

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
January 4, 2012

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

G. Benson, D. Burdick, C. Crandall, M. Healy, T. Hopkins, A. McGraw

Others Present

M. Alger, L. Edwards, D. Fanton, K. Graves, D. Hanchett, B. Kelley, K. LaForge, B. LaValley, J. Margeson, T. Miner, K. Monroe, B. Riehle, E. Ruckle, F. Sinclair, K. Slep, R. Sortore, R. Starks, D. Vespucci, R. Whitney

Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight “Mike” Healy called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Benson, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to approve the December 7, 2011, Public Safety Committee minutes.

Public Defender

Public Defender Barbara Kelley reported that she has hired Tom Fuoco for the Second Assistant Public Defender position. She also advised the committee of two issues that have come up. Now that the Public Defender is starting to accept support cases, conflicts should be referred to the conflicts office so that they can take support cases also. This should be taken into account when the new contract is negotiated. Also, Assigned Counsel cases should be referred to the Administrator and no cases should be assigned from the bench.

Probation Director

Director Robert Starks reported he was recently notified by the Division of Criminal Justice Services that the department was awarded a three month Probation Eligible Diversion (PED) contract in the amount of \$3,624.00 for the period from 1/1/12 to 3/31/12. He requested permission to accept the funds and authorize Chairman Crandall to sign the contract. In response to a question, Director Starks commented that this will put the contract on the state fiscal schedule. He suspects that future funds may be rolled into a block grant, rather than being a separate contract. A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator McGraw and carried to accept the funds and authorize signing of the contract. **Refer to Ways and Means Committee**

Director Starks also noted that the Alternatives to Incarceration contract has been extended to June 30, 2012.

Director of Emergency Management and Fire

Director Jeff Luckey was not present at the meeting due to illness.

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Legislator Burdick asked if anyone had any information on the texting program for firemen. 911 Administrator Lt. Daniel Hanchett responded that Fire Service had contracted with their current CAD provider to develop a program, but on delivery it did not work. He is continuing to pursue this.

Youth Bureau Director/STOP-DWI Coordinator

Director Linda Edwards had nothing new to report.

District Attorney

District Attorney Keith Slep had nothing new to report. He noted that long-time Wellsville resident Jack Colligan had passed away.

Weights and Measures Director

Director Gilbert Green was unable to attend the meeting and had nothing new to report.

Sheriff Rick Whitney

Sheriff Rick Whitney provided his monthly report. He noted that the monthly income for housing out prisoners was \$209,000. The average daily population was 132, with average housed-in of 70 and county inmates of 62. We have been asked to serve as a staging facility for specific charter flights through the ICE network. The department generated income of \$2.42 million, which exceeded the goal of \$2.39 million. He anticipates that the income will be somewhat reduced in 2012. Several positions were filled. Professional pictures were taken of all department staff. Telestaff is in the process of being updated.

Legislator Healy asked for an update on the radio project. Lt. Hanchett said things are moving forward quickly. The switch to the new system will occur tomorrow and testing continues. All of the towers will be operational in a few days. The Fire Service did not receive the grant for high band radios. Through the current Homeland Security Grant all fire departments and ambulance services received a base unit, and the Fire Coordinator and all District Coordinators received high band radios. There will be two law enforcement channels, two fire channels, five fireground channels, a County DPW channel and a Town Highway channel. Legislator Healy thanked Lt. Hanchett for his hard work on this project.

Legislator Sinclair asked about the 911 Legislation for equitable distribution of the 911 surcharge. Lt. Hanchett noted that Senator Cathy Young has submitted legislation to distribute the funds per capita.

New Business

Legislator Healy started a discussion of whether all department heads should provide a brief monthly report of activities, either verbally or in writing. He asked that

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department heads and committee members think about this for further discussion at the next meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Hopkins and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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

SPECIAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
February 2, 2012

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

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

Others Present

D. Button, L. Edwards, M. Evans, D. Hanchett, J. Luckey, K. Monroe, M. Saia, R. Whitney

Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

PSIC Radio Grant Action Plan

Legislator Mike Healy stated that the purpose of this special committee meeting is to discuss the implementation of the high band radio system. Lt. Daniel Hanchett stated that the county is in the process of moving all users to the high band system. He passed out an action plan which describes the federal requirement for all users to be on a high band system no later than 1/1/13, and listing the benefits of doing so. The Sheriff's Department is suggesting that the county implement only the high band system with all users as of 1/1/14. He stated that the biggest issue is the cost of maintaining both systems. (*The PSIC Radio Grant Action Plan is attached to the minutes.*)

In response to a question, Lt. Hanchett noted that the base units in fire stations are owned by the county, with truck radios and portable units being owned by the local departments. He noted that the county will continue to search for and apply for grants to assist local departments. Director of Emergency Management and Fire Jeff Luckey commented that he feels the date needs to be extended to 1/1/15 in order to give departments time to apply for grants. Out of 28 departments in the county, he believes only 8 currently have high band radios, with most of those in the Wellsville area. Lt. Hanchett noted that SAIA Communications has offered radios to departments at a discount with low-interest loans if needed.

In response to a question about texting, Lt. Hanchett noted that a new CAD system will be needed to allow for this. He estimates this will cost about \$120,000 per year for five years.

Director Luckey offered to visit every fire and ambulance department in the county to assess how many radios will be needed and will attempt to have the information at the next committee meeting. Discussion continued about the implementation date with Sheriff Whitney advocating for the 1/1/14 date, as he feels a firm date needs to be established. Legislator Hopkins recommended that the committee table a decision on the date to the next committee meeting. He would like to wait until an inventory of radios available and needed is completed before making a decision. The committee agreed to table the discussion until the next committee meeting.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

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

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**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

D. Burdick, C. Crandall, M. Healy, T. Hopkins, A. McGraw (*absent: G. Benson, N. Ungermann*)

Others Present

M. Alger, M. Barney, P. Curran, L. Edwards, D. Fanton, G. Green, D. Hanchett, C. Ivers, B. Kelley, B. LaValley, J. Luckey, J. Margeson, K. Monroe, T. Miner, B. Riehle, E. Ruckle, F. Sinclair, K. Slep, R. Starks, R. Swarthout, D. Vespucci, R. Whitney

Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy called the meeting to order at 11:19 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to approve the January 4, 2012 Public Safety Committee minutes.

Public Defender

Public Defender Barbara Kelley had nothing to report.

Probation Director

Director Robert Starks requested permission to fill a typist position due to a resignation. A motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator McGraw and carried to fill the position. **Refer to Ways and Means Committee**

Director Starks commented that the quarterly ATI Advisory Board meeting was held recently. There was discussion of a move by the Office of Court Administration to eliminate Youthful Offender status and move that age group to Juvenile Delinquents with Family Court jurisdiction. There was discussion of cost issues and that this would make more work for the County Attorney's Office. It was mentioned that some JD's in this age group could be diverted to Youth Court. Legislator Crandall questioned if there would be a shift in costs. Director Starks agreed to meet with all involved departments to see what differences this might make for them and he will bring the information to the next committee meeting.

Director of Emergency Management and Fire

Director Jeffrey Luckey provided the committee with a Fire Service Organizational Chart. There are three changes from the past year. Shaun Taylor is both DC-6 and AL-52, Wes Sortore is now DC-2 and Scott Kenyon is now DC-5.

Director Luckey requested permission to define Fire Investigators as employees of the county for the purpose of providing Workers' Compensation coverage when

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requested by the Fire Service Office to perform their duties. He also requested permission to appoint non-resident Fire Investigators when a resident Fire Investigator is not available. This request was prompted by DC Fire Investigator Bob Cracknell moving to Livingston County and the amount of training required for the position. A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Healy and carried to define Fire Investigators as county employees. **Refer to Personnel Committee**

Director Luckey will present a report on the Homeland Security Grant next month. He is anticipating purchasing computer equipment and radios.

Deputy Director Mike Barney reported that EMS numbers are improving. The passing rate on EMS tests is improving as well and he credits that to the teachers. He also noted that an EMS course is being offered during the day at Crossroads for shift workers unable to make evening classes.

Youth Bureau Director/STOP-DWI Coordinator

Director Linda Edwards requested permission to appoint members to the Youth Board. Five current members (Jessica Jennings, Kathy Morris, Jack Emrick, Michele Henry, and Vicky Westacott) need to be re-appointed, along with two new members (Jasmine Heaney and Amy Jacobson) and a youth member (Carlos McInnes). A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to appoint the members as presented. **Prepare Resolution**

Director Edwards made a request to re-appropriate unexpended funds of \$2,368.92 from the STEPS in Safety Grant (Safety on Wheels) for the fiscal year 1/1/12 to 9/30/12. A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to re-appropriate the grant funds. **Refer to Ways and Means Committee**

District Attorney

District Attorney Keith Slep reported that he is working with a forfeiture company to generate income for the office. He will keep the committee advised as he moves forward with this proposal.

Weights and Measures Director

Director Gilbert Green had nothing to report.

Sheriff Rick Whitney

Sheriff Rick Whitney provided his monthly report. He noted that the Assistant Port of Buffalo Director from the office of the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol made a site visit and was very impressed with our facility. Sheriff Whitney also noted that he and Undersheriff Kevin Monroe are attending the Corrections Academy.

Sheriff Whitney made a request to compensate two employees for loss of wages they incurred after a clerical mix-up occurred in the hiring process. In November 2011

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two part-time corrections officers were notified that they were hired full time and put on the full time schedule. It was then determined the full time positions had not been created, so these employees were paid part-time wages for two weeks until the positions could be created and filled. A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins and carried to compensate two employees for loss of wages.

