

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: AUGUST 15, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: MONTESI
SIMPSON
BRAYMER
SEEBER
MACDONALD

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:
AMY HIRSCH, EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR
MICKI GUY, EMS COORDINATOR
PATRICK MELLON, 1ST DEPUTY EMS COORDINATOR
TRAVIS HOWE, 2ND DEPUTY EMS COORDINATOR
BUD YORK, WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
BRIAN REICHENBACH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
JOANN MCKINSTRY, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS LEGGETT
MERLINO
STROUGH
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
CHRISTOPHER SOUTH, *SUN COMMUNITY NEWS*
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST
*SEE SIGN IN SHEET FOR OTHER MEETING ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: GERAGHTY
GIRARD
BROCK
VANSELOW

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 15, 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 1:02 p.m. (*Please note due to a lack of attendance, Chairman Conover served to make a quorum of the Committee*).

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

Mr. Montesi informed the purpose of the meeting was to review responses to the RFP (*Request for Proposal*) released to solicit proposals for a County-wide EMS (*Emergency Medical Services*) system. He informed the responses would be reviewed during executive session. Brian Reichenbach, *County Attorney*, clarified an executive session was necessary to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried unanimously to enter into executive session pursuant to Section 105(f) of the Public Officer's Law.

Executive session was held from 1:05 p.m. until 1:19 p.m.

Upon reconvening, Mr. Montesi announced two proposals were received in response to the RFP, one of which was from Johnsbury EMS and the other was from Empire Ambulance. He mentioned County staff had prepared a guideline relating to the cost of County-wide EMS services which equated to \$1 million. He apprised the County had recently commenced work on preparing the budget for next year and it was determined this significant cost was not

feasible, which meant they would have to look into other options. Based on this information, Mr. Montesi called for a motion to reject the proposals received from Johnsbury EMS and Empire Ambulance.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. McDonald and carried unanimously to reject both of the proposals received.

Bud York, *Warren County Sheriff*, apprised of his conversations with Craig Apple, *Albany County Sheriff*, regarding the way the Albany County Sheriff's Office managed emergency services within their municipality. He mentioned that in Albany County's program, towns that could not afford emergency services were provided with them through this plan, making them budget neutral; he added he felt this was an option Warren County should consider. Ms. Seeber asked if Sheriff Apple could be invited to attend a future Committee meeting to elaborate on Albany County's EMS program and Sheriff York replied he would inquire to see if this was possible. Chairman Conover indicated a small group would visit Albany County to learn more about the program.

Ms. Braymer entered the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mr. Reichenbach who presented a request on behalf of the Sheriff's Office to authorize Warren County to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Stony Creek for the installation, operation and maintenance of a radio tower.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the August 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

On behalf of the Office of Emergency Services, Mr. Montesi presented a request to increase Capital Project H.254, Fire Training Center Project, in the amount of \$59,575.44, to reflect reimbursements from Washington County in the amount of \$13,715.39, plus the anticipated reimbursement of \$45,860.05 for 50% of the waterline installation cost for the Fire Training Center. He notified the project was completely grant funded.

Motion was made by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried unanimously to approve the request and refer same to the Finance Committee for review at their August 31st meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

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. MacDonald, Mr. Montesi adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist