

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2008
4:45 PM
LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM, 6TH FLOOR

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

FRANK DART, CHAIRMAN, PAUL HANSUT, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, THOMAS J. (TJ) BRIGGS, RICHARD PARETE, SUSAN ZIMET, JAMES MALONEY, KENNETH RONK JR.

OTHERS ATTENDING:

PAUL VANBLARCUM, SHERIFF, FRANK FALUOTICO, UNDERSHERIFF
BRAD EBEL, SHERIFF'S DEPT., ART SNYDER, EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, LAURA PETIT, ULSTER
COUNTY LEGISLATURE, TOM KADGEN

ABSENT:

RICHARD PARETE, JAMES MALONEY

AGENDA:

4:57 Call meeting to order

APPROVE MINUTES FROM MEETING 9/23/08:

Frank Dart mentioned he is waiting on approval of minutes from last meeting.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT-ART SNYDER:

1. Resolution: Authorizing the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement and any amendments to the agreement with the NYS Office of Homeland Security for FY08 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)- Anti Terrorism Funds.

The SHSP will provide Ulster County with \$284,500.00 to support planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs associated with the preparedness and prevention activities for terrorists events using weapons of mass destruction involving biological nuclear incendiary chemical explosive and radiological materials. This grant requires no matching county dollars.

Zimet has questions how this money will be spent. Snyder discusses that this contract will not be signed off until it's put in stone. Will prepare a draft to Sheldon, would show impact of \$284,500.00, and it will show in 09 budget. No different if reflected in 08 or 09 budget, except signed in 09, would have to fill out amendment form per Snyder. Per Snyder, will use money for car mobile data, not all police agencies have that. Snyder states that 911 frequently speaks to everyone MRD, been in existence one year, creates an open channel between agencies, would be a better system to use today. Money is separate, this particular grant can be used for inoperable communications, submit an amendment to budget to show in 09. Cost is \$10,000.00 per car, Rosendale and Shawangunk are on board with this. Zimet checked with Sheldon and it's okay to make amendment to include in 09 budget.

Resolution to be approved, vote on amendment first

Motion: Hansut

Seconded: Ronk

All in favor

Carried

Resolution as amendment

Motion: Zimet

Seconded: Hansut

All in favor

Carried

2. Resolution: Authorizing the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement and any amendments to the agreement with the NYS Department State for participation in the 2008 Local Enhancement Wireless 911 Program.

This is an opportunity to get reimbursed the \$1.20 collected by the state each month on each cell phone. Each county's annual allocation is based on the number of counties participating that year. This year's allocation is \$96,546.00. Since this is a reimbursement program, these expenses have already been incurred.

Motion: Zimet

Seconded: Ronk

All in favor

Carried

ARSON TASK FORCE-WAYNE FREER:

Dart mentions Fire Arson Investigation already signed.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY-HOLLEY CARNRIGHT:

Dart mentions Conference Attendances already signed.

ROBERT SUDLOW-PROBATION DEPARTMENT:

Dart mentions Conference Attendance already signed and that the \$300.00 request for pizza party (Halloween Supervision of Sex Offenders Night) is already signed.

PUBLIC DEFENDER-ANDREW KOSSOVER:

Dart mentions Sharing Success Conference is already signed.

LAURA PETIT-LEGISLATURE:

Petit talks about fire department members having ID badges. She states that there should be badges for social and long-term members also. The badges will allow the members to get a discount for coffee, donuts, oil change, etc., with businesses in Ulster County. The Chamber offered to administer the paperwork to send out to the businesses. Snyder offered to put an extra page on the county website explaining how people can participate and how to become a volunteer and it will have a link showing which businesses are participating. Ronk raises concern that they will need volunteers, the volunteers they have are getting older, need to encourage younger volunteers. Discussion about how to handle badges/cards, funding and administrative issues. Petit reached out to assemblymen, not able to reach out to senators until after election, to see who will administer this program. Discussion about passing and put in amendment for \$1500.00 through Charlie's budget.

Motion: Zimet

Seconded: Hansut

All in favor

Carried

SHERIFF'S OFFICE-SHERIFF VANBLARCUM, UNDERSHERIFF
FALUOTICO:

Faluotico talks about boarding heavily last couple of months. Ebel mentions the jail took in 85 today, discussion will hit 1.3 million this year. Zimet has concerns about inmate's getting fresh air. Ebel states they get fresh air and sunlight. Sheriff VanBlarcum talks about double bunking. Discussion about Niagara double bunking and possibly Dutchess, not sure about Greene. Discussion about why certain counties pay less than others and that the feds want to know where every dime goes. Discussion about Orange County bringing them in at a cheaper rate.

Faluotico passed around hand-outs regarding schools having an emergency lock down drill. States that this will require a lot of effort, will have to go to massive murder scenes to see what could have been done to prevent these types of things, ie., shootings in schools. States he would need police, EMS, and school personnel all on board. States that the teachers are not prepared for this type of incident. Maybe do a dry run with the teachers first prior to school starting, to get them prepared. He feels that the drills will help minimize casualties. He feels when one county gets started with this, the other counties will follow. Maybe start by having a meeting with the schools. Discussion who will institute this, perhaps make it a part of the law that the schools would have to hand in drill reports to the Sheriff's Dept. Believes that Cahill, Larkin, etc. will jump on board to form law. Faluotico mentions he met with police personnel and they agree with this. Dart suggests meeting with school officials. Faluotico suggests forming a committee first and draft a law at a later time.

Motion: Zimet

Seconded: Ronk

No opposition

Carried

Faluotico talks about seizure money coming in with URGENT, \$6,000.00 last month and now have \$30,000.00 in seizure money coming in.

NEW PALTZ COMMUNITY:

Discussion from Zimet about New Paltz community, purchase of drugs and alcohol. Rumor has it that New Paltz is the easiest town to buy drugs and alcohol from.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Hansut

Seconded: Ronk

Meeting adjourned 5:45