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Public Safety Committee

January 10, 2001

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ALLEGANY COUNTY
CLERK OF COURTS

Present: Rod Bennett, Chairman
Ron Truax
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John Tucker
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Bill Timberlake
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John Margeson

Media: Anita Carlson, Cuba Patriot
George Filgrove, Wellsville Daily Reporter

Fire Advisory Board Reps: Dick Smith, Dick Sortore, Dan Metcalf

Others: Enumerators Jody Kenyon and Tren Young
DSS – Peg Cherre, Marsha Moore, Barb Benjamin and Jeanette Kaiser

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:35.

On motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Corkey the minutes of the December 6 meeting were approved.

Peg Cherre, Commissioner of DSS, was called on. Copies of a report were handed out of a survey taken of counties similar to Allegany in New York State. The reason was to determine how other counties Social Services departments handle security issues. The survey was done by the DSS team called Seeing Core Objectives Realized (SCORE) (see copy with minutes).

It was noted that most of the other counties have a “lock down” policy in place which means there are special security systems in place in order to enter the DSS departments. This information has been shared with the entire DSS staff, the Labor/Management Safety Committee, the Sheriff and at previous meetings with Chairman Bennett.

DSS is currently addressing some security issues. Funding has been obtained for a full time security guard to be assigned to the department. A contract has been written up to use a Sheriff's Deputy for the position. Another project is to request a “safety audit” to be done by an outside consultant. Carl Fenescey will be meeting with staff and the Labor/Management Safety Committee as part of this audit. It is anticipated to receive some additional recommendations that will enhance security for the department. Another proposal was to recommend to DPW to have the two stairwell doors onto the DSS floor be one-way accessible with crash bars on the inside. This would limit access to the floor only by the breezeway or elevator.

Chairman Bennett noted that he felt building security is lax in our complex. The additional security position would allow the current security deputy time to spend in other areas.

Mr. Truax noted of his concern of the child support and collection building being separate from the complex. Ms. Cherre noted she plans to recommend the security deputy escort employees to and from the building especially for court sessions.

The Sheriff submitted a memorandum to request creation of a deputy's position for this project. On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Dibble the committee unanimously approved the request.

COUNTY ATTORNEY PREPARE RESOLUTION

Traffic Safety Board

Chairman Bennett submitted a request for approval of appointments to the Traffic Safety Board for a three-year term through December 2003. On motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Corkey the committee unanimously approved the appointments.

COUNTY ATTORNEY PREPARE RESOLUTION

Sheriff's Department

Chairman Bennett called on Sheriff Belmont for his report. A request was submitted to transfer \$6,000 from 3150.447 (jail medical) to 4010.459 in the Health Department to allow the Health Department to administer that program. On motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Graffrath the committee unanimously approved the request. The matter was referred to Ways and Means.

Undersheriff Bill Timberlake noted of the need to replace three computers used in the 911 dispatch. The upgraded software will not work in the current ones. A request was submitted to transfer \$7,000 from the E911 Reserve Account to the 3510.201 E911 Equipment Account. The request was unanimously approved on motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Graffrath and referred to Ways and Means.

In order to comply with the State, the Sheriff submitted a request to create four sergeants positions in the jail. Two chief deputy positions would be abolished. There are funds in the sheriff's budget. On motion by Mr. Corkey and seconded by Mr. Graffrath the committee unanimously approved the request.

COUNTY ATTORNEY PREPARE RESOLUTION

Mr. Dibble suggested the county try to obtain the "reverse 911" system of automatic telephone calling. In the event of an emergency or disaster, certain portions of the county could be isolated and telephone calls made to these residents to notify them of a situation and offer instructions. Possible grant funds could be obtained to offset the cost. John Tucker was asked to contact vendors to get information.

Mr. Corkey asked about what is being done to address the plan for a new county complex. Mr. Sherman noted there is a "building committee" and that test drilling was authorized at the building site. There was discussion as to the matter of the flood plain and its proximity to the land. It was explained the property is not in the flood plain.

Fire Service

Chairman Bennett called on Keith Barber, Fire Coordinator, for his report. Keith noted he is addressing a problem with the tone assignments for some of the fire departments' radio systems.

Mr. Corkey asked about a recent fire incident in Alfred Station and a call to dispatch Alfred fire department. It was explained that Alfred was called for mutual aid. There was discussion about some departments overriding radio communications of others. Keith noted this is being addressed. Some equipment is in need of change.

There was discussion on the status of the county numbering system. Keith noted seventy percent of the agreements sent to towns and villages have been approved and returned. Keith noted of what personnel are currently working on in the fire service office.

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Bennett called on John Tucker, Director, for his report. John handed out copies of information concerning the need for medical directors for all county ambulance squads. As of the first of last year all county squads are now "certified" by the State Health Department and are required to have a physician that has hospital emergency department privileges as a "medical director". It has been very difficult for some squads to maintain a physician because some have left the area. John noted in the handouts that Chautauqua County did a survey to see how other counties handle this. Some counties pay physicians to handle this responsibility. John suggested the county assist in guaranteeing the squads an active medical director by financially compensating them.

On motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Corkey, the matter was tabled and further discussion will be made. Mr. Truax will discuss the matter with Gary Ogden, Health Director for the county.

John noted that sixty-six ambulance squad members have signed up for the EMT Basic course now being conducted by the office. This is the largest class since John has worked for the county. Sixteen members have signed up for the Advanced EMT Critical Care course.

The office will try to coordinate offering an EMS Officers Workshop for the squads provided by the Western Regional Emergency Medical System office.

Other

Mr. Dibble noted of concerns with businesses in the county that sell gasoline and the much cheaper prices offered out of the county.

On motion by Mr. Corkey and seconded by Mr. Dibble the committee moved into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

On motion by Mr. Corkey and seconded by Mr. Dibble the committee moved out of executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25.

MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: January 10, 2001

Request a resolution creating an additional Deputy Sheriff position within the Sheriff's Office.

This will allow a Deputy Sheriff to be assigned to the Social Service floor for security on a full time basis.

The funds for this position will be provided by the Social Services Department and will fully reimburse the Sheriff's budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No impact on Sheriff's budget

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

Randal J. Belmont, Sheriff
Name and Department

200
Telephone Number

MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: January 10, 2001

Request a resolution creating four (4) additional Sergeant positions within the Sheriff's Office.

These positions are needed to provide adequate supervision on an around the clock basis.

It is anticipated that no additional funds for these positions will be required due to offsetting overtime savings.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No impact on Sheriff's budget

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

Randal J. Belmont, Sheriff
Name and Department

200
Telephone Number

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MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

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(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: January 10, 2001

Request a resolution authorizing a fund transfer of \$7,000

FROM: E-911 Reserve Account

TO: 3510.201 E-911 Equipment Account

This transfer is necessary to upgrade three computers in the Communications Center due to unforeseen changes in software.

FISCAL IMPACT:

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

Randal J. Belmont, Sheriff
Name and Department

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Telephone Number

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MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

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(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: January 10, 2001

Request a resolution authorizing an inter-agency fund transfer of \$6,000

FROM: 3150.447 Jail Medical

TO: 4010.459 Health Department

This transfer places the funds for cost of the jail physician into the Health Department.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Additional funds are not required in Sheriff's Accounts.

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

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ALLEGANY COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

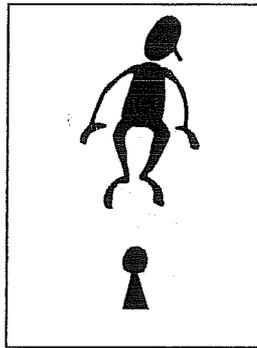
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MARGARET A. CHERRE
Commissioner

S.C.O.R.E. Team

(Seeing Core Objectives Realized)



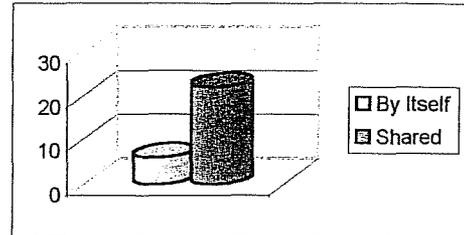
Safety Survey

Building Security Survey

Allegany County DSS is in the process of evaluating our building safety. We conducted a survey of other county DSS's to learn how they addressed this issue. Here are the results of this survey.

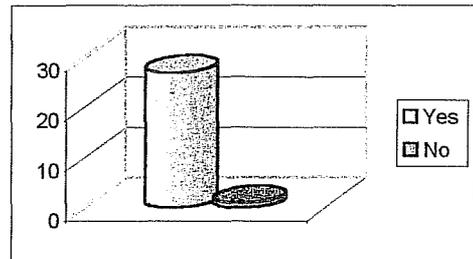
1. Is your DSS in a building by itself or do you share it with others?

By itself – 6 counties
 Shared with others – 22 counties



2. Is your building or department locked down, that is, does everyone, including staff have to pass through locked doors to gain access to your building or department?

Yes – 27 counties
 No – 1 county



- 2a. How long has this been the case?

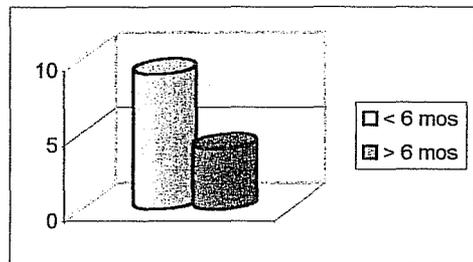
1-5 Years – 13 counties
 6-10 Years – 9 counties
 > 10 Years – 2 counties

- 2b. What made you take this action?

The shootings at Watkins Glen – 10 counties
 General safety & staff concerns – 5 counties
 Incidents at their own and other DSS's – 6 counties
 New building came equipped with safety features – 2 counties
 Safety Audit – 1 county

- 2c. Once you decided this was appropriate, how long did it take to put it in place?

Less than 6 months – 9 counties
 More than 6 months – 4 counties



- 2d. What special preparations were needed to implement it (examples: legislative approval, funding considerations, union issues, training issues)?

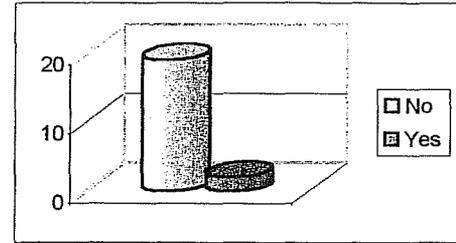
Legislative approval – 12 counties
 Funding considerations – 6 counties
 Training – 1 county

- 2e. Are you aware of any funding available for such a system?

Within own budget – 5 counties
 State funded – 1 county

- 2f. Have you encountered any unexpected problems as a result of this system
 None known- 16 counties
 Floor space redesigned – 1 county
 Code changes periodically – 1 county

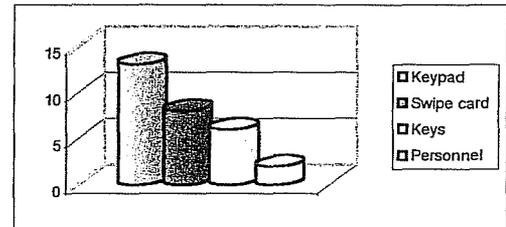
- 2g. Has this system been breached, that is, can and do people circumvent it?
 Not that they're aware of – 19 counties
 Yes – 2 counties (each one time)



- 2h. Do staff feel safer with this system than previously?
 Yes – 22 counties
 Mixed feelings – 3 counties

- 2i. Are people (staff or visitors) annoyed, offended, or otherwise react negatively to this system?
 Not that they're aware of – 14 counties
 Somewhat – 6 counties

- 2j. Do you use keys, keypads, swipe cards, or some other system?
 Keypads – 13 counties
 Swipe cards – 8 counties
 Keys – 6 counties
 Buzzed in – 2 counties

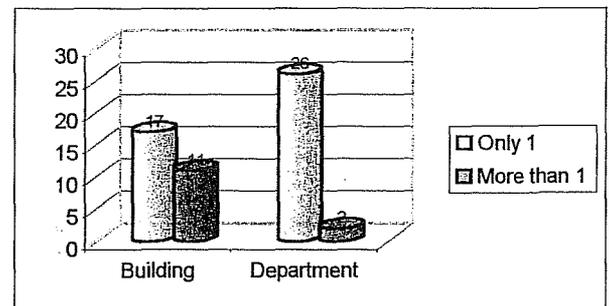


3. Have you had a “safety audit” in the last few years that helped you determine what options (to building and/or procedures) were needed to improve the security of your facility?
 No – 8 counties
 Yes – 6 counties
 Unknown – 7 counties

4. Are your employees required to wear identification badges?
 Mandatory in office – 8 counties
 Mandatory in field – 4 counties
 Swipe cards are ID's – 4 counties
 Have badges, but are not mandatory – 6 counties
 Don't have badges at all – 7 counties

5. Is there a single entrance to your building, or may visitors enter through multiple unsecured doors?
 Single entrance – 17 counties
 Multiple entrances – 11 counties

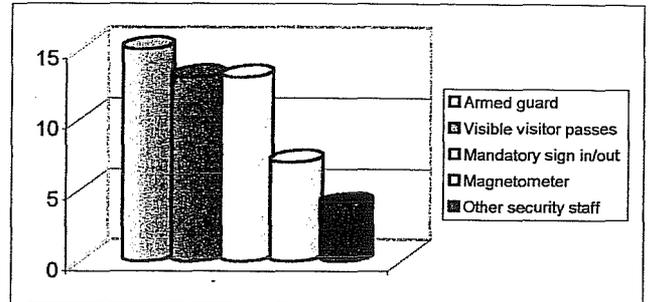
- 5a. If no single entrance for building, is there for your department?
 Yes – 4 counties
 No – 1 county



5b. Are there locked security doors to your individual units?
 Yes – 11 counties
 No – 5 counties

5c. Do staff have to go through locked doors?
 Yes – 17 counties
 No – 1 county

6. When entering your building (or department) do visitors encounter any or all of the following?
 a. Magnetometer/Metal detector – 7 counties
 b. Sheriff deputy/armed guard – 15 counties
 c. Other safety/security personnel – 2 counties
 d. Mandatory sign in/sign out sheet – 13 counties
 e. Visible visitor passes – 13 counties



7. Do you have one (or more) security guard(s) assigned to your department?
 Yes – 18 counties
 No – 5 counties
 Not assigned, but have access to – 3 counties

8. Do you have panic buttons in place to summon security personnel?
 Yes – 21 counties
 No – 6 counties
 Have coded phones instead – 1 county

9. Do you have video systems in place?
 Yes – 7 counties
 No – 16 counties

9a. If yes, inside, outside or both?
 Inside – 4 counties
 Outside – 1 county
 Both – 1 county

9b. If yes, is their primary function to prevent theft or promote worker safety?
 Worker safety – 4 counties
 Prevent theft – 1 county
 Both – 1 county

10. Does your agency vigorously prosecute clients or others who threaten workers physically, verbally, or otherwise?
 Yes – 14 counties
 No – 10 counties

