

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: AUGUST 13, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: LEGGETT
GERAGHTY
SIMPSON
WILD
MAGOWAN
DIAMOND
SOKOL
HOGAN
BRAYMER
VACANT

OTHERS PRESENT:

BUD YORK, WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF
SHAWN LAMOUREE, UNDERSHERIFF
BRIAN LAFLURE, FIRE COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
AMY LEVINE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BEATY
DICKINSON
LOEB
MCDEVITT
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
GINA MINTZER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LAKE GEORGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CVB
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR: DRISCOLL

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 13, 2018 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/2018/criminal/>

Mr. Leggett called the meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee to order at 9:34 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Magowan 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 Shawn Lamouree, *Undersheriff*, who distributed copies of the Sheriff agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing his agenda review, Undersheriff Lamouree explained he was working on a grant from DASNY (*Dormitory Authority of the State of New York*) for \$100,000 to purchase four patrol vehicles, indicating the process was taking a considerable amount of time. He apprised he had received notice that the grant was approved, but it was still going through the State Government process. He noted the last day he could order the Ford Taurus was September 10, 2018 because they were no longer being made. He mentioned he had discussed the matter with the County Administrator and proposed to amend the budget for the \$100,000 in grant funding, as he was sure the funds would be granted. Mr. Wild inquired when they would receive the funds and if the vehicle order could be placed contingent upon additional approvals from the State. Undersheriff Lamouree replied the types of grants he dealt with required approval and a contract in place; he mentioning he had spoken to a DASNY representative who indicated it was common for agencies to place orders prior to the final grant approvals. Mr. Diamond asked where the funds

would be appropriated from to advance the purchase and Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, replied they intended to use the expense authority that would be provided through the requested budget amendment to place the vehicle order prior to the September 10th deadline with the understanding that the DASNY grant funding was expected. Mr Wild inquired what vehicles replaced the Ford Taurus and Undersheriff Lamouree replied the Chevrolet Tahoe, Ford Explorer and the Dodge Charger, all of which were more expensive than the Ford Taurus. Mr. Diamond asked when they would have final grant approval and Undersheriff Lamouree replied three to four months; he added that once the order for the cars was placed it would take three months to receive them and that payment was not due until the vehicles were delivered. Mike Swan, *County Treasurer*, interjected that although he preferred not do business this way, on this occasion it was acceptable.

Undersheriff Lamouree presented his request to amend the Sheriff's budget in the amount of \$100,000 to reflect monies to be received DASNY for the purchase of four police sedans. Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the request and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Mr. Leggett notified they were making progress with the SPCA (*Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals*) of Upstate New York. Mr. Diamond inquired where they stood with conversations and Mr. Leggett replied there had been meetings with the Sheriff's Office, the County Administrator and the Purchasing Agent. He informed they discussed financials and he noted the SPCA of Upstate New York did not charge for some of the services they provided. A brief conversation ensued.

Next, Mr. Leggett spoke regarding the high population at the jail and inquired if there was any specific reason that occurred. Bud York, *Warren County Sheriff*, replied the reason was that the courts were behind leading to housing additional individuals that were being held awaiting trial. He advised they were once again housing federal inmates.

There being no further Sheriff business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Brian LaFlure, *Director of Emergency Services*, who distributed copies of the Office of Emergency Services agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing his agenda review, Mr. LaFlure discussed the I Am Responding software, reminding the Committee of discussions at a prior meeting where the Sheriff's Office had suggested not renewing the current contract with Emergency Services Marketing Corporation, Inc. for this product. He indicated this had led to discussions with the Sheriff, Undersheriff, County Administrator, Mr. Leggett and Emergency Services Marketing Corporation, Inc. representatives, following which they had determined the best course of action was to extend the contract for the remainder of the year; he added that Emergency Services Marketing Corporation, Inc. had agreed to extend the contract from August 31, 2018 to December 31, 2018 at no cost to the County. He mentioned in 2019 the contract would be renewed by his Office and they would assume the responsibility for increasing participation in using this software, adding they had been successful in getting those who had previously refused to use the software to participate. He apprised his department was tasked with creating standard operating procedures and guidelines for all the agencies to follow. He said there would be minimum guidelines that would have to followed so the requested data could be supplied. He explained the I Am Responding software had added a new feature which was the NFIRS (*National Incident Fire Reporting System*) which, he said, was used by County fire agencies that included a fee of \$2,000-6,000 per year. He indicated that Emergency Services Marketing Corporation, Inc. was providing the software at no additional charge to the County and individual agencies. Mr. Wild inquired if the standard operating procedures and guidelines would be set by him or by representatives from area agencies and Mr. LaFlure replied they would be set by his Office. A brief conversation ensued.

Mr. LaFlure presented a request to amend Resolution No. 355 of 2017 to change the existing contract with Emergency Services Marketing Corporation Inc. to change the termination date from August 31, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson seconded by Mr. Wild and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the August 17th Board 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. Wild and seconded by Ms. Braymer, Mr. Leggett adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist