

**Public Safety Committee
January 6, 2010**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

M. Healy, G. Benson, D. Burdick, T. Hopkins, A. McGraw, C. Crandall D. Russo, T. O'Grady, D. Fanton, C. Crandall

Others Present

M. Alger, L. Edwards, P. Gallmann, D. Hanchett, B. Kelley, J. Luckey, J. Margeson, T. Parker, B. Riehle, R. Starks, J. Tucker, B. Tompkins, R. Hall

Media: Wellsville Daily Reporter, Brian Quinn

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

On motion by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Burdick, the minutes of the December 2, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

Sheriff's Department

Chairman Healy called on Sheriff Tompkins for his report.

The Sheriff handed out packets of information on the Telestaff System which is a computer program that tracks personnel and time records. The Sheriff noted that previously there was no way to hold staff accountable. This program will allow for accurately maintaining it.

Information included the 'time line' of how the program was obtained. It was noted that approximately five hundred agencies were using this program when it was investigated. The program is very labor intensive to set up and operate. It was recommended by the company to have five staff members involved. The Sheriff assigned two people to the project. The project manager that was assigned to it died of a heart attack during implementation. That person had to be replaced. There was also a problem with the computer server. The Sheriff noted of excellent assistance from Deb Button and the County IT Department. Sheriff's staff had to be trained and data was lost in the system at one point. Data then had to be hand entered. The Sheriff indicated the system would go on-line in February or March. The department has been informally using the system. The Sheriff noted he is working with the county payroll system to optimize it effectiveness. It was noted that a lot of overtime in his department was incurred because of working on setting up the system.

The Sheriff commented on a recent newspaper article questioning overtime incurred by one of his personnel, Randy Hartwick. He noted Randy has done an excellent job. The accusations made by Lisa Wuersig were wrong and that there has been no deception regarding the overtime. The Sheriff noted he was not pleased with the article and he had not been contacted previously to it being published.

The Sheriff requested a resolution to renew the Court Security Contract with the State. It was noted the county attorney has reviewed the renewal document. This is a five year contract and there was some discussion as to changes if required. There was some discussion on the possibility of the State taking over court security duties.

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

The Sheriff noted of the ICE (Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement) inspection scheduled for February. The county has been doing an excellent job in meeting their requirements at the jail. It was mentioned that there will possibly be only four facilities in the state that ICE will use. The federal population has averaged sixty-three per day with over eighty maximum.

The Sheriff noted of the increase in daily female inmates averaging thirteen to seventeen.

It was noted the ICE contract can be reviewed on an annual basis. There was some discussion on the federal funding for this program.

The Sheriff noted his department is currently under budget including the funds that were used from contingency.

There will be a new Corrections Officer academy starting with some attending from outside the county.

The Communications upgrade grant project was discussed. It was noted the RFP has been completed and is being reviewed.

Fire Service

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

Paul submitted a request for a resolution to accept donations of two tower sites owned by WNED Radio. One is located at 4143 Hamilton Road in the town of Cuba and the other at 5310 Hall Road in the town of Granger.

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

Office of Emergency Services

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

John submitted a request for two resolutions to re-appropriate 2009 Homeland Security Funds. One totaling \$116.44 from revenue account A10.3306.EMG8 and appropriate to A3645.218. The other totaling \$43,681.76 from revenue account A10.3306.EMG8 and appropriate to A3645.218.

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

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Hopkins the meeting adjourned at 3:15.

**Public Safety Committee
February 3, 2010**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

M. Healy, G. Benson, D. Burdick, T. Hopkins, A. McGraw, C. Crandall D. Russo, F. Sinclair, D. Fanton, C. Crandall

Others Present

J. Margeson , M. Alger, J. Tucker, T. Parker, , B. Tompkins, B. Kelley, B. Starks, G. Green, L. Edwards, D. Vespucci, M. Cole, E. Ruckle, R. Hall

Fire Advisory Board Rep: Jeff Luckey

Chairman Healy called the meeting to order at 11:03.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Russo, the minutes of the January 6, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

STOP/DWI, Youth Bureau

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

A handout noted of NY State Office of Children and Family Services with funding allocations and mission. It is anticipated for a 12.5 % cut for 2010.

Linda noted of the program PPAC (Partners for Prevention in Allegany County) which is a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program. They will be doing a radio Public Service Announcement that will be on the Wellsville radio station and the PPAC website. It is made up of community agencies to promote the reduction of drug and alcohol abuse.

Weights and Measures

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

Gilbert noted he has two student interns from the Elm Street Academy in Cuba working with him.

Probation Department

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

Bob requested a resolution authorizing Chairman Crandall's signature to renew the Shared Services Program 2009-2010 contract. On motion by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Burdick, the committee unanimously approved the request. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

Sheriff's Department

Chairman Healy called on Sheriff Tompkins for his report.

The Sheriff submitted a memorandum requesting a resolution to re-appropriate \$1,876,496.71 (including the PSIC Communications grant and local match). On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Hopkins the committee unanimously approved the request and referred it to Ways and Means.

The Sheriff noted the RFP for the Interoperable Communications project has been completed and will soon be sent out. There may be a need to extend the deadline to spend the funding.

Office of Emergency Services

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

John noted of the high water and flooding event of last Monday, January 25. If the Genesee River had risen another few feet, we would have had some serious flooding problems. There was concern for the effect of high water on the repair sites completed recently in Scio and Belfast. There may have been some damage to the relief channel at the Scio site. It will be investigated.

Old Business

Chairman Healy noted of the recently distributed report on the Sheriff's Department Telestaff personnel tracking software program.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 on motion by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Burdick.

**Amended Minutes March 3, 2010
Public Safety Committee
February 3, 2010**

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Probation Department

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

Bob requested a resolution authorizing Chairman Crandall's signature to renew the Alternatives to Incarceration/Services For a Shared Population 2009-2010 contract. On motion by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Burdick, the committee unanimously approved the request.

County Attorney Prepare Resolution

Sheriff's Department

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seconded by Mr. Hopkins the committee unanimously approved the request and referred it to Ways and Means.

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Old Business

Chairman Healy noted of the recently distributed report on the Sheriff's Department Telestaff personnel tracking software program.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 on motion by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Burdick.

**Public Safety Committee
March 3, 2010**

**** NOT APPROVED****

Committee Members Present

M. Healy, G. Benson, D. Burdick, T. Hopkins, K. LaForge, C. Crandall D. Russo, F. Sinclair, D. Fanton

Others Present

J. Margeson, M. Alger, J. Tucker, T. Parker, P. Gallmann, B. Tompkins, B. Kelley, B. Starks, L. Edwards, B. Rigby-Riehle, E. Ruckle, R. Hall

Chairman Healy called the meeting to order at 11:05.

On motion by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Burdick, the minutes of the February 3 meeting were approved with the following amendment: Under the Probation Department report; delete "Shared Services Program" and add "Alternatives to Incarceration/Services for a Shared Population".

STOP/DWI, Youth Bureau

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

A request was submitted for a resolution to approve the appointment of Deb Aumick to fill the unexpired three year term of Janet Gaczewski. Approved on motion by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Benson. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

A request was submitted for a resolution to appoint the following as members of the Allegany County Youth Board: Corinne Davis, Susan Myers, Ann Baldwin and Edna Kayes. Approved on motion by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Benson. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

A request was submitted to authorize Chairman Crandall's signature to appoint the following to the Allegany County 'Youth Representatives' on the Allegany County Youth Board: Emma Webb, Esther Webb, Thomas Galatio, and Kellen Wissert. Approved on motion by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Benson.

Probation Department

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

Bob handed out copies of information regarding the Governor's proposal to reduce state aid to probation by 10% to all programs. Mr. Hopkins asked if any of the programs could be cut at the county level. Bob will be reviewing the information and will report.

Sheriff's Department

Chairman Healy called on Sheriff Tompkins for his report.

The Sheriff submitted a memorandum to request re-appropriation of 2009 ACT II Batterer's Program Grant funds totaling \$4,431 into the 2010 Sheriff's budget. Approved on motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Russo and referred to Ways and Means.

The Sheriff submitted a memorandum requesting re-appropriation of 2009 Homeland Security Grant funds totaling \$4,131 into the 2010 Budget. Approved on motion by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Benson and referred to Ways and Means.

The Sheriff requested, by memorandum, a re-appropriation of \$23,750 of 2009 Homeland Security Grant funding into the Sheriff's 2010 budget. Approved on motion by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Burdick and referred to Ways and means.

The Sheriff requested authorization to fill a vacant full time 911 dispatcher position. On motion by Mr. Russo and seconded by Mr. Burdick the committee unanimously approved the request and referred it to Ways and Means.

The Sheriff updated the committee on the Telestaff computer system. Everything is on line and working and is being tested. The paper process will be maintained as a backup. The Sheriff invited any legislator that is interested to stop out at the office for further information and details.

A request was submitted for a resolution for the Sheriff's Department to participate in the Federal Surplus Property Program. On motion by Chairman Healy and seconded by Mr. Burdick, the committee unanimously approved the request.

County Attorney Prepare Resolution

Office of Emergency Services

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

John submitted a request for a resolution to allow Chairman Crandall to sign a Statement of Understanding with the Southwestern Regional Red Cross Chapter. It was noted the three counties of Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegany are now part of the Southwestern Regional Red Cross Chapter.

On motion by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Benson, the committee unanimously approve the request. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

New Business

Chairman Healy noted the Communications Technology Ad Hoc Committee will be meeting Monday, March 8 after the Board meeting to discuss the possibility of funding from the 'Round Two Stimulus Grant ' funding that could be used for fiber optic connection to tower sites.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Hopkins the meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Public Safety Committee
April 7, 2010

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

M. Healy, G. Benson, D. Burdick, T. Hopkins, A. McGraw, D. Russo, D. Fanton, K. LaForge, C. Crandall

Others Present

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

Fire Advisory Board Rep: Dick Sortore

Chairman Healy called the meeting to order at 11:04.

On motion by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Russo, the minutes of the March 3 meeting were unanimously approved.

Public Defender

Chairman Healy called on Barb Kelley, Public Defender for her report. Barb wanted to support the Sheriff's request for the Forensic Clinical Coordinator position in the Sheriff's Department. Barb noted of the high percentage of the inmates that have mental health issues. These people need assistance and assessment to determine what services may help them. Barb gave an example of one of her clients that needed a mental health referral. It was noted these individuals should not be placed in jail. This Coordinator's position can identify these types of individuals.

District Attorney

Chairman Healy called on Terry Parker, District Attorney for his report. Terry submitted a request that the main court room in the court house be dedicated to James Euken upon his retirement.

On motion by Mr. McGraw and seconded by Mr. Hopkins the committee unanimously approved the request and referred it to the Court Facilities Committee.

STOP/DWI, Youth Bureau

Chairman Healy called on Linda Edwards, Coordinator for her report. A request was made for a resolution to authorize approval of the 2010 New York State Office of Children and Family Services grant funding appropriations and contractual agreements.

Approved unanimously on motion by Mr. Healy and seconded by Mr. Benson. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

Weights and Measures

Chairman Healy called on Gilbert Green, Director for his report. Gilbert reported on a recent diesel fuel contamination. It was rectified without incident.

Probation Department

Chairman Healy called on Bob Starks, Director for his report. Bob commented in support of the Sheriff's request for the Forensics Clinical Coordinator position. Future grant funds will no longer be available for this position. Elimination of the position will create delays in the mental health

assessments of prisoners at the jail. This would affect the pretrial release to free jail space and delay correct assessment. It has been a valuable asset to the Probation Department.

Bob noted the Probation Department's annual plan has been approved by the State. The Alternatives to Incarceration Plan has also been approved.

A request was made for a resolution to transfer \$120.00 from A3140.413 to A3140.201 (equipment) for a new fax machine.

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

Bob reported on the Ignition Interlock aspect of Leandra's Law. The State is requiring each county to develop a plan and submit it to the State by June 15, 2010. There will be an ATI Advisory Board meeting on April 28 to address the local plan development. Bob noted indigent individuals arrested could not pay and would cost the county. Mr. Burdick noted this is an unfunded mandate.

On motion by Mr. Healy and seconded by Mr. Burdick a resolution was approved similar to the attachment from Madison County to delay the implementation of the Ignition Interlock Program. The resolution would be brought off the floor of the April 12 Board meeting and be forwarded to Inter-county.

Sheriff's Department

Chairman Healy called on Sheriff Tompkins for his report. The Sheriff noted the NY State Sheriffs' Association has also requested adjustments to the Ignition Interlock aspect of the Leandra's Law.

The Sheriff discussed the Forensic Clinical Coordinator position in the jail facility. It has previously been funded through grants. Chris Ivers, Jail Administrator was called on to explain in detail the position and its vital need. The mental status of inmates must be evaluated. It is critical for intervention of those inmates that should not be in jail. Mr. Ivers was asked how many inmates have benefited from these assessments. Numbers will be gathered and forwarded. This resource also assists in dealing with ICE and US Marshall's prisoners. It was noted these assessments assist in freeing up jail space.

It was asked if possible funding could be obtained from other mental health programs. There was discussion as to continuing with a contract with ARA or to create a full time county position. Currently the Sheriff's Department offers space at the jail and the person answers to the Sheriff, Probation Department and the ARA.

Chairman Healy recommended exploring continuing the contract set up or creating a full time county position. Mr. Russo suggested we try to continue the program operation as it currently is.

On motion by Mr. Russo and seconded by Mr. Burdick the committee unanimously referred the matter to the Personnel Committee for review.

The Sheriff requested approval to fill two vacant part time cook positions at the jail.

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

The Sheriff noted of the positive effect on the jail budget regarding the Cook-Chill program and the use of the jail garden produce. There has been a large cost savings to the county.

Fire Service

Chairman Healy called on Paul Gallmann, Fire Coordinator for his report. Paul submitted a request for a resolution to request NY State appropriately disburse the \$200 million dollars collected from the Statewide Wireless 911 Cellular Surcharge to the local Public Safety Answering Points in NY State.

Approved on motion by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Burdick to be brought off the floor at the Board meeting on April 12th.

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Healy called on John Tucker, Director for his report. John submitted a request for a resolution to authorize Board Chairman Crandall's signature on the new 2009-2012 Homeland Security Grant application.

On motion by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Benson the committee approved the request stipulating the county attorney review the contract.

Old Business

Chairman Healy discussed the Communications and Technology sub-committee addressing the county wireless service and fiber optic services potential for the public. It was noted that a wireless rather than fiber optic system would be better. There is funding through the federal stimulus program.

Russ Hall noted there have been investigations on the current communications system used by the county and a handout noted of current tower sites. The Alfred tower could access fiber optic lines outside the county and then connect communications to our other towers. Only one of the county towers is rated for microwave equipment.

It was noted the county has received proposals on the Communications Enhancement project. The two bids will be opened at a special Public Safety Committee meeting after the Board meeting on Monday, April 12.

The Sheriff noted the Telestaff program will be activated and used next week.

Mr. Burdick noted the County Health Department still has extra free hepatitis vaccine for public safety personnel.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 on motion by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Benson.

**Public Safety Committee
May 5, 2010**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

M. Healy, D. Burdick, A. McGraw, D. Fanton, C. Crandall

Others Present

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

Chairman Healy called the meeting to order at 11:14.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. McGraw, the minutes of the April 7 meeting were approved.

The minutes of the special April 12 meeting were approved on motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. McGraw.

Public Defender

Chairman Healy called on Barb Kelley, Public Defender for her report. Barb noted the number of cases has increased including conflict cases. There was discussion on what generates conflict cases. Barb noted the State is considering a proposal for them to take over the conflict cases.

Barb noted her office is working very hard on handling the increases. After being asked, Barb felt there is no way to eliminate the conflict cases.

Case totals between 2009 and 2010 through April 30 are 294 case files for 2009, 328 case files for 2010, 132 conflict cases for 2009, and 154 conflict cases for 2010.

STOP/DWI, Youth Bureau

Chairman Healy called on Linda Edwards, Coordinator for her report. Linda submitted a request for a resolution to approve the 2010 Resource Allocation Plan agreement with Office of Children and Family Services.

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

Linda noted of the QYDS (Quality Youth Development System) on-line system. It was noted of a difference in the total of \$6.00 for 2010 funding for the Office of Children and Family Service program.

The recent Youth Board recognition dinner was noted. Awards were presented to various board members. Chairman Healy noted it was an excellent program and that Linda did a great job.

District Attorney

Chairman Healy called on Terry Parker, District Attorney for his report. Terry submitted a request to authorize the creation of additional positions of unpaid investigators. Additional officers would be designated as needed in the future.

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

Terry noted his case load has increased.

Probation Department

Chairman Healy called on Bob Starks, Director for his report. Bob indicated a recent meeting to address the requirement to submit an implementation plan for the Ignition Interlock - Leandra's Law. The State indicated a form will be sent to enter information. It was noted that other counties have submitted resolutions requesting delay of the implementation.

Bob noted that the State may be providing 50% of the salary for the Clinical Coordinator's position at the jail, which was discussed at a previous meeting. It will be pending the State budget.

Sheriff's Department

Chairman Healy called on Sheriff Tompkins for his report. The Sheriff submitted a request for a resolution to renew the agreement with Monroe County Sheriff's Department for prisoner security at the Rochester Psych Center. Bill noted the County Attorney has reviewed it.

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

The Sheriff reported on the status of the Tele-staff computer system to assist with personnel management. Included is an auto caller that is being used to contact personnel for shift duty.

It was noted that seven hundred fifty day-old pheasant chicks have been received. Only approximately 5% have been lost. The average loss is about 10%. There will be an additional 750-1,000 delivered in a few weeks. The current chicks will be placed in the outdoor pen.

The Sheriff noted of the April jail population. There was an average of 75 federal inmates and a local daily average of 66. The total daily average was 142 inmates. Some revenue figures were noted. There have also been some Genesee County inmates housed for some additional revenue.

It was noted the Interoperable Communications grant project is proceeding. The single bid from Saia Communications was opened last meeting. It will require formal acceptance by full board approval.

Fire Service

Chairman Healy called on Paul Gallmann, Fire Coordinator for his report. Paul noted that all fire training has been suspended because of the State budget problem.

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Healy called on John Tucker, Director for his report. John noted that the NY State Emergency Management Office Mitigation Section will be using the Genesee River repair projects as 'success stories' for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Information and photos will be forwarded to Albany.

A CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) course will be held at the Wellsville Red Cross Office next week. Funding from the county's Homeland Security grant will be used to cover the cost.

Old Business

There was discussion on the PSIC grant and upgrade project.

The single bid was opened at the April 12 Public Safety meeting. Russ Hall, 911 Coordinator and the County Attorney have reviewed the bid. Russ indicated it meets our requirements and recommends acceptance.

On motion by Chairman Healy and seconded by Mr. Burdick the committee approved acceptance of the bid and requests the approval of the full board. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

On motion by Mr. McGraw and seconded by Mr. Burdick the meeting adjourned at 11:45.

**Public Safety Committee
June 2, 2010**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

M. Healy, G. Benson, D. Burdick, T. Hopkins, D. Russo, D. Fanton, F. Sinclair, K. LaForge, C. Crandall

Others Present

J. Margeson , M. Alger, J. Tucker, T. Parker, , B. Tompkins, B. Kelley, B. Starks, G. Green, L. Edwards, P. Gallmann, B. Rigby-Riehle, T. Miner, B. Anderson, K. Dirlam, E. Ruckle

Chairman Healy called the meeting to order at 11:00.

On motion by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Burdick, the minutes of the May 5 meeting were unanimously approved.

STOP/DWI. Youth Bureau

Chairman Healy called on Linda Edwards, Coordinator for her report. Linda requested committee approval to appoint two youth representatives; Emily Westacott and Ruby Lananger to the Youth Board. Also requested were the appointments of Jessica Jennings and Linda Orpet to fill an unexpired three year term and a vacant unexpired term on the Youth Board.

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

Linda noted she attended a training session at the NY State Fire Academy in Montour Falls, NY to be certified to present the Juvenile Firesetter Program.

Probation Department

Chairman Healy called on Bob Starks, Director for his report. Bob updated the committee on the Ignition Interlock Program Plan. A request was made for approval to have Chairman Crandall sign the plan. There was discussion on the cost of the program. Bob indicated he is not anticipating expenses at first. It was noted of a possible grant to assist with expenses in the future. If funding will be provided the Probation Department would receive the funds.

John Margeson asked Bob if he could determine the ramification if the county did not submit a signed plan. Funding will come from the offenders who will be charged for most of the expenses.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Healy the committee approved the request to have the plan signed after review by the county attorney. Mr. Benson and Mr. Hopkins voted no. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

Other discussion included what NY State will incur for this program. Being a required program, the State may institute their wording in the plan if Allegany County does not submit it. Bob was requested to send a copy of the Plan to all legislators.

Bob noted the contract for the Electronic Home Monitoring program requires renewal. The renewal cost will remain at \$709.00 as was previously.

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

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Healy called on John Tucker, Director for his report. John noted the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan revision is progressing. Funding for expenses is coming from the Homeland Security Grant and some additional funding obtained by Fred Sinclair.

John passed out some photos he took recently from a plane ride, including the county court house construction, the jail and the Genesee River repairs at Scio/Amity and Belfast. Other photos were taken and were copied to a CD and given to Fred Sinclair.

Old Business

Chairman Healy called on Kier Dirlam, County Planner who noted he is working on compiling information for the Communications Ad Hoc Committee which includes; improved internet access in the county, radio and microwave communications and towers. Kier is working at the Crossroads and requested legislators to contact him with any questions.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Tompkins was called on for his report. The Sheriff requested the committee go into executive session for attorney-client confidentiality.

On motion by Mr. Healy and seconded by Mr. Hopkins the committee unanimously approved the request.

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

The Sheriff requested approval for the contract renewal with the ARA for a Forensic Clinical Coordinator at the jail.

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

The Sheriff requested approval for a transfer of \$27,734.00 from 3150.101 (regular pay) to 3150.448 (public safety contract). Unanimously approved on motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Hopkins. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

The Sheriff requested approval to go into executive session to discuss a matter with collective negotiations.

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

The Sheriff requested approval to create and fill ten part time sheriff deputy positions at \$15.00 per hour.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Hopkins the committee unanimously approved the request and referred it to Ways and Means. **PREPARE A RESOLUTION/REFERRED TO WAYS AND MEANS**

The Sheriff noted there are seven hundred and ten pheasants being raised by the inmate work program and they have received eight hundred more today.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10.

**Minutes were amended on August 4, 2010
Public Safety Committee
July 7, 2010**

**** APPROVED **
After Amendment was made**

Committee Members Present

M. Healy, D. Burdick, A. McGraw, D. Fanton, F. Sinclair, C. Crandall

Others Present

J. Margeson, M. Alger, B. Riehle- Riehle, J. Tucker, P. Gallmann, B. Starks, B. Kelley, L. Edwards, B. Tompkins, D. Vespucci, E. Ruckle, R. Hall

Fire Advisory Board Rep: Jeff Luckey

Chairman Healy called the meeting to order at 11:03.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. McGraw, the minutes of the June 2 meeting were unanimously approved.

Public Defender

Chairman Healy called on Barb Kelly for her report. Barb noted of the passage of State legislation to establish the Office of Indigent Defense. There were concerns noted that if locals run the program it will be an unfunded mandate. The State is conducting a study to determine what the local costs are for the program. The more rural counties will suffer because the urban locations usually have daily arraignment schedules. Barb noted she will be attending a Public Defenders' Conference and will obtain more information. There was discussion on the idea of consolidating local town and village court systems.

Probation Department

Chairman Healy called on Bob Starks, Director for his report. Bob gave an update on the Ignition Interlock Program. It will be implemented on August 15 statewide.

The required county plan has been submitted and required changes made. Bob noted of concerns for the lack of local vendors for the ignition interlock equipment.

Sheriff

Chairman Healy called on Sheriff Tompkins for his report. The Sheriff submitted a request for a resolution to ratify Chairman Crandall's signature on the new Homeland Security Grant application.

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

The Sheriff requested approval to fill a temporary full time position in the jail that has been vacant due to a workers comp case.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Healy the request was forwarded to Ways and Means.

Another request was made to allow the filling of a vacant sergeant's position due to a demotion.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. McGraw the committee referred the matter to Ways and Means.

The Sheriff reported on the status of the Telestaff computer program that is saving funds in jail overtime. Approximately \$100,000 has been saved. Administrative overtime savings was also noted.

Russ Hall gave a report on the Interoperable Communications upgrade project. The contract for the vendor is complete.

The new radio tower project at Corbin Hill was noted. Test boring for the tower base is complete. Construction should be underway in August.

Mr. Burdick noted the county radio committee reported no radio system complaints in the last month. It was agreed that it was good to have this committee active.

Fire Service

Paul Gallmann, Fire Coordinator was called on for a report. Paul noted that the State has released some funding so that some local fire training courses will be conducted.

The County Firemen's Convention will start July 14.

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Healy called on John Tucker, Director for his report. John requested approval to appropriate funding from the new Homeland Security grant.

Revenue account #A10.3306 EMG8 for \$76,472. Appropriate \$19,118 to A3645.448 and \$57,354 to A3645.218.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. McGraw the committee referred the request to Ways and Means.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 on motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. McGraw.

**Public Safety Committee
August 4, 2010**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

M. Healy, G. Benson, A. McGraw, D. Fanton, F. Sinclair, K. LaForge, C. Crandall

Others Present

J. Margeson, M. Alger, J. Tucker, P. Gallmann, B. Starks, T. Parker, B. Kelley, L. Edwards, B. Tompkins, L. Ballengee

Chairman Healy called the meeting to order at 11:04.

On motion by Mr. McGraw and seconded by Mr. Burdick, the minutes of the July 7 meeting were approved with the following amendment; Sheriff's Report: Request was made to allow the filling of a vacant sergeant's position due to a demotion (not a promotion).

STOP DWI – Youth Bureau

Chairman Healy called on Linda Edwards, Coordinator for her report. Linda requested a resolution to accept the STEPS grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Program totaling \$3,000 for the period Oct. 1, 2009 through Sept. 30, 2010.

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

Probation Department

Chairman Healy called on Bob Starks, Director for his report. Bob noted the State has reviewed and approved the ISP and PED program applications.

Sheriff

Chairman Healy called on Sheriff Tompkins for his report. The Sheriff requested the legislature approve by resolution an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Steuben and Schuyler counties to contract for a study to determine the possibility of shared services for the three counties 911 dispatch centers. A \$50,000 grant was approved and the county had previously approved a local amount of \$17,500 for the study.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. McGraw the committee unanimously approved the request for a resolution for the Inter-Municipal Agreement. **County Attorney Prepare Resolution**

The Sheriff requested a resolution for a transfer of funds for the 911 Coordinator's salary as follows: \$18,059 from A3410.101 (Fire Service) to A3112.101 (Dispatch) and \$9,000 from A3410.103 (Fire) to A3112.103 (Dispatch).

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

The Sheriff noted the jail population for July averaged 84 per day which is the highest it's been. There were 70 federal inmates on average each day.

It was noted some cells will be altered to allow double bunking which has been approved by COC. An estimate for the work is coming from a contractor to install bunks.

There are some other cells that can have bunks added to them which will create extra permanent space. Investigation as to what is needed for required changes to the 'day room' is being done.

The Telestaff computer employee tracking system has created over \$100,000 in savings since May. At this point it has paid for itself.

An audit by the State of the 'Cook Chill' program inmate meals using state food supplies showed a 2009 savings of \$73,000. The jail is augmenting the program with food from the jail garden. A recent inspection done on nutrition gave a very good report on the county jail food program.

Mr. Margeson noted the recent landscaping work at the jail facility looks very good. The Sheriff thanked the DPW and the County Bicentennial organization for some funding. The labor was supplied by the jail inmates.

The inmate work program was discussed. Inmates were used at details to clean the fairgrounds, scrape and paint at the new Cuba food kitchen and cleaning the cemetery in Short Tract. The Sheriff is keeping track of inmates work hours. Organizations must be not-for-profits. The Sheriff invited the legislators to visit the jail and observe the work program.

The Sheriff noted approximately 2,100 pheasants have been received and are being raised this year for release for hunting in the county.

The Wellsville Chamber of Commerce Director estimated a 5% increase in the county's economy should be realized with the pheasant program.

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Healy called on John Tucker, Director for his report. John noted he will be retiring from the position at the end of October. He has worked for the county for thirty years and has enjoyed the job. Chairman Healy thanked John for his work.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Benson the meeting adjourned at 11:33.

**Public Safety Committee
September 1, 2010**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

M. Healy, G. Benson, D. Burdick, A. McGraw, D. Fanton, F. Sinclair, K. LaForge, C. Crandall

Others Present

J. Margeson, M. Alger, J. Tucker, B. Starks, L. Edwards, B. Tompkins, T. Parker, E. Ruckle, T. Ross, D. Button, B. Rigby-Riehle

Fire Advisory Board: Jeff Luckey

Chairman Healy called the meeting to order at 11:04.

On motion by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. McGraw, the minutes of the August 4 meeting were unanimously approved.

Chairman Healy noted that Paul Gallmann, Fire Coordinator would not be attending because of the fire at Baldwin Lumber Company.

District Attorney

Chairman Healy called on Terry Parker, District Attorney for his report. A request was made for a resolution to increase the Vehicle and Traffic Diversion Program revenue account #A.06 2610.VT from \$33,750 to \$66,000 and the expense account #1165.436 from \$7,000 to \$36,850.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Benson the committee referred the matter to Ways and Means.

STOP DWI – Youth Bureau

Chairman Healy called on Linda Edwards, Coordinator for her report. Linda requested a resolution to accept a \$1,500 member item grant from Dan Burling for computer equipment into the revenue account #A10.3089.00 and apply to appropriations account #A3141.201.

On motion by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. McGraw the committee referred the request to Ways and Means.

Linda noted the annual SADD Conference will be held October 29 from 9:00 – 2:00 at the Genesis Bible Church facility in Scio. Legislators are invited to attend and are requested to RSVP to determine total lunches.

The STOP/DWI Conference will be held in October in Buffalo. Grant funds will cover attendance expenses except mileage.

Probation Department

Chairman Healy called on Bob Starks, Director for his report. Bob submitted a memorandum requesting a resolution to ratify Chairman Crandall's signature on a contract with NY State DCJS (OPCA) and Allegany County. This is for reimbursement for the Probation Eligible Diversion Program.

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

Another request was submitted for a resolution for Chairman Crandall's signature on the NY State DCJS (OPCA) for a contract for reimbursement for the Community Service and Pre-Trial Release Programs.

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

Office of Emergency Services

Chairman Healy called on John Tucker, Director for his report. John noted he met recently with the Cattaraugus County Emergency Services Director Chris Baker and the Cuba Lake District Manager Scott Barry. The State is requiring the Cuba Lake District develop an Emergency Action Plan for an event with the Cuba Lake dam. It was noted that the requirement is for the owner of the lake which is NY State but the State is requiring the Lake District to develop the plan.

Sheriff

Chairman Healy called on Sheriff Tompkins for his report. The Sheriff handed out a spread sheet on the Telestaff personnel tracking program. It was noted that major overtime payroll expenses have been saved since the use of this system. The nine pay periods using the system have saved 4,808 overtime hours compared to the previous nine periods. The Sheriff noted the savings is a result of eliminating abuse of the overtime system.

The Sheriff noted that the County IT Department has been very helpful with the operation of the system. There has been a representative of the system here to check on its operation. There have been no problems with it. Deb Button of the County IT Department noted the system is working well. The IT department will be coordinating with the system supplier.

The Sheriff commended the Undersheriff for handling the 207c compensation cases. Currently there are no cases being paid by the county.

The communications upgrade project was discussed. A committee has been formed with representatives of all the emergency service providers. There was a meeting recently with the equipment vendor. New information will be coordinated with the various agencies.

The NY State accreditation was discussed that the department received. The Sheriff indicated he plans to become nationally accredited; this will assist with any potential liability and assist with the federal prisoner program. There will be about a \$15,000 expense for federal accreditation. Funding will be identified.

It was noted that currently there are only four facilities in NY State being used to house federal prisoners and Allegany County is one of them.

The Sheriff noted the federal government is comparing the cost of leasing spaces to construction of federal facilities.

Mr. Sinclair noted of the letter he received from the Federal Marshalls commending our jail and its operation.

There was some discussion on why the prison inmate count at the jail has risen. The sheriff noted there hasn't been a daily increase on the federal prisoner count.

The previously requested corrections officer position was discussed. It was tabled at the Ways and Means Committee. After discussion the sheriff will address the subject again with Ways and Means.

The Sheriff reported on the pheasant program. Information has been sent to some sportsmen's publications and to some sporting goods stores to promote the program.

As noted previously, Steve Havey of the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce felt there would be an approximate increase of 3% in the county economy with the pheasant program and increased pheasant hunting.

New Business

A referral from the Planning and Economic Development Committee requested available funds for the construction of a new radio equipment building at the Corbin Hill tower site.

An estimate from SAIA Communications was received for approximately \$49,000. There was discussion as to if 911 surcharge funds could be used and it was noted they could not be used for capital projects.

Prefabricated structures versus constructed ones were discussed. Because of the expense it was agreed that it will have to be bid out.

On motion by Mr. Healy and seconded by Mr. McGraw the committee referred the matter to Ways and Means to determine possible options.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

October 6, 2010

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

M. Healy, D. Burdick, C. Crandall (*Absent: G. Benson, T. Hopkins, A. McGraw, D. Russo*)

Others Present

M. Alger, L. Edwards, D. Fanton, P. Gallmann, G. Green, J. Luckey, J. Margeson, T. Miner, T. Parker, B. Riehle, F. Sinclair, R. Sortore, R. Starks

Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. It was noted that a quorum was not present and no official business will be conducted.

OPCA Funding for Ignition Interlock Cases

Probation Director Robert Starks stated that the Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (OPCA) will be reimbursing counties at a rate of \$114 per DWI offender from October 2010 through August 2011 for monitoring of offenders participating in the Ignition Interlock Program as a condition of their release.

Committee members briefly discussed the Ignition Interlock Program, and District Attorney Terrence Parker explained that counties will no longer be responsible for financing the cost of ignition interlock systems for indigent offenders. That cost will be paid by the manufacturers of the equipment as they will be charging those that can afford to pay a little more in order to absorb the cost for those who cannot pay.

2011 STOP DWI Plan

STOP DWI Program Coordinator Linda Edwards distributed copies of a Memorandum of Explanation summarizing the components of the 2011 STOP DWI Plan totaling an estimated \$139,078. Mrs. Edwards will plan to request a resolution at the next regular Public Safety Committee meeting.

Emergency Management and Fire Director

Chairman Curtis Crandall announced that Jeff Luckey has been appointed as the Emergency Management and Fire Director effective October 30, 2010. Chairman Crandall stated that the position combines the previous Emergency Services Director and Fire Coordinator positions into one position. Emergency Services Director John Tucker will be retiring effective October 29, and Mr. Luckey will assume those responsibilities on October 30. Fire Coordinator Paul Gallmann indicated that he plans to retire at the end of the year, and Mr. Luckey will assume those additional responsibilities at that time. Chairman Crandall stated that Mr. Luckey has been with fire service for 30 years and an EMT for 25 years. Mr. Luckey has composed and co-authored several FEMA Grants. He has also served on a disaster committee at Houghton College where he has been employed for over 20 years. The appointment of this position is at the discretion of the Chairman of the Board, and an official announcement will take place at the October 12 Board meeting.

Fire Coordinator Paul Gallmann

Committee members congratulated Mr. Gallmann on his upcoming retirement.

Interns for Weights and Measures

Weights and Measures Director Gilbert Green stated that he will be working with two interns from the Elm Street Academy again this year.

Corbin Hill Tower Building

Committee members reviewed a memo from Deputy County Administrator Mitchell Alger regarding the Corbin Hill Tower Equipment Building. Mr. Alger indicated that he discussed the possibility of paying for a new building with the current PSIC (Public Safety Interoperable Communications) Grant

with Emergency Communications Coordinator Russ Hall. Mr. Hall indicated that it would be very difficult to get NYS Homeland Security to sign-off on an amendment to the current year's project budget because funding has already been committed for specific purposes. Mr. Hall confirmed with Mr. Alger that although it would make for a nicer installation and would eliminate the need to move equipment twice, it is not absolutely necessary or critical to have a new building. Mr. Alger recommended that they proceed with the erection of the new radio tower at Corbin Hill and utilize the existing equipment building and look for grant funding in the future to put up the new building. It is possible that the PSIC Grant could be used in the next round of funding.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Chairman Crandall and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

October 25, 2010

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

M. Healy, G. Benson, D. Burdick, T. Hopkins, A. McGraw, C. Crandall (*Absent: D. Russo*)

Others Present

M. Alger, P. Curran, L. Edwards, D. Fanton, J. Hopkins, J. Margeson, B. Riehle, R. Starks

Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and welcomed Legislator Theodore Hopkins back.

