

COUNTY OF OSWEGO
PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
COUNTY OFFICE, 46 E. BRIDGE STREET, OSWEGO
September 28, 2009 2:00 PM

PRESENT:

Paul Santore, Chair
Linda Lockwood, Vice Chair
Shawn Doyle
Mary Flett
Legislator Gardner
Margaret Kastler
Lee Walker, Jr.

STAFF/GUESTS

Phil Church, County Administrator
Legs. Hayes, Gearsbeck, LeClair, Potter
Reuel Todd, Sheriff
Robert Lighthall, Undersheriff
Pat Egan, Dir. Emergency. Management
Terry Bennett, Emergency Management Office
John Hinds, Fire Coordinator
Mike Allen, E-911 Director
Deborah Meyer, Probation Director
Fred Maxon, Purchasing Director
Ted Jerrett, Clerk of the Legislature

MEDIA:

Aaron Curtis, Pall Times

Committee Chair Santore called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

1. Minutes: The minutes of August 24th were presented.

Motion to approve: Leg. Doyle

Second: Leg. Gardner

Vote: Unanimous

- 2. Fire School Update:** Fire Coordinator John Hinds noted that the props have been recently serviced and that the Fire School is operating well. He noted that both Entergy and Novelis are back to using the facility for their fire training and that several more fire departments from both inside and outside Oswego County are scheduling training there.

3. Sheriff's Department:

A. Resolution – Capital Project 326: Sheriff Todd requested a budget modification transferring \$800,000 from the Unappropriated Fund Balance to establish Capital Project #26-Correctional Facility's Master Control System. Legislators Gearsbeck and Walker asked if the work will be bid out. Sheriff Todd noted that the company being considered is on the State Contract. Administrator Church noted that there will be a Request for Proposals (RFP) and returned proposals will be compared to the State Contract before a decision is made.

Motion to approve: Leg. Doyle

Second: Leg. Kastler

Vote: Unanimous

B. Budget Modification – Snowmobile Purchase: Sheriff Todd requested support for a budget modification transferring \$35,000 from the Gasoline and Oil Account to Other Equipment to purchase three snowmobiles and a snowmobile trailer. The purchases will replace three snowmobiles and a trailer that are no longer in serviceable condition. Leg. Doyle said he was familiar with this issue and agreed that replacement would be the wisest action. Administrator Church noted that such purchases would normally be requested at budget time, but to receive the replacements in time for the snow season requires earlier action.

Motion to approve: Leg. Kastler

Second: Leg. Lockwood

Vote: Unanimous

4. E-911:

A. Hyper-Reach Upgrade: E-911 Director Mike Allen reported that recent upgrades to our Emergency Notification System including automatic phone number update and inclusion of a new call group have been under-written in part by Constellation and Entergy.

B. Radio Project Update: Director Allen reported that progress continues with the new emergency radio system noting an upcoming meeting with Fulton Officials to discuss the Water Tower Hill Site as a possible tower location. He also announced that an informational meeting on the radio project is scheduled for 7:30 PM on October 14th at the Joint Information Center located at the Oswego County Airport. In response to a question by Leg. LeClair, Director Allen stated that implementation of the new radio system will take about 18 months from agreement to completion. He added that other counties in the Consortium are at various stages of the process we are in, some nearing completion while others are just beginning studies.

Director Allen commented on his continuing search for grants to reduce the local cost of the new radio system. He noted that because of the way that NY State keeps the 911 surcharge on cell phones, NY counties, including Oswego, are ineligible for any of a \$40 million federal grant. Sheriff Todd added that the funds kept by NY State amounted to \$176 million last year and that he and Director Allen have long been working through their respective state associations to get NY State to release some of those funds to the counties. Leg. Walker asked about the likelihood of NY State releasing some of that \$176 million to Oswego County. Administrator Church responded that even though we continue to make the case for counties to receive a portion of the 911 Surcharge Funds, he's not optimistic that it will happen soon.

C. Monthly Report

Director Allen provided a monthly summary of activity in the 911 Office (copy attached).

6. Adjournment: 2:37 PM

Motion to adjourn: Leg. Walker

Second: Leg. Gardner

Vote: Unanimous

9-1-1 Center - August, 2009

Center Activity

2,832 9-1-1 calls answered
3,108 W9-1-1 calls answered
2,770 7-Digit Emerg. calls answered
6,736 Admin. / Non Emerg. Calls answered
3,985 Outgoing Admin. calls made
698 Abandoned 911 calls

1,607 Fire calls dispatched
943 EMS calls dispatched
7,858 Law calls dispatched

7858 (90.22 %) Emergency Calls answered within 10 seconds

Requests for information

14 Requests for recorded audio files
3 Requests for statistical reports

Management activity

Attended UAWG in Fulton.

Met with State OFT in Oswego to preview presentation developed by that office for the Communications Assets Survey and Mapping Tool. (I am the lead for this program in the region)

Conference call with NYSAC to discuss participation in Fall Conference.

Met with Senior Staff members to discuss issues of importance to the Center.

Held informational Presentation on proposed Radio System for all User Agencies.

Conference call to discuss rebanding

Traveled to Franklin County to observe installed new CAD upgrade that we are contemplating.