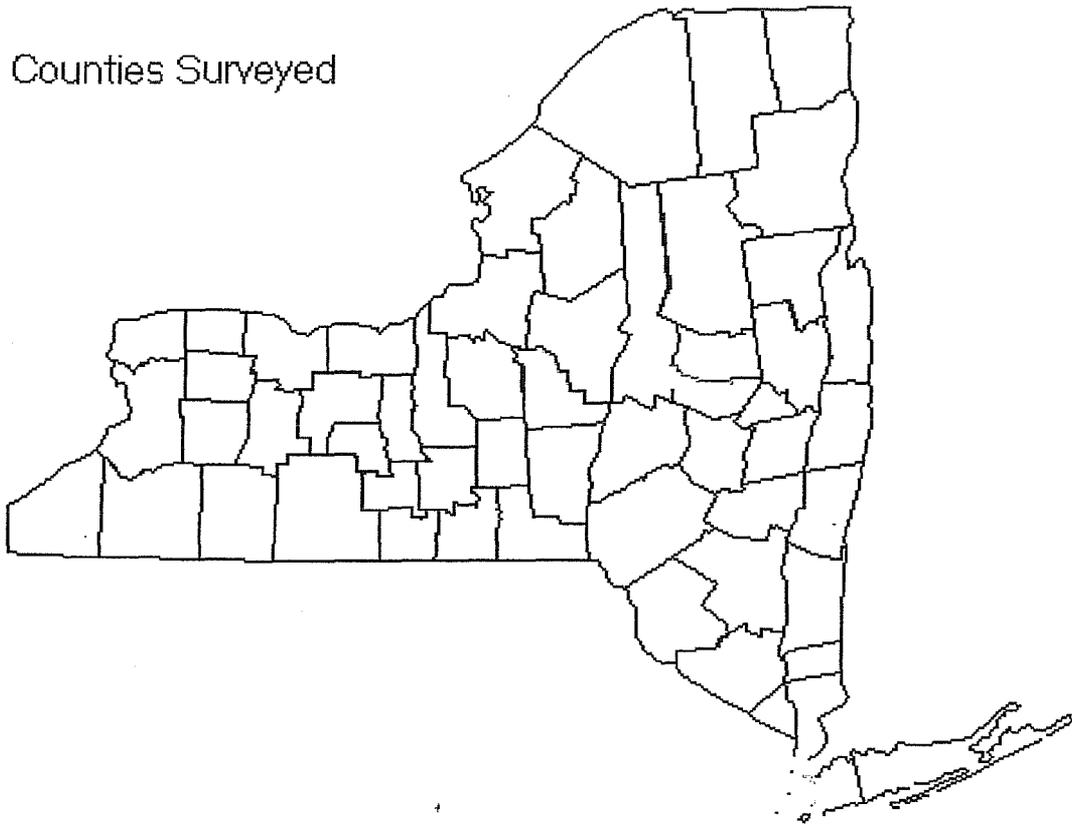
11. Who is able to use your building after hours (examples: only staff, only certain staff, public meetings, etc.)?
 Public meetings – 15 counties
 Staff – 7 counties
 Only certain staff – 8 counties
 Custodians & security personnel only – 5 counties

12. Are any of your units located away from your main building?
 Yes – 12 counties
 No – 13 counties
- 12a. If yes, does each physical location have a similar security system to the main building?
 Yes – 5 counties
 No – 2 counties
13. Was there a point at which you were concerned about safety/security and made changes?
 No – 6 counties
 Yes - 1 county had general concern
 1 county had a shooting in 1984
 1 county had a contract cleaner leave the doors unlocked
 4 counties were concerned after the Watkins Glen incident
 2 counties had problems at their own DSSs
14. Anything else you think would be important to share regarding building safety or security?
 1 county added that at night all of the doors are locked after 6 pm to even line staff, only access is granted to managers and security personnel.
 1 county added that they have a well lit parking area.
 1 county formed a county safety committee that has monthly meetings.
 1 county said that staff on road must take cell phones and their respective supervisors must know where they are at all times.
 1 county said that all of DSS should be in one building.

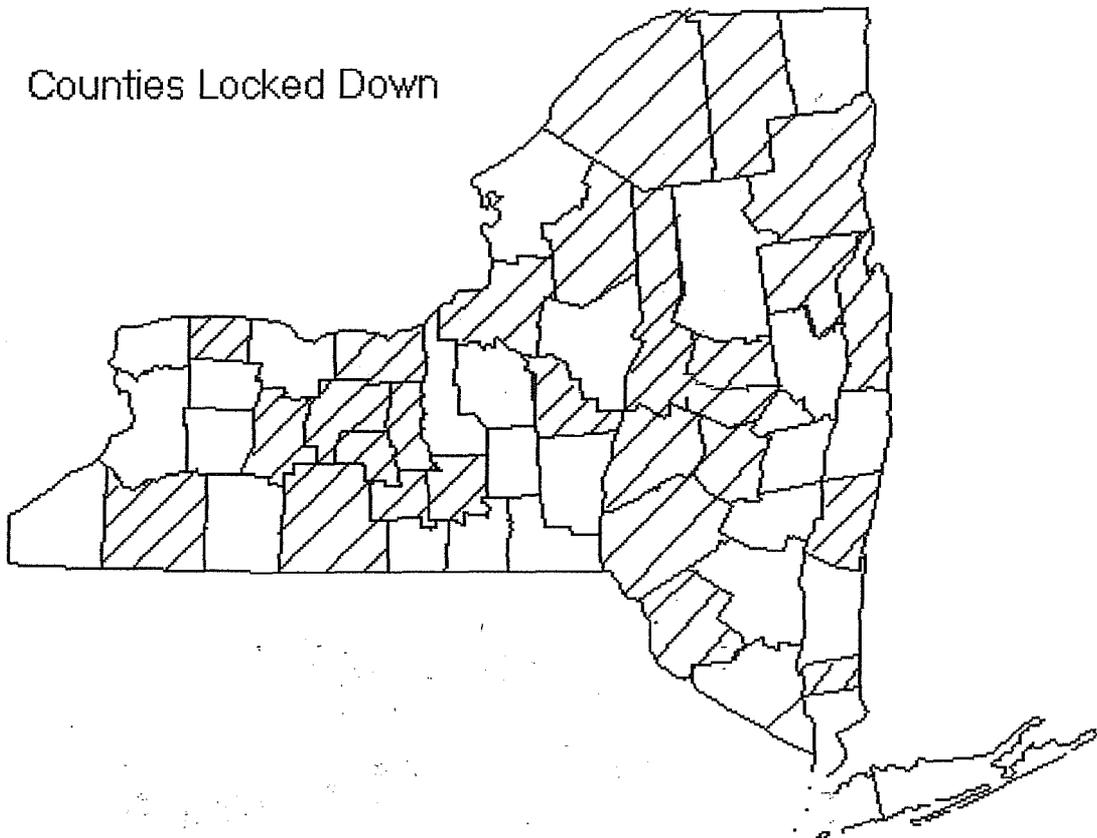
Counties interviewed for Safety Survey

Cattaraugus	Oswego
Columbia	Otsego
Delaware	Putnam
Essex	St. Lawrence
Franklin	Schoharie
Fulton	Schuyler
Hamilton	Seneca
Herkimer	Steuben
Lewis	Sullivan
Livingston	Tompkins
Madison	Warren
Montgomery	Washington
Ontario	Wayne
Orleans	Yates

Counties Surveyed



Counties Locked Down



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Reverse 911 will provide early warning

By LISA HAARLANDER
News Northtowns Bureau

Don't hang up just yet.

That annoying recorded voice on the other end of the phone may not be a telemarketing company. It may be the police calling to warn you about a rapist in your neighborhood or a missing child.

Amherst is one of the first police departments in New York — and the first in Erie County — to install a reverse 911 system.

"When a public safety emergency occurs, everyone knows 911 is the number to dial," said Police Chief John J. Moslow. "Using reverse 911, the police can call you."

In case of emergency, the computer system can call hundreds of residents within minutes and deliver a recorded message. In this way, police can notify an entire subdivision or a single street.

Other local police departments said that they would like to have that option but that they only have so much money to spend.

Take the Town of Tonawanda.

With the threat of a chemical disaster from its numerous industrial plants, Police Chief Samuel M. Palmiere said, he would love to have such a system to warn a neighborhood that a cloud of chlorine gas was headed its way. But right now, the department's funds are better spent on getting video cameras into every police car, he said.

"All the technology that is available to us today comes at a huge price tag," Palmiere said. "You have to pick and choose what is most effective for you."

Similarly, Buffalo police are more concerned with getting technology to pinpoint the location of people who dial 911 on their cell phones. Cheektowaga does not have enough money to buy new police cars and radios to alone a mass-notification system, they said.

With a state grant picking up half of the \$41,000 price tag, Amherst should be able to call residents with the system in a few months. Although made by several companies, all systems combine the telephone numbers in the phone book with computer maps to allow police to notify different segments of the population.

If a child is reported missing,

the police can draw a circle around the area when the child was last seen and have a computer call residents with a recorded message giving the child's description.

Or if someone is passing phony checks, the system could call all banks in the area. And if convenience stores are being targeted, police could fax those businesses a picture of the suspect.

The technology also could allow police to perform a daily check on elderly and disabled people. To indicate that they are all right, the people would enter a code. If there is no response, the police would start calling relatives or check on the person in question.

"The system's uses are virtually unlimited," Moslow said, "but we do not want to use this on a weekly basis so people are tired of hearing from us."

For instance, he said, "it would have been nice to have this technology available when we were trying to capture a very active burglar in the north end of town."

Residents could not agree more.

"It's a great early warning system for any kind of problem," said Deborah Haendiges, president of the Willowridge Civic Association. "It would deter crime even more, although we're fortunate in Amherst not to have a high crime rate."

If there are people who do not want to be called, they could ask the police to remove them from the automated system.

The biggest drawback is that the telephone companies will not sell databases containing unlisted phone numbers. Verizon estimated that 10 to 20 percent of Amherst residents have unlisted numbers.

However, people can ask the police to include their unlisted phone number in the warning system's database. Moslow said.

The technology has been around for about 20 years and has been used by nuclear power plants and airports but only recently has been adopted by local police departments, partly because the price has dropped.

Amherst has not yet decided which reverse 911 system to buy. One company has trademarked the name REVERSE 911, although the system is separate from 911. Others call their product CityWatch or the Communicator.

Elsewhere in Western New York, the Genesee County Sheriff's Department is installing a reverse 911 system. Other upstate agencies that use the technology include the Seneca County Sheriff's Department and the Brighton Police Department, outside Roch-

Amherst: System helped find lost child

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ester.

Downstate, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department is buying the system. Rockland County and Greenburgh, which is near White Plains, have used the system for years.

There have been numerous success stories nationwide.

A missing child was found in 30 minutes in Anderson, Ind., after a reverse 911 system sent out calls to hundreds of residents.

Scam artists were caught in Alexandria, Va., after computers called residents to warn them.

Closer to home, Greenburgh has used its system to let residents know that the town was spraying for mosquitoes because of the threat from the West Nile virus, said Police Chief John A. Kapica.

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Seven Student Interns
Linda Eckert, Coordinator for Interns

Tren Young, Enumerator

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:35.

On motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Graffrath the minutes of the January 10 meeting were approved.

Probation Department

Chairman Bennett called on Dave Sirianni, Director for his report. Dave requested approval for the renewal for Alternatives to Incarceration Contract. This includes the Community Service and Pretrial Release programs.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Truax the committee unanimously approved the request. **COUNTY ATTORNEY PREPARE A RESOLUTION**

There was some discussion on various programs of the Probation Department such as the electronic monitoring and its effect on the jail population.

Fire Service

Chairman Bennett called on Keith Barber, Fire Coordinator, for his report. Keith noted that only five townships have not returned the agreement on acceptance of the county's numbering system.

Keith noted of the working on changing the Belfast fire departments tone assignments to eliminate problems with the 911 base station. Angelica's situation will be addressed next.

Keith handed out copies of a letter explaining the status of the rural numbering system.

Mr. Corkey asked Keith about the 911 logging tapes and if they are available to the public. Keith noted that through the proper procedures, yes.

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Bennett called on John Tucker, Director, for his report. John noted he had obtained information from two companies on the reverse 911 system. Two types of systems were noted. One was handled completely by one company and one is a computer program that is handled by the county. There were no price estimates as yet.

Weights and Measures

Chairman Bennett discussed the fact that Al Chamberlain is retiring and a replacement needs to be trained. There was discussion on the civil service test and it was noted that the test is only scheduled every two years. It was agreed to check to see if this position could be contracted from outside the county.

On motion by Mr. Corkey and seconded by Mr. Dibble the committee unanimously approved to have the provisional position posted.

Other

Chairman Bennett noted that he attended a recent Fire Advisory Board meeting and the matter of workers compensation was discussed. It was recommended to see if it would be possible to make the process of handling a claim easier for the volunteer firemen and ambulance squad members. Mr. Dibble suggested to have Doug Dillon of the Self Insurance office attend the next Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss the matter.

Chairman Bennett noted some legislators will be attending the NYSAC legislative session and asked if there were any issues that should be taken to the session. One suggestion was to address the unfunded mandates that local governments are being given.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Truax the committee moved into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

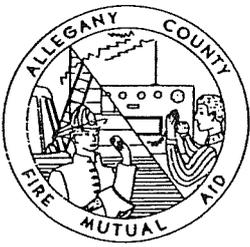
On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Truax the committee moved out of executive session.

Keith Barber was instructed to develop a job description for the proposed full time position in the Fire Service office that will be dealing with the numbering system.

On motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Graffrath the committee made a referral to Ways and Means to request funds from contingency for the full time position in the Fire Service office.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Truax it approved to make a referral to the Personnel Committee to create a full time position in the Fire Service office. This position would be handling the rural numbering system and other duties.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55.



Allegany County Fire Service

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Keith M. Barber, *Fire Coordinator*

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To: Public Safety Committee

From: Keith M. Barber – Allegany County Fire Coordinator

Re: Rural Numbering

Committeemen:

The following is an outline of work that has been completed and work that needs to be completed regarding the rural numbering project.

Work that is or is near completion:

- Road measurements of the entire county locating and verifying all addresses as of October 2000 (not including villages).
- Workbooks for each town to be used for future address assignments (95% complete).
- Microsoft Access Database of all addresses in Allegany County (not including villages)

Work that still needs to be completed:

- Print map sets to be distributed among all Public Safety agencies in Allegany County.
- Using ArcView and possibly Pictometry, develop a computer mapping program to be used in the Communications Center to be used to help locate residences in the event of an emergency.
- Make notification of any address changes.
- Assign new house numbers as the need arises.
- Create maps and a database of all the villages in Allegany County.

We have also worked with different agencies to provide them with information regarding the numbering system. We have provided or are providing address listings to the Towns of Hume, Caneadea, Rushford, New Hudson and Scio for the purpose of updating their records and future purchase of rural number plaques. We have given information to the Allegany County Planning and Development Department to be used in their GIS work, developed intersection sign lists for Certified Traffic Control for towns that are purchasing new road signs (these signs are similar to the ones in the Town of Granger which include the address range at each intersection), developed a map of Interstate 86 for the Communications Center that includes all Mile Posts and other reference points to help locate motorists and we are finishing a rural number map set also for communications.

The problem we have faced and probably will continue to face in the future is our willingness to share the information that we have. We are prone to accept any other requests for information that are within the area of our responsibility.

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Weights and Measures

There was some discussion regarding the replacement for Al Chamberlain who is retiring. John Margeson noted the Personnel Office has been receiving applications for the provisional appointment. The committee requested Mr. Margeson to work with the Personnel Director to review the applications.

District Attorney

Chairman Bennett called on Terry Parker, District Attorney, for his report.

Terry noted one of the Assistant District Attorneys has submitted a resignation. The committee was requested to approve the vacancy be filled. The position is actually two part-time positions handled by one person. The replacement would be either one person that would handle both positions or possibly two people.

On motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Graffrath the committee approved the request.

Terry noted of the approval of the Aid to Prosecution grant totaling \$50,000. Funds will be used for computer equipment, G.I.S. equipment and a vehicle.

Sheriff's Department

Chairman Bennett called on Undersheriff Bill Timberlake for his report. Bill noted the sheriff was in Albany.

Bill requested a resolution to transfer \$7,800 from the A3150.1 (Jail Personal Services) to A3150.408 (Jail General Supplies). The request was approved on motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Graffrath. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

Bill submitted a request for committee approval for the sheriff to sign a software contract for a CAD (computer aided dispatch) system for the dispatch center. Bill noted that a \$5,000 legislative appropriation has been received to cover the cost.

Another request was submitted to have the \$5,000 grant be placed into A10.3389.04 revenue account and appropriate the funds to the 3510.201 communications center equipment account.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Corkey the Committee approved the requests. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Fire Service

Chairman Bennett noted that Doug Dillon, Director of the Workers Comp office was not present because of health concerns. This matter will be discussed at a future meeting.

Keith noted there is a need to consider development of a county fire training facility. Currently the facility in Cuba is in need of work. Keith was directed to get some figures together. The committee asked if possibly the county could assist with work on the Cuba facility. There was a question as to the status of the fire training facility in Wellsville off Brooklyn Avenue. It was noted it does not meet the state requirements for use as a training facility.

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Bennett called on John Tucker, Director, for his report. John discussed the matter of medical directors for the county ambulance squads. The proposal at a previous meeting was to pay two physicians \$12,000 annually to provide medical direction for the squads. It was explained that because there are more requirements of the medical director's position there is more time required of the doctors. As reported at the January meeting, there are other counties that are compensating doctors to act as medical directors for squads.

John was requested to contact area hospitals surrounding Allegany County to determine if doctors with emergency department privileges would be willing to be medical directors for squads in Allegany County that need them. John noted this matter will be discussed at next evening's County EMS Council meeting.

Dick Smith of the Fire Advisory Board commented that this matter as well as many other state mandates for ambulance squads has placed a real burden on the volunteers. Mr. Dibble suggested a board resolution be sent to the state with these concerns.

Mr. Bennett noted Jeff Luckey is the new Fire Advisory Board Chairman.

On motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Corkey the Committee moved into and then out of executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45.

MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: March 7, 2001

Request Public Safety Committee Approval allowing the Sheriff to sign a software development agreement with Digi-Torque, Inc. This company has a CAD system customized for the 911 Communication Center. The funding for this software is a grant of \$5,000 from the State of New York, Division of Criminal Justice Services.

This software has been demonstrated to Deb Button and has her approval.

X Also, in connection with the above grant, request \$5,000 revenue be placed into A10.3389.04 and \$5,000 be appropriated to Account 3510.201 Communication Center Equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Additional funds are not required in Sheriff's Accounts.

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

Randal J. Belmont, Sheriff
Name and Department

200
Telephone Number

MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: March 7, 2001

Request a resolution to transfer \$7,800 from A3150.1 Jail Personal Service to 3150.408 Jail General Supplies. This reimburses the supplies account for funds transferred to cover a contract employee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Additional funds are not required in Sheriff's Accounts.

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

Randal J. Belmont, Sheriff
Name and Department

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Telephone Number

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Public Safety Committee

March 28, 2001

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ALLEGANY COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Present: Rod Bennett, Chairman
Ron Truax
Jim Graffrath
Bill Dibble
Curtis Corkey
Preston Lucas
John Margeson

John Tucker
Randy Belmont
Bill Timberlake
Terry Parker
Al Chamberlain
Doug Dillon

Media: George Filgrove, Wellsville Daily Reporter

Fire Advisory Board Reps: Jody Kenyon, Dave Jennings, Jeff Luckey

Others: Tren Young, Enumerator

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:53.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Dibble the minutes of the March 7, 2001 meeting were approved.

Weights and Measures

The replacement of Al Chamberlain was discussed. Chairman Bennett noted twelve of the applications received have met the position's requirements.

The list has been narrowed to four applicants. The committee directed Chairman Bennett and Bernie Morris of the Personnel Department to determine the provisional appointment from the four.

District Attorney

Chairman Bennett called on Terry Parker, District Attorney, for his report.

Terry submitted a memorandum to request approval for a new Xerox copy machine lease agreement. It would be through a state contract.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Dibble the committee approved the request and **referred the matter to Ways and Means.**

Workers Compensation Office

Chairman Bennett noted Doug Dillon was present to discuss some workers compensation issues. Doug noted that of the twenty-six previously received claims, fifteen were received beyond the filing deadline. Doug wanted to address the concerns that some in the fire service had regarding perceived difficulties in processing claims. Mr. Truax asked if the forms used to process the claims could be streamlined to allow quicker and easier processing.

Doug noted the current form is shorter than the previous one. It was suggested to possibly develop an instruction sheet to assist with the process. Doug noted the completed forms could

be faxed to his office to speed up the process. It was noted that the medical bills, if sent to the individual instead of his office, should be sent in as soon as possible.

There was discussion as to when exactly workers compensation coverage starts for a volunteer in responding to a call. It was noted that is addressed depending on each case.

It was recommended that Doug make arrangements to meet with the Fire Advisory Board or Chiefs Association to discuss the matter with them. It was felt that if communications were improved between the volunteers and the Workers Compensation office, the concerns would be eliminated. The legislators complimented Doug and felt he was doing a good job and thanked him for attending the meeting to discuss this matter.

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Bennett called on John Tucker, Director, for his report.

John noted the Southwestern Regional EMS Council had received a five thousand dollar grant for the purchase of EMS training equipment. Equipment was purchased for each of the three counties in the region (Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegany)

Brochures were handed out noting of a workshop on the National Flood Insurance Program. The town and village officials as well as code enforcement officers. The Office of Emergency Services and Planner Kier Dirlam are setting it up for April 25th in Belmont.

Sheriff's Department

Chairman Bennett called on Sheriff Belmont for his report.

Mr. Corkey noted that the Sheriff has submitted information that has helped the Technology Committee with some issues. He thanked the sheriff for the assistance.

There was some discussion regarding how the sheriff could provide some detailed listing of time and costs for activities in the department.

The Sheriff requested an executive session to discuss some personnel matters. Approved on motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Truax.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Truax the committee moved out of executive session.

A memorandum was submitted by the sheriff requesting approval for temporary full time position of Assistant Administrator thru 2001. The work is currently being done by a "contract" worker.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Truax the matter was referred to the Personnel Committee. Mr. Corkey voted no.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15.

MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: March 28, 2001

until end of year
Request a resolution creating an ~~18-month~~ temporary position titled Assistant Administrator in the Sheriff's Office. This position will be funded by existing funds in the current budget. See attached job description.

The work involved is currently being done by a Contract worker.

The Sheriff requests the salary of this appointee to be set at \$35,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Additional funds are not required in Sheriff's Budget.

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

Randal J. Belmont, Sheriff
Name and Department

200
Telephone Number

Class Title: Assistant Administrator

Distinguishing features of the Class: Serves as an advisor to the Sheriff. Provides programs, training, recommendations, and statistical information to the Sheriff for the betterment of employees, inmates and citizens.

Typical Work Activities:

Analyze work performed by employees improving the effectiveness and efficiency;
Develops and institutes programs for inmates and employees;
Data Analysis;
Research of Correctional Service Statistics;
Feasibility studies of visionary projects;
Research for cost saving measures in operation of agency;
Develop computer programs dealing with jail operations and tracking of budgetary matters;
Consultant on jail issues

Full Performances, Knowledge, Skill, Abilities and Personal Characteristics:

Good knowledge of analyzing data;
Good knowledge of computers and developing computer programs;
Good knowledge and considerable skill dealing with issues of personnel, including civil law and correction law;

Suggested Qualifications:

An Bachelors of Science degree (minimum) in a field of study of engineering

Strength Requirements and Types of Physical Demands:

Hearing, seeing, manual dexterity and mobility within normal ranges with or without accommodation.

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Public Safety Committee

May 2, 2001

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ALLEGANY COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Present:	Rod Bennett, Chairman	John Tucker
	Ron Truax	Keith Barber
	Jim Graffrath	Karl Graves
	Bill Dibble	Dave Sirianni
	Curtis Corkey	Dennis Vespucci

Media: Anita Carlson, Cuba Patriot

Fire Advisory Board Reps: Jody Kenyon, Dick Smith

Others: Tren Young, Enumerator

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:35.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Truax the minutes of the March 28 and April 23 meetings were approved.

District Attorney

Chairman Bennett called on Dennis Vespucci for his report.

A memorandum was submitted to request a resolution to approve the contract renewal for the Crime Victims Service grant.

On motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Dibble the committee unanimously approved the request. **NOTE: County Attorney Prepare Resolution, after review**

Probation Department

Chairman Bennett called on Dave Sirianni, Director, for his report.

Dave wished to thank Terry Parker for allowing the probation staff the use of the district attorney's vehicle for various activities.

Sheriff's Department

Chairman Bennett called on Lt. Karl Graves for his report.

A memorandum was submitted requesting a resolution to transfer funds from the sheriff's .1 payroll account to the .4 contractual account for the extension of the contract person doing data collection in the department. After discussion of a temp. full time position vs. the contract worker, the committee voted to approve the request.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Dibble. Mr. Corkey voted no. **NOTE: County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

Fire Service

Chairman Bennett noted he had received a letter from Jody Kenyon listing attending fire departments to recent grant workshops. At least twenty departments have submitted grant applications for equipment and vehicles. There was discussion concerning a support letter from the legislature and Jody noted the deadline was today to have applications in to Albany.

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Bennett called on John Tucker, Director, for his report.

The county was recently contacted by a cell phone company about possibly renting county-owned tower space. John noted he had referred the person to Chairman Bennett.

There was some brief discussion concerning the three different telephone area codes and how they might affect the 911 Dispatch receiving calls.

John noted the week of May 20-27 is National EMS Week. Chairman Sherman will be making a proclamation at the May 14 Board meeting. Public information has been sent to local media.

John reported that a National Flood Insurance Program workshop was held recently at the Amity Rescue Squad building in Belmont. Only three municipalities attended; Richburg, Grove and Hume.

John noted he is still working on the issue of helping local ambulance squads with getting medical directors. A meeting is being planned at the Jones Memorial hospital to address the issue. Currently the Regional Medical Director, Dr. Gregory Young, is acting as interim director for a few squads because of Dr. Neubauer having problems with his contract with Strong Memorial.

Mr. Corkey noted at the recent Technology Committee meeting there was discussion on the county complex phone system. It was explained that there are eight phones at various departments that are designated as Ronco emergency phones that will work with an extended power outage. The Emergency Services and Fire Service office as well as the Dispatch center have phones on a separate system. It was determined that if possible, the Ronco system should be put on the emergency generator.

Mr. Corkey noted of a letter received from Alfred Station Fire Department regarding concerns for the radio communications between them and the Dispatch Center. It was explained that the problem has been taken care of.

Old Business

Mr. Corkey asked about the PONY report and recommendations made regarding the jail operation. Chairman Bennett noted many of the recommendations have been implemented. Mr. Corkey also noted of a brochure he had received on a company that manufactures components for modular jail systems.

New Business - none

The meeting adjourned at 3:20.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 23, 2001

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ALLEGANY COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Committee Members Present

R. Bennett, J. Graffrath, C. Corkey, R. Truax, W. Dibble

Others Present

B. Morris, B. Hotchkiss, S. Myers

Media Present

G. Fillgrove - Wellsville Daily Reporter, A. Carlson - Cuba Patriot

Weights & Measures, Director

A motion was made by Graffrath, seconded by Corkey and carried to appoint Crystal Wiech of Scio, New York as the Director of Weights and Measures effective May 21, 2001. Ms. Wiech earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Alfred State College. Ms. Wiech briefly described her work experience as well as why she desired to be the Director of Weights and Measures. Prepare Resolution

FEMA Grants

A motion was made by Graffrath, seconded by Truax and carried approving the submission of letters of support for any fire departments that plan to apply for FEMA Grants. Fire departments are also eligible to apply for a 90/10 grant for water vests that are used to fight grass and forest fires. Legislator Dibble stated that all fire departments should be notified that they are eligible to apply for these grants.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda R. Hotchkiss, Clerk
Allegany County Board of Legislators

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 14, 2001
1:20 P.M.

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MAY 15 2001
ALLEGANY COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Present: R. Bennett, W. Dibble, J. Graffrath, W. Timberlake, E. Sherman

1:20 P.M. – Meeting called to order by Chairman Bennett.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Undersheriff Timberlake requested that the Cooperative Extension position of Travel Safe Coordinator be placed under the Sheriff's Department. Employee would be writing various grants. The salary of the position is covered under the grants.

A motion was made by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Graffrath to refer to the Personnel Committee to prepare a description of job duties for the position. Motion Carried.

REFERRAL TO PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

NEW BUSINESS

2. Undersheriff Timberlake requested a resolution be prepared accepting a grant in the amount of \$17,600 from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. Grant will provide radar equipment and man hours for the enforcement of speed violations.

A motion was made by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Dibble to accept grant and refer to Ways & Means to establish Appropriation and corresponding Revenue. Motion Carried.

REFERRAL TO WAYS & MEANS

2. Mr. Dibble made a motion to have John Tucker request that Keith Barber investigate facilities to be used for safety training. Mr. Graffrath seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
3. Meeting adjourned 1:35 P.M.

MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: May 14, 2001

Request a resolution to accept a grant in the amount of \$17,600 from The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. This grant is part of the Rural Speed Enforcement Project and will provide radar equipment and man hours for the enforcement of speed violations. Also requested at this time is the appropriation of \$17,600 be set up for the timely payment to the equipment vendor.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This grant requires no local match

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

Randal J. Belmont, Sheriff
Name and Department

200
Telephone Number



ROBERT M. DINGMAN
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
FOR TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
6 EMPIRE STATE PLAZA
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12228
(518) 474-0972

December 27, 2000

Sheriff Randal Belmont
Allegany County Sheriff's Department
7 Court Street
Belmont, New York 14813

RE: PT-0200022
Rural Speed Enforcement Project
Effective Date: October 1, 2000

Dear Sheriff Belmont:

I am pleased to notify you that the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee will fund the above project in the amount of \$17,600. This letter is authorization to initiate project activity and to incur costs on or after the effective date of October 1, 2000.

Approval of this project is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the enclosed project agreement and contract amendment form. Please refer to the instruction sheet accompanying the contractual agreement to expedite the processing of your contract.

We are under federal requirements to liquidate our obligations in a timely manner. Therefore, we now require that you submit a final report and claim to us within 60 days of the project end date. After the 60 days, unclaimed funds will no longer be reserved for your project.

If you have any questions, please contact the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee at (518) 474-5111.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Dingman
Assistant Commissioner

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Enclosures

cc: James F. Mullholland

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Special Conditions (GTSC Use Only)

I hereby certify to abide by all conditions, cost limits, and federal and state rules for grant administration.

Agency Official: Name/Title Randal Belmont, Sheriff

Signature *Randal Belmont* Date May 11, 2000

All entries below this line are for GTSC Use Only

Project Number: PT-0200022 PSP #: 010501(315)

CFDA #: 20.600 20.205 _____

GTSC Official(s): Title(s) Executive Director

Signature(s) *[Signature]*

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Public Safety Committee

June 6, 2001

John M.

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ALLEGANY COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Present: Rod Bennett, Chairman
Ron Truax
Jim Graffrath
Bill Dibble
Preston Lucas
John Margeson
Crystal Wiech

John Tucker
Keith Barber
Randy Belmont
Bill Timberlake
Karl Graves
Dave Sirianni
Terry Parker
Dennis Vespucci

Fire Advisory Board Reps: Jody Kenyon, Dick Sortore

Others: Tren Young

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:37.

On motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Truax the May 2 meeting minutes were amended under the Office of Emergency Services report. "Only three municipalities attended; Richburg, Grove and Hume." Hume was changed to Granger.

On motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Truax, the amended May 2, 2001 meeting minutes were approved.

Chairman Bennett welcomed Crystal Wiech who is the new Weights and Measures Director. Crystal noted she had been working with Al Chamberlain to learn the operation and now is working on her own.

District Attorney

Chairman Bennett called on Terry Parker, District Attorney for his report.

Terry discussed the matter of some county owned property on Route 19 south of Scio. There is a pull-off area between the road and the Genesee River. There has been a problem involving a resident across the road claiming to own the property. There have been a number of incidents brought up regarding this issue. It was recommended that the county turn the property over to the NYS DEC and maintain it as a fishing access to the river.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Truax the committee referred the matter to the Public Works Committee and the Ways and Means Committee.

Probation Department

Chairman Bennett called on Dave Sirianni, Director, for his report.

Dave discussed the Electronic Home Monitoring program. It was noted that the vendor for the equipment is offering two free units as well as free software and the overall cost will decrease. The county will have a total of forty-four units.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Dibble the committee approved the request for a resolution on this equipment contract. **NOTE: COUNTY ATTORNEY PREPARE RESOLUTION**

There was some discussion on equipment that uses a GPS system to allow monitoring of the physical location of clients. Dave noted of another county using it and it is very expensive.

Dave requested a resolution to transfer \$1,100 from A3140.413 (rental) to A3140.201 (equipment) to purchase filing cabinets and a literature rack. On motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Truax the committee unanimously approved the request. **NOTE: COUNTY ATTORNEY PREPARE RESOLUTION**

There was some discussion on using jail inmates for work crews out in the community. It was discussed at a recent Public Works Committee meeting. Dave is working with the Sheriff on a list of school-age individuals for possible community service.

Fire Service

Mr. Truax told Keith Barber, Fire Coordinator that fire tones for Clarksville were not received for a recent call. It was the first Keith was aware of a problem and prior to the end of the meeting it was noted that the problem had been taken care of.

Sheriff's Department

Chairman Bennett called on Sheriff Belmont for his report.

There was some discussion on the working inmate program. It was noted the sheriff will be working with Public Works and the Probation office.

Chairman Bennett asked about the sheriff's deputies doing road patrols or other traffic duty in the county. The sheriff explained the deputies that are working are sent to assist other law enforcement agencies if they are available when not doing transfers or other regular activities. They are also instructed to assist at incidents if they are in route from regular details. There is no policy in place for deputies to do routine 'road patrols'.

Mr. Lucas asked about the availability of activity reports to indicate what sheriff's personnel have done. The Sheriff noted he is working on the development of a computer database that will offer reports.

Mr. Dibble asked about patrolling the different transfer stations for littering.

Undersheriff Timberlake submitted a request for a resolution to transfer \$10,000 from A3150.101 (jail personal services) to A3150.448 (jail contract services). This would be for the salary of the data collection person.

On motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Dibble the committee approved the request. **NOTE: COUNTY ATTORNEY PREPARE RESOLUTION**

Another resolution was requested to transfer \$5,000 from contingency to A3110.203 (communications) for the software for computer-aided dispatch. Grant funds have been approved but not received yet.

On motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Dibble the committee unanimously approved the request. The matter was referred to Ways and Means.

Another request was made to transfer \$112,500 from contingency to A3170.4 (other correctional agencies) for the anticipated shortfall in the cost of housing prisoners out of county for the rest of the year. Currently the account is short \$20,000.

John Margeson suggested to transfer \$60,000 at this time.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Truax the committee approved the suggested \$60,000 and referred the matter to Ways and Means.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Truax the committee moved into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Dibble the committee moved out of executive session.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Truax the committee approved the sheriff's request to recommend \$26,978 as the salary for the data analyst in his department. The position was previously established as a non-unit position. The matter was referred to Ways and Means.

Old Business – none

New Business – A resolution was approved on motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Dibble to support the legislation for the Penny's Law of NY State. **NOTE: COUNTY ATTORNEY PREPARE RESOLUTION**

The meeting adjourned at 3:55.



THE ASSEMBLY
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ALBANY

RANKING MINORITY MEMBER
Governmental Operations Committee

COMMITTEES
Small Business
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Health

Task Force on Education Standards

CATHARINE M. YOUNG
Assemblywoman 149th District

May 23, 2001

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MAY 29 2001

ALLEGANY COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Honorable Edgar Sherman
Allegany County Board of Legislators
Courthouse
Belmont, NY 14813

Dear Mr. Sherman,

I am writing to ask you to support an important initiative that is currently before the New York State Legislature.

“Penny’s Law” is named for a Salamanca mother who was raped and strangled to death by a juvenile sexual predator on Mother’s Day in 1999. While he was *tried as an adult* under New York State law this murderer could not be *sentenced as an adult*. This is clearly wrong. An adult crime should result in adult time and dangerous criminals need to be kept out of society.

Penny’s Law would eliminate the loophole that allows young criminals to escape justice.

Already Penny’s Law has passed the Senate by a vote of 59-2, and has over fifty sponsors in the Assembly. In fact, every county in the state has at least one of its representatives already committed to supporting this bill. Unfortunately it is still being held up by a small but powerful group. That is why we need you to contact your state representatives, adopt a resolution, and protect our families.

Enclosed is a sample resolution that I am asking your county to adopt.

Thank you for your support. For more information contact my office at 518-455-5241 or visit www.pennyslaw.com.

Sincerely,

Catharine M. Young
Member of Assembly



THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF "PENNY'S LAW"

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Catharine M. Young has introduced Assembly bill 2580-A, also known as "Penny's Law," to expand juvenile offender status for individuals; and

WHEREAS, "Penny's Law" was so named in tribute to the Salamanca, New York mother and nurse-midwife who was brutally raped and murdered on Mother's Day in 1999 by a juvenile offender; and

WHEREAS, "Penny's Law" would effectively close a loophole in current law by requiring juvenile murderers who are deemed serious enough to face trial as an adult to receive sentences appropriate to the severity of the crime; and

WHEREAS, Every convicted criminal should be held appropriately responsible for their crimes in order to protect the public; and

WHEREAS, the tragedy of Penny Brown should never be visited upon another family in the state of New York; and

WHEREAS, New York State has an obligation to bring greater clarity and truth in sentencing to its judicial system; and

WHEREAS, New York State law needs to be reformed to ensure that juveniles who commit adult crimes and are tried as adults receive adult sentences, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that [county/city/town/village] urges the New York State Assembly and Senate to enact Assembly Bill A.2580-A, and be it further

RESOLVED, that [county/city/town/village clerk] is authorized and directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, George E. Pataki, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the State Senate and Assembly, Assemblywoman Catharine M. Young, State Senator [of said municipality], and Member of Assembly [of said municipality].

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MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: Public Safety

DATE: 6/6/01

Request a resolution to transfer \$10,000.00 from A3150.101 Jail Person^{AL}
Service to A3150.448 Jail Contract Services. This reimburses the contract
account for funds transferred to cover a contract employee.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

This request is for a transfer between accounts and will not alter the money allocated
to our office in the 2001 Allegany County Budget
for further information regarding this matter, contact:

Randal J. Belmont, Sheriff's Dept.
NAME/DEPARTMENT

268-9204
TELEPHONE

MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: June 6, 2001

Request a resolution to transfer \$^{60,000}~~112,500~~

From: Contingency

TO: 3170.4 Other Correctional Agencies

This account originally had \$60,000 appropriated. As of May 23, 2001 we have expended in excess of \$80,365. This leaves us \$20,365 short with seven months remaining.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This will increase the Sheriff's budget appropriations by the amount transferred.

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

Randal J. Belmont, Sheriff
Name and Department

200
Telephone Number

MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: Public Safety

DATE: 5/24/01

Resolution is requested to approve a transfer from Contingency to Account A3110.203 (Communications) in the amount of \$5000.00.

This transfer is requested to pay for Software-Computer Aided Dispatch for the 911 office. This software has been purchased from Digi-Torque Inc.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

The money will be reimbursed through a grant entitled Legislative Award.

for further information regarding this matter, contact:

Randal J. Belmont

NAME/DEPARTMENT

268-9203

TELEPHONE

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

June 11, 2001

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BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Present: Rodney Bennett, James Graffrath, William Dibble

John Margeson asked the committee to go into Executive Session. Motion made by W. Dibble, seconded by J. Graffrath to go into Executive Session. Motion carried.

In regular session, motion was made by J. Graffrath, seconded by W. Dibble to amend Resolution 297-75 of the Section 4 Salary Plan to add the title of Public Defender (3) Part-time with a salary of \$24,000. Motion carried. PREPARE RESOLUTION

Committee referred to Personnel Committee the creation of the position.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Ruckle
Personnel Technician

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**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 25, 2001**

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JUN 26 2001

**ALLEGANY COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**

Present: S. Myers, R. Bennett, E. Burdick, P. Regan, J. Walchli

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman S. Myers at 3:42.

The Planning Board was asked to review the Wellsville City Status information and to report back their opinion as it applies to any impact such an action may have on the County. The Planning Board request committee approval in order to do this.

On motion by P. Regan, seconded by E. Burdick, it was unanimously approved by the committee to support the Planning Boards review of Wellsville City Status.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45.

Respectfully submitted:

Alice Alsworth

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Public Safety Committee

June 25, 2001

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Present: Rod Bennett, Chairman
Curtis Corkey
Jim Graffrath
Ed Sherman
Pat Regan
John Tucker
Jody Kenyon

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BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 1:15.

A request was submitted by the Weights and Measures Director Crystal Wiech, to approve a public information booth at the county fair. There would be some expense but Crystal has funds in her budget.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Corkey the committee approved the request.

There was discussion on the project to give each fire department a fax machine to place in the fire hall. It will allow faxed messages and maps to be sent by the dispatch center on locations of response calls. The matter has been sent to Ways and Means Committee to discuss.

Emergency Services Director John Tucker noted the Assistant Director in his department has been given total disability status because of health problems. It was requested that the committee authorize John to proceed with finding a replacement. The current person in the position has not completed any paperwork at this time.

On motion by Mr. Corkey and seconded by Mr. Graffrath John was requested to work with John Margeson to review the position and have a recommendation at the July 11 meeting. That meeting will be held at 11:00 am because of the County Firemen's Convention later in the day.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30.

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Public Safety Committee

July 11, 2001

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ALBANY COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

Present: Rod Bennett, Chairman
Bill Dibble
Jim Graffrath
Curtis Corkey
Preston Lucas
John Margeson
Ed Sherman

John Tucker
Dave Sirianni
Terry Parker
Dennis Vespucci
Randy Belmont
Bill Timberlake

Fire Advisory Board Reps: Jody Kenyon

Guests: Mike Mezurowski, Randy Crist – WREMS

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 11:15.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Corkey the minutes of the June 6 and June 25 meetings were approved.

Chairman Bennett noted of the completion of interviews for the position of Public Defender. On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Dibble the committee approved Beth Farwell for the position with salary set at \$35,000. County Attorney Prepare Resolution

It was noted that the deputy's position would be filled by an appointment by the new Public Defender.

Weights and Measures

Crystal Weich, Director was not present but it was noted work is being done on the county fair booth. The state inspector has been providing some training.

Probation Department

Chairman Bennett called on Dave Sirianni, Director, for his report.

Dave submitted a request for a resolution to approve the renewal for the ISP contract with the State.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Dibble the committee approved the request.

County Attorney Prepare Resolution

Mr. Corkey asked Dave about the PONY report in regards to the effective use of the Alternatives to Incarceration Program. Was it being used to the full potential by the county? Dave, as well as Terry Parker, District Attorney, believed the program was being used effectively. Individuals that are in jail should be there.

Fire Service

Rod Bennett read a letter from Keith Barber, Fire Coordinator. Keith noted he would not be requesting reappointment as fire coordinator at the end of this year. Chairman Bennett noted that Keith has been Coordinator for twenty-three years and has been very dedicated to the fire service. Some type of token of appreciation will be presented to Keith. Mr. Graffrath noted the fire service has come a long way from the time Keith started the job. Mr. Dibble noted of the excellent work Keith has done on the 911 system and the rural numbering system.

Old Business

Chairman Bennett noted of the matter of approving the filling of the Office of Emergency Services Assistant Director position. John Margeson noted of the report and recommendation that the vacant position be filled.

On motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Corkey approval to fill the position was given.

There was some discussion on the matter of using prison labor for various projects around the county. The sheriff noted some inmates have been used and he is working with the Public Works department. The matter will be addressed at a future Public Safety meeting.

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Bennett called on John Tucker, Director for his report.

John noted of the subject of medical direction for the county's ambulance squads. At a previous meeting it was explained that there is a problem of getting doctors to volunteer as medical directors, which is a requirement for ambulance squads. Copies of a county map with the ambulance districts color-coded were handed out.

John introduced Mike Mezurowski and Randy Crist from the Western Regional Emergency Medical System. This organization is a 'contract agency' that assists the Regional EMS Councils in Western New York.

Mike handed out information and made a brief explanation as to the responsibilities of a medical director. As volunteer ambulance squad members are trained for increasingly more advanced procedures, the medical director's role and responsibility is increasing. A proposal to financially compensate a doctor for this increased time commitment. A suggestion was to budget funds in the Emergency Services budget next year for this expense.

Sheriff's Department

Chairman Bennett called on Sheriff Belmont for his report.

Randy submitted a request for a resolution to transfer \$10,000 from 3150.423 (jail food) to 3110.425 (uniform clothing). On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Dibble, the request was approved. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

A request was made for a resolution to change the official hours of the civil office from 9:00 – 5:00 to 8:00 – 4:00. On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Dibble committee approval was given. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

A resolution was requested for board support of the governor's legislation to allocate some of the cellular phone billing surcharge funds to counties that provide E911 service.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Corkey the committee approved the request.

County Attorney Prepare Resolution

A resolution was requested for the board to oppose the Senate Bill S-4350 and Assembly Bill A-8587, which would alter the parameters of the General Municipal Law sect. 207-C.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Dibble the committee approved the request.

County Attorney Prepare Resolution

It was suggested because of time constraints that Chairman Bennett send a letter to the Governor on this matter.

Chairman Bennett noted of some residents contacting him concerning the sheriff's department doing road patrols.

The Sheriff noted his department does not answer calls by responding with vehicles. The deputies will become involved if they are on the road such as returning from transports. Deputies may respond to requests by State Police or other law enforcement but only when manpower is available.

There was some discussion as to how much manpower the State Police has available for road patrols. On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Dibble the committee approved contacting the State Police and requesting more manpower for road patrols in Allegany County.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20.

MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: July 11, 2001

Request a resolution to transfer \$10,000

From: 3150.423 Jail Food

TO: 3110.425 Uniform Clothing

This account was underbudgeted and 7 months remain in this contract year. It is believed that this transfer will cover those remaining months.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No additional funds are necessary.

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

Randal J. Belmont, Sheriff
Name and Department

200
Telephone Number

MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: July 11, 2001

Request a resolution to change the regular business hours of the Sheriff's Civil Office. The current regular hours are from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). These hours can be changed by the Board exercising their rights under County Law Art. 5 Sec. 206 General Powers of the Board/Hours of Work and Office Hours

At the request of the Sheriff's Clerks, the new hours should be from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

They state that in their experience, the general public finds it more convenient accessing the Civil Office before 9:00 A.M. than it does leaving their jobs early to get in before 5:00 P.M.

The three Clerks are unanimously behind this change.
The Sheriff believes it is a good idea.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No additional funds are necessary.

