

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 28, 2009

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Lindsay, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Sady

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Suprenant, Banks

SUPERVISORS: Wilbur, LaPointe, G. Hall

Debra Prehoda, Clerk

Undersheriff Mabb

Gary Evens, Deputy Fire Coordinator

Mike Gray, Alternative Sentencing

Kevin Kortright, District Attorney

Anthony White, Probation

Ray Rathbun, Fire Coordinator

Kevin Hayes, County Administrator

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Bill Cook, Director Public Safety

Bruce Mason, EMS Coordinator

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2009
3. Department Requests/Reports:
  - A. District Attorney
    1. Discuss Introductory Local Law “Social Host Law”
  - B. Department of Public Safety
    1. Presbytery Hill/AT&T Lease
  - C. Fire Bureau
    1. Training Center Update
  - D. Alternative Sentencing
    1. Agency Updates
    2. 2009 Budget Impact
  - E. Sheriff
    1. Budget Amendment for Live Scan Grant
4. Other Business
5. Department Head Evaluation – Probation Director
6. Adjournment

Chairman Lindsay called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2009 meeting was moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Mr. Scribner and adopted.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY – Kevin Kortright, District Attorney, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Introductory Local Law A “Social Host Law” – The District Attorney distributed a redrafted law based on Westchester County with graduated sentences and discretionary sentences, on file. He feels that Judge Berke was off with his comments on the graduated sentencing. The Warren County law was also attached for reference, which our proposed law was based on. If the state passes a law regarding this our law would be gone. The state law does not address if someone shows up with an underage party going on, that person would have a duty to stop this activity. He stated these parties lead to related sex cases and fights. In our proposed Introductory Local Law A, provision Penal Law §30 (1) should be removed as it does not apply, Section 2 at the end of first sentence. A motion to move forward with Warren County resolution with social host described

and graduated sentencing, which is proposed Introductory Local Law A of 2009 minus removal of Penal Law §30.00(1), was moved by Mr. Scribner, seconded by Mr. Henke and adopted.

- Recruitment & Retention Grant Funds – All counties in the state received recruitment and retention grant funds based on their per capita with Washington County receiving \$8,000+ to retain the ADA (Assistant District Attorneys). He has received funds and would to disburse them. A motion to authorize applying for next year's Recruitment and Retention grant was moved by Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Scribner and adopted. (Note: a resolution will be needed to disburse funds.)
- Budget Amendment Explanation 2008 – He stated his contractual line in the 2008 budget ran over possibly due to running three cars instead of two and cost of his West Law contract which he has renegotiated.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – Bill Cook, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Swine Flu Update – Patty Hunt, Director of Public Health, updated the committee on the swine flu. The numbers are constantly changing, currently between 45 -64 cases in NYC from students who traveled to Mexico. She stated there are two possible cases in the County and specimens will be sent for confirmation. The pandemic level is at 4, able to cause community level infection, with 6 being the highest level. The Center for Disease Control, CDC, has a travel warning up to Mexico. There are two antibiotics available for treatment of this strain of flu.
- Presbytery Hill/AT&T Lease – He has received the lease from AT&T and the County Attorney is viewing it. Roger Wickes, County Attorney, stated they want a full title report that would be an expense. They also want the County to do the environmental homework. He does not feel this should be expected from a government entity. He recommends sitting down with them. Bill stated they had agreed on \$1500/month but the lease states \$1000/month. Roger Wickes stated the County could indemnify them for any activities prior or that we might be doing. A motion to authorize signature of contract with AT&T pending approval of the County Attorney for a monthly lease amount of \$1500 was moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Mr. Scribner and adopted.
- Grants – Several budget amendments are needed for grant funds remaining as follows: SEMO \$8,339.63, 911 grants for \$33,155 and \$29,147.43 totaling \$70,642.06. A motion to amend budget placing \$20,000 in grants .4 (contractual) and the balance of \$50,642.00 in .2 (equipment) was moved by Mr. Scribner, seconded by Mr. Henke and adopted.

FIRE BUREAU – Ray Rathbun, Fire Coordinator, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Training Center Update – project status report as of April 2009 distributed, on file and summary attached. update. Mr. Rathbun stated that Mountain Lakes EMS has expressed an interest in having office space at the site. A walk through of the property is scheduled for Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 3P.M.
- Fire Advisory Board Appointment – The Fire Advisory Board is recommending the appointment of Douglas Thatcher, Putnam Fire Department. A motion to

appoint Douglas Thatcher, Putnam Fire Department, to the Fire Advisory Board for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2011 was moved by Mr. Scribner, seconded by Mr. Sady and adopted.

- Hours for Training – He reported the State is reinstating training hours back to 800 hours of training.

ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING – Mike Gray, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Agency Updates – Community Service will be at Lake Lauderdale this weekend working at the park. Last weekend they were in Granville with over 130 people participating in the community/roadside clean up, raking and planting trees. Also last weekend, roadside clean up in Kingsbury Rt. 196 and Argyle youth had a food drive. The first project scheduled to be addressed is the painting of the Argyle Town Highway Barn.
- 2009 Budget Impact – Good news on state revenue, he should be up \$1,100.00.
- Alive at 25 – Eighteen youth were enrolled in the first class that has been completed and the second class is schedule to start next week.
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SHERIFF – Undersheriff Mabb, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Budget Amendment for Live Scan Grant – This is a reimbursement grant. A motion to amend budget in the amount of \$40,448 (\$29,935 grant and police departments will reimburse \$10,513.00) for Live Scan Grant going to equipment and contractual lines was moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Mr. Sady and adopted.
- Tour of the Battenkill – The cost to the Sheriff's department for coverage of the Tour of the Battenkill bike race was \$722 for the entire weekend due to some very creative scheduling.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD EVALUATION – Probation Director – A motion to enter an executive session to conduct a department head evaluation, Probation Director, was moved by Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Sady and adopted.

The committee adjourned from executive session. No action was taken during the executive session.