

**COUNTY OF OSWEGO
PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
COUNTY OFFICE, 46 E. BRIDGE STREET, OSWEGO
October 26, 2009 2:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Paul Santore, Chair
Linda Lockwood, Vice Chair
Shawn Doyle
Mary Flett
Legislator Gardner
Margaret Kastler
Lee Walker, Jr.

STAFF/GUESTS

Legislature Chairman Leemann
Phil Church, County Administrator
Legs. Gearsbeck, Beckwith, Potter
Fred Maxon, Purchasing Director
Pat Egan, Dir. Emergency. Management
Terry Bennett, Emergency Management Office
John Hinds, Fire Coordinator
Mike Allen, E-911 Director
Deborah Meyer, Probation Director
Reuel Todd, County Sheriff
John Kruk, County Treasurer
Ted Jerrett, Clerk of the Legislature

MEDIA:

Aaron Curtis, Pall Times

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

1. Minutes: The minutes of September 28th were presented.

Motion to approve: Leg. Walker

Second: Leg. Gardner

Vote: Unanimous

2. Employee Recognitions (2):

The Committee recessed to the Legislative Chambers to have a photo taken and give recognition to Norma Henry-Gustafson for 20 years with the Probation Department and Deputy Robert Ramsey for 15 years with the Sheriff's Department.

3. Bid/RFP Report:

Bid #33-09 Fire School Security System

Purchasing Director Maxon indicated that low bid for a security gate at the Fire School was received from Atlas Fence. But, since all the bids were much higher than expected, further discussions are planned and a report will be brought to the next meeting of the Committee. Leg. Doyle suggested that "Alpine Fencing" of Watertown be added to the list of potential vendors. He reported the County Fair Association's favorable experiences with Alpine Fencing.

4. Emergency Management:

A. State Homeland Security Grant 2010-Stakeholders' Meeting Report:

Emergency Management Director Pat Egan reported that the County was awarded \$371,000 through the State Homeland Security Grant 2010 with \$223,000 as the share for the Emergency Management Office. Director Egan noted that stakeholders requesting projects to be considered must submit proposals by November 6. The official application is due on November 30.

Motion to approve: Leg. Doyle

Second: Leg. Kastler

Vote: Unanimous

B. Oswego County Hazard Mitigation Plan:

Emergency Services Program Coordinator Terry Bennett reported that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is on schedule and progressing well. The first meeting to solicit public input was held last week with three more scheduled across the county in the near future.

5. Fire School Update:

Fire Coordinator John Hinds reported that firefighter training is continuing with the next class graduating November 14th. The fire props are scheduled to be winterized soon, but the classrooms will remain active well into December. Leg. Gardner asked Mr. Hinds to report back on the policy for hiring help at the Fire School.

6. E-911:

A. Radio Project Update: Director Allen reported that progress continues with the new emergency radio system. County Treasurer John Kruk noted that his office is looking into various options available for funding a new radio system and that due to requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), the Committee will need to meet again before the Nov. Legislative Session to consider a SEQR resolution. Also, the full legislature will need to hold a special meeting after the December 10th regular session to meet SEQR requirements. Administrator Church noted that by working within the 5-county consortium, the annual maintenance costs for the new radio system will be greatly reduced. He commended 911 Director Mike Allen for his good work in bringing the initial cost estimate of \$29 million down to the current \$23-25 million range. He emphasized that ongoing efforts may reduce the cost even further. Leg. Doyle commended Mr. Allen for his success to date and added that the other counties in the consortium share many of the same concerns of need and expense and are using the group effort to reduce costs.
**2:25 Leg. Walker left meeting.

B. E-911 Monthly Report:

Director Allen provided a monthly summary of activity in the 911 Office (copy attached).

7. Sheriff's Department:

Sheriff Todd reported that his department is going through the accreditation process and he expects that to be completed in the coming year. He also reported on the continuing problem of competing for police officers and the growing vacancies in his department.

8. Executive Session:

Motion to enter Executive Session 2:45 PM / Department Head Evaluations – Leg. Doyle

Second: Leg. Gardner

Vote: Unanimous

Return to Open Session at 3:00

Adjournment: 3:00 PM

Motion to adjourn: Leg. Gardner

Second: Leg. Flett

Vote: Unanimous

9-1-1 Center - September, 2009

Center Activity

2,413 9-1-1 calls answered
2,784 W9-1-1 calls answered
2,482 7-Digit Emerg. calls answered
6,206 Admin. / Non Emerg. Calls answered
3,850 Outgoing Admin. calls made
576 Abandoned 911 calls

1,461 Fire calls dispatched
922 EMS calls dispatched
7,708 Law calls dispatched

6,922 (90.14 %) Emergency Calls answered within 10 seconds

Requests for information

14 Requests for recorded audio files
13 Requests for statistical reports

Management activity

Met with State DOB in Onondaga to discuss Consortium plan and general funding issues.

Traveled to NYSAC Conference to participate in a discussion forum on Regional Communications

Met with 911ai officials to plan implementation of this service.

Conference calls with re-banding Team to formulate Oswego County response

Conference calls with Design Team to prepare for Proposal review from Motorola

Traveled to Cayuga County to attend CNYICC meeting

Met with Senior Staff members to discuss issues of importance to the Center.