

**Public Safety Committee
January 7, 2009**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

B. Dibble, Chairman, G. Benson, B. Reynolds, D. Burdick, K. Kruger, M. McCormick, D. Fanton, D. Pullen, T. Hopkins, T. O'Grady

Others Present:

J. Margeson, P. Gallmann J. Tucker D. Sirianni D. Aumick B. Kelley G. Green, B. Tompkins, E. Ruckle, R. Christman, R. Hall B. Rigby-Riehle, T. Miner

Fire Advisory Board Rep: Dick Sortore

Chairman Dibble called the meeting to order at 2:02.

On motion by Mr. Kruger and seconded by Mr. McCormick, the minutes of the December 3 meeting were unanimously approved.

Probation Department

Chairman Dibble called on Dave Sirianni, Director for his report.

Dave noted he will be retiring as Probation Director on March 27 after thirty-two years. He will be submitting a formal letter shortly.

On motion by Mr. Kruger and seconded by Mr. Burdick the committee moved into executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

On motion by Mr. Kruger and seconded by Mr. Reynolds the committee moved out of executive session.

STOP DWI - Youth Bureau

Chairman Dibble called on Deb Aumick, Coordinator for her report.

Deb noted the State has approved the Allegany County STOP/DWI plan. Deb briefly discussed state aid and grant matters.

Sheriff

Chairman Dibble called on Sheriff Tompkins for his report.

The Sheriff requested approval to transfer \$21,000 from 3110.4.03 to 3110.4.09. On motion by Mr. Kruger and seconded by Mr. Reynolds the committee unanimously approved the request.

The Sheriff noted of some jail inmate figures.

Mr. Reynolds noted that starting February 2 the entry doors to the county office building and court house will be locked except for the front door to the court house and the breezeway entry door to the county office building. A formal notice will be sent to departments.

Russ Hall, 911 Coordinator was asked to give a status report of the radio communications grant project. Russ noted the RFP is being reviewed and it is anticipated that three or four vendors should bid on the project which should start as soon as the weather improves.

It was noted the grant funds need to be expended by September of 2010.

Fire Service

Chairman Dibble called on Paul Gallmann, Fire Coordinator for his report.

Paul noted three of the four firemen injured at the Friendship Pizza Shop fire are now home.

Mr. Kruger noted he was given photos of the incident. Paul noted Friendship is putting together a power point presentation. Mr. Kruger suggested the presentation should be made at a future board meeting. It was noted there are many other brick buildings in the county similar to the construction of the one at this incident.

Paul noted that the modern turnout gear saved these firefighters lives.

It was indicated that because of the NY State budget situation, future fire training has been cancelled for the 2009 training year that ends March 31.

New Business

A request was submitted for two appointments to the Traffic Safety Board. Jimmy Joyce to replace Tom McDonnell and Shawn Whitney to replace Jim Ames.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Kruger the request was unanimously approved.

Old Business

A brief report was given from the AD HOC Building Security Committee noting that the matter of locking the entry doors of the county complex and addressing video camera coverage was also discussed at the Public Works Committee.

There was discussion regarding the Assigned Council contract. John Margeson will be contacting the County Bar Association for possible interest of any members.

On motion by Mr. Kruger and seconded by Mr. McCormick, the committee went into executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Kruger the committee moved out of executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2009**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Present: W. Dibble, B. Reynolds, K. Kruger, D. Burdick, M. McCormick, G. Benson

Others: C. Crandall, N. Ungermann, T. Miner, J. Margeson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:10 a.m. by Chairman Dibble.

On motion of B. Reynolds, seconded by D. Burdick and carried, the committee went into executive session to discuss the employment history of a specific corporation.

On motion of M. McCormick, seconded by D. Burdick the committee vacated executive session at 4:20 p.m.

On motion of M. McCormick, seconded by D. Burdick the committee approved the sponsorship of a resolution to enter into a contract with Allegany/Cattaraugus Legal Services, Inc. through December 31, 2009 for the provision of legal services to the indigent at a fee of \$208,000. Voting no: B. Reynolds **PREPARE A RESOLUTION**

Committee adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 26, 2009**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Present: W. Dibble, D. Burdick, B. Reynolds, K.. Kruger, M. McCormick

Others: C. Crandall, N. Ungermann, T. O'Grady, J. Margeson

Call to Order: Chairman Dibble called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

On motion of B. Reynolds, seconded by D. Burdick and carried, the committee entered an executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

At 3:00 p.m., on motion of K. Kruger, seconded by M. McCormick and carried, the committee vacated executive session.

On motion of B. Reynolds, seconded by D. Burdick and carried, by a vote of 4 aye, 1 nay (K. Kruger opposed), the committee determined to solicit applications for the pending Probation Director II vacancy from candidates currently in the employ of county government.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

**Public Safety Committee
February 4, 2009**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

B. Dibble, Chairman, G. Benson, D. Burdick, K. Kruger, M. McCormick, B. Reynolds, D. Pullen, T. Hopkins, T. O'Grady, C. Crandall

Others Present:

J. Margeson, P. Gallmann, J. Tucker, B. Tompkins, T. Parker, D. Sirianni, D. Aumick, G. Green, B. Rigby-Riehle, R. Christman, T. Miner

Fire Advisory Board Rep: Dick Sortore

Media: Wellsville Daily Reporter

Chairman Dibble called the meeting to order at 2:00.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Kruger, the minutes of the January 7, 12 and 26 meetings were unanimously approved.

STOP DWI - Youth Bureau

Chairman Dibble called on Deb Aumick, Coordinator for her report.

Deb noted she had been working to try to reduce costs and identify additional revenue for her department.

Probation

Chairman Dibble called on Dave Sirianni, Director for his report.

Dave submitted a request for a resolution to renew the county's Pretrial Release and Community Service Contracts. There was some discussion on the merits of the program and cost savings on jail space.

On motion by Mr. Kruger and seconded by Mr. Reynolds the committee unanimously approved the request. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

Mr. Reynolds praised Dave for the great work in operating the Probation Department and noted his work is greatly appreciated.

District Attorney

Chairman Dibble called on Terry Parker, District Attorney for his report.

Terry noted of some anticipated State Aid reductions in the next year. This was discussed at the recent District Attorneys' Association meeting.

Some possible creative revenue funding projects were noted to assist both the county and local municipalities including traffic fines and bad check fines. There may be an educational program to assist with budgeting for bad check writers.

There was discussion regarding the local justices reducing fines. Terry noted his office has to approve the request. The case can go to court. It was noted the State does monitor local judges' activities.

Sheriff

Chairman Dibble called on Sheriff Tompkins for his report.

The Sheriff gave a status report on the Interoperable Communications grant project. None of the funding has been expended. The State is questioning the use of the grant funds for communications equipment in that it has to comply with the federal P25 requirements to use digital equipment. Because of the cost difference, digital radios were not proposed.

To comply, there would be a great increase on the local match for the grant.

The Sheriff noted a letter was sent to the state and some of the state legislators have been contacted and requested to assist in the matter.

The Sheriff submitted a request for approval of a resolution by the county to request relief from the Division of Parole and the Department of Correctional Services to lessen the amount of time that parole violators and state ready inmates are held at county jails.

On motion by Mr. Kruger and seconded by Mr. Reynolds the committee unanimously approved the draft resolution provided by the county attorney.

Chairman Dibble noted it will be offered from the floor at the Friday Board meeting.

The Sheriff requested approval to reappropriate \$15,821 unexpended 2007 Homeland Security Grant funds (LETPP).

On motion by Mr. Kruger and seconded by Mr. Reynolds the committee unanimously approved the request and referred it to Ways and Means.

The Sheriff requested approval to accept and appropriate \$23,750 of 2008 Homeland Security grant funds. Revenue account A10.3306.SHF7 and appropriate to 3645.2.17.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Kruger the committee unanimously approved the resolution and referred it to Ways and Means.

Mr. Burdick asked the Sheriff if the increase in the hourly rate for the Corrections Officers has helped in recruitment. The Sheriff noted that it has.

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Dibble called on John Tucker, Director for his report.

John requested approval to reappropriate \$63,000 of the unexpended 2007 Homeland Security Grant using revenue account A10.3306.EMG8 and reappropriate it to A3645.218.

On motion by Mr. Kruger and seconded by Mr. Burdick the committee unanimously approved the request and referred it to Ways and Means.

John requested approval to accept the new 2008 Homeland Security grant for \$71,250 with revenue account A10.3306.EMG8 and appropriate it to A3645.215.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Kruger the committee unanimously approved the request and referred it to Ways and Means.

The meeting adjourned on motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Kruger at 2:45.

**Public Safety Committee
March 4, 2009**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present:

B. Dibble, Chairman, G. Benson, D. Burdick, K. Kruger, M. McCormick, B. Reynolds, C. Crandall, D. Fanton, T. Hopkins, T. O'Grady

Others Present:

J. Margeson, P. Gallmann, J. Tucker, D. Sirianni, G. Green, B. Tompkins, B. Goetschius, T. Miner, B. Rigby Riehle, E. Ruckle

Fire Advisory Board Rep: Dick Sortore

Chairman Dibble called the meeting to order at 2:03.

On motion by Mr. Kruger and seconded by Mr. Burdick, the minutes of the February 4 meeting were unanimously approved with the following amendment:

In the Sheriff's report the amount of the grant re-appropriation should be \$10,617.00 instead of \$15,821.00.

Probation Department

Chairman Dibble called on Dave Sirianni, Director for his report.

A request was submitted to fill a vacant position in the department.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Kruger the committee unanimously approved the request to fill a Probation Officer Trainee position and refer it on to Ways and Means.

Sheriff

Chairman Dibble called on Sheriff Tompkins for his report.

The Sheriff submitted a request to create and fill three full time 911 dispatcher positions. It was noted there is funding in the budget. It was noted there is currently a civil service list of personnel that are eligible.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Kruger the committee unanimously approved the request and forwarded it to Ways and Means.

The Sheriff requested approval to fill nine part time 911 dispatch positions.

On motion by Mr. Kruger and seconded by Mr. Burdick the committee unanimously approved the request and referred it to Ways and Means.

There was some discussion regarding the need for a civil service exam for the 911 dispatcher positions.

The Sheriff submitted a request for approval for the Act II Batters Program dealing with domestic violence. It was noted the District Attorney's office has \$10,000 in grant funding for the program.

The Sheriff requested creation of revenue account #A03.2260.3117 and appropriate to account #A3117.449 the amount of \$10,000.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. McCormick, the committee unanimously approved the request and referred it to Ways and Means.

The Sheriff discussed the current status of the Public Safety Interoperability Grant. As noted previously, there is still concern for the P-25 equipment requirement. Motorola has indicated some substantial sale prices on their equipment. The Sheriff noted of concern for radio coverage on this system and the number of radio towers we would need.

Doug Burdick asked about a letter submitted in reference to the dispatching of an incident. The Sheriff will follow up on the matter.

The Sheriff noted of the recent COC inspection of the jail facility. The COC complimented the county on the operation of the facility. There were no violations.

On motion by Mr. Kruger and seconded by Mr. Burdick, the committee moved into executive session to discuss a matter leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

On motion by Mr. Kruger and seconded by Mr. Reynolds the committee moved out of executive session.

The contract for the Assigned Council was discussed. Mr. Kruger indicated he felt there should be support for the business in Allegany County therefore he would not support William Pulos.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Burdick, William Pulos was chosen as the Assigned Council Administrator. Yes votes: Reynolds, Burdick, Crandall and Benson. Voting against was Kruger and McCormick. Motion approved.

County Attorney Prepare Resolution

The meeting adjourned at 3:25.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MARCH 9, 2009**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Present: W. Dibble, G. Benson, D. Burdick, K. Kruger, M. McCormick, C. Crandall

Call to Order: Chairman Dibble called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

On motion of K. Kruger, seconded by McCormick and carried, the committee went into executive session to discuss the performance history of a particular corporation.

On motion of K. Kruger, seconded by D. Burdick and carried the committee vacated executive session at 3:45 p.m.

A motion was made by K. Kruger, seconded by C. Crandall to enter into a contract through December 31, 2009 with Allegany/Cattaraugus Legal Services, Inc. for the provision of legal services for the indigent for a fee of \$153,000. On a roll call vote of 3 aye and 3 nay, the motion was unsuccessful. Members voting aye: K. Kruger, Wm. Dibble, C. Crandall. Voting nay: D. Burdick, G. Benson, M. McCormick.

On motion of D. Burdick, seconded by K. Kruger, the committee entered executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person and to interview Mr. Robert Starks for the position of Probation Director soon to be vacated by the retirement of David A. Sirianni.

On motion of M. McCormick, seconded by D. Burdick the committee exited executive session.

On motion of M. McCormick, seconded by D. Burdick and carried the committee approved a resolution to appoint Robert D. Starks to the position of Probation Director effective March 28, 2009 at an annual salary of \$56,000. **PREPARE A RESOLUTION**

Committee adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 1, 2009

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

W. Dibble, D. Burdick, K. Kruger, B. Reynolds, C. Crandall
(Absent: Benson, McCormick)

Others Present

D. Fanton, P. Gallman, W. Goetschius, G. Green, R. Hall, B. Kelley, J. Luckey, J. Margeson, T. Miner, T. O'Grady, T. Parker, D. Pullen, B. Riehle, B. Riley, E. Ruckle, R. Sortore, R. Starks, W. Tompkins, N. Ungermann,

Media Present

J. Anderson, B. Quinn – Wellsville Daily Reporter

Approval of Minutes

Legislator Karl Kruger made a motion to amend the March 4, 2009 Public Safety Committee minutes to reflect the following:

1. Legislator Brent Reynolds noted that William Pulus, Candidate for the Assigned Council Administrator, had done a lot for the Republican Party in Allegany County.
2. Legislator Karl Kruger believes that the contract for Assigned Council Administrator should remain with Timothy Embser because his law practice is located in Allegany County.

Legislator Kruger's motion did not receive a second, and Mr. Kruger indicated that he wanted the comments added so if anyone researched that particular meeting or subject matter, they would know why decisions were made as they were.

A motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Reynolds and carried (Voting No: Kruger) to approve the March 4, 2009 Public Safety Committee minutes. A motion was also made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Reynolds and carried to approve the March 9, 2009 Public Safety Committee minutes.

