

**COUNTY OF OSWEGO
PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

April 26, 2010 – 2:00 p.m.
County Office Building, Oswego, NY
4th Floor Conference Room “E”

PRESENT:

Leg. Linda Lockwood
Leg. Kevin Gardner
Leg. Mary Flett
Leg. Margaret Kastler
Leg. Amy Tresidder
Leg. John Martino
Leg. Morris Sorbello

MEDIA:

Aaron Curtis, Palladium Times

STAFF/GUESTS:

Legs. Robert Hayes and Terry Wilbur
Philip Church, County Administrator
Stephen Loadwick, Auditor
John Hinds, Fire Coordinator
Mike Allen, Director of E-911
David Turner, Planning Director
Fred Maxon, Purchasing Director
Pat Egan, Emergency Management Director
Debbie Meyer, Probation Director
Bob Lighthall, Undersheriff
Reuel Todd, Sheriff (arrived at 2:06 pm)
Theresa Bennett, Emergency Management
Paul Santore
Myron Pringle
Wendy Falls, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature

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

1. Minutes of March 29, 2010 and April 15, 2010:

Motion to approve both sets of minutes: Legislator Gardner

Second: Legislator Kastler

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

2. E-911:

A. NENA Conference Update

Mike Allen, E-911 Director reported that he attended a conference in Washington, D.C. in March as the New York State Representative of the National Emergency Number Association.

B. Albany/Budget Discussion

E-911 Director Allen reported on his visit to Albany on April 13, 2010 at the invitation of NYSAC. Mr. Allen met with Committees and State Legislators and asked them to support the 50 million dollar surcharge being restored to the counties. Director Allen also confirmed support to allow for pool bonding to lower bond rates. He was told the provision was a mistake and that pool bonding was back in the budget.

C. 911 Center Update

E-911 Director Allen mentioned that there was nothing to add to the report in the packet.

Project Status:

1. Paging notification licensing: Director Allen reported that this project is ongoing; the study was completed and the application returned to the FCC.
2. Trunk System: Still being reviewed by the Canadian government.

3. Federal tactical sites: Already applied for six (6) sites; applied for additional proposed sites. E-911 Director Allen stated that Motorola was asked to update coverage maps; better coverage is being provided with 14 sites versus the 15 old sites. Director Allen is looking to move forward with the 14 sites, omitting site #1 in Redfield. It was mentioned that the new coverage maps were sent to all working groups, asking for their feedback.
4. SEQR: Still in progress; project should be done at the end of May and will start looking at sites the beginning of June.

Mike Allen, E-911 Director also reported that RFP's had gone out for shelters and towers. The existing contract with Onondaga County will be used for generators. He mentioned that he will continue to meet with working groups over the next few months. Leg. Flett asked if the tower sites were on private property. Director Allen responded that they were and the county would have to negotiate with the home owners to purchase the properties. Leg. Lockwood asked if the property could be taken by eminent domain. Director Allen responded affirmatively, stating that hopefully there would be no need for that. Leg. Martino questioned other site options. Mr. Allen said there were a few options in each area. Leg. Kastler inquired about contact from other counties regarding a coalition. E-911 Director Allen responded that Jefferson County has shown interest, they are waiting to see what happens at this time. Director Allen reported that a design meeting will be held on May 5th with vendors to go through agreements.

D. Capital Project #37 – 911 Communications System

David Turner, Planning Director presented a resolution to modify Capital Project #37 – 911 Communications System; asking for authorization to accept and disperse funds. He reported that grant funding through NYSERDA was awarded for case management software to be used in conjunction with GPS systems.

Motion to support resolution: Legislator Gardner

Second: Legislator Kastler

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

E-911 Director, Mike Allen reported on other grant opportunities; such as a grant available to Firefighters. A memorandum of understanding is in place with volunteer fire departments to coordinate a single application for this grant. He also stated that of the appropriations requested 2 (two) have moved on to the appropriations committee. Congressman Owens request is at one million dollars and Senator Schumer has a request for three million dollars.

3. Emergency Management:

A. EMSAC Awards Banquet

Pat Egan, Emergency Management Director reported that the EMSAC Awards Banquet will be held on May 14, 2010 with 20 to 30 honorees being presented awards. The awards presentation will begin at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm.

