

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: JUNE 24, 2010

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS BENTLEY
SOKOL
GIRARD
THOMAS
MCDEVITT

OTHERS PRESENT:

BRIAN LAFLORE, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
AMY MANNEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
BUD YORK, SHERIFF
FREDERICK MONROE, CHAIRMAN
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ATTORNEY/COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE
& FISCAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS VANNESS
CONOVER

NICOLE LIVINGSTON, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
KEVIN GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS STRAINER
TAYLOR
RAYMOND O'KEEFE, NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
WARREN SNYDER, NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
PAUL LITTLE, NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
LINDA LITTLE, RESIDENT OF RIPARIUS
JONATHAN BRIN, RESIDENT OF RIPARIUS
AMANDA BRIN, RESIDENT OF RIPARIUS
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
THOM RANDALL, *THE ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
CHARLENE DiRESTA, SR. LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

In the absence of the Committee Chairman, Mr. Bentley, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Brian LaFlure, Director of the Office of Emergency Services (OES), who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.

Mr. LaFlure introduced Raymond O'Keefe and Warren Snyder of the National Weather Service in Albany, New York. Mr. O'Keefe said the National Weather Service operated a network of 12,000 volunteers across the Country and every year they recognized volunteers who had performed outstanding services. This year, he added, they were recognizing Paul Little, resident of Riparius, New York for his service to the National Weather Service in the Corporative Weather Observers Program. Mr. O'Keefe presented Mr. Little with the John Campanius Holm Award and the Committee responded with a round of applause. Mr. Little thanked Mr. O'Keefe and stated he had been observing the weather since 1981 for the National Weather Service. He noted he was supposed to receive the award in February but the presentation had been delayed due to a snow storm.

Mr. LaFlure requested to fill the vacant position of 2nd Deputy EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Coordinator, base salary of \$2,999, Employee No. 10500, due to resignation. He added the previous employee had resigned after relocating to Washington County.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously to approve the request to fill the vacant position as outlined and to forward same to the Personnel Committee. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position form is on file with the minutes.*

Referring to the pending items, Mr. LaFlure stated, the paperwork for funding of the contract with the Friends of the North Country, Inc. to provide consulting services relative to the Hazard Mitigation Plan had been submitted and they were awaiting notification. He said there was no report on the pending items pertaining to fees for fire investigations and the creation of a Hazard Mitigation Coordinator position.

Amy Manney, Deputy Director of the OES, updated the Committee on the reimbursement from the March 23, 2010 rain storm and noted an email had been received from SEMO (State Emergency Management Office) stating the application had been forwarded to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). She added they were awaiting notification of reimbursement.

Mr. LaFlure commented it was important for the individual Towns to track any damage caused by weather and pictures of damage were vital. Pertaining to the Emergency Services Training Center (ESTC), Mr. LaFlure reported they continued to await information from the Federal government on available funding. He stated the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan was under review and should be presented to the full Board in the near future. He added each Town would be sent a copy for reference purposes. He said the EMS portion of the radio upgrade project was completed.

Ms. Manney reported SEMO had called a few hours after the June 23, 2010 earthquake to ascertain any damages to the County. She requested the Town Supervisors to report any damages to the OES as soon as possible.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Bud York, Sheriff, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.

Sheriff York requested authorization for Sergeant Steven Stockdale to attend the NCTC (Northeast Counterdrug Training Center) Advanced Marijuana Indoor Grow Course on June 24-25, 2010, in Hershey, Pennsylvania, using a County vehicle.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to authorize out-of-State travel to attend the Course as outlined. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 16, 2010 Board meeting.*

Sheriff York requested to amend Resolution No. 81 of 2009, which authorized the Chairman of the Board to enter into and execute agreements for under \$5,000 with various vendors without further resolutions, to extend the authorization to the Sheriff, as well. Paul Dusek,

County Attorney/Commissioner of Administrative & Fiscal Services, apprised it made good sense to extend the authority to the Sheriff as opposed to requiring the Chairman to sign agreements for minor items such as auto repairs.

Motion was made Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to amend Resolution No. 81 of 2009 as outlined. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 16, 2010 Board meeting.*

Sheriff York requested a transfer of funds in the amount of \$4,153 from the Law Enforcement Village of Lake George Code (A.3110 2262) to the Law Enforcement Overtime Code (A.3100 120) to cover the cost of law enforcement overtime during Americade.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to approve the request for a transfer of funds as outlined and to forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the Request for Transfer of Funds form is on file with the minutes. (Note: Subsequent to the meeting, it was determined that this request was not necessary.)*

Sheriff York requested to amend the 2010 County budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$4,153 to reflect payment received from the Village of Lake George for overtime of law enforcement during Americade.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to approve the request to amend the 2010 County budget as outlined and to forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Sheriff York noted the last item listed on the agenda was determined to be unnecessary.

Mr. Dusek stated an executive session was necessary to discuss matters pertaining to union negotiations.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously that executive session be declared pursuant to Section 105 (e) of the Public Officers Law.

Executive session was declared from 9:44 a.m. to 10:07 a.m.

The Committee reconvened and Mr. Bentley noted no action was necessary pursuant to the executive session.

Sheriff York stated a press conference had been held pertaining to the historical wall which was erected in the Sheriff's Department. He invited the Committee members to view the wall noting that some of the pictures dated back to 1920.

As there was no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Girard and seconded by Mr. Sokol, Mr. Bentley adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlene DiResta, Sr. Legislative Office Specialist