

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: AUGUST 31, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS WOOD
GIRARD
TAYLOR
FRASIER
BROCK
SEEBER
SIMPSON

OTHERS PRESENT:

BRIAN LAFLURE, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
AMY HIRSCH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
BUD YORK, SHERIFF
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
MARTIN AUFFREDOU, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BEATY
CONOVER
DICKINSON
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
SAMANTHA HOGAN, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Ms. Wood called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Public Safety Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

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

Sheriff York asked for a moment of silence for Edward J. Litwa Sr., retired Investigator for the Warren County Sheriff's Office, who had passed away.

Commencing his agenda review, Sheriff York presented a request for Sergeant Girard and Officers Stillman, Backus and Seeley to attend Dive Training at Alexandria Bay, NY on September 21 - 25, 2015.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to approve the travel request. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Conference form is on file with the minutes.*

Sheriff York, requested authorization for Lieutenants Corsones and Stockdale and Major LaFarr to attend Supervisors Training through the New York State Sheriff's Association (NYSSA) at the Gideon Putnam, Saratoga Springs, NY on September 14 - 16, 2015 at a total cost of \$900.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to approve the travel request. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Sheriff York presented the request to enter into a new agreement with Myers Power Products, Inc., to provide maintenance services and replace batteries in the Correction Division uninterrupted power supply. He advised the contract item would commence on January 1, 2016 and terminate on December 31, 2016 for the lump sum of \$13,856.40.

Motion was made by Mrs. Frasier, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 18, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Sheriff York requested a new agreement with Black Creek Integrated System Corp., for support services for inmate management software. He noted the contract item would commence January 1, 2015 and terminate on December 31, 2016 for a lump sum amount of \$20,926.75.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 18, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Martin Auffredou, County Attorney advised the Committee of an annual agreement between the Warren County Sheriff's Office and the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Board of Cooperative Educational Services(BOCES) to provide career exploration internship, health occupation, licenced practical nursing, new vision health and nurse assisting programs. He explained this was sort of career exploration day held by the Sheriff's Office and BOCES. He stated on Friday August 28th they were presented with the agreement for the 2015 - 2016 year: he advised he had an opportunity to review the agreement, noting it was very similar to the agreement from last year and he would only recommend one minor change. Mr. Auffredou indicated he would but would like to present the Committee with a request to authorize renewal of the agreement for 2015-2016 so that the matter could be addressed.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 18, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Finally Sheriff York provided an update on staffing, apprising that they had filled two Corrections positions, due to resignation and new hire; he explained the filling of these positions was budget neutral.

This concluded the review of the Sheriff's agenda privilege of the floor was extended to Brian LaFlure, Director of the Office of Emergency Services (OES), who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing his agenda review, Mr. LaFlure presented the request for himself to attend the Statewide Interoperable Consortium Conference in Oriskany, NY on September 9-10, 2015.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously to approve the travel request. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Conference form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. LaFlure requested to amend the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$48,000 to reflect the receipt of FY15 State Homeland Security Grant Program funds.

Motion was made by Mrs. Frasier, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously to approve the request and refer same to the Finance Committee; *a copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Mr. LaFlure requested a Contingent Fund transfer in the amount of \$4,200 to Budget code A.3640 470 (Civil Defense, Contract), to fund work by Clark Patterson Lee to provide a conceptual design and an estimated cost for the proposed storage building to house OES vehicles and equipment.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to approve the request for a transfer of funds, as outlined above, and to refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. LaFlure requested to apply for the FY 2015 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning grant funds, in the amount of \$70,000 for the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Moving on to Pending Items, Mr. LaFlure noted the only item listed was the referral to County Facilities in regards to the proposed facility to house OES vehicles and equipment. He stated that he would report back once he had more information from Clark Patterson Lee as to the cost.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Amy Hirsch, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Services, who gave an update on the Warren County Hazard Mitigation Plan. She advised a meeting would be held on September 22, 2015 at the Warren County Sheriff's Training Facility. Where Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) representative Paul Hoole would be conducting a FEMA Mitigation Strategy Workshop designed to focus on mitigation actions. She noted it was necessary for a representative from each municipality to attend.

Mrs. Hirsch noted that OES would be conducting surveys through their website, as well as their Facebook and Twitter accounts, to obtain public input pertaining to how they had dealt with a disaster they may have gone through. She noted surveys would be sent to Highway Superintendents, fire houses, emergency medical services organizations and schools. She stated the more responses they received the better the Hazardous Mitigation Plan they could develop.

Ms. Wood announced her appreciation to Mr. LaFlure and the Warren County Sheriff's Office. She noted last week the Town of Thurman had a phone service outage, and the lack of 911 services had caused concern, she added Mr. LaFlure and the Sheriff's Office had been very responsive getting service restored within 24 hours, rather than three days that had initially been estimated.

As there was no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee on motion made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mrs. Frasier, Ms. Wood adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Hogan, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board