E-911 System

Bernie Riley introduced himself as the President of the Wellsville Police Department Union and indicated that he requested privilege of the floor to discuss the current situation of Allegany County 911, the anticipated pulling of the 911 trunk lines from Wellsville as well as the fiscal implications of doing so.

Mr. Riley stated that his primary concern is the safety of their officers and the public they serve. Mr. Riley indicated that although they have concerns over the service the Village of Wellsville has received from the Allegany County 911 so far, it is not his intention to criticize the personnel at the Dispatch Center, they have no problem with the County taking over 911, and they also agree wholeheartedly that the responsibility for the 911 Center falls with the Sheriff. Mr. Riley stated that he is concerned because the same problems play over and over with no resolution. There is currently a 911 transition team in place; however, their efforts to resolve issues seem sporadically effective at best.

Chairman Curtis Crandall asked Mr. Riley if he had addressed his concerns with the Sheriff, and Mr. Riley replied that a transition team was in place, and he thought the proper chain of command was to bring his concerns to the Public Safety Committee. Chairman Crandall indicated that these types of issues should be brought to the Sheriff first, and the Sheriff confirmed that he would welcome any questions or concerns that Mr. Riley would like to discuss. Public Safety Committee Chairman William Dibble also suggested that a letter could be sent to the Sheriff with copies to committee members. Mr. Riley indicated that it was his understanding that the effective date for the change in 911 was April 15, and he believes time is as of the essence, and he was told the best avenue was to speak to the Public

Safety Committee to keep everyone on the same page. Sheriff William Tompkins indicated that he has made it clear that Wellsville could put anyone they wanted on the transition team, and the purpose of the committee is so that things are dealt with properly in a timely fashion. Mr. Riley asserted that the transition team is not taking care of these issues, and that is what he is concerned about – the transition team is not working, and he is concerned about the safety of the officers. No one will address the issues he has. Sheriff Tompkins stated that Mr. Riley’s concerns have not been brought to his attention, and this is not the proper forum to discuss them. Legislator Timothy O’Grady argued that this is the proper forum since they have concerns about adding three new Dispatchers. Mr. Riley stated that everyone continues to say that there will be meetings, and letters will be given, and the issues continue to go unresolved, and we continue putting people at risk.

Legislator Karl Kruger suggested that perhaps Mr. Riley should be a part of the transition team or at least attend the meetings so that he could present his concerns. Sheriff Tompkins reiterated that Wellsville can put anyone they would like on the transition team, and it was developed to facilitate the 911 transfer. Mr. Riley noted that the Wellsville Police Chief was one of the people that suggested he should bring his concerns to the Public Safety committee. Mr. Riley also indicated that they also have concerns regarding the fiscal responsibility of moving the lines. Legislator O’Grady stated that it would behoove the Public Safety Committee to also have a member on the transition team so that information can be passed on to all Legislators so that informed decisions can be made.

Request to Add Three Dispatchers

Emergency Communications Coordinator Russ Hall stated that there seems to be some confusion regarding the request to create three new full-time Dispatcher positions. Mr. Hall indicated that the three new positions are not needed due to taking on the Wellsville 911, but rather they are to replace the part-time employees. Mr. Hall indicated that the turnover in part-time employees is enormous. The training costs quite a bit, and then we can’t keep them. Of the seven we trained last year, we only have two left because we don’t give them enough hours or pay them enough. Legislator O’Grady stated that increasing the part-time pool is actually making their problems worse rather than helping it, and we just approved the filling of nine part-time Dispatchers. Mr. Hall indicated that they have 17 part-time positions; however, many of them have other full-time jobs, and we can’t cover the schedule with the employees we have now. Part-timers are not the answer to the problem; we need more full-time Dispatchers. Sheriff Tompkins added that the Dispatch Center is understaffed, and we will end up having a catastrophic emergency; Wellsville 911 impacts this, but they are not the total cause. The Sheriff stated that it is very difficult to explain all the issues that impact the center.

Mr. Riley stated that the Public Safety Committee should really be more informed regarding what the state recommends relative to 911. Mr. Riley reiterated that they have no problem with the Sheriff taking over 911, but the Village of Wellsville has come to expect a certain level of professionalism, and there should be joint training along with other things. Sheriff Tompkins stated that it would be very appropriate to bring these things to the transition team. Mr. Riley indicated that he was not even aware there was a transition team until a few days ago. Mr. Riley noted that they do not want to be part of a power struggle, but they want to make sure that they are not paying for something we don’t need.

Youth Board Appointments

On April 13, the Chairman of the Board plans to reappoint the following as members of the Allegany County Youth Board for a three-year term commencing March 26, 2009 and expiring March 25, 2012, subject to confirmation by the Board of Legislators:

Linda Edwards, Houghton	(District I)
Kathy Morris, Cuba	(District II)
Jack Emrick, Scio	(District III)
Michele Henry, Wellsville	(District IV)
Vicky Westacott, Alfred	(District V)

A motion was made by Legislator Reynolds, seconded by Chairman Crandall and carried to sponsor a resolution confirming the Chairman’s appointments. **Prepare Resolution**

Petroleum Product Quality Program Contract

Weights and Measures Director Gilbert Green requested a resolution to amend and extend an agreement (No. C010419) with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and Allegany County for the Petroleum Product Quality Program for a term starting April 1, 2009 and ending March 31, 2014. The County would be reimbursed \$5,040 per year for a total of \$25,200 over five years. The previous reimbursement rate was \$3,990 per year. Mr. Green indicated that this is the sampling he does at fueling stations throughout the County to ensure that the proper octane levels are maintained and additive levels are correct. Mr. Green requested that the resolution approving the agreement include an amendment to his budget figures to reflect the increase in funding. The annual increase of \$1,050 should be appropriated to A6610.422 (Consumer Affairs – Gasoline) with a like sum placed in revenue account A10.3989.01 (State Aid - Weights & Measures – Testing). The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Kruger and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Request to Fill Positions in Probation Department

Probation Director Robert Starks requested approval to fill a Probation Supervisor (Non-Union, Grade 8) position that became vacant when he accepted the position of Director. He plans to promote from within and would also like approval to fill the position of Sr. Probation Officer (AFSCME, Grade 20), which in turn will create a vacancy in the position of Probation Officer which he would like to fill with a Probation Officer Trainee (AFSCME, Grade 16). Mr. Starks distributed copies of an organizational chart and breakdown of salaries noting that the changes in positions will result in a savings of \$32,186. The request to fill the three positions which was also recommended by County Administrator John Margeson was approved on a motion by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Kruger and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Change of Position Title in Probation Department

Mr. Starks requested a resolution creating the title of Senior Probation Assistant to better reflect the duties performed by the current Probation Assistant who has held the position for 15 years and has been working out of title for many years. The Human Resources Office has completed a desk audit and the request has the support of the County Administrator. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Reynolds, seconded by Chairman Crandall and carried. (Voting No: Kruger) **Refer to Personnel**

Allegany Council and Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Contract

Sheriff William Tompkins requested a resolution approving a contract with the Allegany County Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse for the Sheriff’s Office to implement sobriety checkpoints, party patrols, and compliance checks in Allegany County. The contract requires a total of 300 hours of patrols in return for a fee of \$10,000 for the period December 2008 through May 2009. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

Appropriation account #A3150.103 (Jail – Personnel Services)	\$ 9,126
Appropriation account #A3110.422 (Sheriff – Gas & Oil)	\$ 874
Revenue account #A02.1510.02 (Sheriff’s Fees – ACASA)	\$10,000

The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Kruger, seconded by Legislator Reynolds and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Dispatch Center

Legislator Timothy O’Grady listed several things that had recently been done to help the situation in the Dispatch Center which included raising the Dispatchers’ pay and spending money on updated equipment and radio system. Legislator O’Grady stated that he would like to see a plan put in place and presented to the Public Safety Committee and Legislators summarizing the steps we have taken, the steps that still need to be taken, fiscal implications of the steps and what our final goal is. Legislator O’Grady stated that as a Legislator, it is very difficult to make informed decisions when you do not have all of the information you need to make those decisions. Mr. O’Grady asserted that everyone needs to

have a better understanding of where the program is going, how we are going to get there and how much it will cost.

