

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: APRIL 25, 2011

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS VANNESS
BENTLEY
GIRARD
THOMAS
CONOVER
MCCOY
MONROE

OTHERS PRESENT:

BUD YORK, SHERIFF
BRIAN LAFLURE, FIRE COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
AMY MANNEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ATTORNEY/ADMINISTRATOR
DANIEL G. STEC, CHAIRMAN
JOAN SADY, CLERK
KEVIN GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISOR STRAINER
SUPERVISOR WOOD
SUPERVISOR MCDEVITT
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
JOANNE COLLINS, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Mr. VanNess called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, 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.

Mr. Monroe entered the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Brian LaFlure, Fire Coordinator/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 requested to ratify the actions of the OES Director in applying for the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Grant from the New York State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), for the period commencing October 1, 2010 and terminating September 30, 2011, for a minimum amount of \$2,930.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. McCoy and carried unanimously to ratify the actions of the Director in applying for the LEPC grant as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 20, 2011 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. LaFlure presented a request for Amy Manney, Deputy Director of the OES, to attend the Hazardous Weather and Flooding Preparedness training, in Oriskany, NY, from May 31 - June 2, 2011, at no cost to the County.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to approve the request for travel as outlined above. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Conference is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Mr. LaFlure presented a request to amend the 2011 County Budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$6,035, to reflect the receipt of LEPC grant funds.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. McCoy and carried unanimously to approve the request to amend the 2011 County Budget as outlined and to refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request to Amend County Budget is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. LaFlure presented a second request to amend the 2011 County Budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$131,972 to reflect the receipt of Federal Homeland Security grant funds.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to approve the request to amend the 2011 County Budget as outlined and to refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request to Amend County Budget is on file with the minutes.*

Regarding pending items 2 and 3, Mr. LaFlure presented two requests to appoint members to the Emergency Medical Services and Fire Advisory Boards, as reflected in detail on the lists included with the agenda.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard and seconded by Mr. McCoy to approve the requests for appointments.

After reviewing the recommended appointments, Mr. VanNess called the question and the motion was carried unanimously to approve both requests for Advisory Board appointments as outlined above, and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the May 20, 2011 Board meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Mr. LaFlure informed that he was working with the Sheriff on the Interoperability Grant. Regarding the Command Center Vehicle, he advised that it was located in Warrensburg and upgrades were being performed by the Department of Public Works staff as time permitted. He noted that grant funds were used to purchase the necessary equipment and materials and added that the radio equipment had been delivered.

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.*

With regard to Item 2 of the Agenda, Mr. Bentley announced that the Horicon Town Board had approved \$2,500 for additional weekend Sheriff Marine Patrols on Schroon Lake in the Town of Horicon.

Sheriff York presented a request to amend the 2011 County Budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$2,500, to reflect payment received from the Town of Horicon for additional weekend marine patrols. He advised that he would submit the necessary request to authorize an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Horicon for the Marine Patrol services.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to approve the request to amend the 2011 County Budget and to approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement for Marine Patrol services as outlined above. The Budget Amendment was referred to the Finance Committee, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 20, 2011 Board meeting. *Copies of the resolution requests are on file with the minutes.*

Sheriff York presented a request for Captain Michael Gates to attend the National Institute of Corrections Jail Administrator Training, in Aurora, Colorado, from June 12 - 18, 2011, at no cost to the County.

Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Monroe and carried unanimously to approve the request for Out-of-State travel as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 20, 2011 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Sheriff York presented a request for a transfer of funds from the Contract code to Office Equipment, in the amount of \$6,560 to purchase a server and he noted \$11,000 in savings as a result of a credit they received on their New World maintenance contract.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to approve the request to transfer funds as outlined above and to refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request for Transfer of Funds is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Sheriff York presented a request to amend the 2011 County Budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$2,499 to reflect monies received from Reinke Sports Group/3C Race Productions for public safety services in connection with a racing event held in Lake George.

Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Monroe and carried unanimously to approve the request to amend the 2011 County Budget as outlined above and to refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request to Amend County Budget is on file with the minutes.*

Addressing Personnel items, Sheriff York presented requests to fill two vacant positions as follows:

- Patrol Officer, first year base salary of \$34,996 plus service credit to be determined, due to promotion; and
- Investigator, base salary of \$63,491, Employee No. 7019, due to retirement.

Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to approve the requests to fill the two positions as outlined above and to refer same to the Personnel Committee. *Copies of the Notices of Intent to Fill Vacant Positions are on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Geraghty expressed his concern regarding the budget impact of the rising cost of gasoline and recounted that the Sheriff's Department had increased staff several years ago. Sheriff York confirmed that he anticipated a budget shortfall due to fuel costs and he informed that the Department had worked consistently to reduce the amount of fuel usage each year. Mr. Monroe asked if the use of alternative fuel vehicles was an option and Sheriff York explained that the use of propane vehicles was not an option for Warren County and funding had been limited to a two year grant. The effects of fuel oil costs from a sales tax perspective were positive, Mr. McDevitt expounded, since Warren County received just under 3% of the pump price of gasoline. He said it may be possible that revenues would keep pace proportionately with the rising costs and noted that some counties had adjusted (decreased) their tax structure.

As there was no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Bentley and seconded by Mr. McCoy, Mr. VanNess adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Collins, Legislative Office Specialist