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce (TERT) Basic Awareness Training on December 6th 2012 in Warren County. Five people will attend at no cost to the County.

Conference Request: Request for dispatcher to attend Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce (TERT) Team Leader Training on December 7th in Warren County. One person will attend at no cost to the County. Motion to approve by K. McDonald, seconded by J. Porreca, motion carried for both conferences.

Agency Data:

Call volume for October was 5,224 calls.

In October Columbia County 911 dispatched:

1136 EMS Agencies

377 Fire Agencies

1122 Police Polls

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

2013 Budget -\$54K increase. The majority is due to salary increases. Other then salaries and a small increase in a rental line item the budget has remained the same. Revenue has increased by \$80.00 because of grants.

Chairman Brown thanked R. Lopez, J. Howe, Sheriff Harrison, PJ Keeler, W. Black and T. Lanphear for helping with Hurricane Sandy. He mentioned that something should be done for the firemen that went to the southern part of the State to volunteer.

With no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 7:36PM by J. Porreca, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried.

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