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

Randal J. Belmont, Sheriff
Name and Department

200
Telephone Number

Date: June 13, 2001

To: Randal J. Belmont, Sheriff

From: Clerical Staff

We would like to formally request that our regular schedule be from 8:00am to 4:00pm on a yearly basis with no flex hours during the winter months.

It is our experience that it is more convenient for Jon Q. Public to access our office prior to 9:00am than to have to leave their job an hour early to reach us prior to 5:00pm.

We would like to have this presented to the appropriate legislative committee, when they next convene. We have attached a copy of the CPLR, Article 5, Ss 206; General Powers of the Board of Supervisors/Hours of Work and Office Hours.

If we can provide any additional information that will assist you in this endeavor, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn
Kathryn H. Perre

Janet
Janet Norris,

Janice
Janice T. Wightman,

*Exp. calendar
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Thank you
Kathy*

Cc: Timberlake
Graves
Tomm

pursuant to law, for transcribing and furnishing a copy of the minutes, testimony or exhibits taken or produced in any civil or criminal action or proceeding.

Any physician or dentist employed by the E. J. Meyer Memorial Hospital, by the Westchester county medical center, or by the Nassau county medical center shall be entitled to receive fees, in addition to the amount fixed by the respective county legislature for regular services, for private professional services rendered in accordance with the provisions of section one hundred thirty of the general municipal law.

§205-a. Certain pilot projects.

Any county operating a county hospital employing physicians and dentists pursuant to a pilot project approved by the public health council, whereby such physicians and dentists may receive fees for private professional services rendered in accordance with section one hundred thirty of the general municipal law in addition to the amount of remuneration fixed by the respective county legislative bodies for regular services, shall be required to adopt rules and regulations to govern such fees. Such rules and regulations shall be subject to the approval of the public health council.

***§206. Hours of work and office hours.**

1. Subject to the constitution and general laws of this state and to the rules and regulations made pursuant thereto, the board of supervisors may fix the number of hours constituting a legal day's work for all classes of employees of the county and grant to the employing officer or board the power to stagger working hours. Time lost in any week because of inclement weather may be made up during that week and the succeeding three weeks. Nothing herein shall impair the effect of any official proclamation during an emergency.

2. The board of supervisors may fix the hours that the offices of the county clerk, county treasurer, clerk of the board of supervisors and civil office of the sheriff shall be kept open for the transaction of business. If the board of supervisors does not fix the hours that the offices described in this subdivision shall be kept open for the transaction of business, then those offices shall be kept open for the transaction of business every day from at least nine o'clock in the forenoon to five o'clock in the afternoon, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. During the months of July and August, such offices shall be kept open from at least nine o'clock in the forenoon to four o'clock in the afternoon of each day, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

3. If a holiday falls on a Saturday, the offices described in subdivision two hereof may close on the day before.

4. The board of supervisors may fix office hours not inconsistent with this chapter or other law.

**(1992, chgd. by chap. 259, eff. 6/30/92.)*

§206-a. Business in county offices on holidays and Saturdays.

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, holidays and Saturdays shall be considered as Sunday for all purposes relating to the transaction of business in county offices in every county of the state, except in a county wholly contained within a city. On all other days, except Sundays, such offices shall be kept open for the transaction of business. For the purposes of this section, the term "county offices"

shall mean all offices, the officers or employees of which are paid in whole or in part from county funds.

2. Whenever the last day on which any paper shall be filed or act done or performed in any such office expires on Saturday, Sunday, public holiday or a day when such office is closed for the transaction of business, the time therefor is hereby extended to and including the next business day such office is open for the transaction of business.

3. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the motor vehicle section of a county clerk's office may, by resolution of the board of supervisors, be kept open on Saturdays during the month of January.

§207. Vacations; sick leaves; leaves of absence.

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general law other than this chapter or of any special law to the contrary, the board of supervisors shall have power to fix and regulate the granting with or without pay of vacations, sick leaves and leaves of absence, to employees paid from county funds. The employing officer in any department, board or commission may grant to such employees vacations, sick leaves and leaves of absence under rules fixed by the board of supervisors.

2. Vacations with pay shall not be for less than two weeks in each year for all employees who shall have been in the employ of the county at least one year. Leaves of absence shall not be in excess of one year.

3. Nothing herein shall be deemed to affect, impair or supersede the provisions of section sixty-three of the public officers' law, or sections one hundred seventy, two hundred forty-five or two hundred forty-six of the military law.

§208. Books and records.

1. Whenever any public record, book, map or paper has become obliterated or unfit for further public inspection and use, the board of supervisors, upon a certificate of the county judge or a supreme court justice of the judicial district to the effect that transcripts or copies should be made and certified for future public inspection and use, shall direct and provide for such transcripts or copies to be made by the officer having custody thereof. Upon certification by such county judge or supreme court justice that the same have been examined, and the manner, contents and form thereof are approved, such certified transcripts or copies shall be deemed to take the place of the originals for all purposes of public inspection, use and evidence.

2. Except as otherwise provided by law and subject to reasonable rules and regulations of the officer having custody thereof, all records, books, maps or other papers recorded or filed in any county office, shall be open to public inspection, and upon request, copies shall be prepared and certified; and, except where another fee is prescribed by law, such officer upon the payment of a fee of twenty cents for each folio, shall furnish such certified copy. Upon request and after diligent search, if no record be found, such officer shall be entitled to receive a fee of one dollar for certification thereof.

3. In addition to the provisions of the real property law, each board of supervisors, by resolution, may authorize the purchase and installation of equipment to photograph or microphotograph, or otherwise reproduce upon film such records, maps or other

Role of the Medical Director in an EMS System

By Michael A. Mazurowski, Executive Director,
Western Regional Emergency Medical System, Inc.

Medical Directors are the foundation of today's current Emergency Medical Services System. Trained and skilled technicians that have the ability to deliver medical interventions and medications that their predecessors would not have even dreamed of have replaced the days of providing rudimentary First Aid at the scene of a medical emergency. A major reason for this, has been the active research, training, education and leadership provided by physicians dedicated to the promotion of Prehospital emergency care.

Many of the abilities that we take for granted today, are only allowed through physician authorization. A most recent example being the utilization of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). AED's are the only known intervention for patients suffering sudden cardiac arrest from ventricular fibrillation. Up until recently, this was a skill that was reserved for hospital settings or in the Prehospital arena by those trained as New York State Critical Care Technicians or Paramedic's. Through research and local demonstration projects it was proven that the technology was available to reduce the training requirement and therefore make this life saving skill available to more trained rescuers. Now more ambulance services and rescue squads than ever before, have the ability to provide direct life saving intervention to those suffering from sudden cardiac arrest.

This could not have happened without direct physician involvement.

Federal Drug Administration (FDA) requirements define defibrillators and AED's as medical equipment that require physician authorization. It has taken physicians that have a knowledge and understanding of what happens in the Prehospital environment to be able to define the application as well as provide the training and skills necessary to allow this intervention. Currently, New York State Public Health Law, Article 30, 30A, and Part 800, require that any and all Prehospital services engaged in providing medical service at the Automated External Defibrillation level and above, designate a qualified physician to provide medical supervision and direction.

This requirement also exists for those units providing more advanced levels of care recognized as the Intermediate, Critical Care, and Paramedic levels. At these levels, New York State Advanced EMT's have the ability to perform; advanced airway skills, intravenous therapy, medication administration and advanced cardiac interventions. However, there is much that goes on "behind the scene" to allow this. There needs to be standing protocols to allow them to perform initial interventions. There needs to be continuous Quality Improvement and emergency call review so that these providers have an opportunity to benefit from the knowledge and education of their physician Medical Director. There needs to be continuing education and skills review to keep the EMS provider confident in their ability to perform these critical skills in a medical emergency. And their needs to be continual assessment and review to evaluate improvements that can be made in providing additional interventions that may benefit patient care.

Recently, Western Regional Emergency Medical System has begun an initiative to train New York State Certified EMT's, First Responders and Intermediates in the use of Epinephrine Auto Injectors for those suffering difficulty breathing from an anaphylactic reaction.

In addition, many have also received training in the use of Nebulized Albuterol to provide relief to those suffering difficulty breathing from Asthma. This is the first time in New York State history that members with these certifications are being authorized to administer medications.

This is clearly the future direction of Prehospital emergency care. These interventions have only come about because of the involvement of physician Medical Directors evaluating the training requirements and the patient benefits. Conducting training and emergency call review. And developing standing orders that allow for the immediate use of these interventions. Having a physician Medical Director with the knowledge of Prehospital care makes them invaluable in furthering these and other interventions.

The Emergency Medical Services providers of Allegany County are active and interested in providing the highest level of care that they can offer to the citizens of their community. The addition of a dedicated Medical Director can only assist in providing the help and assistance necessary to continue the advancement and improvement of Prehospital emergency medical care in Allegany County.

**NO
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Public Safety Committee

August 1, 2001

John M.
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ALLEGANY COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Present: Rod Bennett, Chairman
Ron Truax
Jim Graffrath
Ed Sherman
Preston Lucas
John Margeson

Keith Barber
John Tucker
Dennis Vespucci
Bill Timberlake
Crystal Wiech

Fire Advisory Board Reps: Dick Smith, Dick Sortore

Media: George Filgrove, Wellsville Daily Reporter
Anita Carlson, Cuba Patriot

Others: Paul Gallmann, David Burin, Christopher Ivers

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:33.

On motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Graffrath, the minutes of the July 11 meeting were approved.

District Attorney

Chairman Bennett called on Dennis Vespucci for a report. Dennis noted of the previously discussed matter of State Police coverage in the county. With the changes in manpower, the county will have twenty-nine uniformed troopers with three sergeants. There will be four in Fillmore and three in Almond. The net gain for the county will be two troopers. Mr. Graffrath recommended the county send a letter requesting additional State Police manpower be assigned to Allegany County as previously discussed.

Weights and Measures

Chairman Bennett called on Crystal Wiech, Director for her report.

Crystal reported on the public information booth she had at the county fair. It went very well and many people were given information on what the department does.

Sheriff's Department

Chairman Bennett called on Undersheriff Bill Timberlake for his report. Bill noted the Sheriff was on vacation. A request was submitted to transfer \$60,000 from contingency to the 3170.4 Other Correctional Agencies to cover a shortage in that account. Mr. Margeson noted he would like to determine another possible location of funds instead of contingency.

On motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Graffrath the committee referred the matter to Ways and Means.

Bill submitted a request for an agreement with the Verizon phone company for equipment to locate cellular 911 calls. After discussion, on motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr.

Graffrath the matter was permanently tabled in order to get more information on the matter. Discussion was made on the telephone bill surcharge for cell phones and if the county will receive anything.

Chairman Bennett noted of a letter from three Allegany County townships requesting police services from the Sheriff's Department. Bill noted that in some other counties the Sheriff's departments have contracts to provide service at a set rate. The committee asked Bill to obtain sample contracts from other counties to review.

Bill introduced David Burin and Christopher Ivers from the Sheriff's Department and they provided information on the jail situation. A handout was noted; Summary of Allegany County's Jail Population. It addressed variances, growth, housing out of prisoners and labor to operate the jail.

After discussion on the jail situation, a motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Truax was made to refer the matter to the Ways and Means Committee to consider the construction of a new facility. It was requested to have information developed to compare the costs of housing out prisoners vs. a new jail.

There was further discussion on what can be done to obtain more detailed information on costs for a new facility.

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Bennett called on John Tucker, Director for his report.

John noted that the Rushford Lake Association rep had contacted him to assist with providing materials for a dam emergency plan.

Other

Chairman Bennett submitted a request for a resolution to renew the contract with the FBI for radio tower space at the Corbin Hill tower site. (Oct 1, 2001 thru Sep 30, 2002)

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Truax the committee approved the request at the current rental fee. County Attorney Prepare Resolution

Old Business

Undersheriff Timberlake was asked about the status of the project to use inmates for work details. There was discussion as to the availability of sheriff's personnel and overtime expenses.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Truax the committee moved into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Truax the committee moved out of executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15.



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 66F-BF-A35864

One FBI Plaza

Buffalo, NY 14202
July 18, 2001

Chairman Board of Legislators
County of Allegany
7 Court Street
Belmont, NY 14813

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are three copies of the License Renewal for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002. This renewal is for the Belmont radio site.

This Agreement will renew and extend our existing Agreement until September 30, 2002. If the License Renewal is satisfactory, please execute all three copies and return them to this office, ATTN. Robert S. Jae. Corrections or changes should be initialed. After the Agreements have been executed by a Contracting Officer of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a copy will be returned to you for your files.

It is requested that this matter be handled as expeditiously as possible.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert S. Jae", is written over the typed name.

ROBERT S. JAE
Telecommunications Manager
716-856-7800

Resolution of the Justice Committee of Allegany County

Whereas, the population of the Allegany County Jail has been well observed and analyzed for a significant period of time, showing a general trend of increase

Whereas, Allegany County has been instructed by the Commission of Corrections to construct a new facility for the purpose of eliminating the need for temporary variances dating back ten years

Whereas, due to the lack of progress by Allegany County towards a permanent inmate housing solution that the aforementioned variances have been revoked and the Commission of Corrections is not inclined to entertain new housing variances

Whereas, the current Allegany County Jail has no economic potential for remodeling, annexation or expansion in order to quell the current inmate housing crisis

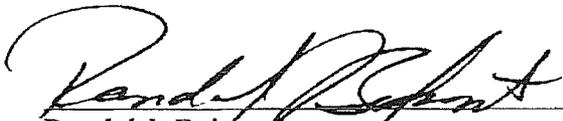
Whereas, at the current rate of housing out inmates from the Allegany County Jail to other county's facilities, Allegany County is required to expend in excess of \$330,000 annually

Whereas, the Allegany County Sheriff's Office has exhausted all current resources available in order to limit the population growth trends of the Allegany County Jail

Whereas, the Allegany County's linear design carries the highest liability of any other jail design and is one of the most labor intensive facilities in the state

Whereas, the revenue gained by other county facilities in New York State for accepting non-county inmates has been duly observed by members of the Sheriff's Office and found to be a substantial source of revenue that can be used to support the construction costs and maintenance requirements of the facilities

Therefore, it is resolved, that the Justice Committee of Allegany County, believes that it is in the best interest of the criminal justice community, the County's economic stability, the People of Allegany County, and future generations of Allegany County to construct a new facility in this county for the housing of inmates.


Randal J. Belmont
Sheriff of Allegany County

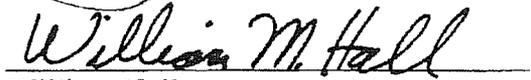
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David Barrin
Sheriff's Department

07/09/2001
Date


James Cicirello
Police Chief Wellsville

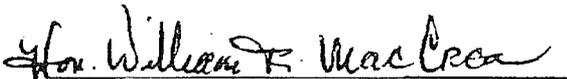
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William Hall
Dean of Liberal Arts College Alfred University

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Date


W. Brooke Harris
Resident Belmont

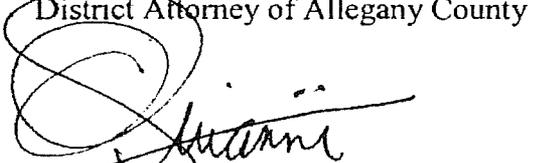
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Date


William MacCrea
Justice of Alfred

07/09/01
Date


Terrance Parker
District Attorney of Allegany County

07/09/2001
Date


David Sirjanni
Director of Probation

7-9-01
Date

MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: August 1, 2001

Request a resolution to transfer \$60,000

From: Contingency

TO: 3170.4 Other Correctional Agencies

\$120,000 has been expended as of July 15th. This account is currently short several thousand dollars with 6 months remaining in this fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This will increase the Sheriff's budget appropriations by the amount transferred.