Legislator Karl Kruger briefly addressed some of the issues the Dispatch Center has had to deal with including an antiquated radio system, noting that Allegany County just does not have the money to attack our problems comprehensively along with trying to keep people hired and trained, and everyone does the best they can with what they have. Legislator O'Grady commented that we still need to have a plan and a goal that can be worked at and chipped away at.

Sheriff William Tompkins stated that he doesn't have a problem with a plan but indicated that you have to have an understanding of the issues, and he doesn't expect Legislators to have a thorough understanding of all the issues and assumes they leave it up to the people put in authority to have an understanding. Even with a plan in place, there will still be some confusion, and a plan will not solve this issue. Sheriff Tompkins also expressed some concerns about trying to keep the Legislators thoroughly informed.

Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant Program

Legislator Douglas Burdick asked if anything is moving forward with the \$1,700,475.96 grant from New York State on the Public Safety Interoperable Communication (PSIC) Grant. Sheriff Tompkins indicated that he did meet with the Chairman of the Board and the County Administrator about this matter. Legislator Burdick expressed concern because the Sheriff was quoted as saying the project originally estimated at \$2,123,594.80 could cost \$4 million, and that is scary. Public Safety Chairman William Dibble requested the Sheriff to keep the committee updated on this issue.

Assigned Counsel Administrator

Legislator Brent Reynolds indicated that Attorney William Pulos would like to remove his name from consideration as Assigned Counsel Administrator. A motion was made by Legislator Kruger, seconded by Legislator Crandall and carried to renew our agreement with Timothy Embser as Assigned Counsel Administrator for an annual fee of \$15,000. **Prepare Resolution**

Executive Session

A motion was made by Legislator Kruger, seconded by Legislator Reynolds and carried to enter into executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment or employment of a particular corporation. Immediately following discussion, a motion was made by Legislator Reynolds, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting.

Legal Representation of Indigent Persons

A motion was made by Chairman Crandall, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to enter into an agreement with Allegany/Cattaraugus Legal Services, Inc. for the provision of legal services for the indigent for a fee of \$153,375 for the period April 1 through December 31, 2009. (Voting No: Kruger, Reynolds) **Prepare Resolution**

Public Defender Barbara Kelley asked how she should proceed until the resolution is adopted, and the agreement is officially in place. Committee members requested that she continue as she has been.

Building Security

Public Safety Committee Chairman William Dibble distributed some information from a company called TimeClock Plus which included fingerprint verification for employees. After a brief discussion, committee members suggested the matter be referred to the Public Works Committee. **Refer to Public Works**

Legislator Karl Kruger indicated that he believes the building doors should be unlocked because he does not believe the action has improved building security, and it's an inconvenience.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Legislator Kruger, seconded by Chairman Crandall and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Rigby Riehle, Clerk of the Board

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 6, 2009

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

W. Dibble, G. Benson, D. Burdick, M. McCormick, B. Reynolds, C. Crandall
(Absent: K. Kruger)

Others Present

D. Fanton, P. Gallmann, T. Hopkins, B. Kelley, J. Luckey, J. Margeson, T. O'Grady, T. Parker, D. Pullen,
B. Riehle, E. Ruckle, R. Starks, W. Tompkins, N. Ungermann

Media Present

B. Quinn – Wellsville Daily Reporter

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Brent Reynolds, seconded by Legislator Douglas Burdick and carried to amend the April 1 Public Safety Committee minutes to indicate that the Probation Department Supervisor position referred to on page three is a PEF (Public Employees Federation) position rather than a non-unit position. A motion was then made by Legislator Reynolds, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to approve the minutes as amended.

Transfer of Funds – District Attorney Accounts

District Attorney Terrence Parker requested a resolution transferring \$1,718 from A1165.433 (District Attorney – Contractual) to A1165.204 (District Attorney – Equipment) to finance the cost of equipping a vehicle with a radio and other equipment. Mr. Parker explained that the work was completed and budgeted for last year; however, there were some billing errors, and the corrected invoice was not received until this year. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator McCormick, seconded by Legislator Benson and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Acceptance of Grant Funding – Probation Department

Probation Director Robert Starks requested a resolution accepting \$47,000 from the Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives to contract with Allegany Rehabilitative Associates for a mental health therapist to provide mental health services for pre-trial and probation supervision cases. The therapist has an office in the Allegany County Jail and would continue to work out of the jail for the third year in a row. It was noted that the funds have already been included in the 2009 budget. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Reynolds, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Request to Fill Correction Officer Positions – Sheriff's Office

Sheriff William Tompkins requested approval to fill a Correction Officer (Council 82) position that became vacant when an employee resigned. The position is needed to fulfill the minimum staffing levels as required by the NYS Commission of Corrections. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Reynolds, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Sheriff William Tompkins requested approval to fill a Correction Office (Council 82) position that became vacant when an employee went on disability. The position is needed to fulfill the minimum staffing levels as required by the NYS Commission of Corrections. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator McCormick, seconded by Legislator Reynolds and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Garden Program

The Sheriff indicated that they plan to supply a lot of vegetables for the Meals on Wheels Program from the inmate garden. The garden program is continuing, and the Sheriff indicated that they

have actually expanded about another quarter of an acre. They should harvest approximately 10,000 pounds of potatoes this year.

Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant Program

Legislator Douglas Burdick and Legislator Michael McCormick asked for a status update on the Public Safety Interoperable Communication (PSIC) Grant. Sheriff Tompkins indicated that he has consulted with several people, and he has finally received some solid answers about where we stand with the grant, and the Sheriff believes he has a better understanding of the situation and what they have to do to proceed. Sheriff Tompkins indicated that the Board will have to make a final decision sometime in the near future about whether or not we want to proceed. So far no work has been done, and no money has been spent. Fire Coordinator Paul Gallmann reported that we have until September 2010 to spend the money. The Sheriff indicated that we will want to get started with the process so that the weather doesn't end up keeping us from getting the work done.

Emergency Communications in Allegany County

Legislator Timothy O'Grady indicated that a fireman from Andover approached him indicating that he owns a tower that the County would be welcome to use if it would help some of the transmission/communication issues in Andover. If the County isn't interested, the person would like to have it removed. Sheriff Tompkins indicated when the weather is bad, we sometimes have problems in Andover and this may help. Legislator Brent Reynolds asked why there seems to be so many problems with towers and transmission issues especially now that satellite signals can be used almost anywhere. District Attorney Parker indicated that the state police briefly tried using satellite communications, and it didn't work.

