

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JULY 6, 2016
NOT APPROVED

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

Others Present: L. Ballengee, D. Decker, L. Edwards, D. Fanton, K. Francisco, K. Graves, G. Green, S. Grusendorf, R. Hollis, K. Hollis, K. Hooker, C. Ivers, C. Knapp, J. Luckey, B. Rigby-Riehle, T. Ross, R. Starks, K. Slep, R. Starks, T. Miner, R. Whitney

Media Present: Brian Quinn-Wellsville Daily Reporter

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:03 am by Legislator Curran.

Approval of minutes

The minutes from the June 1, 2016, meeting were approved with the following amendments on a motion by Legislator Burt, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried.

Mr. Starks is the president of the Youth **Court** Board of Directors of Allegany County. He has done a fine in this role as defined by Legislator Mike Healy. Mr. Starks **represented the Youth Court Board of Directors** at the Senior Recognition Dinner and recently honored five students. The Youth **Court was** awarded \$8,000 from the United Way.

Public Defender

Barb Kelley, Public Defender, disseminated her monthly report for the Committee to review. Ms. Kelley reported to the Committee the State Legislature recently passed two pieces of legislation that, if signed by the Governor, will impact Allegany County and those of us who provide indigent legal services. It would allow New York State to take over the indigent defense. It gives Indigent Legal Services the authority to make rules to effectuate Counsel at First Appearance, to establish caseload standards and improve the quality of mandated representation. It also gives Authorization for Off-Hours Arraignment Parts. This legislation authorizes the Chief Administrator of the Courts to adopt a plan for creating off-hours arraignment parts "where the use of such parts will facilitate the availability of public defenders or assigned counsel for defendants in need of legal representation" at arraignment. This is to be done in consultation with Defense Providers, ILS, Local Magistrates Association, Local Officials, and the District Attorney.

On Friday, Ms. Kelley will attend the 8th Judicial Conference in Buffalo. Ms. Kelley is waiting to find out if her grants will continue. If so, the County will be picking up fewer costs.

Emergency Services and Fire

Jeff Luckey, Emergency Management and Fire Director, disseminated his June activities report for the Committee to review. Mr. Luckey and Bonnie VanHousen, Clerk, met with the Highway Superintendents and Tetra Tec to assist them with some of their reports for our Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Bonnie assisted with the Hazard Materials meeting at CrossRoads with the State Trooper doing a presentation about the new ERG books. Ms. VanHousen, Mr. Luckey and Mike Barney, Assistant Director, attended the all-day University of Rochester sponsored 2016 Emergency Management Workshop titled "Planning Special Events" at the

GCC in Batavia, NY. Mr. Luckey indicated that seventeen out of eighteen EMT'S passed their exam. In the Critical Care Program twelve out of twelve passed their exam. There was a table top drill held at Genesee Valley School. This drill was in regards to an explosive device and how the school responded and representatives from Administration, Staff, Sheriffs, local Police Department, Belmont Fire Department, Amity Rescue, Angelica Fire Department and Ambulance as well as the New York State Police were in attendance.

Mr. Luckey reported he went in search of an individual in Allentown who went the wrong way on a trail and became disoriented. He hid his motorcycle and hiking boots. He just had cuts and bruises and was transported to the hospital.

Mr. Luckey reported Centerville was hit hard with high winds. Centerville lines came down on a travel trailer. There was a lot of damage reported in the Houghton area, Tree of Life Oak tree fell over. The majority of damage was straight line winds. There were no injuries or deaths reported. Allegany County was very fortunate.

Youth Bureau and Stop DWI

Linda Edwards, Stop-DWI Program Coordinator, submitted her monthly report for the Committee to review. The Bicycle Safety Program had been presented in eight schools to 364 second graders. One more bicycle event will be coming up soon. Linda will be working with Ardent Solutions in the Wellsville Central School District. Linda indicated they will have presented their Bicycle Safety Program to about 400 Children. Next year the Bicycle Grant will allow us to buy 30 helmets which can be used for demonstration purposes only. Ms. Edwards reported she will receive a total of \$1,900 next year. Anything educational consists of brochures, flyers, posters, etc. but not helmets. She had a conversation with Tom Reed to get changes made so she can acquire some helmets to give away. Local agencies may be interested in giving them money to purchase helmets for the following year. Typically about 140 helmets are given out each year by the Youth Bureau.

