

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**October 7, 2015**

**NOT APPROVED**

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

**Others Present:** M. Alger, E. Bailor, L. Ballengee, S. Boutwell, H. Budinger, R. Christman, K. Dirlam, L. Edwards, D. Fanton, B. Field, K. Graves, G. Green, L. Greene, R. Hollis, C. Ivers, B. Kelley, J. Kemp, S. Lanphier, B. LaValley, J. Luckey, D. Marsh, T. Miner, K. Monroe, B. Riehle, T. Ross, R. Scott, M. Stadelmaier, R. Starks, R. Swarthout, M. Thompson, R. Ward, R. Whitney

**Media Present:** B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m. by Public Safety Committee Chairman Phil Curran.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Burt, seconded by Legislator LaForge, and carried to approve the Public Safety Committee minutes of September 2, 2015.

### **Public Defender**

#### **Monthly Report**

Public Defender Barbara Kelly stated it has been uneventful, and the caseloads are about the same. She attended the Chief Defender Association meeting in Rochester. One of the topics discussed was proposed legislation to have the State take over the cost of public defense. It continues to gain momentum. She stated County Attorney Tom Miner attended another meeting in Albany on Monday, October 5, 2015, regarding the same topic.

### **Emergency Management and Fire**

#### **Monthly Report**

Director Jeff Luckey highlighted on his monthly report the cross border tabletop drill at Alfred University. They discussed the upcoming Western Region Emergency Communications, Knowledge, and Information Tests (WRECK IT). It is a simulation drill hospitals participate in where phone lines are down, and they are not getting supplies because of an ice storm. He also stated the Hazard Mitigation Grant is moving forward. He also highlighted a successful drill with the Fillmore Fire Department involving a bus accident. Legislator Burt asked if Mr. Luckey gets reimbursed for his mileage. Mr. Luckey stated he has a County vehicle with a command center in the back. Mr. Luckey asked about a Memorandum of Explanation (MOE) to accept a grant in the amount of \$52,500 that was not included on the agenda. A motion to table the MOE until the next meeting, so the Committee may have time to review the MOE was approved on a motion by Legislator Burt, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried.

**STOP-DWI****Monthly Report**

Coordinator Linda Edwards highlighted two items on her monthly report. She stated if anyone is attending the SADD Conference on October 30, 2015, please let her know so she can have an accurate lunch count. She also stated the New York State Stop DWI Foundation has applied for a grant for crack down funding. The State will be receiving a decrease in the amount of \$1 million than what they received last year. As a result, she has been advised the funding for Allegany County for the 2015 to 2016 year will be \$30,778, which is about a \$20,000 decrease to the County. However, Ms. Edwards stated it is in line with what the program has been spending. She added she will put all of this information in the form of a Memorandum of Explanation for approval after the first of the year.

**District Attorney****Monthly Report**

Legislator Curran noted District Attorney Keith Slep was not present.

**Probation****Monthly Report**

Director Bob Starks stated juvenile cases are down, and so are criminal cases. Legislator Graves asked what kind of training was given to the Wellsville Police Department. Mr. Starks responded juvenile detention, PINS policies and procedures, and the pre-trial program.

**Weights & Measures****Monthly Report**

Legislator Curran noted Director Gilbert Green submitted a revised August monthly report along with September's monthly report. Mr. Green stated he is scheduled at the end of the month for 2 in-line meters at Saputo Dairies. They use a metering system to judge the flow of the milk. Legislator Burt asked if Mr. Green normally travels by himself, or with someone else. Mr. Green stated he usually has an intern that helps. He noted an intern just started yesterday. Legislator Burt asked if Mr. Green uses a County vehicle. He stated yes, he has a take home vehicle. Chairman Crandall stated Erie County had a report on scanners at grocery stores, and wondered if Mr. Green is responsible for checking them in Allegany County. Mr. Green responded it is something the stores do on a fee based system. Legislator Graves asked about the calibrations on the machines. Mr. Green stated the company the stores purchased them from do the calibrations.

**Sheriff's Department****Monthly Report**

Legislator Burt asked if there was a good following at the Fireball Run send off at Alfred State College. Sheriff Rick Whitney stated 4 to 5 cars departed for the Fireball Run, and the crowd was about the same. Legislator Curran stated the college students plus about 100 people were there. Sheriff Whitney stated the Department had active shooter training at Genesee Valley Central School on 2 separate days. He noted it was successful, and outside law enforcement departments such as Cattaraugus County Sheriff Department, Bolivar Police Department, State Troopers, and Wellsville Chief O' Grady participated in the training. Legislator Burt noted in the past Weekend inmates were taking up cell space, and noted on this month's report it doesn't seem to be the case. Sheriff Whitney stated some are coming in during the week instead of the weekends because of their work schedules. Legislator Burt also noted the Sheriff's Department is down 450 hours of payroll overtime.

**Accept and Appropriate Funds for ACT II Batters Program**

Sheriff Rick Whitney requested a resolution to accept and appropriate \$15,925 from Accord Corporation for the continuation of the ACT II Batters Program. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

Appropriation #	A3117.449	\$15,925
Revenue #	A3117.2260.00	\$15,925

Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator LaForge, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

**Accept and Appropriate Amendment of ICE Inmate Housing Contract**

Sheriff Whitney requested approval of an amendment to the Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) inmate housing contract to purchase computer and recreational equipment to be used by ICE and other inmates housed in the Allegany County Jail in the amount of \$28,700. ICE would reimburse the total amount upon being invoiced.

