

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
May 16, 2013

**PRESENT:**  
Roy Brown, Chairman  
Kevin McDonald  
Matt Murell  
Edward Cross  
Jeffrey Braley  
Jeffrey Nayer

**ABSENT:**  
William Hughes, Jr., notified  
John Porreca, Sr.  
Valerie Bertram-notified

**ALSO PRESENT:**  
Gail DiCosmo, Clerk  
Ronald Knott  
Paul Czajka  
John Howe  
Thomas Lanphear  
Daniel Kibler  
Robert Lopez  
William Black  
Dennis McVoy

**PRESS: 2**

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

**Public Defender:**

**Conference Objective Form** (forwarded) Issues/Resources involving Veterans in the Justice System on May 22, 2013 in Albany NY Two (2) attending at a cost of \$25.00 each, totaling \$50.00, motion by M. Murell, seconded by J. Braley, carried.

**District Attorney:** P. Czajka

Authorizing the District Attorney to waive the 15, 10 & 5% salary reduction for the currently filled position of Social Worker, motion by J. Braley, seconded by K. McDonald, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved forward to Finance.

**Sheriff's Office:** T. Lanphear

**Resolution Request:** Authorization to fill Two (2) vacant budgeted full-time Corrections Officer, annual salary \$35,286.00, one is due to a resignation, one is due to pending termination, this position has a savings over a 10 yr. period Step 7 to Step 1, \$43,149.00 motion by K. McDonald, seconded by E. Cross, motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved Forward to Finance.

**Resolution Request:** Authorization to amend Resolution 426-2012 (acceptance of Child Passenger Safety Grant) for a budget amendment to increase the Sheriff's Office revenue and expenditure line item in the 2013 budget, motion by J. Braley, seconded by K. McDonald, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved forward to Finance. Thanks to the Highway Dept. for helping out with Patrol Car Lettering, there is a \$300.00 savings. Out of County Inmate Report, April of 2012 \$72,750.00 April 2013 \$36,300.00, YTD: 2013 \$230,290.00 and last year at this time was \$116,100.00 nearly doubled.

Discussion started with T. Lanphear & W. Black informed the committee a letter was received in reference to the E-Plan SARA Title III Tier 11 2 hazmat information located at the University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas. Unfortunately DHS did not elect to continue the funding, the E-Plan costs are approximately one million dollars a year and DHS is funding many millions of dollars on other hazardous chemical facility programs that are less useful to Local Emergency Planning Committee, hazmat facilities and first responders by taking all tools away and we need to encourage the board to draft either a letter or resolution to support & continue funding, this funding will stop August 31, 2013, so a draft of a letter or resolution is needed, motion by R. Brown, seconded by J. Nayer, carried.

**Hazardous Mitigation Grant** will be at the ECO Center on Monday, May 20, 2013 to help the towns out in filling the applications. Only received applications completed from six towns.

**Fire Coordinator:** J. Howe

The Fire Coordinators Office has attended 19 meetings and 4 multiple alarm fires resulting in 3 fire investigations in the last month.

14 schools have been completed year to date with 247 students graduating totaling 5691 student hours.

Interviews have been completed for 2 open State Fire Instructor positions with appointments expected to be made this week.

Four battalion meetings were conducted in the last month with 97 Fire Officers present, representing all 31 County Departments.

**Resolution Request:** authorization to appoint Peter J. Harvey of the Niverville Fire Department to this position at the annual salary of \$2500, motion by J. Braley, seconded by M. Murell, carried Refer to Finance.

**Resolution Request:** authorization to appoint Randy Lewis of the West Ghent Vol. Fire Department to the Columbia County HAZMAT Team, motion by K. McDonald, seconded by M. Murell, carried. Refer to Finance

**Conference Objective Form:** to send one Deputy Coordinator for two days of training on line of duty deaths at the West Crescent Fire Department in Clifton Park on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at no cost to the County, motion by K. McDonald, seconded by J. Braley, carried.

**Probation:** D. Kibler

**Ignition Interlock Device Current total cases:** 137 (65 Conditional discharges and 72 Probation Cases) these figures indicate a steady increase in volume.

**Conference Objective Form:** 2013 COPA summer conference and Training Seminar on June 24<sup>th</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Placid Crowne Plaza Center, one attending at no cost to the County, motion by M. Murell, seconded by J. Braley, carried.

**911:** R. Lopez

**Resolution Request:** For the 911 Director to enter into an agreement with Alcatel Lucent to install a point to point connection to the Copake Tower. Cost not to exceed \$37,217.84, motion by R. Brown, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved forward to Finance.

This adjustment is part of the Radio Project, adding the Copake Tower. Taking equipment we already have and re-engineer, and re-license existing point-to-point equipment and placing it in service for the Copake Tower. This cost includes Equipment, Path Design, Frequency Coordination, FCC Licensing, Engineering, removal, and installation (labor) of equipment for a turn- key solution.

**Conference Objective Form:** For the Director of 911 to attend Microwave Path Engineering on Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> 2013 @ Comsearch in Ashburn, Va. Cost for the Course is free, there will be a hotel fee for two nights and fuel reimbursement. Cost in my education budget line is \$4,373.00, motion by J. Nayer, seconded by J. Braley, carried.

This course provides an in-depth understanding of the Principles used in designing point-to-point microwave paths. As part of the rules and regulations of the FCC prior coordination notices are sent out for review, this provides training to review for potential interference with our equipment.

**Agency Data:**

Call volume for April was 4,381 calls.

1,062 EMS Agencies

354 Fire Agencies

1,022 Police Polls

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

With no further business a motion to adjourn at 6:37 PM by K. McDonald seconded by M. Murell, motion carried.