Sheriff Whitney requested permission to re-appropriate the ACT II Batterers Grant in the amount of \$3,726.00. A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator McGraw and carried to re-appropriate these funds for 2012. **Refer to Ways and Means Committee**

Sheriff Whitney requested permission to re-appropriate the 2008 LETPP Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$5,938.00. A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator McGraw and carried to re-appropriate these funds for 2012. **Refer to Ways and Means Committee**

Sheriff Whitney requested permission to re-appropriate the 2009 LETPP Grant in the amount of \$8,688.00. A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Healy and carried to re-appropriate these funds for 2012. **Refer to Ways and Means Committee**

Sheriff Whitney requested permission to re-appropriate the 2010 LETPP Grant in the amount of \$22,328.00. A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Healy and carried to re-appropriate these funds for 2012. **Refer to Ways and Means Committee**

Sheriff Whitney requested permission to accept an ACT II Batterers Program grant in the amount of \$27,300.00. A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Healy and carried to accept the grant. **Refer to Ways and Means Committee**

Sheriff Whitney stated that he wrote a Letter to the Editor in the Wellsville Daily Reporter summarizing his first year in office.

Legislator Healy asked Lt. Hanchett to comment on the special Public Safety Committee meeting held prior to this meeting. Lt. Hanchett discussed the action plan for the high band radio system in the county. Discussion will continue regarding the number of radios needed for local departments and grant applications and funding sources to pay for the radios. A decision will be made in the near future regarding date of implementation of the system.

Old Business

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Legislator Healy asked committee members and department heads in attendance for their comments regarding providing monthly reports at committee meetings. A report of monthly activities or statistics on one page or less was suggested. Several people responded that this would not be an issue. Discussion will continue next month.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
February 27, 2012

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

G. Benson, D. Burdick, M. Healy, T. Hopkins, A. McGraw (*absent: C. Crandall, N. Ungermann*)

Others Present

M. Alger, L. Edwards, K. Graves, J. Margeson, T. O'Grady

Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

Legal Services Contract

County Administrator John Margeson presented a request for renewal of the contract with Allegany/Cattaraugus Legal Services for legal services to the indigent. He is requesting a ten month contract from 3/1/12 to 12/31/12, with a one year extension in 2013, for the same annual amount as in 2011. Mr. Margeson stated that a Request for Proposal was issued and Allegany/Cattaraugus Legal Services was the only legal firm that submitted a proposal. A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins and carried to approve a contract with Allegany/Cattaraugus Legal Services for the period from 3/1/12 to 12/31/12 for the same amount as the 2011 contract. **Prepare Resolution**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 7, 2012

AMENDED

**** APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present

D. Burdick, M. Healy, A. McGraw, N. Ungermann (absent: G. Benson, C. Crandall, **T. Hopkins**)

Amended to indicate that Legislator Hopkins was absent.

Others Present

M. Alger, M. Barney, L. Edwards, K. Graves, D. Hanchett, D. Jennings, B. Kelley, B. LaValley, J. Luckey, K. Monroe, T. Miner, B. Riehle, E. Ruckle, F. Sinclair, K. Slep, W. Sortore, R. Starks, R. Swarthout, S. Taylor, R. Whitney, Tren Young

Newspaper:

Bob Clark, Olean Times Herald

Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator McGraw and carried to approve the February 2, 2012 Public Safety Committee minutes.

A motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator McGraw and carried to approve the February 27, 2012 Public Safety Committee minutes.

Public Defender

Public Defender Barbara Kelley reported that her office is running smoothly. There has been a slight decrease in total numbers but the Family Court numbers have increased.

Probation Director

Director Robert Starks stated that his application for a Byrne JAG Grant was not approved.

Director Starks stated that his department is receiving grant monies from the ACCORD Corporation to be used for work in supervising sex offenders. The original annual award was to be \$6,600.00. However, the award has been increased by \$500.00 per year so the total annual award amount will be \$7,100.00. ACCORD slotted this money to be used for polygraph testing only for the first year. Therefore Director Starks is requesting approval to make a change in appropriations and revenues. A motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Ungermann and carried to accept the additional funding. Refer to Ways and Means Committee

Legislator Ungermann asked how many sex offenders are currently under supervision, and Director Starks responded that between 60 and 70 are being supervised.

Legislator Sinclair asked if ACCORD is writing grants for county departments. Director Starks responded that ACCORD wrote this grant through their domestic violence program and included the Probation Department to supplement their efforts.

Director Starks provided February 2012 statistics on Family Court and Criminal Court workload. He was asked to provide a totals column for 2011 and 2012 so comparisons of workload can be made on a monthly basis.

Director of Emergency Management and Fire

Director Jeffrey Luckey provided a report on the number on the number of high band radios needed for the fire and ambulance departments and the anticipated cost. He noted that this project began in 2007 with no progress until 2011. The fire service has numerous concerns about the radio system going to high band and the 2014 deadline is being questioned. He also wondered what happens if all departments are not fully prepared when the deadline is reached. Legislator Healy asked Director Luckey if he had any suggestions. Director Luckey stated he is agreeable to the 2014 deadline if a one year extension would be granted if departments have not met the deadline. He discussed the cost of leasing versus purchase and the life span of the radios. Director Luckey also mentioned that many surrounding counties are still using low band so communication in a mutual aid situation would be difficult. Legislator Sinclair asked about using cell phones for texting versus purchasing high band pagers. Director Luckey stated that pagers provide better coverage due to gaps in cell phone coverage in the county. Director Luckey is checking into grant availability, but noted that the 2% tax cap affects all budgets.

Director Luckey requested permission to re-appropriate Homeland Security Grants in the amounts of \$11,825.94, \$76,472.00, and \$57,672.00 due to overlapping grant fiscal years. A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator McGraw and carried to re-appropriate the funds. Refer to Ways and Means Committee

Youth Bureau Director/STOP-DWI Coordinator

Director Linda Edwards provided committee members with a copy of the STOP-DWI Program book containing statistics for 2011. She noted that DWI arrest numbers continue to go down, with 239 arrests in 2011. The only other significant statistic is that female arrest numbers are a bigger percentage of the overall arrest numbers.

Director Edwards provided a monthly report of activities by the department.

Director Edwards noted that yesterday figures were received from the Office of Children and Family Services regarding delinquency prevention funding. The total to be received by the county is about one-third less for 2012, for a total loss of about \$22,000. This will require tough decisions by the department and Youth Board for agency funding.

District Attorney

District Attorney Keith Slep provided a report of numbers of open cases.

DA Slep presented a proposal from Finger Lake Paralegal Services for managing the Civil Forfeiture Process for his office. The company will handle the forfeiture procedure in exchange for 10% of the total dollars distributed from each forfeiture case. He is requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with the company. A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator McGraw and carried to approve the contract. Refer to Ways and Means Committee

DA Slep also noted that a proposal is being made at the state level to increase judge and District Attorney salaries with no increase in reimbursement from the state. If nothing happens to stop this proposal, this will go into effect on 4/1/12. A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator McGraw and carried to approve the increase in salary. Refer to Ways and Means Committee

Weights and Measures Director

Director Gilbert Green was unable to attend but provided a monthly report to the committee.

Sheriff Rick Whitney

Sheriff Whitney provided a monthly report to the committee. He noted that due to a lack of funding in the current budget, minimal maintenance is being done on the computers and software and it is anticipated that repairs and replacement will be needed in the near future.

Sheriff Whitney requested permission to promote a Corrections Corporal to fill a vacancy due to a promotion. A motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator McGraw and carried to approve the promotion. Refer to Ways and Means Committee

Lt. Dan Hanchett commented on the radio system upgrade. They will accommodate the fire service and do whatever they can to do to be of assistance. The main issue is funding to operate both low and high band systems. He added that neighboring counties are using low, uhf and high bands and interoperability is a big issue.

Old Business

Legislator Healy made note of the Fire Service District Coordinators present for the meeting. Director Jeff Luckey introduced Tren Young, Wes Sotore, Dave Jennings and Shaun Taylor.

Executive Session

A motion was made at 11:58 a.m. by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. A motion was made at 12:02 p.m. by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Ungermann and carried to end the executive session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Edwards

Youth Bureau Director/STOP DWI Coordinator

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2012**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: D. Healy, D. Burdick, T. Hopkins, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall
(Absent: G. Benson, A. McGraw)

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Edwards, D. Fanton, B. Goodridge, G. Green, D. Hanchett, D. Jennings, B. Kelley, B. LaValley, J. Luckey, J. Margeson, T. Miner, K. Monroe, T. O'Grady, D. Pullen, W. Peters, J. R. Pipal, B. Riehle, E. Ruckle, M. Saia, F. Sinclair, J. Steinmetz, R. Swarthout, R. Starks, R. Whitney

Media Present: B. Clark, *Olean Times Herald*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:10 a.m. by Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried to amend the March 7, 2012, Public Safety Committee minutes to reflect that Legislator Ted Hopkins was absent, and to approve the amended Committee minutes of March 7, 2012.

Radio System Update

Mike Saia, Vice President, SAIA Communications, addressed the Committee, noting that in response to complaints regarding coverage in Alfred and Alfred Station, a repeater and paging transmitter were installed on the Alfred tower for better coverage. Adjustments were made earlier this week, and problems seem to be resolved.

W. Peters, Crandall Hook & Ladder, Alfred, noted there is still a problem with mobiles, but Mr. Saia responded that he is aware of that, and his company is continuing to work to resolve them.

Alfred Police Chief and Legislator O'Grady noted that the radio system is working on high band, but not on county-wide frequency dedicated to police in the Alfred Valley. They are not transmitting from the new tower, but from the old site. However, he also noted that if they need to talk to other county agencies, they can switch to the county police channel and talk to them. Car radios and portables are working fine now.

Allegany County Sheriff's Lt. D. Hanchett noted that formerly coverage was only about 26 percent on portables, and it is now up to about 78-80 percent on portables. It was further noted that to avoid changing the contract regarding tower use, a special "combiner" was built to do both jobs. Additionally, Mr. Hanchett noted that the County anticipated, based on our topography, there would be coverage issues. As soon as problems were identified, equipment from the old system was incorporated into the new, fixing some of the problems to assure coverage.

Legislator O'Grady asked how many more towers the County needs to achieve seamless, clear communication throughout the County. Mr. Hanchett responded that in order to develop a system that will carry us into the future, three more tower sites in strategic locations would give the County the coverage it seeks.

Lt. Hanchett noted he continues to seek grant funding for communication needs.