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

Randal J. Belmont, Sheriff
Name and Department

200
Telephone Number

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Summary of Allegany County's Jail Population

Allegany County Sheriff's Department

Presented to the Allegany County Building Committee, as
requested by Chair Edgar Sherman

Randal J. Belmont
David L. Burin ✓ *data analyst*
W. Brooke Harris
Christopher P. Ivers ✓ *Confidential Secretary*

06/27/2001

Statement of Purpose

The number of inmates for which the Sheriff is responsible has increased to a point where the New York State Commission of Corrections, the state agency responsible for overseeing all correctional facilities, has demanded action. This study is a small part of that action. A recent letter from the Commission of corrections stated "...the status of variances 91-v-36 and 98-v-22 remain revoked pending a clear indication of tangible progress on the part of the county toward a permanent inmate housing solution. While the Commission is not inclined to entertain a variance application, it stands ready to assist you and other county officials in the development of new correctional housing capacity." This study will assist in offering information, which will help the County Legislators, Sheriff's Office and the public take the best possible action to alleviate the overcrowding of the Jail.

The Jail As It Is Today

The Allegany County Jail is a 37 bed facility (with variances allowing 42), completed in 1976 that rests on the fourth floor of the County Office Building at 7 Court Street in Belmont NY. The Jail houses inmates sentenced to less than one year as well as people awaiting trial and sentencing.

The Jail and the Sheriff's Department share this building with several other County agencies, such as the District Attorney's Office and the Public Defender's Office. The Sheriff's Office employs approximately sixty-five people to operate the jail. These positions are as follows:

Under-Sheriff

Full Time - 1

Lieutenants

Full Time - 3

Sergeants

Full Time - 9

Officers

Full Time - 33

Part Time - 12

Kitchen Staff

Full Time - 3

Part Time - 4

Additional support comes from the Department of Health, BOCES, local clergy, and various other support groups.

The Problems

There are four primary issues that illustrate the position of the Allegany County Jail.

1. Variances

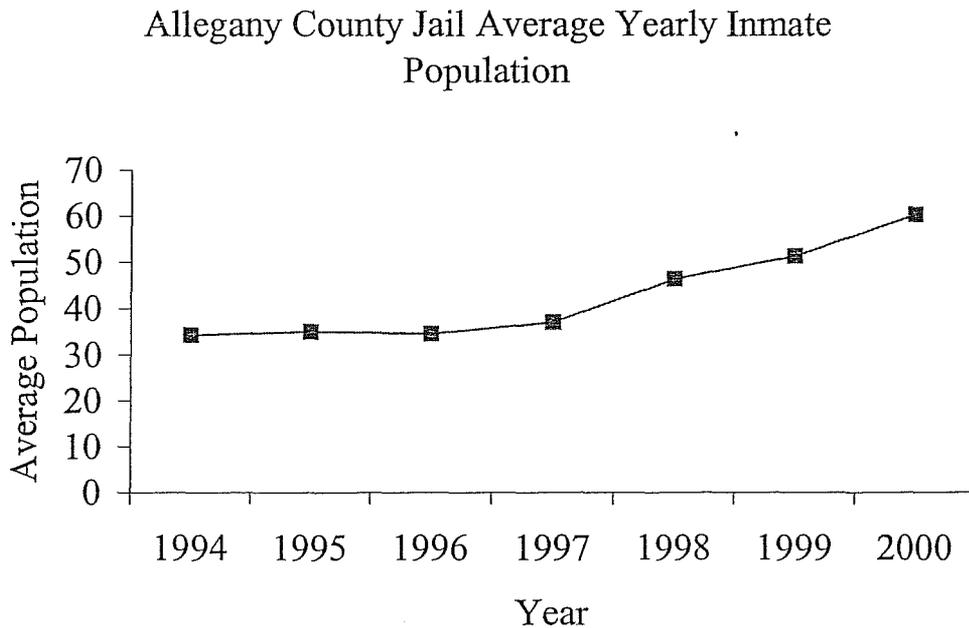
When the Allegany County Jail was built the Commission of Corrections stated that no more than 37 inmates could be housed in the facility at any one time. In emergency situations the Commission can grant exceptions to a facilities population limit, these exceptions are termed variances.

Allegany County received its first variance in 1991, this variance allowed the then Sheriff to house 44 inmates without penalty. The Sheriff received further variances in 1991 and 1998, increasing the maximum by 8 and 16 respectively. With all the variances and adjustments over the past decade the maximum inmate population reached 63 without penalty.

In 2000 the Commission revoked half of the 1998 variance dropping the allowable population to 55. In 2001 the Commission revoked the other half of the 1998 variance and reduced the second 1991 variance to 3, dropping the maximum allowable population to 42.

It should be noted that all variances are intended to be temporary alleviations to emergency situations. In a letter dated September 11, 2000 regarding the variances that the Allegany County Jail had at the time states that they "will inquire into the progress on the county's efforts on bringing the correctional facility into compliance with Part 7040 and to eliminate the need for variance relief... Please bring any and all information describing the process on plans for possible jail construction, expansion, or renovation." Since then all but one of these variances has been revoked, bringing the allowed maximum population down to 42.

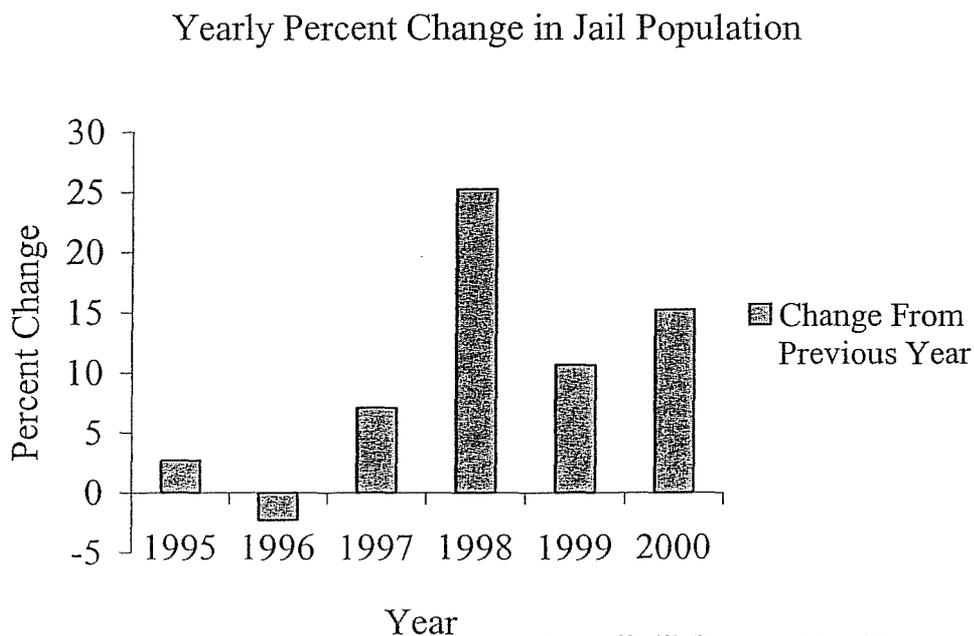
2. Growth



Source: Sheriff's Department Internal Records

Figure 1. The above graph shows the yearly average of the Allegany County jail. As can be seen in Figure I the population of the Jail has dramatically increased in the last seven years.

In 1994, the yearly average inmate population was approximately 34. In the year 2000 the average increased by nearly 27 to approximately 61, this is an increase of just over 79 percent in the last six years



Source: Sheriff's Department Internal Records

Figure II. The above graph illustrates the percent increase of average population from year to year.

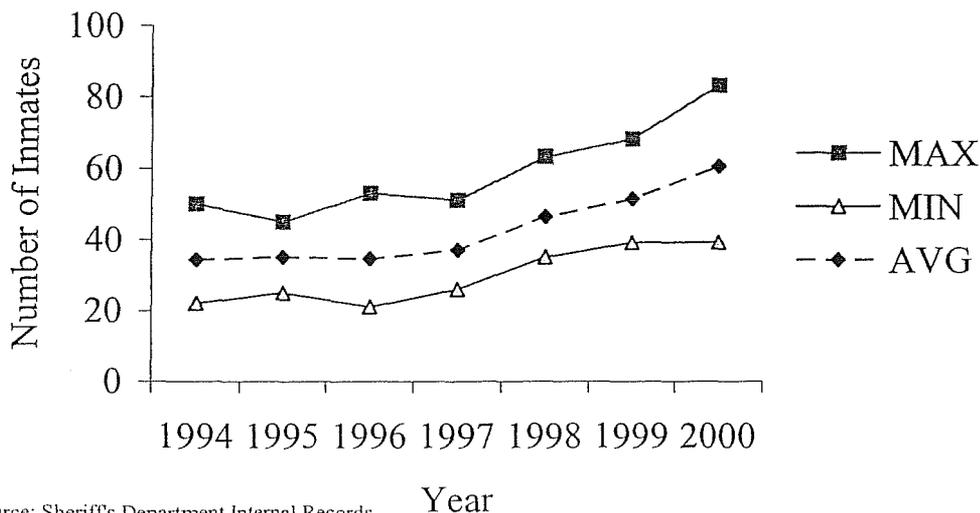
In Figure II we can see that the largest yearly percent increase was in 1998. Both Figure I and Figure II illustrate that since 1997 there has been a continuous increase in population. In fact the yearly increase has been in excess of 7% beginning in 1997. It is interesting to note that in 1995 there was actually a decrease in population. A decrease in one year's population should not be mistaken for a general decrease in the population trend.

While averages lend an immediate illustration of the problem, the use of average populations can be misleading. For example, if the yearly inmate average is 37 and the jail can house 37 inmates, there appears no need to house inmates out (see section 3). However, this may not be the case.

To illustrate a point one can examine an extreme hypothetical situation. In this hypothetical situation assume that for 182 days out of a year the Jail has a population of 74. Assume for the other 183 days out of a year the population is zero. This yields a yearly average of approximately 37. However, we must house out 37 inmates for 182 days. The cost of such a situation would cost a minimum of 673,400 dollars a year, not including any other associated cost of housing out such as over time, transportation costs, medical expenses, and other less tangible costs such as liability.

This idea is part of reason the Commission of Corrections recommends that a facility only house 80% of its maximum capacity in normal day to day operations. More directly a facility should be designed to house 25% more inmates than the average yearly population.

Minimum and Maximum Daily Populations



Source: Sheriff's Department Internal Records

Figure III. The graph above lists the maximum and minimum population days for each year between 1994 and 2000.

It is important to examine both the minimum and maximum population days to evaluate the needs of a Jail. Figure III shows that at one point in 2000 the Sheriff was responsible for almost 80 inmates. The use of minimum and maximum populations assists in understanding the need for housing inmates out to other counties.

3. Housing Out

When the number of beds needed exceeds the number of beds available the Sheriff must send inmates to other counties. This is termed housing out. The overcrowding problem has created a very serious expense through the need to house out.

Table I. Housing Out 2001

	January	February	March	April	May	
Cost for Housing	7,190	15,210	37,765	26,715	17,780	
Miles Traveled	5,415	4,834	4,814	7,504	3,050	
Cost of Travel	1,868	1,668	1,661	2,589	1,052	
Manpower	5,552	6,084	4,814	5,510	2,336	
Totals	\$14,610	\$22,962	\$44,240	\$34,814	\$21,168	\$137,794

Table I is a brief and estimated cost analysis for housing out in 2001 through May. It includes miles traveled to deliver and pick up inmates for reasons such as mandated court appearances, probation visits as well as family visits. The table also includes estimated manpower to conduct these transports.

Cost of travel is calculated by using the following formula:

$$\text{Cost} = (\text{Number of Miles Traveled}) \times (\$ 0.345)$$

Manpower is calculated by the formula:

$$\text{Cost} = [(\text{Base Pay}) + (\text{Fringe Benefits})] \times (\text{Time})$$

It can be seen that the costs of housing inmates out to other counties through May are nearly \$140,000. Presently, the estimated yearly cost for housing inmates out to other counties is approximately **\$330,000** for 2001.

4. Labor

One of the tools for analysis of efficiency concerning jails is the inmate to staff ratio. It happens that the Commission of Corrections has deemed Allegany County Jail as one of the most labor-intensive jails in New York State. Staffing is the primary cost factor concerning the operations of a jail. On average the Allegany County Jail is staffed with approximately 9 staff members at all times. If the jail has a population of 42 this works out to be an inmate to staff ratio of approximately 4.5:1, i.e. 4.5 inmates for every one staff member, and becomes lower as the population decreases. Newer facilities plan for an inmate to staff ratio of approximately 35:1.

Conclusion

The Allegany County Jail is certainly over-crowded. The data presented not only illustrates this but it also serves to show the economic impact of continuing to operate this facility at its present state. Due to the pressure from the Commission of Corrections it is our recommendation that immediate and tangible actions be taken to alleviate the economic burden that the Allegany County Jail is placing on the County's people.

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Public Safety Committee

September 5, 2001

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ALLEGANY COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Present: Rod Bennett, Chairman
Ron Truax
Jim Graffrath
Curtis Corkey
Ed Sherman
John Margeson
Preston Lucas

Keith Barber
John Tucker
Dave Sirianni
Crystal Wiech
Randy Belmont
Bill Timberlake
Dennis Vespucci

Fire Advisory Board Reps: Dick Smith, Dick Sortore

Others: Paul Gallmann, Martha Roberts, Lee Dibble, Kay Bushman

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:36.

On motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Graffrath, the minutes of the August 1, 2001 meeting were approved.

Weights and Measures

Chairman Bennett called on Crystal Wiech, Director for her report.

Crystal noted that as a result of the information booth at the county fair, an inquiry was made by a Friendship schoolteacher for information for her fifth grade class.

Probation Department

Chairman Bennett called on Dave Sirianni, Director for his report.

Dave submitted a request for a resolution to establish a new revenue account in his department. A021580.06 (sex offender fees) and deposit \$2,449.00 in that account. Also, two new appropriation accounts to be established: A3145.421 (sex offender education) in the amount of \$1,949.00 and A3145.447 (public safety contracts) with \$500.00 established.

Approved on motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Graffrath. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

There was some brief discussion on the status of the Electronic Home Monitoring Program and the equipment being used.

Fire Service

Chairman Bennett called on Keith Barber, Fire Coordinator for his report. Keith noted he will have some information to present at the next meeting.

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Bennett called on John Tucker, Director for his report. John introduced Kay Bushman who is the new Assistant Director for the office.

Sheriff's Department

Chairman Bennett called on Sheriff Belmont for his report.

Randy submitted a request to transfer \$60,000 from contingency into the jail other correctional facilities to cover a shortfall. It was noted by John Margeson that funds were being obtained at this time that were previously requested. The sheriff withdrew the request.

A request for a resolution was submitted to approve a contract with Verizon phone company to have 911 cell phone calls be transferred to the county dispatch center.

On motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Graffrath the committee approved the request.

County Attorney Prepare Resolution

Mr. Corkey asked the sheriff on the matter of transferring 911 calls from the county dispatch center to the State Police. The sheriff noted that if requested, the sheriff's department will assist with a call if manpower is available. This is also true of local police departments. There is an established protocol for this.

Martha Roberts was introduced representing the County Agricultural Society requesting discussion on the county fair. Specifically, the matter of the Sheriff's department personnel used for security. Ms. Roberts explained how the sheriff's department is relied on for a number of events and activities at the fair. Previously, it was discussed for concern on the liability of doing this but it was noted a contract had been created by the county attorney. Ms. Roberts thanked the county for all of its help in the past and hoped that the county sheriff's department will continue to assist with the fair in the future.