Public Safety Committee Chairman William Dibble referred to an April 23 letter from NYSAC Executive Director Steve Acquario regarding securing federal stimulus funds to support upgrading county-based public safety emergency communication systems, including towers and equipment. Legislator Dibble indicated that we should be looking into this.

Legislator Brent Reynolds asked if the issues that Bernie Riley mentioned last month have been resolved. Sheriff Tompkins indicated that he does not know how Wellsville is resolving things internally, but he did invite them to come to the Public Safety Facility to discuss and resolve any outstanding issues.

The Pheasant Program was discussed briefly.

Acceptance of Funds – Office of Emergency Services

Office of Emergency Services Director John Tucker requested a resolution accepting \$200 from the Southwestern Regional EMS Council for the license application fee for Allegany County ambulances. This license is a requirement for certified ambulance services by the New York State Health Department to allow blood glucose testing on patients when indicated. The County-wide license will save individual ambulance services from paying the expense separately. The funds should be appropriated to A3640.447 (Emergency Services – Contractual) with a like sum placed in Revenue account #A02.2705.364. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Reynolds, seconded by Legislator Benson and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety

Legislator Dibble stated that he would like to appoint Probation Director Robert Starks to replace former Director David Sirianni as a member of the Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety effective immediately. The original committee was created in August 2008.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Legislator Reynolds, seconded by Legislator McCormick and carried to enter into executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment or employment of a particular individual. Immediately following discussion, a motion was made by Legislator Reynolds, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting.

STOP DWI Program Coordinator/Youth Bureau Director

Deborah Aumick retired as STOP DWI Program Coordinator and Youth Bureau Director effective March 31, 2009. A motion was made by Legislator Reynolds, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to advertise for the positions and request the Ways and Means Committee to approve the filling of the positions. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Legislator Reynolds, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Rigby Riehle, Clerk of the Board

Public Safety Committee
June 3, 2009

**** NOT APPROVED****

Committee Members Present:

Bill Dibble, Chairman, G. Benson, D. Burdick, M. McCormick, B. Reynolds, C. Crandall, D. Fanton, T. Hopkins, T. O'Grady

Others Present:

J. Margeson, P. Gallmann, J. Tucker, B. Kelley, B. Starks, B. Tompkins, T. Parker, B. Rigby Riehle, E. Ruckle

Fire Advisory Board Rep: Dick Sortore

Media: Brian Quinn, Wellsville Daily Reporter

Chairman Dibble called the meeting to order at 2:06.

On motion by Mr. McCormick and seconded by Mr. Benson, the minutes of the May 6 meeting were unanimously approved.

District Attorney

Chairman Dibble called on Terry Parker, District Attorney for his report.

Terry noted of a new revenue generating program that should be operating in July.

Probation Department

Chairman Dibble called on Bob Starks, Director for his report.

Bob noted he was going to request committee approval for a funding transfer but was handled by John Margeson. Bob was thanked for attending.

Sheriff

Chairman Dibble called on Sheriff Tompkins for his report.

Copies were handed out of a Memorandum of Explanation requesting the creation and filling of a permanent part time Senior Account Clerk Typist. This position would be to handle the increased work load of the civil office and as a back up to the current clerk. No benefits will be associated with the position. It was noted the position would start at the base rate of pay.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Benson the committee unanimously approved the request. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

The Sheriff noted a Sheriff's Deputy Lieutenant will be retiring effective July 30, 2009. It was requested for approval to fill the position on August 1, 2009 or after.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Burdick the committee unanimously approved the request.

The Sheriff discussed the Crisis Counseling Program. A staff person has been replaced. This program is a cost saver for the county. It is required when prisoners are required 24/7 constant supervision. The Sheriff noted video surveillance cannot be used.

The Sheriff noted of the Working Inmate Program. Inmates are assisting the Soil and Water Conservation District with planting of trees along the Genesee River erosion repair site near Scio.

The Sheriff noted the department will be conducting psychological and polygraph testing for prospective employees. The cost savings in the fuel account will cover the expenses.

Eighteen new part time employees have been hired to date with possibly ten to fifteen more. The total estimate will be thirty. The approved increase in the hourly pay has assisted in recruiting new employees.

Mr. Burdick asked for the status on the interoperable communications grant project. The Sheriff noted more detailed information has been received as to what equipment can be used. No funding has been expended as yet but the project will proceed with obtaining equipment with what funds are available. Other grant funding sources are being investigated. The 'back bone' system will be built first with 'subscriber' or agency-user radios obtained later as funding is obtained.

The new 911 dispatch personnel were discussed.

The Clark Road fire in Almond was discussed. The Sheriff was aware of the incident but has not seen any written complaints. The Sheriff confirmed a mistake had been made by a dispatcher in confirming the correct location. Discipline has been administered. The Sheriff explained the computerized information normally used was not available because of a phone problem. The Sheriff noted the indicated time of delay in dispatching that was noted in the paper was incorrect.

Mr. Reynolds noted a consultant was hired in Steuben County to assist with reviewing and determining improvements to the 911 Dispatch operations and it was recommended to hire more dispatchers.

Mr. McCormick asked how the written complaints to the 911 center are handled and if they were addressed by an independent group. The Sheriff noted that he and Russ Hall, 911 Coordinator review the recording of the incident.

Old Business

Curt Crandall presented John Tucker with a laminated copy of the cover of a recent In the Outdoors issue of the Wellsville Daily Reporter that had John's picture on it.

New Business

Chairman Dibble noted the county should be looking into the development of a county Fire/EMS training facility to be constructed near the Jail and Public Safety Facility.

The Sheriff indicated the new firing range in Angelica is working well.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40.

Public Safety Committee
July 1, 2009

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present:

B. Dibble, Chairman, D. Burdick, M. McCormick, C. Crandall, D. Fanton, T. Hopkins,

Others Present:

J. Margeson, J. Tucker, T. Parker, B. Kelley, B. Starks, G. Green, B. Rigby-Riehle, E. Ruckle, T. Miner,

Chairman Dibble called the meeting to order at 2:20.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. McCormick, the minutes of the June 3 meeting were unanimously approved.

Youth Bureau/Stop DWI

John Margeson noted applications for the vacant Coordinator's position have been reviewed. Four applicants have the minimum requirements and will be interviewed. The Youth Board will submit its recommendation. John will interview the eligible applicants and will schedule to have them meet with the Public Safety Committee.

Weights and Measures

Chairman Dibble called on Gilbert Green, Director for his report.

Gilbert reported on the recent conference he attended. There were many beneficial training sessions and programs. More topics were covered than in previous conferences.

Probation Department

Chairman Dibble called on Bob Starks, Director for his report.

Bob submitted a request for a resolution to transfer \$6,577.50 from A3410.413 (rental) to A3140.201 (equipment) to purchase a new server.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. McCormick the committee approved the request. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

A request was made to authorize Bob to fill a position in the department as a result of a resignation. The existing Civil Service list will be used.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. McCormick the committee approved the request.