Legislator Sinclair, requested, for the record, confirmation that the new system (and the Pingrey Hill Tower) has accomplished the desired goals.

It was noted that the Pingrey Hill Tower has improved its overall reach and accomplished what it the County set out to do by putting it there.

Legislator Sinclair also wanted to be clear on any additional cost of modifications mentioned earlier. Mr. Saia assured the committee there is no additional cost to the County.

D. Jennings, Chief, Alfred Station Fire Company questioned deadline for the high band in order to budget appropriately. Legislator Healy responded that the tentative deadline date for compliance is September 1, 2014, but indicated that there has been no final decision yet.

Public Defender's Office

Public Defender Barbara Kelley distributed the monthly report for her office for March 2012, and year-to-date. She also responded to a query regarding conflict of interest in the Public Defender's Office. Ms. Kelley noted that the conflict of interest is not from private practice; it's simply a function of the office. One example cited was when there's a custody case, both parties may need representation, but the office can only represent one side of that case—victims—often are or have been defendants.

Our attorneys are not allowed, while working full time for the County, to take on outside cases.

Probation Office

Probation Director Robert Starks distributed his report for March 2012 with the additions requested at the last meeting.

Emergency Management and Fire

Director of Emergency Management and Fire Jeff Luckey distributed his March 2012 report with brief commentary on the included activities.

Funding Transfer Request

Director Luckey also requested a resolution transferring \$1,000 from Account A3410.411 (Fire- Contractual) to Account (A3640.411) (Emergency Services-Contractual) to finance the cost of routine maintenance of Mr. Luckey's vehicle. A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried to allow the transfer. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Acceptance of Homeland Security Funds

Director Luckey noted that the IT Department had voiced concerns regarding the safety of the hardware, software, and servers both at the Jail and at the County Building. Mr. Luckey requested approval to accept homeland security funds in the amounts of \$27,000 for IT hardware/software and \$35,000 for interoperable communications equipment) through a New York State Homeland Security Grant. Chairman C. Crandall's signature is required before the acceptance can be returned to the state. A motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried to begin the grant acceptance process by authorizing Chairman Crandall to sign the application. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Youth Bureau/STOP DWI

Youth Bureau/STOP DWI Coordinator Linda Edwards distributed her monthly report for March 2012, noting the successful St. Patrick's Day Stop DWI Crackdown Weekend. Ms. Edwards reported that they honored four top cops and an individual who had been helpful with the SADD conference last fall. Ms. Edwards noted the possibility that some of the OCFS (Office of Children and Family Services) 33 percent cut may be partially restored and the projects that are marked for funding will receive a corresponding increase (percentage) in addition to the

monies already allocated. In response to the question, Ms. Edwards noted that NYS trooper Dennis Nolder with 16 arrests was named the Top Cop.

Weights & Measures

Weights & Measures Director Gilbert Green distributed his March 2012 report and introduced intern JJ Steinmetz, Jr. of Allen, NY, who attends the Elm St. Academy in Cuba. He also noted that his Department has a second intern, Travis Ryan of Cuba.

Legislator Healy requested numbers on his monthly report (e.g., number of grocery store scales checked in that particular month).

Sheriff's Department

Monthly Report

Sheriff Rick Whitney distributed his monthly report for March 2012 which gave population numbers for March 2012, number of major incidents (none), and number of meetings attended. He noted that the security systems at the Jail were updated last month with camera systems and DVRs; the jail is well covered.

Request to Fill Correction Officer Position

Sheriff Whitney requested approval to temporarily fill one Correction Officer position (Council 82 Local 3989) to backfill a vacancy created by a Corrections Officer who has returned to part-time status. A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried to temporarily fill the requested position. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Acceptance of LETPP Grant

Sheriff Whitney requested a resolution accepting and appropriating a \$31,772 LETPP (Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program) Grant for homeland security-related training. The funds should be appropriated to A3645.217 (Homeland Security-Equipment) and Revenue Account A10.3306.SHF7 (State Aid, Homeland Security-Sheriff). The request was approved on a by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Reappropriation of Pingrey Hill Tower Funds

Legislator Sinclair queried the Committee's advice regarding the resolution regarding payment of the (Pingrey Hill) tower being brought off the table. He asked if it would be proper for this committee to recommend that it be brought off the table. A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried, to recommend that Resolution Intro No. 55-12 (Reappropriation of Calendar Year 2011 Unexpended Funds to Complete Payments for the Construction and Purchase of a Communications Tower on Pingrey Hill Road in the Town of Andover) be brought off the table at the April 9 Board meeting.

Attorney/Client Session

A motion was made by Chairman Crandall, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried to enter an attorney/client session at 12:02 p.m. Immediately following discussion at approximately 12:12 p.m., a motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried, to move out of attorney/client session, and return to the regular meeting.

Classification of Crime Victims Coordinator Position

A motion was made by Chairman Crandall, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried to sponsor a resolution to remove Crime Victims Coordinator from PEF (Public Employees Federation).

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m. following a motion made by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
April 9, 2012

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: M. Healy, D. Burdick, T. Hopkins, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall
(Absent: G. Benson, A. McGraw)

Others Present: M. Alger, R. Christman, P. Curran, D. Fanton, K. Graves, J. Margeson, T. Miner, B. Riehle, F. Sinclair, N. Ungermann, R. Whitney

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy.

Correction Officer Salaries

County Administrator John Margeson stated that he discovered, in consultation with County Treasurer Terri Ross and Personnel Officer Ellen Ruckle, that we are compensating our Correction Officers in a way that is all over the board. Mr. Margeson noted that some are receiving \$13, \$15, \$15.98, and \$18.70 per hour. Correction Officers were originally compensated an hourly rate based on the union contract. In 2008, we passed Resolution No. 71-08 increasing the Correction Officers' pay from \$9 to \$13 per hour when hired which increased to \$15 per hour upon completion of field training. The previous Sheriff hired some long tenured Deputies that had retired, and agreed to pay them \$18.70 due to their long years of service and the experience they had; however, the Board never adopted a resolution approving this action. Legislator Timothy O'Grady questioned how these things happen. Mr. Margeson stated these differing pay rates have created quite a problem for record keeping, and he has been working with Ms. Ross, Ms. Ruckle, and Sheriff Whitney to bring uniformity to this issue.

Administrator Margeson brought forth a proposal to the committee wherein Correction Officers will receive \$13/hour at the time of hire, \$15/hour after satisfactory completion of field training and basic Correction Officer Academy, \$16/hour after serving five consecutive years as an officer in the Sheriff's Office, and \$17/hour after serving ten consecutive years as a Correction Officer in the Sheriff's Office. A condition of employment is that the Correction Officer should maintain an average minimum of 20 hours per month at the discretion of the Sheriff. After a brief discussion regarding the proposal, a motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried to sponsor a resolution in support of the proposal.

Prepare Resolution

Social Host Ordinances

Public Safety Committee Chairman Mike Healy distributed copies of a *Social Host Ordinances as a Means to Prevent Underage Drinking in Allegany County* document that was presented to the Human Services Committee by Allegany Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Inc., Executive Director William Penman. The Human Services Committee has referred the matter to the Public Safety Committee, and Mr. Healy requested committee members to review the document for discussion at the next regular committee meeting. Mr. Healy commented that he understands it would be easiest for the Council to have the County pass a law; however, he isn't sure it is the most effective means, and believes it should be customized for each community.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MAY 2, 2012**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: M. Healy, G. Benson, D. Burdick, T. Hopkins, A. McGraw, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall

Others Present: M. Alger, M. Barney, T. Cannon (Chairman, Town of Friendship Fire District), L. Edwards, D. Fanton, K. Graves, B. Kelley, K. LaForge, J. Margeson, T. Miner, K. Monroe, B. Riehle, E. Ruckle, K. Slep, D. Sortore (Representative of Fire Advisory Board), R. Starks, R. Whitney

Media Present: B. Clark, *Olean Times Herald*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried to approve the Public Safety Committee minutes of April 4 and April 9, 2012.

Public Defender

Monthly Report

Public Defender Barbara Kelley distributed her monthly report, noting that the numbers are on a par with last year's. The report was accepted as presented on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Benson, and carried.

Probation Office

Monthly Report

Probation Director Robert Starks distributed his monthly report, noting the addition of new statistics at the end of the report: Active RUS (Release Under Supervision) cases and Active (court-ordered) CD II (Conditional Discharge Ignition Interlock) Monitor cases. The report was accepted as written on a motion by Legislator McGraw, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried.

ATI Board Quarterly Meeting

Mr. Starks reported on the Alternative to Incarceration meeting held the previous week. He noted that the Department's Community Service Program and Pretrial Release Program were reviewed, and that the board approved those quarterly reports. He also noted that as part of the discussion on Community Service, the Jail Administrator informed the group that the Nurse is now approved to do all the inmates' physicals, and he offered to include Community Service Workers' physicals as well. Mr. Starks noted that one of the issues the Department has had with Community Service Workers is that they are required to have physicals and be approved by the physician before they can work. However, sometimes they drag their feet in getting the physicals done because of the cost or because they can't get in to see their doctor right away. The group decided to bring this issue before this committee to see if that's something to pursue. A motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator

McGraw, and carried to have the Probation Department move forward and report back with a final plan.

Thinking for a Change Training

Mr. Starks also discussed Thinking for a Change Training which provided training for the Probation Department, Sheriff's Department, and others at no cost through a Literacy West grant. By May 18, 2012, eight individuals in those departments will have received this training to be able to serve as facilitators and begin running more of these groups which focus on cognitive behavioral education to change thinking and encourage better decision making in hopes of preventing further criminal behavior.

OPCA Reimbursement for 2012-13

Mr. Starks noted that his Department has been told that reimbursement from the State will be at the same rate as last year; when specific dollar amounts are known, Mr. Starks will report back to the group.

Emergency Management and Fire

Assistant Emergency Management and Fire Director Mike Barney distributed his Department's report for April 2012 on behalf of Director Jeff Luckey. The report was accepted as presented on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried.

