

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 5, 2015**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: P. Curran, D. Healy, S. Burt, T. Hopkins, K. LaForge, A. McGraw, C. Crandall

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Ballengee, N. Carnes, D. Decker, L. Edwards, D. Fanton, K. Graves, S. Grusendorf, R. Hollis, K. Hooker, C. Jessup, B. Kelley, J. Luckey, K. Monroe, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora, K. Slep, R. Starks, R. Swarthout, D. Vespucci, R. Whitney

Media Present: D. Donohue, *Olean Times Herald*; B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Public Safety Committee Chairman Phil Curran.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried to approve the Public Safety Committee minutes of July 1, 2015.

Public Defender

Monthly Report

Public Defender Barbara Kelley noted that she had nothing remarkable to report regarding the last month's activities. Receiving no questions regarding her report, Ms. Kelley went on to say that she had recently attended a NYS Defenders' conference in Saratoga where Andrew Kossover, Public Defender from Ulster County, presented information on sharing services with Warren County for about the past three years which has been successful. He will send additional information to Ms. Kelley who noted that it sounded interesting and promising.

Emergency Management and Fire Services

Monthly Report

Emergency Management and Fire Services Director Jeffrey Luckey highlighted the following items from his report: He met with the Allegany County Fair President and safety staff to review safety plans and provided them with an IAP (Incident Action Plan) for each day of the Fair. In mid-July, he pushed out severe weather alerts, then responded to the Fair office before the storm hit to ensure safety of patrons and volunteers. No reports of damage or injuries at the Fairgrounds were noted. He responded to Town of Allen for two separate swift-water rescues and then to Town of Birdsall for the third reported rescue. He then responded to Town of Grove to assist the impacted residents. He returned to Swain to continue to assist the residents and elected officials. Mike (Barney, Assistant Director, OEM) finished the paperwork for a Homeland Security Grant reimbursement for the SHSP. Bonnie (VanHousen, Secretary, OEM) and he contacted the Highway Superintendents of the affected areas and compiled a list of damage estimates. He also contacted the Red Cross to assist with identifying the extent of homes and businesses with flood damage. He provided Senator Catharine Young a tour of Garwood's and

Swain as well as a listing of estimates exceeding two million dollars. He pushed out requests for any homeowners or businesses with damage to report it to his office. He attended the WNY EM meeting and had a special meeting after with the NYS OEM staff regarding the recent flooding. After compiling the information received from homeowners, he contacted NYS OEM and requested a review be done by the U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Disaster Assistance. He met with disaster Surveyor from the SBA, and they visited approximately 30 of the 45 reported damaged residents.

STOP-DWI

Monthly Report

STOP-DWI Coordinator Linda Edwards wanted to highlight a couple of items from her pre-filed monthly report, including that she managed the Traffic Safety Booth at the Allegany County Fair where she gave away 40 bicycle helmets and other items regarding bicycle safety and DWI prevention. She added that much education was done at the booth as she had water bottles from the Traffic Safety Board which were used as prizes if bicycle-safety questions were answered correctly. She added that she had letters ready to go to county court judges to request warrants on the fine collection project. She noted that of the approximately \$55,000 outstanding in fines, about 10 percent had been collected. She also noted there will be a Victim Impact Panel this month, and she is starting to work on the October SADD Conference. She added that she will not be in attendance at next month's Public Safety meeting.

District Attorney

Monthly Report

District Attorney Keith Slep said that he had nothing remarkable to report from his area. He did note that the unscrupulous "fly-by-nighters" are out there, promising to do work, such as paving, for unsuspecting victims. He said that his office had received two calls this morning already.

Probation

Monthly Report

Probation Director Robert Starks told the Committee that there was not a lot of activity in his office for July.

Budget Transfer

Mr. Starks went on to request a budget transfer of \$500 in order to replace two printers that no longer function (one for the Director and one for the Accounting Department). Each printer will cost \$119; the additional funds are for any other small purchases that may be needed through the end of the year. The \$500 transfer should be made as follows:

FROM	TO
A3140.413 (Probation-Rentals)	A3140.202 (Probation-Equipment)

The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Weights & Measures

Monthly Report

Weights & Measures Director Gilbert Green was unable to attend the meeting.

Sheriff's Office

Monthly Report

Sheriff Rick Whitney had nothing remarkable to report. He did highlight the fact that overtime is down approximately 450 hours from the same period last year.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m. following a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator McGraw, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators