

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DATE: JUNE 8, 2017**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: MONTESI  
GERAGHTY  
GIRARD  
BROCK  
SIMPSON  
BRAYMER  
SEEBER  
MACDONALD

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

SUPERVISOR: VANSELOW

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:  
BRIAN LAFLURE, FIRE COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR  
MICKI GUY, EMS COORDINATOR  
TRAVIS HOWE, 2ND DEPUTY EMS COORDINATOR  
JOHN TIMS, 3RD DEPUTY EMS COORDINATOR  
REPRESENTING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE:  
BUD YORK, SHERIFF  
SHAWN LAMOUREE, UNDERSHERIFF  
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS DICKINSON  
MERLINO  
SOKOL  
STROUGH  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST  
\*SEE SIGN IN SHEET FOR OTHER MEETING ATTENDEES

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the June 8, 2017 meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:*  
<http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2017/criminal/>

Mr. Montesi called the meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

Mr. Montesi informed there would be discussion regarding the I Am Responding software and he confirmed the cost of the software had been approved by the Finance Committee.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Brian LaFlure, Fire Coordinator/Director, 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.*

Commencing the agenda review, Mr. LaFlure spoke regarding the I Am Responding software. He mentioned Chief James Schrammel, Glens Falls Fire Department, had taken advantage of the six month free trial of the software. He advised he had received the final price and subscription agreement from the vendor and added a discount was available for the software when purchased three years in advance. He said he could get the three year price and pay for a first year, allowing the contract costs for the remaining two years to be incorporated into the Department's 2018 budget. He suggested agreeing to the three year contract and paying for it annually. Mr. Montesi inquired as to the cost for the software and Mr. LaFlure replied it was \$19,200.

Ms. Braymer entered the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Chief Schrammel reported he was able to use the software during a recent structure fire and he said it worked perfectly. He apprised the use of the I Am Responding Software would be a benefit County wide. He advised the software would be valuable to the dispatch center in areas with a lack of cellular services where they would have the ability to allocate available resources. Bud York, Warren County Sheriff, inquired if the software could be used without cellular phone service, and Chief Schrammel answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Girard entered the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Ms. Seeber stated she would like the County to seek commitments from the various emergency agencies before expending money on this service. She inquired if the Supervisors and agencies had been surveyed for their participation and Mr. LaFlure answered he had only discussed the software with the Committee.

Mr. Simpson informed he had received verbal commitments indicating North Warren, Chester and Horicon emergency services would participate. He mentioned each Town could include the use of the I Am Responding software in their contracts with their emergency services agencies.

Mr. MacDonald inquired when the software would be presented to the agencies and Mr. LaFlure responded first it would have to be presented to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board and the Fire Advisory Board. He notified I Am Responding would send technicians to introduce and explain the software to all agencies. Micki Guy, Warren County EMS Coordinator, advised the EMS Advisory Board had already discussed the prospective use of this software and she noted some agencies were already using it, while others were not sure if they would like to. Chief Schrammel described a situation where the software could be valuable to the City of Glens Falls. He remarked there would be value in the system even if it was only used by 50% of the agencies, he continued he believed if there was value all agencies would participate. He discussed the changes he was able to make to the software and described it to be user integrated and the company to be very responsive. Mr. LaFlure informed there was also a training program. Steve Emerson, Warrensburg EMS, stated they used the software for a year and it worked well.

Discussion ensued regarding the I Am Responding Software, during which Mr. Montesi noted a resolution to authorize and agreement for the software and to provide funding would come before the Board at their June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussion was held with respect to the Certificate of Need (CON) authorization approved by the Board in 2016, as well.

Ms. Braymer discussed the Request For Proposal (RFP) to provide emergency services to northern areas of Warren County. She mentioned she had thought the RFP consisted of mainly staffing and not fly cars. She inquired if Ms. Guy could provide an overview of what her idea consisted of and Ms. Guy notified the original idea started with Advanced Life Support (ALS) with two medics and a fly car or an ambulance and a fly car. Ms. Braymer asked if there had to be a vehicle included in the RFP and Ms. Guy answered in the affirmative. She confirmed they were asking for staffing twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. Ms. Guy indicated the RFP would be sent to multiple agencies. Mr. Geraghty suggested they move forward with the RFP. Mr. MacDonald expressed there was a need for data to develop a conclusion to lack of EMS coverage.

A discussion ensued, following which, a motion was made by Ms. Braymer, and seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried by majority vote, with Ms. Seeber voting in opposition, to release the RFP as drafted by OES.

Chief Schrammel informed he had read the proposal which he felt was a comprehensive plan that the City would not have the time needed to present a response to.

Eric Catalfamo, Empire Ambulance, informed he would be able to present a proposal.

As there was no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. Brock, Mr. Montesi adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist