

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2009

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Lindsay, Suprenant, Scribner, Banks, Alexander, Henke

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Sady

SUPERVISORS: Wilbur, LaPointe, Trinkle, Rymph, G. Hall

Debra Prehoda, Clerk

Sheriff Leclaire

Undersheriff Mabb

Ray Rathbun, Fire Coordinator

Kevin Hayes, County Administrator

Bill Adamson, Weights & Measures

Mike Gray, Alternative Sentencing

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Bill Cook, Director Public Safety

Anthony White, Probation

Bruce Mason, EMS Coordinator

Nick Riesman, Post Star

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes – April 28, 2009
3. Department Requests/Reports:
 - A. Alternative Sentencing
 1. Agency Updates
 - B. Probation
 1. Discuss Summer Intern
 - C. Fire Bureau
 1. Training Center Update
 2. Discuss Recruitment & Retention
 - D. EMS
 1. Advisory Board Appointment – Paul Gould, Town of Fort Ann
 - E. Sheriff
 1. Request for Vehicle – Whitehall Fire Department
4. Other Business
5. Department Head Evaluation – Director of Weights & Measures
6. Adjournment

Chairman Lindsay called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2009 meeting was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Scribner and adopted.

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

- Agency Updates:
 - Edward Byrne Memorial Grant (Stimulus Recovery Act) – In April, he received committee authorization to apply for this grant. He was notified that Washington County/Alternative Sentencing is the recipient of \$20,156.00. He plans to use that funding to offset the loss of state revenue. A grant meeting will be scheduled with the Treasurer and County Administrator.
 - 2009 Budget AmeriCorps – The 2009 budget did not include any AmeriCorps volunteer. With the Recovery Act, additional funds were made available for AmeriCorps. Previously with AmeriCorps volunteers it

required a 15% County share but usually amounted to more like 35 - 40%. Under the Recovery Act, no local match is required, 100% federal dollars. Mike stated the County would be allowed one AmeriCorps volunteer, who can provide up to 1700 hours of service, for approximately \$4,000.00 (expenses). The Department of Social Services (DSS) incurs about \$20,000 in overtime expenses for supervised visitation and Mike is proposing to assign this AmeriCorps volunteer to DSS to reduce the overtime cost and use State dollars to offset the local match of \$4,000. The net cost to the County would be zero and it would also help reduce overtime costs. His office would be responsible for the paperwork involved but the AmeriCorps volunteer would be assigned to DSS. A motion to move this request to Staffing Review for consideration was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Alexander and adopted. He will also need a resolution to amend the salary schedule to add title of AmeriCorps laborer at a rate of \$6.83 per hour effective July 1, 2009.

PROBATION – Anthony White, Director, addressed the following item with the committee:

- Discuss Summer Intern – In compliance with the County's Intern Policy, Anthony is requesting a summer intern for his office. The intern will be entering his senior year at Hobart and William Smith College in the fall majoring in psychology. His responsibilities in the Probation Department will include filling out assessments on probationers and having him sit in on pre-sentencing investigations and possibly write up one or two of those reports. He will work under the supervision of the Probation Director or the probation officers. He is a resident of the Town of Granville, a graduate of Hartford Central School. This is an unpaid position. A motion to approve summer intern, unpaid position, was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Scribner and adopted.
- Bullet Proof Vest – For the committee's information, the Sheriff's Department has to submit the application for the bulletproof vest on behalf of the Probation Department.

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

- Training Center Update: 1) It was previously stated that that the shared services funds could be used to put in roads/infrastructure but they have since found out that is only allowable if we then have the funding to put the building up. They plan to meet and discuss this with our legislators. They may ask for monies from the Capital Project to go to Washington to meet with legislators. 2) A small group is meeting with ACC to discuss how they can work together on this project.
- Discuss Recruitment & Retention – A small group of fire departments had a speaker come in to talk about how to gain membership. A presentation was made at the Chiefs and Officers meeting and this will also be presented to the Fire Advisory Board. He stated that the fire service might be looking for support for seeking grant funding for recruitment and retention. Regarding recruitment and retention, Mr. Wilbur mentioned he met with Glens Falls National Bank on a 401 K retirement package they offer. He stated he provided them with Chairman

Lindsay's contact information about a possible presentation. They would be interested in possibly having legislation enacted that would allow the County to handle this rather than the individual towns. Discussion ensued on the retirement option, criteria and costs.

- Juvenile Fire Setters – They have picked up two more cases involving three children. Another training session is planned for June 16th and 17th. The Department of Social Services is picking up the training costs, \$1,250.00.

EMS – Bruce Mason, EMS Coordinator, addressed the following items with the committee:

- EMS Advisory Board Appointment – Paul Gould, Town of Fort Ann - A motion to appoint Paul Gould, Town of Fort Ann, to the EMS Advisory Board was moved by Mr. Scribner, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted.
- Recruitment & Retention – Emergency medical services, as mentioned with the fire service, is also in need of members and supports any recruitment and retention efforts.
- Handout listing coordinator's meetings, trainings, etc. from April 1, 2009 to present, attached.

SHERIFF – Sheriff LeClaire, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Request for Vehicle – Whitehall Fire Department – The Sheriff received a request from the Whitehall Fire Department requesting a vehicle. A motion to approve a vehicle for the Whitehall Fire Department (an older crown vic) was moved by Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

- Budget Amendments – To follow up from last month's meeting, Bill stated a grant meeting was held and he is requesting the following budget amendments: Taking \$37,487 out of two grants and putting it aside into equipment for future use: \$27,487 and \$10,000.
- Dispatchers CWA Union Contract - Kevin Hayes, County Administrator, stated that the dispatchers have agreed to extend their contract until year-end.

DEPARTMENT HEAD EVALUATION – Director of Weights & Measures – A motion to enter an executive session to conduct a department head evaluation, Director of Weights & Measures, (Freedom of Information Law – executive section (f)) was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Suprenant and adopted.

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