Ms. Edwards reported DWI charges are way up this year. All local and state DWI charges are up to 66 in the first quarter this year. We are unsure of why numbers are so high for DWI's.

District Attorney

District Attorney Keith Slep provided his monthly report for the Committee to review.

Probation

Robert Starks, Probation Director, gave his monthly report for May 2016 for the Committee to review. Juvenile Delinquent intakes, at this time, are almost equal to what we had all last year. Mr. Starks, Alternatives to Incarceration Program Plan was approved for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and Authorization to apply for a Grant MOE. Mr. Starks noted costs continue to increase on the Alternatives to Incarceration Program. There is a rural community of practice, ten region grant which Allegany County may apply for. Mr. Starks is requesting permission to apply for this grant. Individual counties may not apply. Application is done by region. Allegany County is part of the Far Western Region. We are a part of the Cattaraugus, Allegany, Chautauqua County Region. This is a Juvenile Justice for Rural Counties grant. After discussion by the members, a motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried to authorize permission to apply for the grant. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Weights & Measures

Gilbert Green, Director of Weights and Measures, disseminated his monthly report for the Committee to review.

Sheriff's Office

Monthly Reports

Sheriff Rick Whitney submitted his monthly report for the committee to review. Sheriff Whitney noted on June 6, 2016, Jail administrator Christopher Ivers received the national designation of Certified Jail Manager by the authority of the American Jail Association through the Jail Manager Certification Commission. Chris is one of only three jail administrators in New York State with this designation.

Allegany County Undersheriff Kevin Monroe recently received a Certificate of Graduation from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC). He completed the Homeland Security Leadership Academy (HSLA) conducted at FLETC in Glynco, GA.

Sheriff Whitney provided his Civil Division monthly report for the Committee to review along with the monthly Allegany County 911 Report.

Act II Batters Program

Sheriff Whitney requested the acceptance and appropriation of \$4,550 from Accord Corporation for the continuation of the ACT II Batters Program. This is a renewal of an existing grant funded program. A motion was made by Legislator Healy and seconded by Legislator Scott and carried to accept and appropriate \$4,550 from Accord Corporation. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Quote of ID Printer for Courthouse and County Building

A quote was received on an ID Printer in the amount of \$3,711.91. This printer would print the ID's and would also be used to swipe the cards. It was noted there is no security budget. The money to pay for this printer would have to come from contingency. Terri Ross, Treasurer, would like to determine the cost of the entire project. Terri believes it should be taken out of Sheriff's Office budget. Legislator Burt inquired as to who paid for this printer when it was purchased the last time. Ms. Ross indicated that she will double check, but she believes it was included on the Bond the County secured. There was a motion made by Legislator Burt to table the decision to purchase an ID printer at this time. The motion failed due to a lack of a second motion. Legislator Healy made a motion to approve the purchase of a printer, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. Voting No: S. Burt. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Town of Alma Lease Agreement

A memorandum of Explanation was submitted by the Sheriff's Office to enter into a 25-year lease agreement for 1-acre of land in the Town of Alma. This property will be used to construct one of four new 911 towers. This land will not be county owned and will be a one-time payment of \$8,500 for a 25 year lease renewable by the County at the end of the lease agreement if the County so desires. Legislator Healy made a motion to approve the lease agreement. This motion was seconded by Legislator McGraw and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Sheriff Whitney provided a Federal Population Report for June 2016 for the Committee to review.

The Sheriff requested permission to fill a Part Time E-911 Dispatcher (Non unit, Grade 13) and a Full Time E-911 Dispatcher (AFSCME, Grade 13) positions. A motion to approve filling both positions was made by Legislator McGraw, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

New Business

Building Security Committee

Lt. Shawn Grusendorf suggested a Safety Officer is needed in the main building. There are other counties who have a Safety Officer on duty and he believes it would relieve stress on other people who do the training, MDS Sheets etc. This would be a single point of contact Lt. Grusendorf believes this is a necessity and should be brought up again.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m. following a motion by Legislator Burt, seconded by Legislator McGraw, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Norris, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators