

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY (SHERIFF)**

**DATE: JULY 22, 2010**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS VANNESS  
BENTLEY  
SOKOL  
GIRARD  
THOMAS  
CONOVER  
MCDEVITT

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

BUD YORK, SHERIFF  
FREDERICK MONROE, CHAIRMAN  
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ATTORNEY/ADMINISTRATOR  
NICOLE LIVINGSTON, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD  
KEVIN GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS KENNY  
LOEB  
MCCOY  
STEC  
STRAINER  
TAYLOR  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
THOM RANDALL, *THE ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*  
CHARLENE DiRESTA, SR. LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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Mr. VanNess called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 9:54 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Bud York, Sheriff, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.

Sheriff York requested authorization for three Patrol Officers to attend SCUBA (Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus) Training, as follows:

- ▶ Basic Open Water Training from August 19, 2010 to September 5, 2010 at a cost of \$415 per person;
- ▶ Advanced Open Water Training from September 20, 2010 to September 26, 2010 at a cost of \$329 per person; and
- ▶ Rescue Diver Training from September 27, 2010 to October 17, 2010 at a cost of \$429 per person.

Sheriff York pointed out the cost should be 100% reimbursable from a grant secured by the Office of Emergency Services; however, he added, if the grant funding did not cover the cost of the training, funds from the Asset Forfeiture Account would be utilized.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to authorize three Patrol Officers to attend SCUBA Training as outlined. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

Sheriff York requested approval for Correction Officer Daniel Hitchcock to enroll in job related courses through the University of Phoenix which would lead to a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration. He listed the classes for which Officer Hitchcock was seeking reimbursement, as follows:

- ▶ Research Methods in Criminal Justice, July 6, 2010 to August 9, 2010;
- ▶ Organizational Behavior and Management, August 10, 2010 to September 13, 2010;
- ▶ Criminal Justice Administration, September 14, 2010 to October 18, 2010;
- ▶ Criminal Justice Policy Analysis, October 19, 2010 to November 22, 2010;
- ▶ Managing Criminal Justice Personnel, November 23, 2010 to January 10, 2011;
- ▶ Futures of Criminal Justice, January 11, 2011 to February 14, 2011; and
- ▶ Interdisciplinary Capstone Course, February 15, 2011 to March 21, 2011.

Sheriff York stated that Officer Hitchcock was a newly hired Officer and it was his understanding of the reimbursement policy that the employee was required to remain employed by the County for three years. Paul Dusek, County Attorney/Administrator, responded he was unsure of the details of the policy but typically the employee was required to remain in the employ of the County for 18 months or to repay the reimbursement.

Motion was made Mr. Girard and seconded by Mr. Sokol to approve enrollment in job related courses as outlined and to forward same to the Personnel Committee.

Mr. Sokol questioned if the employee was already in the process of pursuing his degree and Sheriff York replied affirmatively adding that Officer Hitchcock would be taking the courses regardless of reimbursement approval. Mr. Sokol pointed out that a resolution had been adopted stating the County would only approve classes which had not already started. Mr. VanNess noted the employee in question had 7 classes remaining in the pursuit of his degree and was only requesting reimbursement for those classes, all of which pertained to his job.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. VanNess called the question and the motion was carried unanimously to approve enrollment in job related courses as outlined and to forward same to the Personnel Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. McDevitt commented that the SCUBA Training was necessary due to the proximity of Lake George and he asked where the training would take place. Sheriff York responded he believed the majority of the training would take place at the YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association) Pool, with the remainder of the training being completed on Lake George.

As there was no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee on motion made by Mr. Girard and seconded by Mr. Bentley, Mr. VanNess adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Charlene DiResta, Sr. Legislative Office Specialist