

## Public Safety and Emergency Services Committee Meeting

**Date:** March 27, 2006

**Time:** Called to Order at 1:57 p.m. by Chairman Bullard

**Location:** Fulton County Office Building

### Attendance:

**Present:** Chairman T. Bullard, Vice Chair C. Brewer, Legislators J. Bryant, A. Gearsbeck, L. Ponzi, M. Potter, P. 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>	Stephen Lyman
		Phil Church (late)
	<b>Other Legislators:</b>	Russ Johnson
		Daniel Chalifoux
	<b>Guest:</b>	Dave Edwards

### 1. Minutes:

**Motion:** To accept minutes of February 27, 2006, meeting.

**Made by:** Legislator Brewer

**Seconded by:** Legislator Santore

**Discussion:** Legislator Bryant requested the minutes be amended to show him as being excused, not absent. Chairman Bullard granted the request.

**Vote:** All in favor. Motion carried.

### 2. Bid Results – E-911 and Sheriff's Departments

The bid results will be announced later in the meeting, awaiting the arrival of Phil Church.

**PROBATION (presented by Director Schuler)**

**3. Budget Modification – Local Law Enforcement Block Grant**

**Motion:** To establish revenue account 3141.4331.4 (Local Law Enforcement Block Grant) in the amount of \$22,531 and increase account 3141.5438 (Other Fees and Services) in the amount of \$22,531 to cover expenditures for Prober-Web software, licensing fees and training.

**Made by:** Legislator Potter

**Seconded by:** Legislator Bryant

**Discussion:** Prober-Web is an automated case management system. Grant monies would be used to purchase the software, licensing fees and training for the system. The grant is a 90%/10% grant, with the 10% match of \$2,503 to be used to upgrade the department's server and desktops. The match funds are already in the Probation Department's budget. Central Services is involved in getting the department's equipment upgraded to meet the minimum requirements needed to run the Prober-Web Program. This Program will allow for better communication between other probation departments and may also be mandatory in the future. The grant monies must be expended by August 31<sup>st</sup> of this year.

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

**SHERIFF (presented by Sheriff Todd)**

**4a. Grant Application – TraCS (Traffic and Criminal Software grant application)**

**Motion:** To accept funding, if granted, through the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in the amount of \$196,865.35.

**Made by:** Legislator Potter

**Seconded by:** Legislator Ponzi

**Discussion:** The Sheriff's Department has applied for funding through the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in the amount of \$196,865.35, which, if granted, will be used to purchase 33 in-car computers and 40 printers and scanners. The equipment will be used to electronically produce and transfer traffic tickets and/or accident reports directly to the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles. The statistics gathered from the submission of these reports will be used to assist in improving record systems in New York State as a means of improving highway safety.

Sheriff Todd and Undersheriff Lighthall informed the Committee that at this time, the equipment will only check registrations, not inspections, and that the plate number will have to be entered into the system manually. Sheriff Todd explained that the next step would be to capture the plate through video, which will automatically submit the number electronically. At that point, the officer will know if the vehicle is unregistered before it goes by.

**Vote:** **All in favor. Motion carried.**

**b. Budget Modification – Nuclear Power Grant**

**Motion:** To accept donations from Constellation Energy and Entergy Nuclear totaling \$30,000 into revenue lines 3110.4151.6 (Nuclear Plants Equipment Grant) and 1.1599 (Appropriations Fund Balance) and to transfer \$30,000 to expenditure line 3110.5260.1 (Nuclear Power Grant).

**Made by:** Legislator Bryant

**Seconded by:** Legislator Ponzi

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

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

**5a. Report on State Budget Impacts**

Director Allen informed the committee of the disparity in the amount of wireless surcharge monies that are received by the State and the amount that actually reverts back to the local municipalities. Most of the surcharge monies received by the State are used for Other Services, with virtually none coming back to the local E-911 centers. Last year, E-911 received approximately \$70,000 in reimbursement, none of which could be used for training or personnel costs. Director Allen advised that approximately \$10,000,000.00 was put back into the Governor's budget, and he would like to send a proposal to the Governor to amend surcharge distribution.

**b. Update on Re-banding**

Re-banding is mandatory, with the cost being absorbed by the Transition Authority. Oswego County is in the process of re-banding. There are some technical issues to be resolved, and Director Allen is looking to bring in an individual with more expertise in this area. The committee will be kept apprised of the progress.

**c. Discussion regarding False Alarms**

E-911 hosts a monthly meeting for all law enforcement agencies in the area. There are a number of false alarms that law enforcement have to respond to, which strips their resources. The burden is placed on law enforcement and E-911 when individuals/businesses fail to respond to their alarms. Sheriff Todd indicated some false alarms may be due to equipment malfunctions or poor training of personnel hired by the businesses that sell the alarm systems. Legislator Santore inquired of fines for false alarms. Director Allen reported that it was brought before the Oswego County Legislature a few years ago, but nothing was pursued at that time. Onondaga County and the City of Oswego have local legislation in place regarding false alarms. Undersheriff Lighthall stated some locales give an individual/business three false alarms, with a waiver (appeal) opportunity. Chairman Bullard suggested that Director Allen pursue local legislation regarding penalties for persistent false alarms.

**BID RESULTS (presented by Phil Church)**

**Bid Results – E-911 and Sheriff’s Departments**

- Motion:** To accept the bids regarding E-911’s four towers and the Sheriff’s Department patrol cars.
- Made by:** Legislator Santore
- Seconded by:** Legislator Potter
- Discussion:** Phil Church indicated the bid for E-911’s four towers was given to PWR at \$11,201. The top bid went for over \$22,000. He announced that the \$286,000 capital fund bid for the Sheriff’s patrol cars went to Delacy Ford at \$205,642 with trade-ins. This bid did not include two four-wheel drive vehicles, which is awaiting a State Contract.
- Vote:** **All in favor. Motion carried.** The motion will be forwarded to the Finance and Personnel Committee for review.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (presented by Director Egan)**

**6a. Compliance Presentation**

Director Egan informed the Committee that she was appointed the point of contact for NIMS Compliance by Legislature Chairman Johnson. She sent an invitation to attend a NIMS Informational Session, scheduled April 11<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>, to the municipalities, with a response date of April 7<sup>th</sup>. To date, she has received twelve responses.

**b. Proposed Resolution of Acceptance of NIMS for Oswego County**

- Motion:** To submit a resolution to the Legislature to formally adopt the National Incident Management System.
- Made by:** Legislator Santore
- Seconded by:** Legislator Ponzi
- Discussion:** Per a Presidential Directive, the county must be NIMS-compliant by the last day of September. Director Egan proposed a resolution that Oswego County adopt NIMS, a nationwide approach for managing emergencies. Those who are in compliance with NIMS will be eligible to receive federal disaster and Homeland Security funds. The compliance does have an “umbrella” affect. Director Egan gave as an example that if a municipality is in compliance, but an individual fire department in that municipality chooses not to be in compliance, then the municipality would be eligible for federal funds, but the individual fire department would not.
- Vote:** **All in favor. Motion carried.**

**FIRE COORDINATOR (presented by Coordinator Hinds)**

**7a. Information regarding Deputy Coordinator Appointment**

Fire Coordinator John Hinds informed the committee there are now four Deputy Coordinators, one for each of the four battalions in Oswego County. The Deputy Coordinator responds to calls and coordinates the ensuing investigations. The position is paid at a part-time level, along with mileage reimbursement. State fire instructors are backups for the Deputy Coordinators and are funded through the State. They are eligible for mileage reimbursement only. Rich Duvall was hired this year as the fourth trainer and will be backup to Deputy Coordinator Mike Monette in Batallion 4.

**b. Fire Safety Trailer Tour**

The Fire Safety Trailer is made possible through Entergy, Senator Wright's office and Assemblyman Barclay's office by way of a \$65,000 grant to the County Fire Chiefs Association. The Trailer is currently owned by this Association and will be used as the centerpiece for fire safety education. Fire Coordinator Hinds informed of pursuing the possibility of the trailer being turned over to the county. One of the Deputy Coordinators is currently working with the Superintendents of area schools to set up fire safety education. Hopefully, this will be a year-round project, instead of just during Fire Safety Month.

Fire Coordinator John Hinds introduced Dave Edwards, Chair of the Fire Advisory Board, to the committee.

**Executive Session**

**Motion:** To move into executive session at 2:35 p.m. (contractual).  
**Made by:** Legislator Santore  
**Seconded by:** Legislator Bryant  
**Vote:** **All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion:** To move out of executive session at 2:45 p.m.  
**Made by:** Legislator Brewer  
**Seconded by:** Legislator Ponzi  
**Vote:** **All in favor. Motion carried.**

Return to regular meeting at 2:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** April 24, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. at the Oswego County Building.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion to Adjourn:** 2:52 p.m.

**Made by:** Legislator Potter

**Seconded by:** Legislator Gearsbeck

**Vote:** All in favor. Motion carried.

Tour of the Fire Safety Trailer ensued.

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

**Reviewed by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara A. Schuler, Probation Director

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Reuel A. Todd, Sheriff

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Michael Allen, E-911

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Patricia Egan, Emergency Management Director

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John Hinds, Fire Coordinator

**Accepted as Written:**

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**Chairman**

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**Date**