Youth Bureau/STOP-DWI

Youth Bureau Director/STOP-DWI Coordinator Linda Edwards distributed her monthly report for April 2012, pointing out several highlights: her attendance at several community events and activities throughout the month; application to (in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office) GTSC (Governor's Traffic Safety Committee) for a grant that will cover six specified dates (TBD) in 2013 for STOP-DWI crackdown; Youth Recognition Dinner which honored four students from Alfred Station, Belfast, Caneadea, and Fillmore; and upcoming collaborations with the 4-H Office for Bicycle and Railroad Safety presentations. Additionally, she noted that several County groups have contacted her office with requests for pre-prom activity programs. The report was accepted as presented on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried.

District Attorney

Monthly Report

District Attorney Keith Slep distributed his monthly report for April 2012. The report was accepted as presented on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator McGraw, and carried.

Request to Fill Position

Additionally, Mr. Slep submitted a request to fill the position of 4th Assistant District Attorney, noting that the incumbent has expressed his intention to resign. Permission to fill the position was granted on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator McGraw, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Weights & Measures

Monthly Report

Weights & Measures Director Gilbert Green, though unable to attend the meeting, submitted his report for April 2012. The report was accepted as presented on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried.

Sheriff's Office

Monthly Report

Sheriff Rick Whitney distributed his monthly report for April 2012, noting that eight new Correction Officers will graduate from the Corrections Academy on May 12, 2012. The Sheriff also commended the County IT Department for its work on procuring and installing the new CAD system for the 911 Center. A brief discussion of the capabilities of the new CAD system followed. The report was accepted as presented on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried.

Guest

Tom Cannon, Chairman, Town of Friendship Fire District, attended the meeting to voice his concerns and those of his colleagues regarding the cost burden of meeting the County mandate of an upgraded (high band) radio system, noting that without some financial assistance, the Friendship Fire District will be unable to meet the new requirements. He also noted that he is opposed to putting his fire district in debt to do so as well as his belief that the current system is adequate. Legislator Healy and Chairman Crandall both noted they understood and appreciated his concerns, but that the decision to go to a high band radio system was not made lightly. Legislator Healy noted that he is aware of the financial problems and remedies are being sought for some of those issues, but that the Board has an obligation to move in the direction of what's best for the entire County. That being said, it is necessary to go to a higher level of communication. It was also noted that grant funding continues to be sought.

Old Business

Social Host Ordinance

William Penman, Executive Director of the Allegany Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Inc., returned to the Committee meeting to learn the Committee's view on this proposal, noting that alcohol remains the primary drug abused by youth in Allegany County. Legislator Healy noted that he agreed in concept, but had reservations regarding the practical application on a County level. He noted that it may be more efficacious for local municipalities to enact their own laws, specifically tailored for their own circumstances, which would therefore allow them to collect revenues from any associated fines. Legislator Ungermann voiced his concerns at the intrusion in people's lives as well as the definitions used in the document. Further, he was concerned about innocent landowners being erroneously "tried and convicted" in the media. Chairman Crandall inquired whether Mr. Penman had approached the towns and villages; Mr. Penman responded that he had started at the County level. The feeling of the Committee is that the Social Host Ordinance is more of a local issue than a County issue, but would endorse Mr. Penman's approaching the towns and villages. Chairman Crandall made a motion, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried, to forward the Social Host Ordinance proposal to the towns and villages

Attorney/Client Session

The Committee entered attorney/client session at 12:02 p.m., following a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator McGraw, and carried. The Committee exited

attorney/client session at 12:08 p.m., following a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Benson, and carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator McGraw, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JUNE 6, 2012**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: M. Healy, G. Benson, D. Burdick, T. Hopkins, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall (Absent: A. McGraw)

Others Present: M. Alger, P. Curran, D. Fanton, K. Graves, D. Hanchett, B. Kelley, K. LaForge, J. Luckey, J. Margeson, T. Miner, K. Monroe, T. O'Grady, D. Pullen, B. Riehle, C. Santora, F. Sinclair, K. Slep, R. Starks, R. Swarthout, D. Vespucci, R. Whitney

Media Present: B. Clark, *Olean Times Herald*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried to approve the Public Safety Committee minutes of May 2, 2012.

Public Defender

Monthly Report

Public Defender Barbara Kelley distributed her monthly report for May 2012, noting that the numbers were consistent with last year and that there were no anomalies to report. She also commented that her office is very busy.

Department of Probation

Monthly Report

Probation Director Robert Starks distributed his monthly report for May 2012, noting that the report showed nothing out of the ordinary. Attached to the monthly report was data he had received from the NYS Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives, comparing Allegany County to New York State averages in a number of categories, including probation, supervision, prison, jail, time served, to name a few. Mr. Starks noted that Allegany County is in good shape compared to the rest of the State in most categories.

DCJS Shared Services Grant Funding

Mr. Starks requested a resolution allowing the Probation Office to accept and appropriate \$22,338 from the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to partially fund the Shared Services project in the Allegany County Sheriff's budget for the term July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. The resolution should authorize Chairman Crandall to execute the contract when it is completed. The funds should be appropriated to Account No. A3140.449 (Services for a Shared Population-\$22,338) with a like sum placed in Revenue Account A3140.3310.06 ((Services for a Shared Population) \$22,338. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Law Enforcement Instructor Training Program

One staff member, at no cost to Allegany County, completed Law Enforcement Instructor Training in South Carolina and is certified to provide instruction in any (law enforcement) topic the Probation Department or other offices in Allegany County may need.

Thinking for a Change Training Update

Four officers from the Probation Department, two Probation Officers from Wyoming County, four Correction Officers, and two staff members from Literacy West completed Thinking for a Change Training.

Additional Staff Training

One staff member will travel to Kentucky soon to participate in NIC (National Institute of Corrections) training course/train the trainer at no cost to Allegany County. Literacy West is providing funds for training.

State Block Grant

In the past, the State would send funding for each program conducted by the Probation Department, but it now combines funding for all programs into one block grant, providing the Probation Department with \$152,610, about \$1,757 more than last year's funding.

Emergency Management and Fire

Monthly Report

Director of Emergency Management and Fire Jeff Luckey distributed his monthly report for May 2012. Mr. Luckey expounded on several points in his report, notably a meeting in District 4 to discuss the radio grant and the NYS WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction) trailers which are basically the hazardous material (haz mat) trailers. Mr. Luckey noted that state funding is being cut, and he and the district are seeking grant funding to keep the trailers maintained. Mr. Luckey also said he is working with several fire companies on a regional Fire Act Grant to purchase radios for the new high band system. He also pointed out that he had worked with the Cuba-Rushford School District and the Sheriff's Office to conduct a table-top drill to prepare for an emergency.

Youth Bureau/STOP-DWI

Monthly Report

Youth Bureau/STOP-DWI Director Linda Edwards distributed her monthly report for May 2012, highlighting three items: the Office held a Victim Impact Panel in May with 49 defendants; collaborated with the 4-H Office on Bicycle Safety presentation in 16 classrooms in eight schools with over 250 students over four days; and received final OCFS (Office of Children and Family Services) allocations and finalized allocations for County approval. Ms. Edwards noted that funding was made at \$47,415 dollars, a 27 percent cut from last year when the Youth Bureau was funded at over \$66,000.

2012 Resource Allocation Plan

Ms. Edwards requested a resolution approving the 2012 Resource Allocation Plan agreement with Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) in relation to the State's allocation of funds to the County for providing youth services under its Comprehensive Youth Services Plan. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Program Awards for 2012

Ms. Edwards also requested a resolution to approve and appropriate the program awards for 2012 from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services for the Youth Development/Delinquency Prevention (YDDP) and the Special Delinquency Prevention programs (SDPP). The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

District Attorney **Monthly Report**

District Attorney Keith Slep noted that there was nothing of note to report.

Crime Victims Advocate Grant

Mr. Slep requested a resolution for (annual) approval for the crime victim grant which is down two percent, resulting in a salary cut for the incumbent. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Weights and Measures

Weights and Measures Director Gilbert Green, though unable to attend the meeting, filed a monthly report for May 2012.

Sheriff's Office **Monthly Report**

Sheriff Rick Whitney distributed his monthly report for May 2012 as well as a report from the Allegany County 911 Center. Sheriff Whitney noted that as of today (June 6, 2012) the inmate population was at 80 beds and was unable to accommodate additional prisoners, a situation which occurs once or twice per year. Sheriff Whitney noted that a class from Wellsville High School visited the jail where three federal inmates spoke to the students and gave them an "insider's" view of incarceration. A brief discussion about the 911 Call Center occurred, noting that even non-emergency calls are funneled through 911. It was noted that, unfortunately, there is not enough man power (or funding) to institute a different line (such as a 411). Lt. Dan Hanchett commended the dispatchers for doing a good job at sorting out the true emergency calls from the quasi- or pseudo- emergencies.

Legislator Healy noted that he'd attended the May 12 graduation of the Basic Corrections Academy and was happy to have been present at the "very nice ceremony."

Update on 911 Radio Project

Lt. Hanchett brought the Committee up to date on the 911 Radio Project, noting that the system has been "opened up" to all the district coordinators, and issued all mobiles and portable for additional testing to locate any trouble spots. Training is also being conducted on how to operate the new system and is expected to be completed during the first week of July. Lt. Hanchett noted that opening up the new system while maintaining the old system, has placed a burden on the dispatchers because they have to determine which system the call came in on, and respond on the appropriate system to avoid delay. Lt. Hanchett also brought the Committee up to date on the anticipated CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) system, indicating that some glitches are becoming known, such as migrating data from the old system to the new system without loss, damage, or contamination of information. Three issues he noted were "MSAGs" (Master Street Address Guide-ability for the 911 operating systems to gather the information from the caller's carrier to give us their correct street address); how the system knows who you are when you call; and that our current phone system will no longer be supported by the vendor

after January 1, 2014, but we have learned that the new system will work with the outdated phone system; GIS Mapping: currently, Allegany County's GIS mapping is very far off. 911 needed to find a way to afford updated GIS Mapping. The vendor had some grant funding available, for which Allegany County has been approved, and that will help us update the GIS Mapping with no additional cost.

