

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2012

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS WOOD

GIRARD

BENTLEY

THOMAS

CONOVER

FRASIER

STRAINER

BUD YORK, SHERIFF

DANIEL G. STEC, CHAIRMAN

PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD

KEVIN GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER

SUPERVISORS DICKINSON

LOEB

MASON

MONROE

TAYLOR

BRIAN LAFLURE, FIRE COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR,
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

AMY DREXEL, EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR

DR. FREDD SENSER-LEE, BLOSSOMINGS ON THE BIKEWAY

DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*

JOANNE COLLINS, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Strainer 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, Fire Coordinator/Director of the Office of Emergency Services, who apprised of a potential storm threat to Warren County posed by Hurricane Sandy. He said there was a good chance the storm would reach Warren County and could cause flash flooding due to the two to three inches of rain predicted for the area. He distributed copies of two maps which reflected the storm's path as of October 26, 2012, copies of which are on file with the minutes. He informed the State had opened an Emergency Operations Center to monitor the storm which would be in the area from approximately midnight Monday through Tuesday morning. Any requests for State resources, he said, should be made through his Office. Mr. LaFlure advised that Paul Dusek, County Administrator, would serve or appoint a person to serve as spokesperson on the air, should it become necessary.

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

The first Action Agenda Item, Sheriff York stated, was a request for a contract with Capital Digitronics, Inc., for radio maintenance and service, for the term commencing January 1, 2013 and terminating December 31, 2013, for a total amount not to exceed \$41,094.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to approve the request for a contract with Capital Digitronics, Inc., as outlined above and

the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 16, 2012 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

The next item presented by Sheriff York was a request for a contract with Hudson Headwaters Health Network (HHHN), to provide medical services and staffing at the Warren County Correctional Facility, for the term commencing January 1, 2013 and terminating December 31, 2013, at a total cost of \$516,600.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover and seconded by Mrs. Frasier to approve the contract with HHHN as outline above.

Mr. Girard asked the net change in cost for the contract and Sheriff York stated the amount indicated reflected a 2% increase. Responding to an inquiry from Mr. Strainer, Sheriff York advised that a Nurse was on staff sixteen hours per day and a Physician's Assistant was also available on a part-time basis.

Mrs. Wood called the question and the motion was carried by majority vote, with Mr. Thomas voting in opposition, to approve the contract with HHHN to provide services at the Correctional Facility as outlined above, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 16, 2002 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Sheriff York presented a request for a contract with the West Glens Falls Emergency Squad to provide emergency medical transportation to Glens Falls Hospital for inmates at the Correctional Facility, for the term commencing January 1, 2013 and terminating December 31, 2013, at a total cost of \$9,400.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard and seconded by Mrs. Frasier to approve the contract with the West Glens Falls Emergency Squad as outlined above. A short discussion ensued with regard to the cost savings realized under a contract agreement, as compared to a pay-per-use arrangement which had been used in the past.

Mrs. Wood called the question and the motion was carried unanimously to approve the contract with the West Glens Falls Emergency Squad to provide inmate transport as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 16, 2012 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Sheriff York presented a request to Amend the 2012 County Budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$26,247 to reflect the receipt of an insurance recovery payment from the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR).

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to approve the request to amend the 2012 County Budget in the amount of \$26,247 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.*

Continuing, Sheriff York presented a request for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$5,500, from Law Enforcement Contracts, to 911 Telephone, in order to sustain 911 telephone costs through 2012.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$5,500 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.*

Sheriff York advised the next Action Agenda Item consisted of a request to fill two vacant positions resulting from the recent retirement of Undersheriff Robert Swan:

Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position

Undersheriff
Annual salary \$87,178
Due to retirement

Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position

Major
Annual salary \$84,500,
Due to promotion

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried unanimously to approve the request to fill the vacant positions of Undersheriff and Major as outlined above and to refer same to the Personnel Committee. *Copies of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position forms are on file with the minutes.*

Sheriff York confirmed that both positions were promotions from within the Sheriff's Office and he would keep the Committee apprised of plans for a retirement reception for Mr. Swan, who had provided 33 years of dedicated service to Warren County.

Concluding the agenda review, Sheriff York addressed the Topics for Discussion section as follows:

1. Sheriff York advised that two Correction Officer positions were filled due to terminations which resulted in a savings of \$4,456; and
2. Sheriff York stated that the transfer of a vehicle from the Sheriff's Office, to the Countryside Adult Home had been completed.

As there was no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Strainer and seconded by Mr. Girard, Mrs. Wood adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Collins, Legislative Office Specialist