Bob submitted a request for a resolution to transfer \$800.00 from A3140.413 (rental) to A3140.201 (equipment) to purchase a new printer to replace on purchased in 2000.

On motion by Mr. McCormick and seconded by Mr. Burdick the committee approved the request. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Dibble called on John Tucker, Director for his report.

John submitted a request to purchase equipment over \$1,000. It was requested to purchase a Zoll M-Series 'refurbished' 12- lead defibrillator/monitor. The unit is required by the NY State Health Department for our County EMS training program. Three quotes for refurbished units were obtained. The Med Tech quote was the least expensive.

On motion by Mr. McCormick and seconded by Mr. Burdick the committee approved the request.

Fire Service

Mr. Burdick noted the County Firemen's Convention will be in Cuba July 8-11.

Old Business

John Tucker noted that a Corps of Engineers rep met with Caneadea Highway Superintendent Rick Wilcox to address a Genesee River erosion problem. The Corps of Engineers rep submitted a report to the Buffalo District Office. It was noted of other problem sites along the river that should be addressed.

Mr. Burdick asked for a status on the Interoperable Communications grant project. John T. noted 911 Coordinator Russ Hall was attending a Statewide Wireless Communications meeting today in Albany and will report on it.

Chairman Dibble noted of the NY State Broadband Communications project. Allegany County has submitted a letter of intent and has completed a form. The State has acknowledged receipt of it.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45.

JOINT PUBLIC SAFETY, WAYS & MEANS, AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEES
July 13, 2009

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

G. Benson, D. Burdick, C. Crandall, W. Dibble, D. Fanton, W. Hall, T. Hopkins, K. Kruger, M. McCormick, B. Reynolds, D. Russo, R. Truax, N. Ungermann *(Absent: D. Pullen)*

Others Present

J. Margeson, T. Miner, T. O'Grady, T. Parker, B. Riehle, E. Ruckle

Media Present

J. Loyd – Olean Times Herald, B. Quinn – Wellsville Daily Reporter

Crime Victims Grant

District Attorney Terrence Parker requested a resolution accepting funding in the amount of \$97,989 from the New York State Crime Victims Board for the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012. The funds should be appropriated to various A1165 (District Attorney) accounts with a like sum placed in revenue account A10.3031.01 (State Aid – Crime Victims Grant) as follows:

Appropriations (\$97,989 for 3 years):

A1165.1xx	Personnel	\$27,500 (2010), \$28,000 (2011), \$28,500 (2012)
A1165.4	Contractual	\$4,601 (2010), \$4,663 (2011), \$4,725 (2012)

(Please see the attached Memorandum of Explanation for a breakdown of the .4 accounts.)

Revenues (\$97,989 for 3 years):

A10.3031.01 (State Aid – Crime Victims Grant)	\$97,989
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The resolution should accept and appropriate the funding, as well as set the salary for the Crime Victims Coordinator. District Attorney Parker briefly explained the grant and how the program works.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Legislator Kruger, seconded by Legislator Truax and carried (Voting No: W. Hall) to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. Immediately following discussion, a motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Dibble and carried to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting.

A motion was then made by Legislator Dibble, seconded by Legislator Kruger and carried to sponsor a resolution accepting the funding from the New York State Crime Victims Board, setting the salary of the Crime Victims Coordinator, and appropriating the funds to the District Attorney accounts. **Prepare**

Resolution *(The previous round of grant funding was accepted by Resolution No. 158-06.)*

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Legislator Truax, seconded by Legislator Hall and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Rigby Riehle, Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**Public Safety Committee
August 5, 2009**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present:

B. Dibble, Chairman, G. Benson, D. Burdick, M. McCormick, B. Reynolds, T. Hopkins, T. O'Grady, N. Ungermann, Jr., C. Crandall

Others Present:

J. Margeson, J. Tucker, P. Gallmann, T. Parker, B. Kelley, B. Starks, B. Goetschius, R. Hartwick, B. Rigby-Riehle, D. Roeske

Guests: Mike Carey, Ross Scott

Chairman Dibble called the meeting to order at 2:08.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Benson, the minutes of the July 1 and July 13 meetings were unanimously approved.

District Attorney

Chairman Dibble called on Terry Parker, District Attorney for his report. Terry introduced Mike Carey, an intern from Houghton College. He is in the Outward Bound Program.

STOP/DWI – Youth Bureau

A request was submitted for approval of the 2009 Resource Allocation Plan Agreement with the Office of Children and Family Services for Delinquency Prevention Program Services. Approved on motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. McCormick and referred to Ways and Means.

A request was made to approve Sub-contract Agreements of the Special Delinquency Prevention Program for 2009 and providing contract funds. Approved on motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Burdick and referred to Ways and Means.

A request was made for approval of the 2009 Youth Development/Delinquency Prevention Programs including Municipal Youth projects for Recreational Programs, Service Programs and Youth Initiative Programs. On motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. McCormick the committee approved the request and referred it to Ways and Means.

It was noted that all documents have been reviewed by the Youth Board. There will be no county expenses on any of the projects except the Rushford Lake project.

Probation Department

Chairman Dibble called on Bob Starks, Director for his report.

A request was made for a resolution approving the Intensive Supervision Program from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. Approved on motion by Mr. and seconded by Mr. McCormick. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

A request was made for a resolution approving the Probation Eligible Diversion Program from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. On motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. McCormick the committee approved the request. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

A request for a resolution was made for approval of the Alternatives to Incarceration Services for a Shared Population Contract July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Approved on motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Benson. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

A request was made for approval of the Enhanced Supervision of Sex Offenders Contract from April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010. Approved on motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Burdick. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

A request to transfer \$400.00 from A3140.413 (rental) to A3140.201 (equipment) was submitted. On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Reynolds the committee approved the request. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

Sheriff

Chairman Dibble called on Undersheriff Goetschius for his report. Russ Hall, 911 Coordinator gave a report on the status of the Interoperable Communications Grant project. There has been a problem determining the correct type of radio equipment to obtain. The backbone or infrastructure equipment is different from the subscriber or end user equipment. The microwave system linking all the tower sites is another component. There is a big difference in the cost of P-25 compliant equipment vs. regular high band equipment. Because of future FCC requirements the county will have to spend money whether we use the grant or not.

September of 2010 is the deadline to use the grant funds. Mr. O'Grady noted concern of future requirements that might change and require more funding to comply.

Russ noted he attended a recent Interoperability Communications Conference and these concerns were addressed and discussed. Eventually the low band frequencies we currently use will be eliminated.

The local funding requirements of the grant were discussed. Mr. Reynolds asked Russ if he could request someone from the State to come to a meeting and discuss the matter and our concerns. It was noted that all local agencies and departments will have difficulty in complying because of the costs.

Current 911 surcharges paid by phone customers are being used by the State for other things.

The current plan will be to install the infrastructure of the county system including tower and microwave links. The end user equipment like mobiles and portables will be addressed when additional funding is identified.

Ownership of the equipment was discussed. Russ felt that the county must maintain ownership and maintenance of it.

Randy Hartwick requested a resolution to appropriate the funds for the Interoperable Communications Grant totaling \$1,700,474.96 to the Sheriff's A3645.2.17 equipment account. The revenue account is A10.3306.SHF7. Also requesting the \$200,000 local match for a total of \$1,900,475.96.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Reynolds the committee approved the request and referred it to Ways and Means.

