

COUNTY OF OSWEGO
PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

July 28, 2008

Held at the Fire School, 720 E. Seneca Street, Oswego

PRESENT:

Paul Santore, Chair
Mary Flett
Margaret Kastler
James Oldenburg
Lee Walker, Jr.

STAFF/GUESTS

Phil Church, County Administrator
Fred Maxon, Purchasing Director
Barbara Schuler, Probation Director
Terry Bennett, Emergency Management Office
Mike Allen, E-911 Director
John Hinds, Fire Coordinator
Bob Lighthall, Undersheriff
Legs. Gearsbeck, Proud, Sorbello, Brown, LeClair, Beckwith
Ted Jerrett, Legislature Clerk
Jack Cottett, Dpty. Fire Coordinator
Don Forbes, Dpty. Fire Coordinator
Bill Denery, former County Fire Coordinator
Pat Egan, Dir. Emergency. Management
Kelly Jordal, Office of Promotion and Tourism

EXCUSED:

Art Ospelt
James Bryant, Vice Chair

MEDIA:

Nicole Reome, Fulton Daily News
Charles McChesney, Syracuse Post Standard

Committee Chair Santore called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes:

Motion to approve as drafted: Legislator Oldenburg

Second: Legislator Walker

Vote: All in favor.

E-911:

E-911 Director Mike Allen requested a budget transfer to reimburse NYS for \$6,878.97 in interest earned on State Wireless Technology funds beyond the 60 day limit.

Motion to approve: Legislator Walker

Second: Legislator Kastler

Vote: All in favor

Director Mike Allen recommended authorizing Langone & Associates to continue work required as specified in an existing contract with Madison County to design a new communications system for Oswego County. (Up to \$75,000)

Motion to approve: Legislator Flett

Second: Legislator Oldenburg

Vote: All in favor

Director Mike Allen recommended authorizing Consultant Charles Gabriel to continue work required as specified in an existing contract with Onondaga County to assist in the implementation and project management of a new communications system for Oswego County. (Up to \$25,000)

Motion to approve: Legislator Kastler

Second: Legislator Flett

Vote: All in favor

Director Allen presented a report of activities by his office for the month of June 2008 including 7,312 Law enforcement calls and 2,446 Fire/EMS calls dispatched.

Emergency Management:

Emergency Management Director Patricia Egan reported on the establishment of an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the City of Oswego recently activated to help manage health and safety issues during Harborfest 2008. Consideration of the potential complications facing emergency response personnel due to bridge construction was a major factor in the EOC activation. Director Egan expressed pride in the EOC facility and the professional conduct of the personnel that staffed the Center. Director Egan also noted that the City of Oswego offered to the County its EOC facilities as a back up to the County EOC.

Fire Advisory:

Fire School Tower Inspection:

Purchasing Director Fred Maxon recommended awarding the Fire School Tower Inspection contract to Elliot, LeBoeuf and McElwain (ELM) for the quoted amount of \$5,320.

Motion to approve: Legislator Kastler

Second: Legislator Flett

Vote: All in favor

Fire Coordinator John Hinds reviewed with the Committee the current status of the Fire School Training Center and future plans to relocate his department's office to the Fire School facility. Deputy Coordinator Don Forbes followed with a Power Point Presentation of the Fire School Training Center.

Recognition of former Fire Coordinator William Denery:

Clerk of the Legislature Ted Jerrett noted the attendance of former Oswego County Fire Coordinator William (Bill) Denery whose life-long commitment to fire fighting services and the protection of the lives and property of Oswego County residents received a round of applause.

Adjournment: 2:44 PM

Motion to adjourn: Leg. Walker

Second: Leg. Oldenburg

Vote: All in favor.