

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: JUNE 29, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS WOOD
TAYLOR
BROCK
SEEBER

OTHERS PRESENT:

BRIAN LAFLURE, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/FIRE
COORDINATOR
AMY HIRSCH, EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR
BUD YORK, SHERIFF
SHAWN LAMOUREE, UNDERSHERIFF
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARTIN AUFFREDOU, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
MARK NEALE, SYSTEM MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR, SHERIFFS OFFICE
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
MOLLY GANOTES, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS GIRARD
FRASIER
SIMPSON

Ms. Wood called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 9:01 a.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. Brock 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, 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 with the agenda review, Mr. LaFlure discussed a request to apply for the FY2015 Hazmat Grant funding in the amount of \$182,000. He said this was the Hazmat Grant offered annually by the State that the OES applied for as the fiduciary agent for the Seven-County Hazmat Consortium.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to authorize the submission of a grant application as outlined above. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 17, 2015 Board Meeting.*

Mr. LaFlure presented a request to amend the 2015 County Budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$40,649 to reflect the receipt of FY14 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Hazmat Grant funding.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to amend the 2015 County Budget as outlined above and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. LaFlure addressed a request for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$8,500 between various codes. He expressed the transfer was needed for the installation of communication equipment in the OES vehicles. He stated he had done the work himself in the past and that was the reason it was never included in the budget. He said the funds would be used to pay the radio contractor to complete the work.

Motion was made by Mr. Brock, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried unanimously to approve the request for a transfer of funds as outlined above and forward same to Finance Committee. *A copy of the Request for Transfer Funds form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. LaFlure stated he would like to construct a facility to house OES vehicles and equipment. He said this was something he brought up every year and he would continue to do so. He requested to refer the issue to the County Facilities Committee for further discussion.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to refer the possible construction of a facility to house OES vehicles and equipment to County Facilities Committee for further discussion.

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

Commencing with the agenda review, Sheriff York proceeded with a request for authorization to attend a meeting or convention for two Sergeants to attend the Glock Armorer's course in Troy NY to receive the certification to repair and service corrections firearms on July 30, 2015 at a cost of \$250.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to approve the request to attend the course as outlined above. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

Sheriff York requested authorization to send the Corrections Captain and two Lieutenants to the Sheriff's Jail Administrators Training in Saratoga, New York, on September 28, 2015 through October 1, 2015 at a cost of \$300.00 per person.

Motion was made by Mr. Brock seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried unanimously to approve the request to attend the training as outlined above. *A copy of Authorization to attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

Sheriff York outlined a request to authorize a contract with Chic's Marina to provide emergency and routine maintenance of Sheriff's Office patrol boats with the cost remaining the same as the previous year.

Motion was made by Mr. Brock, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously to approve the request for contract with Chic's Marina as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 17, 2015 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing with the agenda review, Sheriff York requested authorization for a contract with Toshiba International Corp. to replace uninterruptible power supply batteries for radio towers at Gore Mtn., Prospect Mtn., and Hague in an amount not to exceed \$17,995.50 for a term commencing upon execution of the contract and terminating upon completion of the project.

Motion was made by Mr. Brock, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried unanimously to approve the request for contract with Toshiba International Inc. as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 17, 2015 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Brock inquired if the batteries would have to be replaced yearly and Sheriff York answered the batteries lasted many years. Mark Neale, Systems Maintenance Coordinator, confirmed it had been five to six years since the batteries were last changed. He noted the intent was to get a one year contract with battery replacement and have the towers serviced along with new batteries. Mr. Taylor questioned if the batteries had a solar assist or if they were stand alone, and Mr. Neale confirmed there was no solar assist.

Sheriff York requested an Intermunicipal Agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services providing for the installation of hardware, software and user Mutualink Edge Subscription Service in the 911 Center at no cost to Warren County. Shawn Lamouree, Undersheriff, explained this would allow communication with ESAP (Energy Security and Assurance Program) and other Counties that had the same technology. He stated it was something Homeland Security wanted in place in every County throughout New York State and they would cover the cost of installing and maintaining the technology. He remarked it would allow secure phone and video communications that could not be hacked.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to approve the request for an Intermunicipal Agreement as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 17, 2015 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Taylor queried about subscription renewals and Undersheriff Lamouree answered the cost was paid for by the State of New York.

Continuing with Topics of Discussion, Sheriff York appraised he received a letter from an inmate that he had to read twice to believe, and he wanted to bring it to the attention of the Committee. Ms. Seeber read the letter aloud; *a copy of the letter is on file with the minutes.* Sheriff York said he was pleased with the courtesy of the staff in a difficult situation at the Warren County Sheriff's Office. Ms. Seeber referred to the Boos and Bravos section of the *Post Star* speaking of Washington County internet revenue for inmates and she asked if it was something being done in Warren County. Sheriff York replied in the negative noting he did not know how it worked and thought it was a bad idea to allow inmates to have internet access; however he said, he would look into the possibility. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Geraghty questioned the duration of the contract with Chic's Marina. He inquired if there was a way the contract could be renewed annually without the need for further resolutions. Paul Dusek, County Administrator, responded it would depend on how the contract was bid. Sheriff York expressed the contract with Chic's Marina could be renewed for three additional one-year terms.

As there was no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Ms. Seeber and seconded by Mr. Brock, Ms. Wood adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes, Legislative Office Specialist