Request to Fill Position

Sheriff Whitney requested approval to fill one Correction Officer position (Council 82, Local 3989 Bargaining Unit) due to a resignation. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Letter from Village of Cuba Sewage Treatment Facility

Legislator Ungermann distributed copies of a letter he received from the Village of Cuba Sewage Treatment facility notifying him that the sewage from the jail consisted of more garbage than human waste, which results in plugging the system. Mr. Lloyd Lewis, the letter's author, suggested installing a grinder at the jail to help prevent this problem. County Administrator John Margeson indicated that the County has an agreement with the Village of Belmont to run a line from the jail into the Village sewage system. Legislator Healy asked Sheriff Whitney to confer with the Department of Public Works regarding a grinder and report the results at next month's meeting.

Executive Session

The Committee moved into executive session at 11:59 a.m. on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Benson, and carried, to discuss the financial and employment history of a particular employee. The Committee moved out of executive session at 12:12 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried. There was no formal action taken by the Committee, but there was a consensus that the issue should be referred to the Committee of the Whole. **Refer to Committee of the Whole**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 25, 2012**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: M. Healy, D. Burdick, T. Hopkins, C. Crandall (Absent: G. Benson, A. McGraw, N. Ungermann)

Others Present: M. Alger, D. Fanton, K. Graves, K. LaForge, J. Luckey, J. Margeson, D. Pullen, F. Sinclair

Media Present: B. Clark, *Olean Times Herald*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:49 a.m. by Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy.

Request Resolution to Contract with Grant Writing Company

County Administrator John Margeson and Director of Fire Services Jeff Luckey requested a resolution which would allow the County to enter into a contract with Grantmasters, Inc., Lewiston, NY, who agree to complete and submit (by the deadline of July 6, 2012) two grant applications for the "2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program" to assist Allegany County fire companies in the procurement of high band radios. Two groups (coalitions) of fire companies in the County, the North End, hosted by Fillmore, and the South End, hosted by Belmont, will be the grantees. The formation of coalitions decreases the number of individual grant applications coming out of Allegany County which would compete with each other for funding. The cost per grant is \$3,120. Mr. Margeson recommends referring the matter to the Ways & Means Committee in order to identify funds to pay for this service. Director of Fire Services Jeff Luckey was granted permission to enter into a contract with Grantmasters, Inc., to write two grants for two fire department coalitions on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m. following a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JULY 5, 2012**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: M. Healy, D. Burdick, T. Hopkins, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall
(Absent: G. Benson, A. McGraw)

Others Present: P. Curran, D. Fanton, B. Goodridge, K. Graves, D. Hanchett, B. Kelley, B. LaValley, J. Luckey, J. Margeson, T. Miner, K. Monroe, B. Riehle, C. Santora, F. Sinclair, R. Swarthout, R. Starks, R. Whitney

Media Present: B. Clark, *Olean Times Herald*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried to approve the Public Safety Committee minutes of June 6, and June 25, 2012.

New Agenda Procedure

Prior to hearing the monthly reports, Legislator Healy requested that Department Heads provide the Clerk of the Board's Office with agenda items and reports (when possible) in advance of the meeting so they might be e-mailed to Committee members and Department Heads in advance (ideally 48 hours) of the scheduled meeting.

**Public Defender
Monthly Report**

Public Defender Barbara Kelley reviewed her report for June 2012, noting that the numbers were as expected and that there are no unusual issues to report.

Office Funding Update

Ms. Kelley also informed the Committee that the State had been cutting the Office funding by a certain percentage each year. This year, the percentage is up to 25 percent. However, now the State is offering a new plan whereby the funds will be reinstated if the case can be made that the funding will not take the place of local funds, and that it helps to improve the quality of the defense services offered by the Office. Ms. Kelley indicated there was no better way to improve the quality of services than by the addition of the second Public Defender position which the Board approved last year. She also noted that she had received approval of the required written report demonstrating those conditions, and was confident that her Office would be able to keep the funding at the level it has been.

**Probation Department
Monthly Report**

Probation Director Robert Starks distributed his report for June 2012, noting no anomalies to report. He also distributed two additional documents regarding State funding for probation activities, saying that state spending on probation has declined while total spending on probation has increased. He indicated that state funding levels are at about \$151,000, but the annual budget for the Probation Department is approximately \$900,000. The difference is picked up by the County. Chairman Crandall commented that these documents illustrate why

the two percent tax cap doesn't work without addressing this and other similar issues. Legislator Ungermann noted that having fewer folks on probation has the potential to drive up costs at the jail.

Department of Emergency Management and Fire

Monthly Report

Department of Emergency Management and Fire Director Jeff Luckey distributed his June 2012 report, emphasizing those activities he felt were most noteworthy. Included among those were his attendance at the New York State Fire Chiefs' Conference where he met Corporal Mark O'Brien, a great motivational speaker who lost an arm and a leg serving his country. Mr. Luckey would like to engage him to speak locally in the fall. Mr. Luckey also updated the group on the status of the Radio Grant, noting that it will provide 126 mobile radios, 527 portables, and 700 pagers. He continues to work on Fire Act Grants and Hazmat Plans. Mr. Luckey also introduced guests Brandon LaValley, member of the Fire Advisory Board, Belmont; and Chief Brian Goodridge, Alfred Station.

Youth Bureau/STOP-DWI

Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director and STOP-DWI Coordinator Linda Edwards was unable to attend the meeting, but her report for June 2012 was distributed. No discussion ensued.

District Attorney's Office

Monthly Report

District Attorney Keith Slep was unable to attend the meeting, but his report for June 2012 was distributed. Legislator Hopkins noted that he would like to see comparison numbers on the DA's report (e.g., compared to the previous month and/or the same month last year).

Weights & Measures

Monthly Report

Weights & Measures Director Gilbert Green was unable to attend the meeting, but his report for June 2012 was distributed. There was no discussion.

Sheriff's Department

Monthly Report

Sheriff Rick Whitney distributed his monthly reports for June 2012 which included jail population and boarded inmate count, professional activities, and 911 calls.

Request to Fill Registered Nurse Position

Sheriff Whitney requested permission to fill one Registered Nurse position (NYSNA, Step 3) due to the retirement of the current RN. This position is needed to fulfill New York State Commission of Correction minimum staffing requirement. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Request to Fill Senior Account Clerk Typist Position

Sheriff Whitney also requested permission to fill one Senior Account Clerk Typist position (Council 82, Local 3989) due to the retirement of the current Senior Account Clerk Typist. This position is needed to fulfill New York State requirements for processing civil paperwork. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Request to Create and Fill Two Correction Officer Positions

Sheriff Whitney also requested permission to create and fill two Correction Officer positions (Council 82 Local 3989), noting that a review of overtime indicates the addition of these two positions at a cost (without benefits) of \$75,600, would allow for a reduction of approximately \$96,000 of overtime. Discussion of this request was opened on a motion by Legislator Healy and seconded by Legislator Hopkins. Following discussion culminating in Committee members' wanting a more accurate accounting (including benefits) to determine actual cost savings, the request was tabled on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried.

Old Business

Radio Project & 911 Grant Status Update

Department of Emergency Management and Fire Jeff Luckey and Lt. Hanchett addressed the Committee, noting that high band radio instruction had been provided to every fire company over the past six weeks, and for the most part, communication is going smoothly. They did also note, however, that where they had expected some service issues (Whitesville) there are none, and where they had expected to have no service connection problems (the Alfred area), they were still working out the bugs. The old tower in Alfred is "maxed out" so more devices (antennas) cannot be added to enhance coverage. There are several options available to fix this issue; Lt. Hanchett will bring potential solutions and their costs to the Committee for its input.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. following a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 1, 2012**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: M. Healy, G. Benson, D. Burdick, T. Hopkins, C. Crandall
(Absent: A. McGraw, N. Ungermann)

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Edwards, D. Fanton, K. Graves, G. Green, L. Haggstrom, D. Hanchett, K. LaForge, B. LaValley, J. Luckey, J. Margeson, K. Monroe, S. Ozzella, B. Riehle, C. Santora, F. Sinclair, K. Slep, R. Starks, R. Swarthout, K. Toot, D. Vespucci, R. Whitney

Media Present: B. Clark, *Olean Times Herald*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried to approve the Public Safety Committee minutes of July 5, 2012.

Amendment of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Benson, and carried to amend the June 6, 2012, minutes per Sheriff Whitney, by adding the word "housed-in" when referring to the inmate population on the Sheriff's May 2012 report.

Public Defender- Barbara Kelley

Monthly Report

Ms. Kelley, who pre-filed her report, was unable to attend the meeting due to her court schedule. No questions were raised.

Probation Director- Robert Starks

Monthly Report

Mr. Starks' report had been filed prior to the meeting and generated no questions from the Committee. Mr. Starks added that he had attended the third quarterly ATI (Alternatives to Incarceration) Advisory Board meeting where the pre-trial quarterly reports and community service reports were approved. He responded to questions regarding ignition interlock apparatus. He also reminded the Committee that earlier this year he had alerted it to the possibility that 16- and 17-year-old offenders would be handled through Family Court instead of Criminal Court. He noted that at this time there would be no change, and the status quo would remain in effect.

Director of Emergency Management and Fire- Jeffrey Luckey

Monthly Report

Director of Emergency Management and Fire Services Jeff Luckey, who had also pre-filed his monthly report, noted the following items: the two regional radio grants were submitted to the Fire Act Grant, requesting a total of \$1,045,134 in new high-band radio equipment. He also noted he met with the Fire Service Radio Committee regarding the lack of better pager

coverage with the new high-band system in the Canaseraga and Alfred areas. He did say, however, that Alfred coverage has improved with the return of the Alfred Tower to the system. The 911 Center is addressing these newly reported concerns.

Youth Bureau Director/STOP-DWI Coordinator- Linda Edwards

Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director/STOP-DWI Coordinator Linda Edwards reviewed her pre-filed report with the group, noting her activities for July 2012. She particularly indicated that she had attended The Bully Intervention Program (T-BIP) in Batavia and would like to implement an anti-bullying program in two local schools.