B. County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Terry Bennett reported that Emergency Management has been working with B & L for over a year on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The strategy section was sent to Albany for review and comment; the changes are now being made to the plan. A work group meeting was held in March and there was a public presentation on the plan last week. It was reported that the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan would be sent to the state at the end of the week. The executive committee is meeting regarding the draft on April 27th. She also explained that municipalities will be eligible to receive federal money for mitigation funding if part of the plan. It was mentioned the county is required to update the plan every five (5) years and municipalities may be added along the way if they wish to be included.

C. Budget Modification Request – EMS Grant from CNYEMS

Request to move \$1,200 from revenue line to equipment line; funds were received by Central New York Emergency Medical Services Council for the purchase of educational equipment.

Motion to support resolution: Legislator Flett

Second: Legislator Sorbello

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

D. Capital Project – Radiological Monitors

Request was made by EMS Director Egan to authorize budgetary modification to move \$90,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to Capital Project No. 56 for the purchase of six (6) radiological monitors. She explained that the monitors are old and need to be replaced. Monroe and Wayne Counties have recently replaced their monitors and Director Egan would like to purchase the same brand so that everyone in a 3 county area is trained on the same monitor. Administrator Church remarked that the nuclear plants are a positive to the community in regard to the budget but there are also additional costs to the county due to presence of the nuclear plants.

Motion to support resolution: Legislator Gardner

Second: Legislator Kastler

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

4. Probation:

A. Leandra’s Law

Deborah Meyer, Probation Director asked the committee to support a resolution that requests the State of New York delay the implementation of the Ignition Interlock Program until appropriate resources can be identified and made available to counties for implementation of the program. Director Meyer explained that “Leandra’s Law” was part of the Child Passenger Protection Action to DWI offenses. The law requires the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device on all DWI violator vehicles. There is no additional funding from the state for this mandate and it would more than double the case load for Probation if they are required to monitor these devices; anticipating 250 or more new cases per year. Director Meyer stated that the Probation Department supports the intent of the law but it could be costly to the county as time goes on. Leg. Kastler asked about the estimated cost. Ms. Meyer responded that the cost of the Ignition Interlock Device runs \$100.00 per vehicle/per month; with every vehicle at the residence having to be installed with the device. She also remarked that 10% of the population is not able to afford the cost and where the funding will come from is unknown at this time. If the county is responsible for monitoring the program it would be up to the county to figure it out. Sheriff Todd stated that the law has too many loopholes to enforce; for example, unable to stop someone else from blowing into the device or using someone else’s car. Director Meyer mentioned that the county is given the choice of what device to use and how much technology is used. She also stated that if violators are under Assigned Council that will also increase the cost to the county. Administrator Church suggested changing the 6th paragraph of the resolution to read “WHEREAS, Oswego County strongly objects to an un-funded mandate of this magnitude”. Probation Director Meyer stated that this program would have to be implemented by August 15, 2010.

Motion to support amended resolution: Legislator Gardner

Second: Legislator Martino

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

5. **Sheriff:**

A. **Budget Modification Request – Criminal History Records**

Sheriff Reuel Todd requested authorization to increase revenue line and expenditure line by \$45,000 to cover anticipated fees for 2010 in providing electronic submission of fingerprints to the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Motion to support resolution: Legislator Sorbello

Second: Legislator Kastler

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

B. **Vehicle Bid**

Fred Maxon, Purchasing Director recommended awarding a low bid contract to Van Bortel Ford of Pittsford for the purchase of 12 new 2010 Crown Vic Police Vehicles for \$232,584.

Purchasing opened the bids on April 1, 2010 and three (3) vendors submitted bids.

Motion to support request: Legislator Flett

Second: Legislator Kastler

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

6. **Fire Coordinator:**

A. **Open House and Retirement**

John Hinds, Fire Coordinator mentioned the Open House taking place at the Emergency Response Training Center on May 17, 2010.

Mr. Hinds also reported that volunteer fire departments assisted with coverage for the day in Jefferson County while firefighters from that county attended the funeral of a fellow firefighter.

B. **Executive Session – Personnel**

Executive Session was postponed until next month.

7. **Adjournment:**

Motion made to adjourn meeting: Legislator Gardner

Second: Legislator Flett

Meeting adjourned at 2:54 pm.