Another request was submitted to increase the A3150.4.47 (medical) account by \$282,000 because of a current shortfall. On motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Benson the committee approved the request and referred it to Ways and Means.

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Dibble called on John Tucker, Director for his report.

John noted of a recently hosted Incident Command 300 class provided by the State Emergency Management Office. It was held in the situation room at the Public Safety Facility/Jail. A tabletop exercise was held as part of the class and the facility effectively handled it.

A future class called the Professional Development Series will be scheduled in November.

New Business

Russ Hall, 911 Coordinator noted he is working with surrounding counties for potential grant projects for communications and data sharing projects. Regional proposals seem to be getting approved. Broadband and data backup were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2009**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Present: W. Dibble, M. McCormick, D. Burdick, C. Crandall

Other: J. Margeson, H. R. Budinger

The committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of interviewing finalist candidates for the position of Youth Bureau Director/Stop-DWI Coordinator.

On motion of M. McCormick, seconded by D. Burdick the committee went into executive session and conducted said interviews therein.

On motion of D. Burdick, seconded by M. McCormick the committee vacated executive session at 11:30 a.m.

On motion of M. McCormick, seconded by C. Crandall the committee considered the appointment of Ms. Linda Edwards, Caneadea, New York to fill the vacant positions of Youth Bureau Director and Stop-DWI Coordinator at a starting salary of \$44,000 per year. Motion passed by a vote of 3 aye, 1 nay (Burdick voting Nay). The motion also directed that this salary amount be apportioned as follows:

Youth Bureau Director (\$29,786), Stop-DWI Coordinator (\$15,514). **PREPARE A RESOLUTION**

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

**Public Safety Committee
September 2, 2009**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present:

B. Dibble, Chairman, G. Benson, D. Burdick, M. McCormick, T. Hopkins, C. Crandall

Others Present:

J. Margeson, J. Tucker, P. Gallmann, B. Tompkins, B. Kelley, T. Parker, B. Starks, R. Hall, A. Finnemore, B. Rigby-Riehle

Fire Advisory Board Rep: Dick Sortore

Media: Wellsville Daily Reporter, Brian Quinn

Chairman Dibble called the meeting to order at 2:05.

On motion by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. McCormick, the minutes of the August 5 meeting were approved.

On motion by Mr. McCormick and seconded by Mr. Benson the August 12 meeting minutes were approved with the following amendment: The appointment of Linda Edwards was made on motion by Mr. Crandall and seconded by Mr. McCormick.

District Attorney

Chairman Dibble called on Terry Parker, District Attorney for his report. Terry requested a resolution to transfer \$514.00 from 1165.101 to 1165.201 to purchase a computer. On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Benson the committee unanimously approved the request. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

Probation Department

Chairman Dibble called on Bob Starks, Director, for his report. Bob submitted a request to authorize filling a soon to be vacated Probation Officer Trainee position in the department.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. McCormick the committee unanimously approved the request and referred it to Ways and Means.

Sheriff

Chairman Dibble called on Sheriff Tompkins for his report. The Sheriff requested county approval of a contract with DCJS required to operate the digital fingerprinting system. The county is required to set up a 'fingerprint escrow account'.

On motion by Mr. McCormick and seconded by Mr. Burdick the committee unanimously approved the request pending the county attorney's review. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

The Sheriff reported on a multi-county project with Steuben and Schuyler counties to share services in the 911 centers. A request was made to participate in a grant application with a maximum \$1,700 for the local match. The three-county grant will total \$50,000 and will fund a planning project and hire a consultant to explore potential consolidation of some 911 operations to provide redundancy and increase regional efficiencies.

On motion by Mr. McCormick and seconded by Mr. Burdick the committee unanimously approved the request and referred it to Ways and Means.

The Sheriff requested approval to fill a Corrections Officer position due to a retirement.

On motion by Mr. McCormick and seconded by Mr. Benson the committee unanimously approved the request and referred it to Ways and Means.

The Sheriff requested approval to fill a Deputy Sergeant's position due to a promotion. (Required by COC)

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. McCormick the committee unanimously approved the request and referred it to Ways and Means.

The Sheriff requested approval to abolish a Deputy Sheriff position and create a Corrections Officer position.

On motion by Mr. McCormick and seconded by Mr. Burdick the committee approved the request and referred it to Ways and Means.

On motion by Mr. McCormick and seconded by Mr. Benson the committee unanimously approved a request to fill the Corrections Officer position and referred to Ways and Means.

The Sheriff gave a report on the pheasant program. Approximately 500 birds are being raised at this time. An additional 250 should be received soon.

Some landowners have been contacted and have agreed to have birds released for hunting.

BOCES has constructed a wood building that will be used to raise and protect younger birds next year. The grant applied for to construct a metal building has not been approved, as yet.

The Sheriff reported the jail total population average for August was 139 with an average of 59 federal inmates and 79 county inmates. There was discussion on jail cell space.

The Sheriff discussed the status of the Interoperable Communications grant (PSIC). As discussed earlier, the use of the funds must comply with the P-25 equipment requirements. Funds available will be used to construct the 'backbone' of system and hopefully, future funding will be available to obtain the end-user equipment for local departments such as mobile and portable radios. It was noted the grant deadline to use the funding is August of 2010. There has been some state and federal legislation to request extension of that deadline.

Mr. O'Grady asked about using the partially completed system with current local department equipment.

Russ Hall noted it will work with current high band equipment. Low band equipment could be replaced by local departments by high band units. It was noted that replacement of low band equipment is becoming more difficult.

It was noted that the county must maintain the system.

The development of a 'non P-25 compliant' system was discussed, not using the grant funding. Mr. Crandall indicated we need to move forward with the project.

Referral

A request was submitted for a resolution in support, similar to Fulton County's resolution #300, to oppose various proposed anti-gun owner legislation in New York State.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Benson the committee unanimously approved the request. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

The meeting adjourned at 3:10.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2009**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Present: W. Dibble, G. Benson, D. Burdick, M. McCormick, J. Margeson

Chairman Dibble called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

John Margeson presented to committee the proposed STOP-DWI Program Plan for 2010 and gave a brief overview of the components of the Plan.

On motion of M. McCormick, seconded by D. Burdick and carried unanimously, the committee authorized the preparation of a resolution for consideration of the Board of Legislators to approve the 2010 STOP-DWI Program Plan. **PREPARE A RESOLUTION**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

November 4, 2009

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

W. Dibble, G. Benson, D. Burdick, M. McCormick, B. Reynolds, C. Crandall
(Absent: K. Kruger)

Others Present

D. Fanton, L. Edwards, P. Gallmann, J. Luckey, J. Margeson, T. O'Grady (*Chair of Building Security Ad Hoc Committee*), B. Riehle, R. Sortore, R. Starks, W. Tompkins

Public Safety Committee Chairman William Dibble called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. Legislator Dibble thanked Timothy O'Grady, Chairman of the Building Security Ad Hoc Committee, for attending the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The October 7, 2009, Public Safety Committee minutes were approved on a motion by Legislator Reynolds, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried.

Probation Department Audit

Probation Director Robert Starks distributed copies of a report from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services regarding an audit they performed on the Probation Department's practices and procedures covering the use and dissemination of Criminal History Record Information. The report (*attached to original minutes*) indicates that the Probation Department is in compliance with all guidelines.

Sheriff's Office - Agreement with Dentrust Dental

Sheriff William Tompkins requested a resolution approving and ratifying the Sheriff's signature to an Addendum extending the agreement with Dentrust Dental for dental services to inmates through October 1, 2010. All other terms and conditions of the original agreement approved by Resolution No. 179-08 remain the same. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Reynolds, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Sheriff's Office – Request to Transfer Funds for Telestaff Program

Sheriff Tompkins requested a resolution to transfer \$8,700 from A3110.422 (Sheriff – Gas and Oil) to A3110.409 (Sheriff – Fees) and \$3,500 from A3150.425 (Jail – Clothing) to A3150.409 (Jail – Fees) to finance the cost of the licenses for the Telestaff software program. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Reynolds, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Sheriff's Office – Additional Compensation of Field Training Officers (FTO)

Sheriff Tompkins requested approval to compensate each Field Training Officer (FTO) employed by the Allegany County Sheriff's Office an additional \$.25 per hour as an incentive to attract and keep those that are willing to train others. Sheriff Tompkins indicated that they have hired some part-time employees, but it is difficult to get them in the field because we can't get the training done fast enough. The Sheriff indicated that many employees do not want to do the training, and this slight increase might encourage more people to serve in this capacity. Forcing employees to train others when they do not want to does not generally produce good results. Legislator Dwight Fanton also mentioned that there may be some hesitancy to train part-time people when they will actually be taking overtime away from the full-time employees. Legislator O'Grady suggested that it might work better to pay one lump sum so that we are not building on the base pay. Committee members thought this was a good idea, and an annual stipend of \$500 was suggested. The Sheriff amended his earlier proposal and requested approval to compensate each Field Training Officer (FTO) employed by the Allegany County Sheriff's Office an additional \$500 per year when they participate in the Field Training Program. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Reynolds, seconded by Legislator Benson and carried with the

stipulation that the additional compensation would be for a maximum of 16 employees. **Refer to Ways & Means Committee**

Increase in Funding for Firefighter Training

Committee members reviewed a resolution from the Orleans County Legislature supporting an increase in funding provided to the Office of Fire Prevention and Control by the Department of State for firefighter training. Fire Coordinator Paul Gallmann indicated that he felt that Allegany County should pass a similar resolution. A motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Benson and carried to sponsor a resolution supporting an increase in funding for firefighter training as outlined in the Orleans County Resolution No. 352-1009. **Prepare Resolution**

Genesee River

Public Safety Committee Chairman William Dibble distributed some recent articles from the newspaper regarding the Genesee River and the disastrous flooding associated with the river. Legislator Dibble indicated that he recently took a canoe tour between Scio and Belmont on the Genesee River with Congressman Massa to look at the conditions. Legislator Dibble stated that he sent a letter to Senator Charles Schumer requesting that the Senator partner with Congressman Eric Massa in having Federal agencies do a complete study of the Genesee River and design almost 100 impoundments to protect Allegany County. Copies of the letter will be distributed to committee members and attached to the original minutes.

Representation of Indigents when Conflict Exists in Public Defender's Office

County Administrator John Margeson indicated that the contract with Allegany-Cattaraugus Legal Services (*approved by Resolution No. 66-09*) for family court and criminal court legal representation of indigent persons when there is a conflict with the Public Defender's Office expires December 31, 2009. Mr. Margeson requested permission to issue RFPs for this service so that they can be reviewed at next month's meeting. Mr. Margeson indicated that he would like to add a clause inviting firms to submit a proposal for one year and two years. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Benson and carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Legislator Reynolds, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Rigby Riehle, Clerk of the Board

**Public Safety Committee
December 2, 2009**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present:

B. Dibble, Chairman, G. Benson, D. Burdick, K. Kruger, M. McCormick, B. Reynolds, N. Ungermann, Jr., T. Hopkins, D. Fanton, C. Crandall, T. O'Grady

Others Present:

J. Margeson, J. Tucker, P. Gallmann, T. Parker, B. Kelley, L. Edwards, B. Tompkins, G. Green, B. Starks, R. Hall, B. Rigby-Riehle

Media: Wellsville Daily Reporter, Brian Quinn

Guest: Mike Healy, Phil Curran, Kevin LaForge

Chairman Dibble called the meeting to order at 3:15.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. McCormick, the minutes of the November 4 meeting were unanimously approved.

Traffic Safety Board

A request was submitted to approve by resolution the following appointments to the Allegany County Traffic Safety Board: Susan Belmont, Kevin (Fred) Demick, Ann Feuchter, Guy James and Steve Mattison.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Burdick the committee unanimously approved the request. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

Fire Advisory Board

A request was submitted for a resolution to appoint the following to the 2010 Fire Advisory Board: Richard Hoffman, Jr., Judson Stearns, Jr., Robert Prior, Bryan Snyder, Ed Sackett, Richard Sortore, David Jennings, Brandon LaValley, Terry Richardson, Donald VanSkiver, Bob Lester, Gerald Gayford, Wesley Sortore, David Vogel, Sr., Sherman Gage, Dan Metcalf, Jeff Luckey, David Sweet, Larry Erdmann, LeRoy Ives, Alan Mills.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Burdick the committee unanimously approved the request. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

STOP DWI, Youth Bureau

Chairman Dibble called on Linda Edwards, Coordinator for her report.

A request was submitted to approve receipt and appropriate \$3,000 from the STEPS Safety Grant (Safety on Wheels). Revenue account A10.3389.3114.

Appropriate as follows:

\$ 200.00 to A3114.402 (mileage)
\$1,000.00 to A3114.408 (general supplies)
\$1,000.00 to A3114.421 (educational materials)
\$8,000.00 to A3114.452 (public information)

The request was unanimously approved on motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Burdick and referred to Ways and Means.

Linda indicated anticipating a 12.5% cut in the Governor's budget to the Youth Program.

Probation Department

Chairman Dibble called on Bob Starks, Director for his report.

A request was submitted to transfer \$2,200.00 from A3140.413 (rentals) to A3140.201 (equipment)

On motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. McCormick the committee unanimously approved the request. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

Sheriff

Chairman Dibble asked the Sheriff to present a report on the Telestaff computer program for the next meeting.

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Dibble called on John Tucker, Director for his report.

John handed out copies of a spreadsheet from the State Emergency Management Office with the current status of disaster assistance funding. Allegany County was added to the disaster declaration for Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Erie counties as a result of the early August storms. The current total for eleven Allegany County Applicants is \$679,597.00.

New Business

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Reynolds the committee moved into executive session to discuss a matter leading to dismissal, removal, promotion, appointment, employment, discipline, demotion, or suspension of a person or corporation.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Benson, the committee moved out of executive session.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. McCormick the committee moved to enter into contract for one year with the Allegany-Cattaraugus Legal Services, Inc. in the amount of \$208,000.00 for the Assigned Council Program.

Mr. Reynolds voted no. Motion passed. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

On motion by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Burdick the meeting adjourned at 4:04.