Mr. Corkey asked if the sheriff could determine the number of man hours used at last years fair.

The regular Public Safety Committee meeting adjourned at 3:20 and reconvened at 3:30 to review departmental 2002 budgets.

Budget Reviews

Office of Emergency Services – The 2002 budget as recommended by the budget officer was approved on motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Graffrath.

Fire Service – The 2002 budget as recommended by the budget officer was approved on motion by Mr. Corkey and seconded by Mr. Truax.

Public Defender – The 2002 budget as recommended by the budget officer was approved on motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Graffrath.

Weights and Measures – The 2002 budget as recommended by the budget officer was approved on motion by Mr. Corkey and seconded by Mr. Graffrath.

Sheriff's Department and Jail – The 2002 budget as recommended by the budget officer was approved on motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Corkey.

Probation Department – The 2002 budgets as recommended by the budget officer were approved on motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Graffrath.

Assigned Counsel – The 2002 budget as recommended by the budget officer was approved on motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Corkey.

District Attorney – Because Terry Parker was not available; the District Attorney's budget will be reviewed prior to the next board meeting.

The budget review portion of the meeting adjourned at 4:25.

Margeson

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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2001**

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ALICE

Present: R. Bennett, J. Graffrath, R. Truax, E. Sherman, J. Margeson, Terry Parker

Meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Bennett at 1:44.

Mr. Terrance Parker presented the District Attorney 2002 budget request. On motion by R. Truax, seconded by J. Graffrath, the Budget Officer recommendation was unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:46.

Respectfully Submitted:
Alice Alsworth

MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: Public Safety

DATE: October 17, 2001

The Public ^{Defender} Office requests a resolution to transfer \$170.00 from Account No. A1170.434 (Public Defender - Mental Health Evaluation) to Account No. A1170.201 (Public Defender – Equipment) to finance the balance of the cost of computer desk for the Public Defender's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT: None – transfer within accounts

For further information regarding this matter, contact

Beth E. Farwell, Allegany County Public Defender

593-7111

MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: October 17, 2001

Request a Board Resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the Permit for Use of State Owned Property. This will allow the Sheriff's Marine Patrol to use the Ranger Cottage on Cuba Lake as a base for its operations during the summer boating season commencing May 24, 2002 and ending September 3, 2002.

At present, the patrol officers have no place on the lake to go to for personal necessity or to do required paperwork and they must rely on the generosity of civilian cottage owners.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The State has placed a token fee of \$1.00

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

Randal J. Belmont, Sheriff
Name and Department

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Telephone Number



KENNETH J. RINGLER, JR.
COMMISSIONER

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES
MAYOR ERASTUS CORNING 2ND TOWER
THE GOVERNOR NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER EMPIRE STATE PLAZA
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12242

EDMOND F. SCHORNO
FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
ROBERT J. FLEURY
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND COUNSEL

October 5, 2001

Mr. Randal J. Belmont
Sheriff of Allegany County
Office of the Sheriff
7 Court Street
Belmont, New York 14813-1082

Dear Sheriff Belmont:

I am writing to advise you that the State of New York has consented to the use of the Ranger Cabin (Lots 338 & 339) at Cuba Lake by your office for the 2002 season which runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

I have enclosed two original permits authorizing such occupancy. Please review the terms and conditions and have both permits signed by the appropriate County officer and return both permits to this office for approval. A fully executed original permit will then be sent to your attention.

If there are any questions, feel free to contact me at (518) 474-8831.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert J. Fleury', written over a large, stylized flourish that extends to the right.

Robert J. Fleury

Enclosure

cc: Senator Patricia K. McGee
Assemblywoman Catherine M. Young

OWNER: The People of the State of New York	
PERMITTEE: County of Allegany (Office of the Sheriff)	
ADDRESS: 7 Court Street Belmont, New York 14813-1082	TELEPHONE: (716) 268-9200
LOCATION OF PROPERTY TO BE USED: Lots 338, 339; Ranger Cabin and Boathouse; Cuba Lake (property)	
PERMITTED USE: Marine Patrol – base of operations (Cuba Lake)	
TERM OF USE: Memorial Day through Labor Day	FEE: \$1.00
DATE OF USE OR USE TO BEGIN: May 24, 2002	END DATE: September 3, 2002

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The property shall be used solely for the permitted use indicated above and for no other purpose.
2. The permission hereby granted may not be transferred, assigned or otherwise given by the permittee to any other person or persons without the prior written permission of the Commissioner of General Services of the State of New York.
3. Any alterations, repairs, maintenance or improvements necessary for the permitted use may be made by the permittee upon the written consent of the owner at the sole cost and expense of the permittee. Permittee agrees to pay all utility cost and other charges relating to its use of the property.
4. The permittee agrees to notify the aforementioned Commissioner in the event an unsafe or hazardous incident or condition occurs or exists immediately upon discovery of such incident or condition.
5. The owner may terminate this permit at any time prior to the expiration of the term of use by giving at least 10 days written notice to the permittee; the permittee may terminate this permit at any time prior to the expiration of the term of use by giving at least 30 days written notice of termination to the owner.
6. The permittee agrees to provide liability insurance coverage for the property used and shall name the owner an insured under the policy or policies of insurance coverage so provided.
7. The permittee agrees to save the owner harmless from all claims for damages arising out of the use of the property.
8. The permittee agrees to allow the owner, its representatives or agents to enter the property used by the permittee at any reasonable hour for any lawful purpose.
9. The permittee agrees, at the termination of the term of use, to surrender the property used to the owner in the same condition as existed prior to the term of use, reasonable wear and tear excepted.

The undersigned permittee hereby agrees to abide by and carry out the terms and conditions of this permit.

By: _____
PERMITTEE (signature)
County of Allegany

By: _____
William B. Bush, Deputy Commissioner
Real Property Management and Development
for the Commissioner of General Services

By: _____
(Please print name on this line)

Title: _____

Date: _____

Approval Date: _____

ADDRESS:
NYS Office of General Services
Real Estate Planning & Development
Corning Tower Building, 26th Floor
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12242

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MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: October 3, 2001

Request a resolution to authorize the Sheriff to execute the Renewal of Agreement bearing Contract #: C200225 between Unified Court System and the Allegany County Sheriff's Department. This agreement is in effect from April 1, 2001 and March 31, 2002. The maximum compensation allowed under this renewal is \$119,075. This compensation is reimbursement for County funds expended on Court Security.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds are already appropriated in Sheriff's Accounts.

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

Randal J. Belmont, Sheriff
Name and Department

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Telephone Number



STATE OF NEW YORK
UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM
EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

206 ERIE COUNTY HALL
92 FRANKLIN STREET
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14202-3979
(716) 852-2850
FAX (716) 852-3510

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ALLEGANY COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPT 

JONATHAN LIPPMAN
Chief Administrative Judge

JOSEPH J. TRAFICANTI, JR.
Deputy Chief Administrative Judge
Courts Outside New York City

VINCENT E. DOYLE
District Administrative Judge
Eighth Judicial District

HAROLD J. BRAND, JR.
Executive Assistant

September 12, 2001

Sheriff Randal J. Belmont
Allegany County Sheriff's Department
Allegany County Courthouse
Belmont, NY 14813

Re: **RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT**
between UCS and
Allegany County Sheriff's Department
Contract #: C200225

Dear Sheriff Belmont:

Section I(D) of the 1999-04 above referenced Agreement provides that the dates of each period of the contract term after the initial period, as well as the minimum compensation, shall be established by the mutual written agreement of the parties. Pursuant to that Section, we are establishing a new period of the five-year term of this Agreement, which period shall commence on April 1, 2001 and shall terminate on March 31, 2002. During this 2001/02 period, all the terms and conditions of the above referenced Agreement shall continue to apply, except as specified below.

The maximum compensation for this 2001/02 period shall be **\$119,075.00**. **The attached revised Appendix B shall replace the prior Appendix B as part of the Agreement.**

The signatures below shall confirm acceptance by the Contractor and by UCS of this period and of the term and conditions as described herein. The **original** of this letter should be

RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT

Allegany County Sheriff's Department

C200225

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signed by an authorized representative of the Contractor and the corresponding acknowledgment page should be notarized. Please affix the municipal/county/city seal or attach a resolution to indicate authorization to sign this letter. The signed original letter together with the related acknowledgment and resolution, if applicable, should be returned to our office and a copy should be retained for your files.

Very truly yours,


HAROLD J. BRAND, JR.

HJB/sjd

Encls.

CC: Carolyn Miller

FOR: Allegany County Sheriff's Department

Name

Title

DATED: _____

FOR: NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM

ANN T. PFAU

Deputy Chief Administrative Judge

DATED: _____

STAFFING SCHEDULE - 2001-2002

ALLEGANY

DESIGNATED COURT	NUMBER OF SECURITY PERSONNEL REQUIRED	TITLE OF SECURITY PERSONNEL	POLICE/PEACE OFFICER REGISTRY
Supreme, County and Family	3 Part-Time 2 Full-Time	Deputy Sheriff Deputy Sheriff	Police Officer Registry Police Officer Registry

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)
COUNTY OF)

On this _____ day of _____, 19____, before me personally
came _____, to me personally known, who being by me
sworn, did depose and say that s/he resides in _____; that s/he
is the _____ of _____; the municipality described in
and which executed the within instrument; that s/he knows the seal of said municipality; that the
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APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES IN PETROLEUM PRODUCT QUALITY PROGRAM

Offered by: Public Safety Committee

RESOLVED:

1. That an Agreement between the County of Allegany and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets providing for reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by the Allegany County Director of Weights and Measures in administering the New York State Petroleum Product Quality Program during the period April 1, 2001, to March 31, 2002, is approved.
2. That the Chairman of this Board is authorized to execute such Agreement and any and all necessary required forms or vouchers to secure reimbursement.

DRAFT

New York State
 Department of Agriculture and Markets
 1 Winners Circle
 Albany, NY 12235-0001
 Agency Code 06000

**PETROLEUM PRODUCT QUALITY PROGRAM
 CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

Contract Authority: **Agriculture & Markets Law Section 179**

Contract Number: **C010059**

Amount of Agreement: **\$7,269**

Contract Period: **4/1/00 to 3/31/02**

Renewal Date: **4/1/01**

Municipal Code: **02010000**

Contractor Name/Project Sponsor: **Allegany County**

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Billing Address (if different from above):
 Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Title/Description of Project: **Conduct Inspections, Screening Tests and Sample Fuel Stored at Retail Fuel Outlets**

FOR NEW AGREEMENTS ONLY THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:	FOR AMENDMENTS ONLY CHECK THOSE THAT APPLY:	
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APPROVALS

CONTRACTOR	NYS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & MARKETS
Signature of Authorized Official: _____ Date: _____ Typed or Printed Name of Above Official: _____ Title of Authorized Official: _____ Notary Public: On this day before me personally appeared _____, to me known, and known to me to be the same person who executed the above instrument and duly acknowledged the execution of the same.	Signature of Authorized Official: _____ Date: _____ Typed or Printed Name of Above Official: _____ Title of Authorized Official: _____ State Agency Certification: In addition to the acceptance of this contract, I also certify that original copies of this signature page will be attached to all other exact copies of this contract.
Deputy General: _____	Office of the State Comptroller: _____

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CONTRACTOR	NYS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & MARKETS
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Date: _____	Date: _____
Typed or Printed Name of Above Official: _____	Typed or Printed Name of Above Official: _____
Title of Authorized Official: _____	Title of Authorized Official _____
Notary Public: On this day before me personally appeared _____, to me known, and known to me to be the same person who executed the above instrument and duly acknowledged the execution of the same.	State Agency Certification: In addition to the acceptance of this contract, I also certify that original copies of this signature page will be attached to all other exact copies of this contract.
Secretary General:	Office of the State Comptroller:

Public Safety Committee

**NOT
APPROVED**

October 17, 2001

Present: Rod Bennett, Chairman
Ron Truax
Jim Graffrath
Curtis Corkey
Bill Dibble
Ed Sherman
John Margeson
Preston Lucas

Keith Barber
John Tucker
Dennis Vespucci
Randy Belmont
Beth Farwell
Dave Sirianni

Fire Advisory Board Reps: Dick Smith, Dick Sortore, and Jody Kenyon

Others: Paul Gallmann, David Burin, and Christopher Ivers

Media: Anita Carlson, Cuba Patriot

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:40.

On motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Dibble, the minutes of the September 5, 2001 meeting were approved.

Public Defender

Chairman Bennett called on Beth Farwell for her report. A request was submitted for a resolution to transfer \$170.00 from A1170.434 (mental health evaluation) to A1170.201 (equipment) for the balance of the cost for a computer desk.

On motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Dibble the committee approved the request.

COUNTY ATTORNEY PREPARE RESOLUTION

Beth noted she is in the process of reviewing old files and will be transferring them to the permanent storage building. Also working on a new system to keep track of files.

Weights and Measures

Chairman Bennett noted of a request submitted for the renewal with the state for octane testing for the period April 1, 2001 thru March 31, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Graffrath, approval was given unanimously.

COUNTY ATTORNEY PREPARE RESOLUTION

Probation Department

Chairman Bennett called on Dave Sirianni, Director for his report.

A request was submitted for a resolution to transfer \$9,000 from 3140.201 (equipment) to 3140.413 (lease/rentals) for the leasing of lap top computers for the department. This matter has been discussed with Deb Button, Director of Information Technology.

On motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Truax the committee unanimously approved the request. **COUNTY ATTORNEY PREPARE RESOLUTION**

Another request was submitted to transfer \$400.00 from 3140.407 (supplies) to 3140.201 (equipment) for the purchase of a new fax machine.

On motion by Mr. Corkey and seconded by Mr. Dibble, the committee unanimously approved the request. **COUNTY ATTORNEY PREPARE RESOLUTION**

Fire Service

Chairman Bennett noted of a referral to the Public Safety Committee from the Technology Committee regarding software to integrate the 911 telephone system with the county's mapping system. The software cost was approximately \$9,000. Keith and Jody indicated additional investigation is being done on this matter to gather more details. It was requested by the committee to see if other jurisdictions are using this system.

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Bennett noted of a letter sent to John Tucker, Director, by the NY State Health Department thanking Allegany County in assisting with help for the NY City disaster. Two volunteer ambulance companies were sent. John noted that the Sheriff's Department also sent staff to assist including the sheriff.

John noted there will be reimbursement offered for time spent by those that were requested to respond and assist.

There was brief discussion on the availability of the 'reverse 911' systems. Equipment or contracted service for automated telephone calls that can be made to residents for alert to emergencies. John will contact vendors to get current estimates of costs.

Sheriff's Department

Chairman Bennett called on Randy Belmont, Sheriff for his report.

It was noted of a referral made by the committee of the whole to address creation of a position of 'Medical Director' for both the Emergency Medical Dispatch for 911 as well as the jail medical program. The sheriff noted the EMD program is not yet in place as training is still needed. There was discussion as to the amount of time that has been spent on these two programs.

The Sheriff requested approval for renewal of the Unified Court System Security Contract with the State for the period of April 1, 2001 thru March 31, 2002. The maximum compensation would be \$119,075.

On motion by Mr. Graffrath and seconded by Mr. Dibble the committee unanimously approved the request. **COUNTY ATTORNEY PREPARE RESOLUTION**

The Sheriff requested approval for the county to use state owned property at Cuba Lake as a base of operations for the sheriff's marine patrol at the lake. The lease contract would be for \$1.00 for the period of May 24, 2002 thru September 3, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Corkey the committee unanimously approved the request. **COUNTY ATTORNEY PREPARE RESOLUTION**

The Sheriff requested approval to renew the two contracts for participation by Allegany County in the Southern Tier Drug Task Force program.

On motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Graffrath the committee unanimously approved the request. **COUNTY ATTORNEY PREPARE RESOLUTION**

The Sheriff noted of some property available for possible use as a firing range for law enforcement weapons use. Currently, Almond is allowing the sheriff's department use of a facility. There is also county owned property at the old gravel pit in Almond. This property would have to be developed. There will be further investigation on this matter.

On motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Graffrath, the committee moved into executive session to discuss a public safety matter.

On motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Graffrath, the committee moved out of executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45.

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ESSEX COUNTY
SHERIFF LEGISLATORS

Public Safety Committee

November 7, 2001

John M.

NOT
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Present: Rod Bennett, Chairman
Jim Graffrath
Curtis Corkey
Bill Dibble
Ed Sherman
John Margeson
Preston Lucas
Keith Barber
John Tucker
Randy Belmont
Dave Sirianni
Beth Farwell

Fire Advisory Board Reps: Dick Smith, Dick Sortore, and Jody Kenyon

Others: Paul Gallmann, David Burin

Media: Anita Carlson, Cuba Patriot

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:32.

On motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Graffrath, the minutes of the October 17, 2001 meeting were approved.

Probation Department

Chairman Bennett called on Dave Sirianni, Director for his report.

Dave requested approval to fill a vacancy in the department. On motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Graffrath, the committee approved the request.

Mr. Dibble asked Dave to gather further information on a juvenile facility.

Sheriff's Department

Chairman Bennett called on Randy Belmont, Sheriff for his report.

The sheriff noted that state inspectors were currently here to look at the jail facility.

The Sheriff requested a resolution to accept a total of \$150.00 in donations and requested that it be appropriated to account #A3144.408 (general supplies). On motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Graffrath the committee unanimously approved the request and referred the matter to Ways & Means.

The Sheriff requested a resolution to accept a DCJS block grant for \$15,287 for revenue account #A10.33180 and appropriate:

\$ 795.00 to A3110.401 (freight)
\$12,274.00 to A3110.204 (motor vehicles)
\$ 345.00 to A3110.421 (education)
\$ 1,873.00 to A3110.451 (contracts)

On motion by Mr. Corkey and seconded by Mr. Dibble the committee unanimously approved the request and referred the matter to Ways and Means.

The Sheriff requested a resolution to accept \$4,224 from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for a 2000-2001 Buckle Up N.Y. award and apply to the A3110.101 account \$3,874 plus \$350 to the A3110.421 account.

On motion by Mr. Corkey and seconded by Mr. Dibble the committee approved the request and forwarded the matter to Ways and Means.

The Sheriff requested that Traffic Safety staff person be allowed to use the office vacated by Information Technology Director Button. On motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Corkey the committee referred the matter to the County Administrator for consideration.

Fire Service

Chairman Bennett called on Fire Coordinator Keith Barber for his report.

Keith noted the county has been using the Fillmore Fire Department's radio tower for enhancement of coverage of the county's dispatch system. Keith recommended that the county purchase the tower and radio equipment from Fillmore. It was estimated that the cost would be \$6,000. On motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Graffrath, the committee gave Keith authorization to negotiate with the Fillmore Fire Department on the matter.

Chairman Bennett noted of earlier in the day, a demonstration of a computer program to assist 911 dispatching with individual call information, history and a mapping program. The program is through Verizon and the cost would be approximately \$2,400 a month for a five-year lease. The system billing would be added to the current Verizon 911 bill. Chairman Bennett noted there will be more details on this matter.

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Bennett called on John Tucker, Director, for his report. There was discussion as to information on the 'Reverse 911' systems that can make calls to residents to give them information regarding emergencies or disasters. John noted that previously, two vendors had sent information. Diologic has a program of both hardware and software that will allow the county to operate system. The cost would be \$9,000 for the initial set up and installation and an annual subscription fee of \$5,000 to maintain the system. They can also handle the program and make all the calls for the county for \$28,000 – 32,000 annually.

Current cost figures were not available from the other vendor, CAN.

Old Business

The matter of the alternate dispatch center for the county's 911 system was discussed. John was asked to look into the costs of both retrofitting the Corbin Hill tower site as a backup and to use Wellsville P.D. for a backup.

SAIA Communications submitted an estimate of \$85,029 to have two station consoles installed at Corbin Hill. The building would also need to be retrofitted because of space needs.

To have the Wellsville P.D. as the alternate site, the phone company would have to do some work to have the calls automatically transferred and have a 'card' installed in Wellsville to be able to receive the 607 phone calls.

There was discussion as to if Corbin Hill should be developed as well as have Wellsville the backup. John noted he would contact the Wellsville P.D. to let them know that the automatic phone transfer would be instituted. The Wellsville P.D. noted they want to do some radio system tests to see how their coverage is.

The meeting adjourned at 3:28.

MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: Public Safety/ Ways & Means

DATE: Oct. 17, 2001

The Sheriff's Office requests a resolution to accept from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Local Law Enforcement Block Grant, \$15,287 into revenue account A10.3318.0 and appropriate as follows:

A3110.401, freight	795	
A3110.204, motor vehicles	12,274	
A3110.421, education	345	
A3110.451, contracts	<u>1,873</u>	(Wellsville, Cuba and Alfred police)
total	15,287	

FISCAL IMPACT: The County will acquire a speed trailer and funding for related activities. The 10% required match (\$1,699) is made from Sheriff's Office overtime hours for Deputy Daniel Hanchett (\$1,397.80), and supplies purchased by the Department of Public Works (\$201.30) and Cornell Cooperative Extension (\$99.90).

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

Randy Belmont, Sheriff
Allegany County Sheriff's Department

268-9200

MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: Public Safety

DATE: Oct. 17, 2001

A resolution is requested to accept \$105 in donations (\$60 cash, \$15 check from Patricia Decker and \$30 check from Nicole Clancy) into revenue account #A08.2705.3114, "gifts and donations," to be appropriated for additional child passenger safety devices from "general supplies," account #A3114.408.

The donations are from individuals who have received child passenger safety devices from the A.B.C. Coalition, which is coordinated by the Traffic Safety Program of the Allegany County Office of the Sheriff.

FISCAL IMPACT: -0-

MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: Public Safety/ Ways & Means

DATE: Oct. 30, 2001

The Sheriff's Office requests a resolution to accept from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, a FY 2000-2001 Buckle Up New York! award of \$4,224 into revenue account A10.3389.05 and appropriate \$350 into account A3110.421, education, and \$3,874 into account A3110.101.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Sheriff's Office will be able to participate in Waves 7 and 8 of the statewide zero tolerance for unbuckled drivers at no cost to the County.

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

**Randy Belmont, Sheriff
Allegany County Sheriff's Department**

268-9200

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
December 5, 2001
1:00PM

John M.
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ALLEGANY COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

PRESENT: J. Graffrath, E. Sherman, R. Truax, R. Bennett, B. Reynolds, J. Margeson. D. Roeske, G. James

A. Carlson, S. Myers

AGENDA:

1. Meeting called to order
2. Approval of minutes
3. Approval of audit
4. January meeting date
5. Referral to Ways & Means – vehicle registration
6. Building Christmas decorations
7. Permission to hire laborer at Landfill
8. Permission to hire one (1) seasonal laborer at Landfill
9. Permission to hire laborer – District 2
10. Review and possible selection of consultant – I386 study
11. Permission to bid equipment for award in 2002
12. Renew deer carcass removal agreement
13. NYSCHSA – Winter Conference – Albany
14. Adjournment

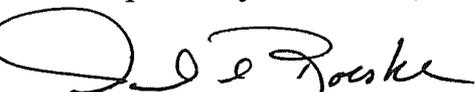
1. Chairman Graffrath called the meeting to order at 1:07PM.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Truax approving the minutes of November 7, 2001. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Bennett approving the audit. Motion carried.
4. Mr. Graffrath asked the committee to set the date of the next Public Works Committee meeting to January 9, 2002. A motion was made by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Bennett to set date as requested. Motion carried.
5. Mr. Reynolds made a motion to make a referral to Ways & Means to request that all county vehicles are titled and registered to only “Allegany County”. Mr. Truax seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Mr. Roeske requested permission to purchase Christmas decorations for the front of the Old Courthouse. A motion was made by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Bennett to do so. Motion carried.

Mr. Reynolds commented on the cleanliness of the County Office Building compared to other Government facilities.

7. Mr. Roeske asked permission to fill a laborer position at the Landfill that was created from another employee leaving. Mr. Truax made a motion to fill this position and Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. Mr. Roeske requested permission to hire one (1) seasonal laborer at the Landfill for a period of 4 – 6 weeks, starting after Christmas. A motion was made by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Truax to hire a seasonal laborer. Motion carried.
9. A motion was made by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Truax to hire a laborer at District 2. Motion carried.
10. Mr. Roeske informed the committee of the companies that had sent in proposals for the I386 study. A motion was made by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Bennett approving the selection of Sear Brown as consultant after the proposal is reviewed by Mr. Margeson and Mr. Guiney. Motion carried.
11. Mr. Truax made a motion approving to bid equipment to be awarded in 2002. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
12. A motion was made by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Bennett approving the renewal of the deer carcass removal contract. Motion carried.
13. Mr. Roeske informed the committee that the NYSCHSA Winter Conference will be from January 21, 2002, through January 24, 2002 and asked to be notified of who will be attending.
14. Meeting adjourned at 1:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,



David S. Roeske

Superintendent

Allegany County

Department of Public Works

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Public Safety Committee

December 5, 2001

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LEGISLATORS

Present: Rod Bennett, Chairman
Ron Truax
Bill Dibble
Curtis Corkey
Ed Sherman
John Margeson

Keith Barber
John Tucker
Dave Sirianni
Terry Parker
Randy Belmont
Bill Timberlake
Beth Farwell

Fire Advisory Board Reps: Jody Kenyon, Jeff Luckey, Dick Smith, Dick Sortore, George Givens

Media: Anita Carlson, Cuba Patriot

Others: Larry Dye, Paul Gallmann, Peg Cherre, David Burin, Christopher Ivers

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:38.

On motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Dibble, the November 7 meeting minutes were approved with the following amendment; In the Sheriff's Department report, the amount of the donation was \$105.00, not \$150.00

Old Business

Chairman Bennett noted he had received some additional information and prices on the reverse 911 telephone system from John Tucker.

New Business

Chairman Bennett was in receipt of a list of appointments to the County Fire Advisory Board. After reading the names, they were approved on motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Dibble. **COUNTY ATTORNEY PREPARE RESOLUTION**

Public Defender

Chairman Bennett called on Beth Farwell, Public Defender for her report.

Beth noted of work being done with help from the county attorney to develop some uniform standards for the Assigned Council program. There is no state-wide standard. A proposal will be presented to the legislature for consideration.

District Attorney

Chairman Bennett called on Terry Parker, District Attorney, for his report.

Terry noted Tom Brown will be leaving as Assistant District Attorney and requested that approval to fill the fifth assistant's position be given. This will allow for 'overlap' of duties so the new appointment can be trained before Tom leaves. The committee approved the request on motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Dibble.

Terry noted that Dennis Vespucci is taking a temporary leave of absence to work for the State Police. He plans to have Dennis back.

Probation

Chairman Bennett called on Dave Sirianni, Director, for his report. Dave requested approval to fill a vacancy created by a resignation in his department.

On motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Truax, the committee approved the request.

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Bennett called on John Tucker, Director for his report. John submitted a memorandum to request a resolution to transfer \$4,415.65 from A3640.447 (EMS) to A3640.207 (equipment) to purchase some training equipment. On motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Corkey the committee approved the request.

COUNTY ATTORNEY PREPARE RESOLUTION

Fire Service

Chairman Bennett called on Keith Barber, Fire Coordinator, for his report. Jeff Luckey, Chairman of the Fire Advisory Board handed out copies of a package of information on the Volunteer Firemen's Benefit Law. Also included was information on compensation claims to the county's self insurance office. There was concern over the activities involved in firematic competitions. Larry Dye, past director of the Self Insurance office, spoke with concerns about problems with communications with the office and the need for more compassion for our volunteers. There was discussion for the need for a joint Personnel and Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss this matter. Also, it was suggested to have the county attorney review the matter.

There was some brief discussion by Keith of the project to enhance radio coverage in the northern part of the county.

Sheriff's Department

Chairman Bennett called on Sheriff Randy Belmont for his report. Peg Cherre, Commissioner of the Social Services Department, spoke on concerns for security in the complex and in the DSS areas. There is need to improve some safety and security. It was noted the State DSS will reimburse at 100%, costs of security enhancement. One concern is monitoring personnel during after hours as well as where all employees are during the day.

For a fire incident in the complex, the fire department should have information on who may be in the buildings when addressing possible rescues.

The use of video cameras was suggested as well as a sign-in and out procedure. It was agreed that the multiple exits are a problem. It was approved to have a special meeting on Wednesday, December 19 at 2:00 to address this matter in more detail.

The sheriff requested an attorney/client meeting approved on motion by Mr. Truax and seconded by Mr. Dibble.

The committee moved out of the attorney/client meeting and adjourned at 4:00 pm.

MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Intro. No. _____
(Clerk's Use Only)

COMMITTEE: Public Safety

DATE: 12/05/01

The Office of Emergency Services requests a transfer of \$4415.65 from A3640.447 (EMS) to A3640.207 (equipment) for the purchase of training equipment for the EMS program. (See attached)

FISCAL IMPACT: Expense offset by funds from NYS Health Deapartment training grant.

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

John Tucker - Office of Emrg Svcs.
Name and Department

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Telephone Number



ALLEGANY COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

County Office Building, Belmont, New York 14813

John C. Tucker, Director
Kay Bushman, Assistant
Brenda S. Witter, Clerk

Telephone 716-268-7658
Fax 716-268-9695

November 26, 2001

Transfer of funds from EMS account # A3640.447 to equipment # A3640.207 for the following:

1 Simulaid Maniken complete ALS	2281.50
2 CPR Maniken @ \$579.69	1159.38
1 CPR Maniken Baby	384.87
2 AED Trainer @ \$295	590.00
 TOTAL TRANSFER	 \$4415.65

Rod Bennett - Chairman
Public Safety Committee

RE: Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law

Chairman Bennett:

Recently the Fire Service has once again run into a snag with the administration of the Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law (VFBL). An injury occurred to a firefighter at this years Firemen's' Convention and the claim was denied by the Workers' Compensation office. The issue here seems to be interpretation of the VFBL. Attached you will find several documents concerning the firematics events held at the convention and whether participating in a competitive tournament, contest or public exhibition is covered by VFBL.

Mr. Dillon denied the claim because he considered the firematics exercise to which the firefighter was involved in to be a sporting event because trophies are awarded. Paragraph 5(i) of the VFBL states: " Practicing for, or participating as a contestant or an official in any competitive tournament, contest or public exhibition conducted for firefighters which is intended to promote the efficiency of the fire department, fire company or any unit there of".

The issue of coverage for the firematics competition has come up before. Information distributed to the Fire Service in September of 1992 and again in June of 2001 clearly states that these competitive drill teams are covered. In a letter to the Fire Service in June of 1999, Mr. Dillon did express concern over the fact that trophies are awarded as part of the Firematics Competition, but has never followed up on that issue with us. In a letter Mr. Dillon received from one of the county compensation attorneys in June of 1994 states that "an event which can be viewed as a training exercise or related to firematic duties is compensable" this letter also mentions case law regarding this issue.

Fire Advisory Board