

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

AUGUST 3, 1999

5:00 P.M.

COURTHOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: C. Evans, M. Lane, G. Totman, T. Joseph (arrived 5:02 p.m.)

EXCUSED: B. Blanchard

STAFF: P. Meskill, Sheriff

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting opened at 5:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. – URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO RESTORE REIMBURSEMENT FOR D AND E FELONS IN THE COUNTY JAIL

It was Moved by Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Totman and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present.

WHEREAS, the Governor's budget proposal eliminates reimbursement for Class D and E Felons housed in county jails, and
WHEREAS, the Assembly and Senate have not included reimbursement in either of their budget proposals, and
WHEREAS, the State now provides funding in the amount of \$17 a day to all counties for the purpose of allowing counties the ability to house Class D and E Felons, and

WHEREAS, the State originally changed the law to allow for counties to house Class D and E Felons to help eliminate the overcrowding of state prisons, and

WHEREAS, not reimbursing counties for Class D and E Felons would have a negative impact on Tompkins County taxpayers in the amount of approximately \$85,000, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, That the Tompkins County Board of Representatives hereby urges the Governor, the Senate and the Assembly to restore the \$17 a day reimbursement to the proposed budget.

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Mr. Joseph arrived.

RESOLUTION NO. – AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT – TOWER CO-LOCATION – OMNIPPOINT COMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISES, INC.

It was Moved by Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Joseph and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present.

WHEREAS, Omnipoint Communications Enterprises, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "Omnipoint," a wireless communications provider, desires a number of telecommunications sites in Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of Tompkins County and its municipalities to promote co-location at existing communications tower sites, where possible, and

WHEREAS, Omnipoint has requested co-location at a County site at the Tompkins County Public Safety Building, 779 Warren Road, Village of Lansing, which is one of five steel towers currently used by the County in its operation of the County-wide Communications System, and

WHEREAS, Omnipoint will agree to a five-year lease in the amount of \$1,200 per month, providing further for an annual four percent increase, per year, with additional extension options, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney's Office is currently reviewing the proposed contract for final approval and implementation by September 1, 1999, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, That Tompkins County enter into agreement with Omnipoint Communications Enterprises, Inc., to allow their co-location at the Warren Road site according to the general terms and conditions detailed above.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Luu, Administrative Assistant, Board of Representative's office.