

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DATE: APRIL 29, 2013**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS WOOD  
GIRARD  
BENTLEY  
MONTESI  
FRAISER  
STRAINER

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

BRIAN LAFLURE, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/FIRE  
COORDINATOR  
BUD YORK, SHERIFF  
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
JOANN MCKINSTRY, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS CONOVER  
LOEB  
MASON  
MCDEVITT  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*  
CHARLENE DiRESTA, SR. LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

SUPERVISOR TAYLOR

Mrs. Wood called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 9:31 a.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. Frasier, 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, Director of the Office of Emergency Services (OES)/Fire Coordinator, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Mr. LaFlure requested to amend the 2013 County budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$29,003 and to amend the 2013 County budget to decrease estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$29,003. He explained both amendments were necessary to correctly budget for the receipt of Local Emergency Management Performance Grant funding.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried unanimously to approve the requests to amend the 2013 County budget as outlined above and to forward same to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Mr. LaFlure requested to amend Resolution No. 151 of 2013, which authorized Out-of-State travel for Amy Drexel, Deputy Director of the OES, to attend the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Continuity of Operations Planning Train-the-Trainer Course, in order to clarify that lodging and training costs would be covered by FEMA and travel costs would be covered by the County using grant funding.

Motion was made by Mr. Montesi, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to amend Resolution No. 151 of 2013 as outlined above. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17, 2013 Board meeting.*

Pertaining to updating the Committee members on the Emergency Services Fire & Training Center, Mr. LaFlure distributed copies of photos to the Committee members; *copies of which are on file with*

*the minutes.* He explained the photos reflected additions to the Training Center which were donated by Washington County and had been installed on the rooftop of the existing building. He further explained the addition was essentially a shipping container with two types of roofing (shingled and metal) on a roof with two different pitches. He said it was necessary for Firefighters to train on different pitches of roofs and to receive training which included cutting through a metal roof with a chainsaw.

A brief discussion ensued pertaining to the release of dispatch text messages to key personnel in response to fires.

This concluded the Office of Emergency Services portion of the Committee meeting and the Sheriff and Communications portion of the meeting commenced at 9:37 a.m.

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

Commencing the agenda review, Sheriff York requested authorization for Out-of-State travel to allow Patrol Officers Gregory Dunn and Gregory Seeley to attend Motor Officer School at Seacoast Harley Davidson in North Hampton, New Hampshire on May 6-10, 2013 with the cost of tuition to be paid by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee grant funding.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request for Out-of-State travel as outlined above. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17, 2013 Board meeting.*

Sheriff York requested authorization for Sergeant Kevin Scellen to attend Civil Supervisors Training in Saratoga Springs, New York on May 13-15, 2013 using a County Fleet vehicle.

Motion was made by Mr. Montesi, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried unanimously to authorize attendance at the training as outlined above. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

Sheriff York requested to amend the 2013 County budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$1,000 to reflect funds received from the Warren and Washington Counties DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) Victim Impact Panel.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to approve the request to amend the 2013 County budget as outlined above and to forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Sheriff York requested to amend the 2013 County budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$73,558 to reflect the receipt of Glens Falls Dispatch Consolidation Grant funding.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Montesi and carried unanimously to approve the request to amend the 2013 County budget as outlined above and to forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Sheriff York requested an agreement with Justice Benefits, Inc., the sole bidder (WC 7-13), for revenue enhancement services for a term commencing April 24, 2013 and terminating April 23, 2016 for a percentage of revenues not to exceed 20%. Mr. Strainer questioned the purpose of the

agreement and Sheriff York advised this was for revenue derived from the jailing of illegal aliens. Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board, said that she believed this request had been approved at the April 19, 2013 Board meeting and she exited the meeting to verify this. It was the consensus of the Committee to move the request until verification was received.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to authorize the agreement with Justice Benefits, Inc. as outlined above. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17, 2013 Board meeting.*

Mrs. Sady re-entered the meeting and it was determined that the previous request was unnecessary as it had been authorized at the previous Committee meeting and was approved by Resolution No. 189 of 2013 at the April 19, 2013 Board meeting.

Sheriff York said the next item was not included on the agenda and he presented a request to authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Horicon for Marine Law Enforcement on Schroon Lake in the Town of Horicon for a term commencing May 1, 2013 and terminating April 30, 2013 in the amount of \$2,500.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Montesi and carried unanimously to authorize the Intermunicipal Agreement as outlined above. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17, 2013 Board meeting.*

Sheriff York reported he had filled one vacant Corrections Officer position due to promotion which had resulted in a savings of \$11,649.42. He added that two vacant Corrections Sergeant positions had been filled due to demotions.

As there was no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee on motion made by Mr. Strainer and seconded by Mr. Bentley, Mrs. Wood adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Charlene DiResta, Sr. Legislative Office Specialist