District Attorney- Keith Slep

Monthly Report

District Attorney Slep's pre-filed report indicated that his Office has seen an uptick in drug cases. His report indicates that each of the files noted required the attention of one or more prosecutors and support staff. In many cases there are various or multiple crimes charged against one individual. He also noted that he has a reciprocal agreement acting as special prosecutor for several cases for Steuben County.

Crime Victims' Advocate Grant

Crime Victims' Advocate Shannon Ozzella joined DA Slep in requesting a resolution to accept funding through a one-year extension to the current Crime Victims' Grant, effective October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013. Previously, the grant had been renewed for three-year periods; however, this year, the Office of Victim Services has offered one-year extensions to funded programs' current contracts. The total amount awarded for this extension is \$32,561 for the position of Crime Victims' Coordinator. The funds are broken down into salary, travel, and training, as well as third-party contributions leaving the total salary at \$32,461. The minimum 20 percent match requirement toward the program does not require a budget adjustment as it is already in the 2012 and 2013 budgets. The request for a resolution was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried.

Prepare Resolution

Weights & Measures- Director Gilbert Green

Monthly Report

Weights & Measures Director Gilbert Green reviewed his pre-filed report with the Committee. Additionally, he noted that August is Fuel Truck Month, the time to check trucks prior to the onset of cold weather.

Sheriff's Office-Rick Whitney

Monthly Report

When reviewing his pre-filed report, Sheriff Whitney noted that the local inmate population is up which cuts down on the opportunity to house out-of-county or federal prisoners.

Funding Transfers

Sheriff Whitney also requested the following funding transfer due to the increasing number of transports and the increasing cost of fuel:

From Account Number	To Account Number	
A3110.201 (Sheriff-Equipment)	A3110.422 (Sheriff-Gas & Oil)	\$5,000
A3110.203 (Sheriff-Communication)	A3110.422 (Sheriff-Gas & Oil)	\$2,000
A3110.205 (Sheriff-Furniture)	A3110.422 (Sheriff-Gas & Oil)	\$1,000
A3110.409 (Sheriff-Fees)	A3110.422 (Sheriff-Gas & Oil)	\$3,000
A3110.421 (Sheriff-Education)	A3110.422 (Sheriff-Gas & Oil)	<u>\$3,600</u>
		\$ 14,600

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

Old Business

Financial Information Regarding the Creation of Two New Correction Officer Positions

Sheriff Whitney distributed a more complete accounting regarding his request to create and fill two new Correction Officer positions. The issue was taken off the table on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Benson, and carried. The following discussion noted that the modest savings of approximately \$6,000 might not warrant the creation of the two positions. The issue of the two new positions was again tabled until the Budget Review meeting of August 6, 2012, following a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried.

911 Radio Project Update-Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management & Fire

Emergency Management & Fire Director Jeff Luckey reiterated that the two grants had been submitted and accepted and that he was waiting to hear the results. Legislator Healy indicated that he had received an e-mail from Whitesville Fire Chief Jeff Erdman regarding a malfunction of the Whitesville radio system. It was noted that the vendor remedied the problem, tested the equipment, and someone at the Department accepted the test. The glitch was that no one notified the Chief at the time that the fix had been completed. Mr. Luckey said he had been in touch with Chief Erdman and that his only concern involved the process of notification. Lt. Hanchett also noted that this lapse in policy would be addressed with dispatch personnel. It was noted that Chief Erdman is satisfied with the response.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. following a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Benson, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 5, 2012**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: M. Healy, D. Burdick, A. McGraw, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall
(Absent: G. Benson, T. Hopkins)

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Edwards, D. Fanton, V. Grant, K. Graves, G. Green, D. Hanchett,
J. Luckey, J. Margeson, T. Miner, B. Riehle, C. Santora, K. Slep, D. Sortore, R. Starks,
R. Swarthout, R. Whitney

Media Present: B. Clark, *Olean Times Herald*; B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Public Safety Committee
Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Chairman Crandall, and carried to approve the Public Safety Committee minutes of August 1, 2012.

Public Defender- Barbara Kelley
Monthly Report

Public Defender Barbara Kelley was unable to attend the meeting, but had submitted her monthly report in advance of the meeting, offering to respond to any questions Committee members might have.

Probation Department-Robert Starks
Monthly Report

Probation Director Robert Starks, who had pre-filed his monthly report, noted that the PINS (Persons in Need of Supervision) are down, and the JD (Juvenile Delinquent) intake numbers seemed to be trending upward. In addition to his report, Mr. Starks noted that the 2012-13 Operation Annual State Aid plan and application have been approved by the State for a period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. Further, he noted, the Department had participated in a DCJS eJusticeNY audit, noting that Probation Departments may be audited once every three years. This most recent audit was a self-audit which he completed and returned. The results cited a couple of small and one large item, but those issues have been resolved and all has been approved.

Emergency Management and Fire-Jeffrey Luckey
Monthly Report

Director of Emergency Management and Fire Jeff Luckey highlighted significant points on his pre-filed monthly report for August 2012, including the scheduling of EMS (Emergency Medical Services) training program classes. He also noted working with Bolivar and other fire companies during a structure fire on August 19 which resulted in three fatalities. Additionally, Mr. Luckey distributed copies of an editorial by James Beaton, Bolivar Fire Chief, which had appeared on Facebook. Mr. Luckey noted that he is reviewing Mutual Aid Plans to ensure that the most updated plans are going into the new CAD system. Mr. Luckey is also working on establishing a swift water incident course which he hopes to conduct this fall. Mr. Luckey added that the two Regional Radio Grants for which he had applied will begin announcing awardees from mid-September through June 2013, but that he has heard nothing yet. He indicated that

Congressman Tom Reed had endorsed the Allegany County grant applications. Also, New York State received approval from FEMA for the 2012 grant period. Allegany County requested \$41,250 in grant funds: \$30,000 for mobile data terminals, \$10,000 to upgrade personal PPE (personal protective equipment) for Deputy Coordinators, and the remainder for connectivity. The State has indicated we will receive the amount we requested.

Youth Bureau/STOP-DWI-Linda Edwards

Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director/STOP-DWI Coordinator Linda Edwards noted nothing out of the ordinary to mention on her pre-filed August 2012 Monthly Report. She thanked the Department of Public Works and the Information Technology departments for their hard work in helping her office move to the former Support Collection Building. Ms. Edwards also noted that she had received a competitive full scholarship to attend the NYS 2012 DWI Symposium in Lake Placid, October 14-17.

Request to Increase Victim Impact Fee from \$10 to \$25

Ms. Edwards requested a resolution modifying the local law authorizing the payment of an administration fee for individuals attending the Victim Impact Panel. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

District Attorney-Keith Slep

Monthly Report

District Attorney Keith Slep informed the Committee that he wanted to add two items to his pre-filed monthly report for August. The first was that August was an active warrant month, and many crimes were solved through the cooperation of several law-enforcement agencies with no injuries or deaths. And second was that he and Sheriff Whitney had attended and presented at a law enforcement seminar. Mr. Slep indicated that the networking opportunities at the seminar were very valuable.

Weights & Measures-Gilbert Green

Monthly Report

In addition to his pre-filed report for August 2012, Weights and Measures Director Gilbert Green noted that his office had also been relocated to the Support Collection Building. Additionally, he was working on milk tanks for Alfred State's two dairies: traditional and organic; he is also working with a start-up business in Friendship and with a gas station planning to re-open in Cuba. He also indicated that he would be welcoming an intern from the Elm Street Academy next week.

Sheriff's Office-Rick Whitney

Monthly Report

Sheriff Rick Whitney indicated that approximately 70 inmates are housed in so far this month, representing an increase over the numbers indicated in his pre-filed August 2012 monthly report. He also noted the retirement of Deputy James Richardson.

Funding Transfer

Sheriff Whitney requested a resolution transferring \$3,000 from Account A3112.403 (E-911 Dispatch-Maintenance Contract Office Machines) to A3020.427 (Public Safety Communication-Tower Electric) to finance the costs of tower activity. The request was approved

on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Request to Promote Corrections Officer to Deputy Sheriff

Sheriff Whitney requested approval to promote a Corrections Officer to Deputy Sheriff (Local 3989, Council 82) to fill a vacancy created by the scheduled retirement of Deputy James Richardson on September 28, 2012. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator McGraw, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Request to Fill Corrections Officer Due to a Promotion

Sheriff Whitney also requested approval to fill a Corrections Officer position (Local 3989, Council 82) created by the promotion of a Corrections Officer to Deputy Sheriff. This position is required to fulfill New York State Commission of Corrections minimum staffing requirements. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator McGraw, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Request to Fill 911 Dispatcher

Sheriff Whitney requested approval to fill a 911 Dispatcher position (Grade 13, Base). This vacancy occurred as a result of a resignation and is necessary to maintain full staffing of the E-911 Center. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator McGraw, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Old Business

911 Radio Project Update

Lieutenant Dan Hanchett reported that the system is moving along as anticipated. Any snags that are encountered are addressed as they occur, and more departments are coming to high band, but slowly. Lt. Hanchett also noted that he has been very impressed with CONXX and feels that our contract with that company is a win-win situation for the 911 Center and the public. Additionally, when questioned whether the County's dispatch service was "down" for any length of time last month (August 20), Lt. Hanchett noted that there may have been short spurts (seconds at a time, resulting in no more than 4-5 minutes overall) when the system took a lightning strike to its "A" path and had to re-route itself to the back-up "B" path. He also noted that agreements with other counties are in the works whereby they could help out in similar or more catastrophic situations.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m. following a motion by Legislator McGraw, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012
SPECIAL MEETING**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: M. Healy, G. Benson, D. Burdick, T. Hopkins, N. Ungermann,
(Absent: A. McGraw, C. Crandall)

Others Present: M. Alger, P. Curran, L. Edwards, D. Fanton, K. Graves, T. Miner, B. Riehle, C.
Santora, F. Sinclair, L. Watson

Media Present: No media present.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:47 p.m. by Public Safety Committee
Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy.

