

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
February 21, 2013

PRESENT:
Roy Brown, Chairman
Kevin McDonald
William Hughes, Jr.
Edward Cross
Jeffrey Nayer
John Porreca, Sr.
Jeffrey Braley
Edward Cross

ABSENT:
V. Bertram-non- voting member

ALSO PRESENT:
Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Robert Lopez
Sheriff Harrison
Robert Linville
William Hunt
PJ Keeler
William Black
Thomas Lanphear
Dennis McEvoy
Ronald Knott

PRESS: 1

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 5:58 PM.

Chairman Brown brought up **two bills** from the Healthcare Consortium in reference to the County ID Badges. The bill was for 150 visitor badges. All agencies in the 325 Bldg. have visitors on a daily basis. A motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by M. Murell to divide the bill into departments located in the 325 bldg. evenly. **With further discussion, it was decided to charge the I.D.'s to a building account, same for the portable radios ordered by Bob Pinto for communication between departments during emergency incidents and drills. Motion modified to reflect the change.** R. Caponera needs to set up accounts for this.

Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Harrison

The Sheriff requested noting in the minutes that he opposes the NY SAFE Act and would support a resolution by the Board of Supervisors to ask state legislatures to oppose the resolution.

Authorization to transfer a surplus vehicle to the Town of Greenport, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by M. Murell, carried. Refer to Finance.

Conference Objective Form, Infection Control, Columbia-Greene Community College, March 25, 2013, one (1) attending at a total cost\$41.00, motion by K. McDonald, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., carried.

Conference Objective Form, Infection Control, Columbia-Greene Community College, April 29, 2013, one (1) attending at a total cost\$41.00, motion by K. McDonald, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., carried.

Conference Objective Form, Glock Armorer Course, Schenectady, New York, June 20, 2013, two (2) Correction Officers attending at a total cost \$390.00, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by K. McDonald, carried.

Out of County Inmate Report: January 2013 -\$52,955.00

911: R. Lopez

Resolution Request: Resolution request to enter into an Agreement with Mariner Tower II, LLC to co-locate on the communications tower at the Copake site for an amount of \$550.00 per month. This amount was budgeted for using the Rental/Lease line account number A0-3E-3022-4027-E4000 balance in the account is \$14,394.50. Total budget \$15,000.00This is to continue with the three phase wireless communications project to build out to improve coverage, and to address an

immediate need in the Southeast part of the County to improve coverage on the current Fire dispatch frequency. We will not actually start the lease for another a few months while we get things set up. This request was presented last month, it was approved but did not get to Finance. Forward only to Finance.

Resolution Request:

Requesting authorization for the Grant Administrator to accept the FY2012 Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG) for the amount of \$28,049.00 and to disburse the funds in accordance with the grant once approved by the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. This grant is for 100%, no match by the County is required, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, motion carried. Forward to Budget & Salary, then forward to Finance.

This program shows you how to think quickly, spot key warning signs and act with confidence when you have a suicidal caller on the line.

Agency Data:

Call volume for January was 5,004 calls.

1333 EMS Agencies

324 Fire Agencies

1065 Police Polls

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

Emergency Management: T. Lanphear & B. Black

Resolution Request: Authorization to contract with Emergency Communications Network for the "My Daily Call" service at an annual cost of \$1,287.50, this is an animated process checks on at-risk individuals, including the elderly, the system users schedule pre-recorded telephone messages to be delivered to their telephone, non-responsive replies are followed up by the emergency contact, motion by J. Braley, seconded by J. Nayer, carried. Refer to Finance.

Hazardous Mitigation Planning Grant: Please save the date of March 13th 2013 at 6 pm at 401 State Street, Hudson, New York, for the presentation of the Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

Columbia County is updating the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by 44 CFR Part 201.3 and the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Local jurisdictions are required to update the Plan every 5 years in order to remain eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster mitigation grant programs.

This presentation will explain the process for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, including the roles and responsibilities of all of the participants during this process.

As part of the Columbia County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan update, The Office of Emergency management needs contact information from you and your Highway Superintendent.

Please forward to Lt. Thom Lanphear at thom.lanphear@columbiacountysheriff.us your email contact information, a daytime phone number and a cell phone number and provide the same information for your Highway Superintendent.

If you choose to not be the contact person from your town for this informational update, please provide us the name and contact info for that person.

The Office of Emergency management needs this information no later than March 6, 2013.

This update process is something that we all have to do. The framework is in place and the EMO with your cooperation can complete this task in a timely fashion. This update will affect future reimbursement from FEMA for your town if we do not update your information.

Again, please provide the contact information requested by March 6, 2013. The EMO will be contacting you shortly to work with you to update your town information for the County's Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

Fire Coordinator's Office: W. Hunt

Deputy Coordinator William Hunt presented by John Howe, spoke to the committee about the Youth Fire Starter Prevention and Counseling program in the county and the previous success rate with the children in the program. Coordinator Hunt requested the Supervisors to forward any name of a child that may need assistance to his office.

Public Defender: R. Linville

Update on expanded use of 2nd floor, 610 State Street: R. Linville was pleased to inform the committee there are 4 offices on the 2nd floor that he can utilize, and there will be no cost to modify. The office is utilizing the grant staff for better defense.

Supervisor Porreca Sr. distributed a packet of NY Safe Act that has documented County and Town resolutions **from across the State**. A motion by M. Murell, seconded by J. Nayer to have a draft resolution from the County Govt. Comm. working with the County Attorney to address the **concerns of the passed legislation in all areas that require unfunded mandated actions, effects and processes to the County's, motion carried with one (1) Supervisor opposed.**

The County Attorney sent to all supervisors of the County Government Comm. and the Public Safety Comm. in reference to 2012 Assigned Counsel Expenditures, stating the office is documenting figures from the Public Defender, assigned counsel and Conflict Defenders for their annual report to the NYS Comptrollers, Office of Indigent Legal Services.

With no further business or discussion a motion to adjourn at 6:51 PM by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, motion carried.

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