

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

November 4, 2015

NOT APPROVED

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

Others Present: M. Alger, D. Decker, K. Dirlam, L. Edwards, M. Evans, D. Fanton, K. Francisco, K. Graves, K. Hooker, C. Ivers, C. Jessup, B. Kelley, C. Knapp, J. Luckey, K. Monroe, D. Pullen, D. Root, T. Ross, K. Slep, R. Scott, R. Starks, R. Swarthout, R. Whitney

Media Present: No media present.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m. by Public Safety Committee Chairman Phil Curran.

Approval of Minutes

Under Weights and Measures Monthly Report:

Director Gilbert Green would like to amend the minutes on page two under his monthly report to say, "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.~~ Erie County has a fee based system, but he checks them in Allegany County if he receives a complaint." A motion to approve the change to the minutes was made by Legislator McGraw, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried to approve the Public Safety Committee minutes of October 7, 2015 as amended.

Public Defender

Public Defender Barbara Kelly submitted her monthly report. She noted there was nothing outstanding to report, and was willing to answer any questions.

Emergency Management and Fire

Director Jeff Luckey noted his office has moved to a different suite at the Crossroads building. EMS has been returned to their previous space. He thanked Planner Kier Dirlam for working out the space issue. Legislator Healy commented he took a tour of the changes at the Crossroads building. He noted it is a vast improvement, but doesn't think it is a permanent fix. Legislator Healy thanked Mr. Luckey for the tour. Mr. Luckey reported they had fourteen people participate in the swift water drill, and he anticipates having the drill every year. Mr. Luckey thanked the Rushford Lake Association for allowing them to use the lake for the drill.

Legislator Decker commented on Mr. Luckey's monthly report. He noted on October 19, 2015, Mr. Luckey participated in a New York State conference call for Storm/New York. Legislator Decker reported they sent a resolution forward to New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG). He said it is a multi-million dollar money grab by the Governor to set up weather stations every twenty-five miles throughout New York State. Legislator Decker is opposed to sending any representative from Allegany County to this conference. He added the Governor is complaining about Superstorm Sandy, when they had advanced notice about that storm. He said the County should not be participating in any shape or matter. Legislator Decker noted

there are weather stations in the State that do an adequate job. Legislator Decker stated in his opinion they should not be wasting time on the phone about this issue.

Accept and Appropriate SHSP 2015 Grant

Mr. Luckey requested a resolution to accept and appropriate the SHSP 2015 Grant in the amount of \$52,500. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

Appropriation #	A3656.207	Trailer Mounted Generator to Assist with Power Outages in Local Government Agencies	\$25,500
	A3656.207	Personal Protective Gear for DCs, FIs, HMs	\$10,000
	A3656.207	Assist with Medical Gear Bags for the Sheriff's Department	\$ 1,500
	A3656.207	Support Pictometry (Aerial Photography Images)	<u>\$14,500</u>
		Subtotal:	\$51,500
	A3656.416	Sustain the Director's Cell Phone	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
		Total:	\$52,500
Revenue #	A3656.3306.EM15	State Aid HS FY2015 SHSP Grant #C969150	\$52,500

The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator McGraw, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Accept Emergency Management Performance Grant 2015

Mr. Luckey requested a resolution to accept the contract for the FY 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$23,417. This grant is used to off-set salary costs within the office of Emergency Management in regards to mitigation, preparing, planning, and recovery from man-made and natural disasters. The County has participated in this program for over twenty years. The appropriate budget adjustments will be handled in the resolution adjusting the 2016 Tentative Budget. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator McGraw, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

STOP-DWI

Coordinator Linda Edwards highlighted two things on her monthly report. She attended the Highway Safety Symposium in Binghamton, New York, in mid-October. Ms. Edwards stated it was a great conference, and well attended. She noted an important issue to come out of the meeting was funding for the Crackdown Grant. For 2015 to 2016 the funding was reduced, and for 2016 to 2017 it will change to a formula based program. The formula will be based on crash statistics, number of arrests during crack downs for DWI, and a number of other factors. She noted since the County's numbers are low they may have problems receiving funding, but she won't know for another year. She said the County has a little over \$30,000 in funding for the current year. She met with the Sheriff's Office and local police departments at a recent crackdown, and advised them of this issue. She said they are doing everything they can do. Legislator Decker asked how the patrol went on Friday and Saturday nights. Ms. Edwards said they were only out on Friday night from 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. She stated they had one driving while intoxicated (DWI) arrest. She added her overall DWI arrests are down, which is great because they are educating, and people are making better choices. However, it is not good for the statistics for the grant. Legislator Curran noted it is a good statistic to have down, even though they may take a financial decrease. Ms. Edwards agreed the County may have fewer

arrests, but the Community is safe. She added in the last several years there have been no deaths to report. Legislator Healy noted that is quite an improvement since he was first employed with the State Troopers. He said they averaged about one fatality a month that was alcohol related. District Attorney Keith Slep added the State uses statistics to help larger counties. He said it is penalizing those who are doing a good job and preventing things. He suggested writing a letter to the State Representatives and the Governor stating they don't believe the entire grant should be based on statistics. Legislator Decker thanked Mr. Slep for his comments supporting Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards reported the SADD conference was on Friday, October 30, 2015. Sixty-seven students attended, with a total of One Hundred Four people attending. The topic was on suicide. She noted a representative from Congressman Tom Reed's office, a representative from Senator Cathy Young's office, and Legislator Healy were in attendance for part of the day. Ms. Edwards reported overall the conference went well. Legislator Healy commented Ms. Edwards did a great job, and he enjoyed the program.