Appropriation #	A3150.201	Jail - Office Equipment	\$ 3,141
	A3150.210	Jail - Equipment Other	<u>\$25,559</u>
		Total:	\$28,700
Revenue #	A3150.4389.00	Federal Other	\$28,700

Legislator Burt wanted clarification that both the exercise equipment and the computers are for the inmates to use. Sheriff Whitney stated yes, the Law Library will be on the computers. Legislator Burt also asked what type of access the inmates would have. Sheriff Whitney stated they would not have access to the internet. Currently there is one place for the inmates to access the law library. With these funds, computers would be placed in every Pod reducing the amount of inmate movement. Legislator Burt asked if inmates would be able to use the computers to write letters. Sheriff Whitney responded it may have basic word processing, but they would mainly be used for the Law Library. Again, it was noted the inmates would not have access to the internet. Legislator Curran asked about the amount of exercise equipment. Sheriff

Whitney stated each Pod would receive the same exercise equipment. Currently the inmates only have a basketball hoop and a pull up bar. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator LaForge, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

### **Permission to Fill Deputy Sheriff Position and Corrections Officer Position**

Sheriff Whitney requested approval to fill a Deputy Sheriff Position (Council 82 Local 3989, Step 0) by promoting a Corrections Officer to Deputy Sheriff, and fill all subsequent positions that will become vacant as listed, such as a full-time Corrections Officer Position (Council 82 Local 3989, Step 0). The Deputy position became vacant due to a retirement of a Deputy Sheriff. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator LaForge, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

### **New Business**

#### **Allegany County EMS Council**

Allegany County EMS Council Chairman Mae Stadelmaier addressed the Committee about space issues they are experiencing as a result of Emergency Management and Fire Services moving into the Crossroads Center. She stated they need the space back, especially for testing. Chairman Crandall thanked the Council and Emergency Responders for coming to the meeting. He noted there were 766 emergency calls, not including the fire department, that went out from August 24, to September 28, 2015, and the volunteers are the ones who responded. He stated there has been a "domino effect" with the space needs. Because of the expansion of emergency communications, the Emergency Management and Fire office moved to the Crossroads. In turn, that took some of the space EMS Council was using. He stated the letter that Linda Botens sent on behalf of the Council asked for immediate and final solutions. He noted he was not sure how immediate the solution will be. He stated the long-term plan is to have more space. Chairman Crandall added he was handed information by Emergency Management and Fire Director Jeff Luckey regarding a space needs assessment and pictures of spaces. Chairman Crandall stated he hopes to have the issue taken care of soon, so reasonable space is available for everybody.

EMS Council member Scott Lanphier stated there are 3 people in the County that are certified to teach Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). It is a great concern to him to make sure the instructors have adequate space to teach the classes. Sometimes the classes are held in a small space. They teach about 60 to 70 EMTs a year. He stated the instructors have experienced disruption, including not being able to access their carts, and having their equipment and materials displaced. Mr. Lanphier stated they use every space they have, especially during testing. He noted the instructors have to write the State if they don't have adequate space to test. The State can then decide to let them test out anyways, or the State can say no. Testing for the current class is to begin by December 2015. The test includes a practical skills section where 7 to 9 stations are set up in separate rooms. The concern is they do not have enough rooms to have all the stations. The students are escorted from one station to another. He noted at one point in time the first office was available. He was not sure if this was still an option to meet everyone's space needs. He asked if they can have that space back, and move Mr. Luckey. Chairman Crandall stated he can't make that decision right now. The County and the IDA have to work on the issue. Legislator Burt suggested renting hotel rooms as a short-term solution for the testing space. The instructors commented it would be too difficult to move the equipment needed for testing. Planner Kier Dirlam stated they have made extra offices available at the Crossroads for testing. He also stated the Department of Transportation

just moved out of their office last week, and that may be space someone can use. Mr. Lanphier stated Mr. Luckey has tried to work with them to figure out the space needs. He also used the analogy that it wouldn't be fair if the Office for Emergency Services was moved into the Department of Social Services until the space needs were figured out. Mr. Lanphier inquired if they have to pay for the space at the Crossroads Building, and they have half the space now, can they use some of the rent money for other classes.

Legislator Healy also thanked those attending the meeting for their sacrifice and their families' sacrifices. He asked if the EMS Council was asked for their input before Emergency Management and Fire moved to the Crossroads Building. Mr. Lanphier stated no. Mr. Healy asked if the space is suitable as a long-term solution to their space needs. Mr. Lanphier stated yes with what they had prior to the Office of Emergency Services moving into the Crossroads. Mr. Luckey wanted to clarify that since he knew in March of the potential of his office moving to the Crossroads, he has communicated with the EMS instructors and staff, but not the council about the possibility of moving. Ross Ward commented the move of the Office for Emergency Services from the jail was probably preplanned in the last two years. He questioned why there was a sudden move, and there wasn't enough adequate space for everyone. Chairman Crandall stated it was not two years, but they knew it was coming. Legislator Healy stated it started with the additional funding for 911 and the Broadband grant.

Legislator Curran stated he was at the Crossroads this morning, and noticed there were empty spaces on the wall and things were recently moved from Mr. Luckey's office. He stated if they had equipment in the first office, why were the items moved and put in the educational room. The instructors responded the cabinets were moved for easier access during class. Also, needles and medications need to be under lock and key. Legislator Curran asked if the EMS Council could do an analysis of the space they rent, and reconfigure that space still using Board rooms at night for testing. He requested the EMS Council to get the plan to the Committee by Tuesday, October 13, 2015. Legislator Curran requested everyone to think about possible solutions.

### **Good of the Order**

County Attorney Tom Miner believes the issue Legislator Graves wanted to address would be better discussed during the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Legislator Graves agreed to wait until the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 following a motion by Legislator Burt, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Scott, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board  
Allegany County Board of Legislators