Youth Bureau/STOP-DWI-Linda Edwards

Stop DWI Program Coordinator Linda Edwards requested a resolution accepting a \$54,800 grant from the NYS STOP-DWI Association for Crackdown Enforcement for the federal fiscal year October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013. The funds should be appropriated to A3141.447 (STOP-DWI Program-Contracts) with a like sum placed in revenue account A3141.2615R1. Ms. Edwards indicated that the six enforcement dates would include Super Bowl Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Halloween, and sometime during the holidays. The request for a resolution was approved on a motion by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Benson, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 3, 2012**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: G. Benson, D. Burdick, C. Crandall, M. Healy, T. Hopkins, A. McGraw (*Absent: N. Ungermann*)

Others Present: D. Cady, L. Edwards, G. Fries, K. Graves, D. Hanchett, B. Kelley, B. LaValley, J. Luckey, J. Margeson, T. Miner. K. Monroe, B. Riehle, F. Sinclair, K. Slep, R. Starks, R. Swarhout

Media Present: B. Clark, *Olean Times Herald*, B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried to approve the Public Safety Committee minutes of September 5, 2012, with the amendment that on page 3 "Request to Fill 911 Dispatcher" should read "Part-time 911 Dispatcher" in heading and in body.

Sheriff's Office-Kevin Monroe
LETPP Grant

Undersheriff Kevin Monroe requested permission to accept the 2012 LETPP Grant in the amount of \$13,750.00 for CAD Software upgrade to allow for the use of Mobile Data Terminals by Law Enforcement and First Responder personnel within the county. A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins and approved to accept the grant. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Request to Fill Deputy Sheriff Position

Undersheriff Monroe requested permission to promote a Corrections Officer to Deputy Sheriff to fill a vacancy created by retirement. This position is on the C-line and is primarily responsible for civil and sex offender registry duties. A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator McGraw and carried to approve filling the position. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Request to Fill Corrections Officer Position

Undersheriff Monroe requested permission to fill a Corrections officer position created by the promotion of a Corrections Officer to Deputy Sheriff. A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to approve filling the position. **Refer to Ways and Means**

After a question by Legislator Sinclair, Undersheriff Monroe noted that there will be a cost savings after these positions are filled.

Monthly Report

When reviewing his pre-filed report, Undersheriff Monroe noted that the housed-in numbers are up, which generates more revenue. Requests for housing federal inmates are being filled as needed.

Public Defender- Barbara Kelley
Monthly Report

Ms. Kelley, who pre-filed her report, commented that her office is busy, with around 1300 cases at the end of September.

Director of Emergency Management and Fire- Jeffrey Luckey
Monthly Report

Director of Emergency Management and Fire Services Jeff Luckey, noted that he had pre-filed his monthly report. He also noted that a Water Rescue course has been approved and will be held on October 13 and 14 at Houghton College and Caneadea Creek.

Director Luckey responded to a question about the radio grants, stating that there has been no word on the 911 grant through the Sheriff's Office. Information is being released weekly on the fire department grants, but there has been no word yet.

Youth Bureau Director/STOP-DWI Coordinator- Linda Edwards
Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director/STOP-DWI Coordinator Linda Edwards reviewed her pre-filed report with the group, noting her activities for September 2012. She particularly indicated that the state is in the process of implementing a Program Quality Assessment based on the Quality Youth Development System. She is working with the Youth Board on training and implementation of the program. Director Edwards also noted the SADD Conference which is being held on Friday, October 26, 2012, at the Genesis Bible Church in Scio on the topics of Bullying and Synthetic Drugs. All legislators are welcome to attend, but please RSVP. Finally, Director Edwards made note of a Legislative Youth Summit being held from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 18, at Genesee Community College in Batavia. This is being hosted by the Genesee Valley Finger Lakes and Western New York Youth Bureau regions. *(Please note that after the meeting, notice was received that this event has been rescheduled to November 8.)*

Acceptance of STEPS in Safety Grant

Director Edwards requested acceptance of a STEPS in Safety (Safety on Wheels) grant in the amount of \$2,400 from the Governor's Traffic Safety Program for the State fiscal year 10/1/12 – 9/30/13. A correction was made to the MOE noting that the Re-appropriation amount is \$2,400 (not \$2,4000). A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator McGraw and carried to accept the grant. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Acceptance of STOP-DWI Plan

Director Edwards requested acceptance of the 2013 STOP-DWI Plan. A correction was made to the MOE to add to the Revenue Estimate \$3,000 in anticipated Victim Impact Fees and \$54,800 for the DWI Crackdown Grant, so the total Revenue Estimate should be \$182,800.00. A motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Hopkins and carried to accept the plan. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Traffic Safety Board

Linda Edwards and Gary Fries presented two items on behalf of the Traffic Safety Board. In conjunction with the Allegany County Highway Superintendent's Association, five bicycles were raffled off to local youth who signed up at the County Fair. Presentations of the bicycles were made to the youth on September 15 at Kmart and a picture of the youth and their bikes with board members was passed around. Also, the Traffic Safety Board has purchased

reflective arm bands to give out to individuals who walk, jog or bike local roads. There is a safety concern with these individuals and the board is working to address the issue. These have been given to all local and college police departments in the county for distribution as needed. Extras will be housed at the STOP-DWI Office. Arm bands were given to committee members.

District Attorney- Keith Slep

Monthly Report

District Attorney Keith Slep pre-filed his monthly report. His only comment is that his office has seen a 200% increase in homicides this month.

DA Slep made note of a transfer of funds for vehicle repairs.

Request for Transfer

DA Slep requested a transfer of \$3,000 from the Diversion Program to Steno/Transcripts for transcripts. A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins and carried to transfer the requested funds. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Weights & Measures- Director Gilbert Green

Monthly Report

Weights & Measures Director Gilbert Green was unable to attend the meeting and his pre-filed report was reviewed by the committee.

Old Business

Lt. Dan Hanchett reported that the 911 radio system is working well. They are not yet sure when the all radios will be switched over to high band. Jeff Luckey noted that a meeting will be held this month with Fire Chiefs to discuss the matter. It is believed that the CAD system will be fully operational by the end of the year.

Probation Director- Robert Starks

Monthly Report

Director Starks' report had been filed prior to the meeting and generated no questions from the Committee.

Acceptance of Grant

Director Starks requested acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$2,337.00 from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services after being awarded an Article 13-A classification Alternative to Incarceration for the Pre-Trial Release Program. This award is for the period from 7/1/12 to 6/30/13. A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to accept the grant and authorize Chairman Crandall to sign the contract. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Acceptance of Grant

Director Starks requested acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$3,661.00 from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services after being awarded an Article 13-A classification Alternative to Incarceration for the Community Service Program. This award is for the period from 7/1/12 to 6/30/13. A motion was made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator McGraw and carried to accept the grant and authorize Chairman Crandall to sign the contract. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Director Starks noted that the Alternative to Incarceration Plan Application was approved, which allows the jail to maintain reduced housing classifications.

Executive Session

Director Starks requested to enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter of public safety. A motion was made at 11:47 a.m. by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator McGraw and carried to enter into Executive Session. A motion was made at 12:07 p.m. by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to close the Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m. following a motion by Legislator McGraw, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
November 7, 2012

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: G. Benson, D. Burdick, C. Crandall, M. Healy, T. Hopkins, A. McGraw, N. Ungermann

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Edwards, D. Fanton, K. Graves, D. Hanchett, B. Kelley, B. LaValley, J. Luckey, J. Margeson, T. Miner, K. Monroe, B. Riehle, F. Sinclair, K. Slep, R. Sortore, R. Starks, R. Swarthout, R. Whitney

Media Present: B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:11 a.m. by Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried to approve the Public Safety Committee minutes of October 3, 2012.

Public Defender- Barbara Kelley

Monthly Report

Ms. Kelley, who pre-filed her report, commented that her office is busy, with around 1,475 requests for services and almost 1,000 cases opened.

Ms. Kelley also noted that her office will now be doing adjournments and interim orders through the Family Court.

Director of Emergency Management and Fire- Jeffrey Luckey

Monthly Report

Director of Emergency Management and Fire Services Jeff Luckey pre-filed his monthly report. He noted that the drill at Swain went very well and was very well organized.

Director Luckey provided a written report on Hurricane Sandy, noting the extensive list of available services in such an emergency situation.

Youth Bureau Director/STOP-DWI Coordinator- Linda Edwards

Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director/STOP-DWI Coordinator Linda Edwards reviewed her pre-filed report with the group, noting her activities for October 2012. She noted that she had attended the Highway Safety Symposium (STOP-DWI Conference) and the Youth Bureau Director's Training and Conference. Scholarships were received for conference and hotel expenses for both conferences, so the cost to the County was minimal. The Annual SADD Conference was held on October 26, with over 100 students and adults attending. The topic this year was bullying and synthetic drugs and evaluation comments were overwhelmingly positive. Legislator Healy commented that he attended the conference and it was very well done and was the best to date. Director Edwards also noted that the first DWI Crackdown was held during Halloween. Two DWI arrests were made, along with charges of Unlawful Possession of Marijuana, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation and several other V&T charges. Legislator Ungermann

asked about the hourly rate for officers conducting the patrols. An average hourly rate was used in the grant application, with the officers being paid at their department hourly rate.

Weights & Measures- Director Gilbert Green

Monthly Report

Weights & Measures Director Gilbert Green was unable to attend the meeting and his pre-filed report was reviewed by the committee.

Sheriff's Department – Sheriff Rick Whitney

Monthly Report

Sheriff Whitney noted that his monthly report should state it is for October, not September. He commented that the number of federal inmates is up. He also noted that he is in conversation with ICE to provide transports as needed and for housing additional inmates. Also provided were inmate counts and the dispatch center report.

Sheriff Whitney provided a copy of his response to Dale Lockwood's letter to the editor.

Probation Director – Robert Starks

Monthly Report

Director Starks provided his monthly report, noting that PINS and JD numbers are up. Responding to a question as to why, he stated that schools will often address a problem early in the school year before it gets out of control. He also noted that investigation numbers are up.

Director Starks was asked about the possibility of increasing the legal age from 16 to 18. He noted that New York is one of only two states in the nation that is still 16. The Office of Court Administration is pushing this and it will likely mean an increase in work for many departments, including Probation, Sheriff, District Attorney, and Public Defender.