2011 STOP DWI Plan

STOP DWI Program Coordinator Linda Edwards requested a resolution approving the 2011 STOP DWI Plan with components totaling \$139,078 as follows:

<u>Component</u>	<u>Total</u>
Enforcement	\$ 27,500
Prosecution	\$ 28,000
Court Related	\$ 2,700
Probation	\$ 21,000
Rehabilitation	\$ 905
Public Information/Education	\$ 8,780
Administration	<u>\$ 50,193</u>
Total	\$139,078

The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Benson and carried.

Refer to Ways & Means

Reduction in Aid

Mrs. Edwards reported that she received notification from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services that they will be reducing all payments issued under the County's Resource Allocation Plan from September 16, 2010, through March 31, 2011, by 1.1 percent. Mrs. Edwards indicated that agencies that have not yet billed for reimbursement will experience this decrease in their funding; however, the County will be covering the decrease which will total approximately \$375.

Secretary to the Public Defender

Public Defender Barbara Kelley requested approval to fill the position of Secretary to the Public Defender (PEF, Grade 3) as her secretary will be leaving to accept a position in the Court System. The position is responsible for opening and maintaining all files coming into the department, all initial client contacts, phone calls, correspondence, and appointments. In addition, the position must manage scheduling for the two attorneys in Family Court, County Court, Supreme Court, and 35 Justice Courts. Attorney Kelley stated that the position requires five years of experience as a legal secretary, and she would like the person to start a few days before the other one leaves. The current Secretary hopes to leave by November 11, but she can be a little flexible. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Fanton and carried. **Refer to County Administrator**

Margeson and Ways & Means

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Benson and carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

November 3, 2010

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

M. Healy, G. Benson, D. Burdick, T. Hopkins, A. McGraw, C. Crandall (*Absent: D. Russo*)

Others Present

M. Alger, L. Edwards, D. Fanton, P. Gallmann, D. Hanchett, B. Kelley, J. Luckey, J. Margeson, T. Miner, T. Parker, B. Riehle, F. Sinclair, R. Sortore, R. Starks, D. Vespucci, R. Whitney

Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy called the meeting to order at 11:16 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Benson and carried to approve the October 6, 2010, Public Safety Committee minutes after amending them to reflect the OPCA reimbursement relative to the Ignition Interlock Program will be for the period October 2010 through September 2011, rather than August 2011. A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to approve the October 25, 2010, Public Safety Committee minutes.

Emergency Responder Text Alerts

Fire Coordinator Paul Gallmann requested approval of a contract to provide email interface for the PSIMS Computer-Aided Dispatch System. Mr. Gallmann indicated that this would provide a text message to the fire and first responders at about the same time the tones go out for a fire or ambulance call. The first responder would then have the address and the nature of the call on his personal cell phone which would eliminate much of the radio traffic. If the department has a computer set up and running, we would also be able to send an e-mail to that computer with information. When this system is implemented, many first responders will no longer need their expensive pagers. Mr. Gallmann indicated that the price of the system is \$3,500 with a \$200 annual maintenance fee. Both Legislator Douglas Burdick and Emergency Management and Fire Director Jeff Luckey also spoke in favor of the program. A motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator McGraw and carried to sponsor a resolution approving the contract. **Prepare Resolution**

Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant

Lieutenant Daniel Hanchett provided an update on the progress being made with upgrading the County's public safety communications system. Lieutenant Hanchett indicated that they are moving ahead, and they have been addressing building sites and assessing if there is available space to house equipment. Unfortunately the County's radio system has just been receiving band-aids for years. It's truly an important aspect of public safety, and we want to provide the best service possible to save a life. Lieutenant Hanchett stated that the Joyce Hill Tower won't carry the load that needs to be put on the tower, and we should consider putting a tower up, or constructing a building to address the equipment. The Corbin Hill Tower and White Hill Tower Sites have been started. Lieutenant Hanchett expressed concern that keeping the backup site where it is may hold back the new system. Lieutenant Hanchett indicated that some of the generators will also need to be replaced. Lieutenant Hanchett asserted that in order to take full advantage of all the money we received from the PSIC Grant, we really need to carry through on the rest of the steps and address issues that will keep the system from operating at peak levels. Lieutenant Hanchett stated that he hopes we can get over the hurdles and added that if we fail to take some of these steps to ensure public safety, it takes the PSIC Grant and throws it over the bridge because it won't be able to operate as it should. Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy stated that he would like the County to take a comprehensive approach to the entire system. Legislator Healy also indicated that if we can lease space or trade space on other towers, we may not want to own more infrastructure. Lieutenant Hanchett indicated that he also had Brico look at our RFP, and their engineer indicated that it could be an awesome system, if it ended up being as it was written. Little combined issues will make or break the system. Lieutenant Hanchett also mentioned that the vendor is looking at the WZKZ Tower which would eliminate upgrading the Alfred and Andover towers, and we are

looking at alternatives other than just owning our own towers. Saia plans to purchase the WNED Tower in Angelica, and we do not pay to use towers that Saia owns. Planning and Economic Development Committee Chairman Fred Sinclair stated that at his last committee meeting, they were told that another tower was needed at Joyce Hill, and he is glad to know that other directions are being looked at.

Secretary to the Public Defender

Public Defender Barbara Kelley indicated that the posting for the position of Secretary to the Public Defender ended yesterday. They offered the position to someone this morning, and that offer was accepted.

Listing Probation Violators on County Website

Probation Director Robert Starks indicated that they would like to start posting adult probation absconders on the County website. County Attorney Thomas Miner confirmed that we are within our legal rights to do this, and IT Director Deborah Button confirmed that the technology to do this is available. A few other counties have already started doing this. Director Starks indicated that by posting this information, we might receive information from the public that would enable us to locate individuals quickly. Mr. Starks indicated that they will be taking steps so that the material posted will remain current. Both County Attorney Thomas Miner and Director Starks talked about having a disclaimer indicating that law enforcement officials should confirm that a warrant is still valid and not rely on our website. Attorney Miner confirmed that he will either prepare or approve the disclaimer. Mr. Starks indicated that they currently have about 20 warrants that are outstanding, and he hopes to get the project up and running and be able to post to the website within a few months. It was noted that the information would most likely be viewed under the link to the Probation Department.

Emergency Management Update

Committee members welcomed newly appointed Emergency Management and Fire Director Jeff Luckey to the meeting. Mr. Luckey indicated that the Town of Friendship had a four-inch waterline in VanCampen Creek break. He was able to direct them to some funding sources, and they are currently working with two different contractors that are suggesting solutions. Engineering for the project will be cleared with our Public Works Department, and Mr. Luckey will continue to work with them regarding this incident.

Vacancy in District Attorney's Office

District Attorney Terrence Parker stated that as a result of last night's election, he would be moving up as a Judge and taking a secretary with him which will create vacancies in the District Attorney's office. Attorney Parker stated that he has filed an order of succession, and it's usually the First Assistant District Attorney that would take over as District Attorney. The Governor has the right to make an appointment to that position; however, the Governor last exercised that right back in 1983. The new Governor will have many other appointments to make. There will not be a special election; the person that takes over will serve until the end of the next year, and there would be an election for a new four-year term. Attorney Parker requested approval to fill the vacancy of Assistant District Attorney which will be created when an Assistant moves up to District Attorney as well as the position of Secretary to the District Attorney. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins and carried. ***Refer to County Administrator Margeson and Ways & Means***

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

November 8, 2010

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

M. Healy, G. Benson, D. Burdick, T. Hopkins, C. Crandall (*Absent: A. McGraw, D. Russo*)

Others Present

M. Alger, S. Collins, P. Curran, L. Edwards, D. Fanton, J. Hopkins, C. Ivers, J. Luckey, J. Margeson, T. Miner, D. Pullen, B. Riehle, E. Ruckle, F. Sinclair, R. Starks, K. Toot

Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

Request to Fill Position in Sheriff's Office

Jail Administrator Christopher Ivers presented a request to fill the position of Nurse (NYSNA Union) in the Sheriff's Office which will become vacant due to a resignation effective November 12, 2010. This Nurse works the C-line shift from 4:30 to midnight, Monday through Friday. Legislator Pullen asked if we are required to have a nurse work that shift. Mr. Ivers indicated that it would certainly be the best practice. Mr. Ivers indicated that we do a lot of booking during that time period, and we want to medically screen everyone as soon as possible so that they can then be classified. The Nurse also makes sure all the medications are taken care of and in order. There is a lot of paperwork that must be taken care of to meet state and federal standards. It also saves trips to the emergency room. It is a civil service, non-competitive position, and Mr. Ivers indicated that he would like to advertise for the position just as soon as possible to ensure a reasonable pool of applicants. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Benson and carried. **Refer to County Administrator and Ways & Means Committee**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Benson and carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
December 1, 2010

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

M. Healy, G. Benson, D. Burdick, T. Hopkins, A. McGraw, C. Crandall (*Absent: D. Russo*)

Others Present

M. Alger, L. Edwards, D. Fanton, K. LaForge, J. Margeson, T. Miner, D. Pullen, B. Riehle, E. Ruckle, F. Sinclair, R. Starks

Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Benson and carried to approve the November 3, 2010, Public Safety Committee minutes. A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator McGraw and carried to approve the November 8, 2010, Public Safety Committee minutes.

Shared Services Contract

Probation Director Robert Starks requested approval for Chairman Curtis Crandall to sign a contract between the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives and Allegany County for 50% reimbursement (\$22,338) of the Shared Services Program. This money will offset some of the costs to the Allegany County Sheriff's Office for a mental health therapist. A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to authorize Chairman Crandall to sign the contract. (County Administrator John Margeson confirmed that no resolution is necessary.)

Transfer of Funds

Probation Director Robert Starks requested a resolution transferring funds (\$2,350) for the purchase of eleven new office chairs. A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to sponsor a resolution transferring \$2,350 from A3140.413 (Probation – Rentals) to A3140.201 (Probation – Equipment). **Prepare Resolution**

Fire Advisory Appointments

A request was made for approval of appointments to the 2011 Fire Advisory Board. The list of recommended names was read by Legislator Healy. There was discussion as to whether Director of Emergency Management Jeff Luckey could be appointed to the board and the County Attorney will review the matter. A motion was made by Legislator Mike Healy, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to sponsor a resolution approving the list with the exception of Mr. Luckey. **Prepare Resolution**

Appointment of Youth Board Youth Member

Youth Board Director Linda Edwards requested that Chairman Curtis Crandall appoint Janae Rangel as a District I Youth Member to the Youth Board due to the resignation of Emma Webb and Esther Webb. A motion was made by Legislator McGraw, seconded by Legislator Hopkins and carried to authorize Chairman Crandall to make this appointment. (No resolution is required for youth members.)

Ackerman Hill Tower

Legislator Healy mentioned that he viewed the Ackerman Hill Tower site. The tower is up, but the equipment has not yet been moved. A number of committees continue to move forward on a strategic plan.

911 Numbering

Legislator Pullen mentioned a discussion he had recently with an individual seeking a building permit in the Town of Hume. The property is on a private road with no name and there is concern about approving a building permit until 911 numbering can be resolved. After much discussion committee members suggested Legislator Pullen consult with Emergency Management Director Jeff Luckey to discuss the situation.

Sheriff's Department Secretarial Position

A Confidential Secretary in the Sheriff's Office is retiring on 12/31/10, and the department is requesting permission to fill the position on a half-time basis. County Administrator John Margeson and Personnel Officer Ellen Ruckle noted that the department would like to fill the position at 17 hours per week, with the possibility of increasing to full-time at a later date. The employee will continue to do pistol permits and payroll. A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to fill the position on a part-time basis starting on 1/1/11. **Refer to County Administrator and Ways & Means Committee**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator McGraw and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Edwards, Youth Bureau Director/STOP DWI Coordinator