District Attorney

District Attorney Keith Slep stated he submitted his report. He added that representatives from the Sheriff's Office, Probation, and he went to Alfred University to attend a Homeland Security presentation on synthetic drugs. The County was supposed to have a five to ten minute question and answer period; however, Homeland Security never showed up, so the County was the program. Mr. Slep wanted to thank Sheriff Whitney, Legislator Tim O'Grady, and Probation Director Bob Starks for doing a great job, and it was well received. Probation Director Bob Starks noted the presentation was before the October Public Safety Committee, so nothing was reported last month about the event.

Probation

Director Bob Starks noted one thing that was omitted from the monthly report was the Alternatives to Incarceration Advisory Board quarterly meeting held on October 28, 2015. He also attended the SADD conference for part of the day. Legislator Curran asked if there was anything unusual to report, and Mr. Starks said no. Mr. Starks added as of October 31, 2015, Keith Scheible in Wellsville, New York, will no longer provide services for Smart Start which is part of the Ignition Interlock Program. He said Dan Mesler in Bolivar, New York, will provide that service now, so they will still have two vendors in the County. For Kids Auto in Belmont, New York, is the other provider. Mr. Starks has called Mr. Mesler, and left a message to confirm he is going to provide this service. Legislator Healy asked if other counties are on board with this program. Mr. Starks said they may not have an installation site in their counties, but they all have to do this. Mr. Starks added the County will still be reimbursed \$135 per case from October 1, 2015, to September 30, 2016. This is for the cost of supervising and monitoring the Ignition Interlock Program. Legislator Curran asked how much it costs for installation. Mr. Starks said most of the defendants are ordered to pay for them, but some may have the fee waived or only have to pay a percentage of the cost. Legislator LaForge asked if there was a detection system that can be installed in vehicles for narcotics. Mr. Starks responded not to his knowledge.

Permission to Fill Probation Supervisor

Mr. Starks requested approval to fill a Probation Supervisor Position (PEF, Grade 8, Step 6), and fill any subsequent vacancies created by filling this position. The Probation Supervisor oversees the work of Probation officers in the Department as well as handling

special duties that are assigned to the Supervisor by the Probation Director. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator McGraw, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Budget Transfer

Mr. Starks requested a budget transfer to replace four desktop computers and four laptop computers in the amount of \$5,600. The computers are used every day by staff, and are over four years old. Legislator Graves asked if the money is budgeted. Mr. Starks replied yes, he is requesting a transfer from one account to another.

From: A3140.413 – Rentals \$5,600 To: A3140.201 – Equipment \$5,600

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

Weights & Measures

Director Gilbert Green was unable to attend because he was hosting a training.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Rick Whitney submitted his monthly report, and was willing to answer any questions. Legislator Curran noted Sheriff Whitney received several letters and certificates for the program at Alfred University. Sheriff Whitney said the Task Force on Heroin Addiction in Olean, New York, went well. He noted they need treatment beds and half-way facilities in our area. Sheriff Whitney stated he spoke with State Assemblyman Joe Giglio, and he will contact Sheriff Whitney about a plan to address this issue. Sheriff Whitney reiterated they really need treatment facilities. Legislator Curran asked if there was any glaring situation or problems. Sheriff Whitney stated overtime has evened out, and everything seems to be going well. Legislator Healy asked if there was anything to report on the 911 center. Sheriff Whitney stated it is moving along pretty well. Legislator Healy asked if there were any other issues with 911. Sheriff Whitney said overtime has been an issue, but the part-time dispatchers have been filling the gaps. He is hoping next year hiring the full-time dispatchers will help. Legislator Healy asked if the quality of service was good. Sheriff Whitney stated he has not heard of any complaints. Legislator Curran asked about eviction proceedings, specifically how does a landlord get through the process to where the Sheriff's Office evicts someone? Sheriff Whitney reported it starts out in a local court, and the landlord files a small claim. If the person does not leave, the Judge will order an eviction notice, and then it comes to the Sheriff's Department. He added it is a long process before it gets to the Sheriff's Department. Legislator Healy thinks there is a publication available at the town clerk's office on how to go through the process.

Proposal from Tetra Tech to Update County's Hazard Mitigation Plan

Emergency Management and Fire Director Jeff Luckey noted the Hazard Mitigation Committee has been working through the process. He noted Tetra Tech is a company they would like to pursue to assist in updating Allegany County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. He added they are working out the details on how to piggyback off another county's bid. Mr. Luckey wanted to make this committee aware of the proposal, and is hoping to bring a Memorandum of Explanation to Resource Management for approval.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 following a motion by Legislator McGraw, seconded by Legislator LaForge, and carried.

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