Request for Transfer

Director Starks presented a request to transfer \$2,300 from A3140.413 (Probation – Rentals) to A3140.201 (Probation – Equipment) to cover the costs of purchasing two tasers and accompanying equipment and ten sets of handcuffs. A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins and carried to approve the transfer for the purchase of the items. **Prepare Resolution**

Director Starks also noted that he spoke to potential Youth Court members as part of their training.

District Attorney- Keith Slep

Monthly Report

District Attorney Keith Slep pre-filed his monthly report.

Request for Acceptance of Funds

DA Slep requested that his office be allowed to accept a gift of \$1,380 from DA Special Investigator Paul Wright for the purchase of a hearing suppressor and related items for the investigation dog. The items purchased will be the property of the District Attorney's Office. A question was asked about the suppressor and DA Slep noted that this will help maintain the hearing of the dog so that he is not subjected to the full sound during all training. A motion was

made by Legislator McGraw, seconded by Legislator Hopkins and carried to accept the gift and purchase the requested items. **Refer to Ways and Means**

DA Slep also noted that he had attended the SADD Conference and he felt it was excellent. He noted that he learned a lot and would like to see this training expanded and done elsewhere in the county.

Executive Session

District Attorney Keith Slep requested to enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of two particular employees. A motion was made at 11:35 a.m. by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried to enter into Executive Session. A motion was made at 11:45 p.m. by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried to close the Executive Session.

Request to Fill Position

DA Slep requested permission to the 3rd and 4th Assistant District Attorney positions due to resignations. A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick and carried to fill the positions. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Old Business

Lt. Dan Hanchett reported that the 911 radio system is moving along and testing continues to be done.

Legislator Crandall spoke regarding the history of the 911 system. He noted that when the current legislators took office in 2010, the process of moving to the high-band system was already moving forward. Since then, two new towers, a new CAD system and other infrastructure have been added. There continues to be a need to identify funding for radios for local fire departments and several grants are pending. Legislators Crandall and Healy attended a meeting on October 17 with fire department chiefs and he noted that the County has not abandoned the firemen. Chairman Crandall is appointing a Radio Communications Task Force in cooperation with Sheriff Rick Whitney and Director of Emergency Management and Fire Jeff Luckey to bring all groups together and to guide our collective interest in having each Fire and EMS unit operating on the newly implemented high-band system. This Task Force will formulate a plan, based on existing efforts and status, to get all Fire and EMS units operating on the County narrow-band (high-band) system.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m. following a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 5, 2012**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: M. Healy, D. Burdick, T. Hopkins, A. McGraw, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall (Absent: G. Benson)

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Edwards, D. Fanton, K. Graves, D. Hanchett, B. Kelley, K. LaForge, J. Luckey, T. Miner, K. Monroe, B. Riehle, C. Santora, F. Sinclair, R. Sortore, R. Starks, R. Swarthout, D. Vespucci, R. Whitney

Media Present: B. Clark, *Olean Times Herald*; B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried to approve the Public Safety Committee minutes of November 7, 2012.

Appointments to Traffic Safety Board (January 1, 2013-December 31, 2015)

The Traffic Safety Board requested a resolution to appoint/reappoint the following individuals for a three-year term on the Traffic Safety Board, commencing January 1, 2013, and expiring December 31, 2015: Kevin (Fred) Demick, Angelica; Guy James, Scio; Timothy Walsh, Wellsville; Ann Feuchter, Cuba; and Melanie Miller, Wellsville These appointments were approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried.

Prepare Resolution

Appointments to Fire Advisory Board (January 1, 2013-December 31, 2013)

At the November 15, 2012, Fire Advisory Board meeting, the following people were nominated to serve on the Fire Advisory Board from January 1 through December 31, 2013: G. Douglas Clarke, Alfred; Judson Stearns, Jr., Alfred Station; Greg Taylor, Allentown; Emily Ormsby, Almond; Brian Ennis, Andover; Richard Sortore, Angelica; David Jennings, Belfast; Brandon LaValley, Belmont; Terry Richardson, Bolivar; Donald Van Skiver, Canaseraga; Bob Lester, Cuba; Gerald Gayford, Fillmore; Carl Greene, Friendship; Loren Luzier, New Hudson; Sherman Gage, Richburg; Dan Metcalf, Rushford; Tim Voss, Short Tract; David Sweet, Wellsville; Dennis Graves, Whitesville; LeRoy Ives, Willing; and Alan Mills, Wiscoy-Rosburg. These appointments were approved on a motion by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Public Defender

Monthly Report

Public Defender Barbara Kelley noted that the number of cases in her Office is up. She also noted that the Second Assistant Public Defender in her Office has accepted another position as of December 21, 2012, and that she is requesting permission to fill the vacancy.

Request to Fill 2nd Assistant Public Defender Position

Public Defender Barbara Kelley requested approval to fill the Second Assistant Public Defender position (Non-Union) which will become vacant on December 21 as the current employee has accepted another position. Ms. Kelley indicated that three attorneys are needed

to handle the excessive caseloads in the Allegany County Court, Family Court and thirty-seven Justice Courts. The position is funded 70 percent with County funds, and 30 percent with state funds. The request to fill the position was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator McGraw, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Office of Emergency Management & Fire

Monthly Report

Director of Emergency Management & Fire Jeff Luckey highlighted the salient points of his monthly report, including his attendance at the Allegany County EMS Council meeting. He noted that the discussion regarding recruitment and retention of new trainees was productive. Additionally, Mr. Luckey pointed out that he attended the annual NYS Arson Seminar where the first workshop dealt with explosions (natural gas and propane leaks). Little did he know at the time that this information would be so very beneficial three days later in Alfred when a natural gas leak and explosion destroyed most of an apartment building. Mr. Luckey noted that he was impressed with the cooperation among all the agencies responding to that incident. He also distributed copies of an article that appeared in the *Cuba Patriot and Free Press*, about five men from the Cuba Fire Department who had been called to help on Long Island following Hurricane Sandy. (For details, reference *Cuba Patriot and Free Press*, November 14-20, 2012.)

Youth Bureau STOP-DWI

Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director/STOP-DWI Coordinator Linda Edwards distributed her monthly report, noting, in particular, that she had met with Mary Montimurro of the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for a site review of Steps in Safety (Bicycle) Grant Program for 2010 and 2011, and that the program had passed with flying colors. She also invited the group to celebrate the holidays—as well as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Month—with her Office on Monday, Dec. 10, for an Old English Wassail and Christmas Cookies event.

District Attorney

Monthly Report

District Attorney Keith Slep was unable to attend the meeting, but pre-filed his monthly report which elicited no questions or comments.

Budget Transfer

District Attorney Keith Slep requested a transfer of \$1,700 from A1165.436 (Traffic Diversion Program) to A1165.201 (Office Equipment) in order purchase two new printers for his Office. The request to transfer funds was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Weights & Measures

Monthly Report

Weights & Measures Director Gilbert Green was unable to attend the meeting, but had pre-filed his monthly report.

Sheriff

Monthly Report

Sheriff Rick Whitney submitted his monthly report which elicited no questions or comments.

Request to Fill Two New Corrections Officer Positions

Sheriff Whitney requested approval to create and fill two new Corrections Officer positions (Council 82 Local 3989), noting that an analysis indicated an approximate savings of \$20,000 per year at the Sheriff's Office budget level and \$6,000 at the County budget level. The two new positions would be on a Monday through Friday schedule which corresponds to additional manpower required during these days, primarily due to federal transports. The request is made with the understanding that if the desired savings are not achieved, those new positions will be eliminated and the Sheriff's Office will return to using overtime for the additional manpower required during these days. The request to create two new Corrections Officer positions was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. The request to fill the two positions will be referred to the Ways & Means Committee once the positions have been created. **Prepare Resolution**

Request to Fill Corrections Sergeant Position

Sheriff Whitney also requested approval to abolish one Deputy Sergeant position and subsequently create and fill one new Corrections Sergeant (Council 82 Local 3989) position. The Sheriff explained that he and his staff, after much debate, feel that a Corrections Sergeant, dedicated to the Jail, would be more beneficial to his staffing needs. Much discussion ensued among the Committee as well. Following that discussion, the request to abolish the Deputy Sergeant position, and subsequently, to create the Corrections Sergeant position was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried. The request to fill the two positions will be referred to the Ways & Means Committee once the positions have been created. **Prepare Resolution**

Probation

Monthly Report

Probation Director Robert Starks presented his monthly report, noting that EHM (electronic home monitoring) fees will be increased to \$20 per week effective for anyone sentenced after January 1, 2013. He also noted that he had received a letter stating that effective October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013, the Probation Department could receive up to \$11,461 from a Governor's Traffic Safety Ignition Interlock Device Monitoring project to defray the costs of monitoring and supervising those sentenced with an interlock device. Mr. Starks also noted that his Office had recently hosted the first Law Enforcement Breakfast at the Bistro in Belmont. He noted that Sheriff Whitney, District Attorney Slep, and he had presented at that event. He also noted that he was pleased at the turnout for this inaugural gathering.

Old Business

911 Radio Project Update-Sheriff's Office/Emergency Management & Fire

Director of Emergency Management & Fire Jeff Luckey updated the group on the status of the two grants (totaling \$1.3 million) that he had been involved in applying for, noting that only two rounds had been issued thus far and that no funding had been issued for the past two months. Lt. Dan Hanchett had a similar report regarding the grants (totaling \$5 million) his area had applied for, noting that the Website stated that funding would be released by the end of July 2012, but as yet, nothing has been issued. Lt. Hanchett is concerned that areas downstate hit hardest by Hurricane Sandy may be the only recipients of any grant funding.

New Business

Tough Mudder Event

Legislator Healy reminded the group that Kent Farms in Andover would be hosting a Tough Mudder event in July 2013, and asked Mr. Luckey and Sheriff Whitney to coordinate with local fire and police departments to determine additional needs for service that might arise as a result of the influx of people into the County.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. following a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators