

**COUNTY OF OSWEGO  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
COUNTY OFFICE, 46 E. BRIDGE STREET, OSWEGO  
October 27, 2008 1:00 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Paul Santore, Chair  
James Bryant, Vice Chair  
Mary Flett  
Margaret Kastler  
James Oldenburg  
Art Ospelt  
Lee Walker, Jr.

**STAFF/GUESTS**

Leg. Chm. Leemann and Legs. Potter and Gearsbeck  
Administrator Phil Church  
Budget Officer Steve Loadwick  
Pat Egan, Dir. Emergency. Management  
Terry Bennett, Emergency Management Office  
Barbara Schuler, Probation Director  
John Familo, E-911  
John Hinds, Fire Coordinator  
Reuel Todd, Sheriff  
Bob Lighthall, Undersheriff  
Fred Maxon, Purchasing Director  
Ted Jerrett, Legislature Clerk  
Kelly Jordal, Promotion and Tourism  
Roger Fox, Pres. Pioneer Search and Rescue Team  
Corrections Officers Brady, Doerfler, and Ostrowski

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Committee Chair Santore called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Recognition of Long Term Employees:** The Committee moved to the Legislature Chambers to give recognition to three long term employees, each with 15 years of service; Corrections Officers Gerald Brady, Charles Doerfler, and Robert Ostrowski. Sheriff Todd commended each Officer and presented each with a certificate of appreciation.

**Minutes:** The minutes of September 22<sup>nd</sup> were presented.

**Motion to approve:** Legislator Walker

**Second:** Legislator Ospelt

**Vote:** All in favor.

**Sheriff's Department:**

Sheriff Todd presented a request to transfer \$1,500 received from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (Buckle-Up Grant) to the Overtime Payments expenditure line.

**Motion to approve:** Legislator Ospelt

**Second:** Legislator Kastler

**Vote:** All in favor

Sheriff Todd presented a request to accept \$9,461 in Federal Funding through the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) and transfer \$2,081.42 to Other Fees and Services and \$7,379.58 to Overtime Payments.

**Motion to approve:** Legislator Kastler

**Second:** Legislator Oldenburg

**Vote:** All in favor

Sheriff Todd presented a request to transfer \$40,000 from the Road Patrol Salary and Wages-Regular to the Overtime line. This is to cover overtime made necessary to cover unmanned positions. Leg. Oldenburg inquired if this is expected to cover the needs through the end of 2008. Sheriff Todd replied, yes.

**Motion to approve:** Legislator Ospelt

**Second:** Legislator Kastler

**Vote:** All in favor

Sheriff Todd presented a request to transfer \$135,000 from Corrections Salary and Wages-Regular to the Overtime line. This is to cover overtime made necessary to cover unmanned positions. Leg. Oldenburg inquired if this is expected to cover the needs through the end of 2008. Sheriff Todd replied, yes.

**Motion to approve:** Legislator Walker

**Second:** Legislator Kastler

**Vote:** All in favor

Sheriff Todd presented a request to purchase six replacement vehicles at a maximum cost of \$138,000. He noted that the number is down from the usual 12 cars replaced each year. Sheriff Todd added that with the many unfilled road patrol positions, even though fewer cars are involved, those remaining are accumulating miles much more quickly.

**Motion to approve:** Legislator Ospelt

**Second:** Legislator Oldenburg

**Vote:** All in favor

**Fire Coordinator:**

Fire Coordinator John Hinds presented a proposed schedule of fees for use of the new Fire School and asked for the Committee's support. He noted that the fees are targeted to allow the training center to recover costs of operation and provide training to county emergency service organizations at the lowest cost possible.

**Motion to approve:** Legislator Ospelt

**Second:** Legislator Bryant

**Vote:** All in favor

**Emergency Management:**

Emergency Management Director Patricia Egan presented a request to accept and expend a \$112,500 reimbursement from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Oswego County's mandated Hazard Mitigation Program.

**Motion to approve:** Legislator Oldenburg

**Second:** Legislator Walker

**Vote:** All in favor

Director Patricia Egan noted an opportunity to pursue a \$190,500 Homeland Security (State) Grant and asked for Committee support to proceed.

**Motion to approve:** Legislator Kastler

**Second:** Legislator Oldenburg

**Vote:** All in favor

**E-911:**

Administrator Phil Church presented a request to transfer \$50,000 from the unappropriated fund balance to Capital Project #174-Communications System Assessment to retain the services of a licensed frequency coordinator.

**Motion to approve:** Legislator Ospelt

**Second:** Legislator Kastler

**Vote:** All in favor.

\*\*1:15 Legislator Flett arrived

**Budget Review – Emergency Management Office:** Director Egan noted the proposed 2009 Budget is slightly less than 2008 in total appropriations. Leg. Walker inquired if there is a chance to get more financial support from the utilities for the County's help in maintaining their licenses. Director Egan said that had been proposed but has yet to hear of progress.

**Motion to approve EMO proposed 2009 Budget:** Legislator Ospelt

**Second:** Legislator Oldenburg

**Vote:** All in favor.

\*\*1:26 John Familo of E-911 arrived

**Budget Review – Fire Coordinator’s Office:**

Fire Coordinator Hinds presented his proposed 2009 Budget noting that most of the changes are driven by the requirements of operating the Fire School, Fire Instructors, etc. Coordinator Hinds also requested that his 5 Deputy Fire Coordinators receive a 3% raise from \$2,305 to \$2,374. Leg. Walker inquired if the requested clerk will be Part Time. Mr. Hinds replied, yes. Coordinator Hinds also noted that he would like to revise the projected \$78,000 in revenue down to \$65,000.

**Motion to approve Fire Coordinator Budget with reduction of revenue projection to \$65,000:** Leg. Ospelt

**Second:** Legislator Flett

**Vote:** All in favor.

**Budget Review – E-911 Office:**

John Familo presented the proposed 2009 E-911 Budget noting that overtime is expected to be up slightly from \$40,000 to \$45,000.

**Motion to approve E-911 Budget as presented:** Legislator Oldenburg

**Second:** Legislator Flett

**Vote:** All in favor.

**Budget Review – Probation Office:**

Probation Director Barbara Schuler presented the proposed 2009 Probation Budget noting that the net county cost is expected to be up about \$150,000 primarily due to New York State cutting reimbursement levels and shifting costs to counties.

**Motion to approve Probation Budget as presented:** Legislator Oldenburg

**Second:** Legislator Kastler

**Vote:** All in favor.

**Budget Review – Sheriff’s Office:**

Sheriff Todd presented the proposed 2009 Sheriff’s Budget and asked if there were any questions.

**Motion to approve the Sheriff’s Proposed 2009 Budget as presented:** Legislator Ospelt

**Second:** Legislator Bryant

**Vote:** All in favor.

**Budget Review – Search and Rescue Team:**

Roger Fox, President of the Pioneer Search and Rescue Team thanked the Committee for its past support and requested approval for the proposed budget.

**Motion to approve the Search and Rescue Proposed 2009 Budget as presented:** Legislator Kastler

**Second:** Legislator Oldenburg

**Vote:** All in favor.

**At 2:00, the Committee went into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Evaluation**

**Motion by Leg. Ospelt**

**Seconded by Leg. Walker**

**Vote: All in favor**

Committee returned from Executive Session at 2:15

**Adjournment:** 2:18 PM

**Motion to adjourn:** Leg. Walker

**Second:** Leg. Bryant

**Vote:** All in favor.