

## Public Safety and Emergency Services Committee Meeting

**Date:** August 27, 2007

**Time:** Called to Order at 2:02 p.m. by Chairman Bullard

**Location:** Oswego County Building

### Attendance:

**Present:** Chairman Thomas Bullard, Vice Chairman Milferd Potter, Legislators Barbara Brown, James Bryant, Kevin Gardner, Leonard Ponzi and Paul Santore

<b>Staff/Others Present:</b>	<b>Probation:</b>	Barbara Schuler
	<b>Sheriff's:</b>	Reuel Todd; Robert Lighthall
	<b>Emergency Management:</b>	Patricia Egan; Terry Bennett
	<b>E-911:</b>	Michael Allen
	<b>Fire Coordinator:</b>	John Hinds
	<b>County Administrator:</b>	Phil Church
	<b>Guests:</b>	Building and Grounds Superintendent Joe Taormino

### 1. Minutes:

**Motion:** To accept minutes of July 23, 2007 meeting.

**Made by:** Legislator Bryant

**Seconded by:** Legislator Gardner

**Vote:** 7 Ayes (Bullard, Potter, Brown, Bryant, Gardner, Ponzi, Santore)

0 Nays

All in favor. Motion carried.

**Discussion:** Minutes were amended to reflect that the Motion to Adjourn was made by Legislator Bryant and seconded by Legislator Santore and the date as July 23, 2007.

### 2. FIRE COORDINATOR (presented by Fire Coordinator John Hinds)

#### Update on Fire School:

Fire Coordinator Hinds reported that the Public Service Commission ended the fire school commentary on August 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>. The Commission now has to calendar a hearing.

**3. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (presented by Director Patricia Egan)**

**a. Summary of DHS Comprehensive Review**

Director Egan reported on the review of FEMA and Department of Homeland Security, which found Oswego County to be capable of responding to threat-based emergencies at Nine Mile Point. Oswego County is proactive in its training and compliance of NIMS. There is more training needed in the ICS 300-400. The County will continue to use the Multiple Casualty Incident Plan that is in place.

**b. Update on EMS Course Sponsorship**

Director Egan reported that in 2007, Emergency Management will have provided three EMT refresher courses, two original courses, one First Responder course and one Pilot Hours course. Training will be held in Granby and Fulton in September. Emergency Management has spent \$30,000 of the Homeland Security grant on multi-casualty emergency equipment.

**c. Distribution of Lists**

Director Egan provided the Committee with two lists: Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans and Municipality Submissions of Matrices for NIMS Compliance. Director Egan reported that the community plans were supposed to roll up this week but quite a few were still missing. Those communities not on the list need to fill out the matrices that were previously sent out. Director Egan announced that Oswego County was still ahead of most of the State.

**4. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (presented by Sheriff Todd)**

**a. Budget Modification**

**Motion:** To transfer \$100,000 from expenditure line 3150.5110 (Salaries and Wages – Regular) into expenditure line 3150.5435 (Medical Fees).

**Made by:** Legislator Santore

**Seconded by:** Legislator Brown

**Discussion:** A minimum transfer of \$100,000 from personal services to Medical Fees is necessary to cover inmate medical expenses incurred and projected through the end of 2007 due to an ever increasing inmate population and mandates from the State Commission of Corrections for inmate medical exams and care. There is still enough money left in the salaries line to carry through to the end of the year due to vacancies in the Corrections Division. Sheriff Todd is looking to increase the Medical Fees line for next year's budget. Sheriff Todd noted that his clerk does seek reimbursement from the inmates who have insurance coverage.

**Vote:** **7 Ayes** (Bullard, Potter, Brown, Bryant, Gardner, Ponzi, Santore)

**0 Nays**

**All in favor. Motion carried.** The motion will be forwarded to the Finance and Personnel Committee for review.

**5. E-911 (presented by Director Allen)**

**a. Activity Report**

The E-911 activity report was distributed to the Committee but was not discussed.

Director Allen reported that the Public Safety Center basically lost power to the building early Saturday morning (August 25, 2007). E-911 operated out of Fulton and did not lose any major piece of equipment. Chairman Bullard stated that at no time during the outage was E-911 not able to be contacted. Superintendent Taormino indicated that a National Grid line went down, losing total power for a short amount of time. The power outage affected the generator by tripping a breaker. The generator did go on single phase, but the circuit to the building was tripped.

**Motion:** To enter into Executive Session to discuss the security and safety of the Public Safety Center.

**Made by:** Legislator Bryant

**Seconded by:** Legislator Potter

**Vote:** **7 Ayes** (Bullard, Potter, Brown, Bryant, Gardner, Ponzi, Santore)  
**0 Nays**

**All in favor. Motion carried.**

Move into executive session took place at 2:18 p.m.

**Motion:** To go out of Executive Session and return to regularly scheduled meeting at 2:28 p.m.

**Made by:** Legislator Bryant

**Seconded by:** Legislator Potter

**Vote:** **7 Ayes** (Bullard, Potter, Brown, Bryant, Gardner, Ponzi, Santore)  
**0 Nays**

**All in favor. Motion carried.**

Discussion resumed regarding the power outage at the Public Safety Center. Sheriff Todd reported that there was no breach at the correctional facility and extra personnel were put on to ensure the safety of the inmates.

Legislator Santore acknowledged maintenance personnel under Superintendent Taormino, Undersheriff Lighthall, Director Allen and Emergency Management for getting things up and running.

Chairman Bullard stated the County is blessed with employees who know the procedures to take in emergency situations. He gave kudos to all.

**Motion to Adjourn:** 2;35 p.m.  
**Made by:** Legislator Santore  
**Seconded by:** Legislator Potter  
**Vote:** **7 Ayes** (Bullard, Potter, Brown, Bryant, Gardner, Ponzi, Santore)  
**0 Nays**  
**All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Prepared by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Breen, Administrative Secretary

**Reviewed by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
John Hinds, Fire Coordinator

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Patricia Egan, Emergency Management Director

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Reuel Todd, Sheriff

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Michael Allen, E-911 Director

**Accepted as Written:**

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**Chairman**

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**Date**