

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 14, 2000

NOON

SCOTT HEYMAN CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: G. Totman, B. Blanchard, T. Joseph, N. Schuler, C. Evans

STAFF: J. Hughes, Assigned Counsel; O Mack, OAR; R. Erb, County Administrator; K. Smithers, Deputy County Administrator; J. Beach, Stop-DWI; J. Miller, L. Shurtleff, Fire, Disaster and EMS; P. Meskill, Sheriff's Department; J. Wood, Deputy County Attorney

GUESTS: D. Kiefer, Board of Representatives

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting opened at 12:18 p.m. following budget reviews.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Blanchard and unanimously adopted by voice vote to enter into executive session at 12:20 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. It was Moved by Ms. Blanchard, seconded by Mr. Joseph and unanimously adopted by voice vote to return to open session at 12:34 p.m.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Budget Transfer - District Attorney
- Budget Transfer - Sheriff's Department
- Budget Adjustment (2) - Sheriff's Department

MINUTES

It was Moved by Ms. Blanchard, seconded by Mr. Joseph and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present to approve the minutes of August 10, 2000, with the change submitted by Mrs. Schuler.

PURCHASING DIVISION

APPROVAL TO SEEK BIDS AND COMMITTEE LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT

Mr. Meskill stated that the Purchasing Division is requesting approval to seek bids for a Smart Trailer and would also like to know the level of involvement the Committee would like to have in the process. He stated the trailer would be used throughout the community to alert drivers of their speed. It was Moved by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Evans and unanimously adopted by voice vote to approve both the bidding process and the award of bid by the Purchasing Division.

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Mr. Mack reported his office has been working on a revised ATI request for the 2001 budget. He stated his staff has been busy working in the jail and they have reported the jail population has been in the upper 60's to low 70's for the month of August. He stated 84 immediate assistance requests were handled in the month of August and prior to June the numbers were over 100 each month. He stated a total of 897 service requests have been handled so far this year and the office is on target. He stated a total of 19 bail intakes, 35 Assigned Counsel Affidavits and six bails, four of which were youths, were completed in August. Year-to-date, 37 bails have been completed.

Mr. Mack stated the volunteer program began orientation on September 7, and 17 new volunteers were trained. He stated in August 42 volunteer hours were completed.

STOP-DWI UPDATE

Mr. Beach distributed the monthly statistics (on file in Board office) and reported that the number of arrests for 2000 is very similar to the number in 1999. He also provided a breakdown of patrols, which includes the number of arrests predicated by civilian complaint. Mrs. Schuler noted that the number of arrests on the selective enforcement patrol is down. Mr. Meskill stated that the person assigned to this patrol is providing back-up to the regular patrol because of a staffing shortage caused by individuals on vacation and out on disability.

DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Ms. Smithers had no report.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Ms. Leinthall was not in attendance at today's meeting.

FIRE, DISASTER AND EMS

EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Shurtleff submitted appointments to the Emergency Planning Committee. Those requiring board action will be forwarded to the full board for approval.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENTAL GOALS

Mr. Joseph stated that the goals for the department were very well done and done in a way that is useful to the department. He stated that they are more expansive than requested by the committee and they do a very thorough job of outlining what is important to the department. Ms. Blanchard stated she was glad to see the inclusion of the Comprehensive Management Plan in the department's goals. It was Moved by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Evans and unanimously adopted by voice vote to approve the goals as submitted by the Fire Coordinator.

Mr. Evans asked the status of the Crimes Package. Mr. Miller stated the package has been installed in Dryden and his staff will conduct training next week. Mr. Evans asked if the mobile system is working and if the Sheriff is using the system. Mr. Shurtleff stated that not all of the mobile units have been installed. Mr. Meskill stated his officers would be using the system once it is connected to the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System.

ASSIGNED COUNSEL

Ms. Hughes stated that jail population is lower, but that there is a high number of youths in the facility as well as C and D felonies. Ms. Hughes reported that Frank Smithson, an attorney with the program, had an accident and will be out of work and Ms. Hughes is working on adjusting Mr. Smithson's caseload. She stated she has also been requested by Judge Sherman to find two attorneys who will work with the Family Treatment Drug Court Program. The Judge would like the program to begin November 1, 2000.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Totman announced that Drug Court graduation will take place September 19, 2000, at 3 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. The public is invited.

Mrs. Schuler stated a judges forum will be held October 26, 2000 at 7 p.m. at the Human Services Building. This is an opportunity for individuals to meet the candidates running for County Court judge.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

It was Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Schuler and unanimously adopted by voice vote to approve the following budget adjustment:

REVENUE:	A3113.42680	Insurance Recoveries	\$16,407
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APPROPRIATION:	A3113.52231	Vehicles	\$16,407
	A3113.54348	Clothing	\$ 103

Explanation: Monies needed to replace the totaled patrol car.

It was Moved by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mrs. Schuler and unanimously adopted by voice vote to approve the following budget adjustment:

REVENUE:	A3150.43390	Reimburse State Prisoners	\$1,722
APPROPRIATION:	A3150.54400	Program Expense	\$1,722

The following budget transfers were distributed to the Committee for information only.

FROM:	A3113.54421	Auto Maintenance Repair	\$5,000
TO:	A3113.54306	Automotive Supplies	\$5,000

Explanation: Monies to cover the increased cost of gasoline.

FROM:	A3110.52214	Office Furnishings	\$ 276
TO:	A3110.52206	Computer Equipment	\$ 276

Explanation: Monies needed to purchase a printer.

JAIL STATISTICS

Mr. Meskill distributed the jail statistics. These are on file in the Board office. He reported that the baby is no longer in the jail with its mother, but noted he has one female inmate that is pregnant. Mr. Meskill stated that the population has been down this summer and noted his officer's are doing fewer transports, but traveling longer distances.

Mrs. Schuler inquired about the increased number of physician consultations this month. Mr. Meskill stated that the number fluctuates based on the jail population.

Mr. Meskill reported that Deputy Manning was involved in an accident and totaled a patrol car. The accident was a result of Deputy Manning swerving to miss a deer in the road. He was not seriously injured and Mr. Meskill attributes this to the higher quality seats that are installed in the patrol cars, dual airbags, and the cage that separates an officer and a prisoner. He stated the cage, although not called as a roll bar, does act like one and kept the officer from being thrown around in the vehicle.

Mr. Evans asked if the officer injured in Dryden had recovered. Mr. Meskill stated that the individual is back on light duty at his full-time job with Cornell Safety.

Mr. Meskill reported that with the beginning of school, his officers have been running school zone initiatives. Mr. Beach thanked Mr. Meskill for the police presence at Boynton Middle School and the help given to directing traffic.

Mr. Meskill stated that his office would be holding a child safety seat initiative at Bill Cook Chevrolet this Saturday. He stated that the second round of firearms qualifying would begin in October. He also reported that Senior Investigator Mark Dresser will be attending a homicide seminar in Albany next week.

Mr. Evans asked if since the State began its zero tolerance seat belt policy if there has been improvement in the number of people wearing their seat belts. Mr. Meskill stated that the state police had a goal of 85 percent and he was notified that the number is 86 percent presently.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BUDGET TRANSFER

The following budget transfers were distributed to the Committee for information only.

FROM:	A1165.54479	Extradition	\$600
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TO:	A1165.54483	Witness Fees	\$600
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Explanation: Extraordinary travel expenses necessitate this transfer.

FROM:	A1165.51000	Regular Pay	\$1,000
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TO:	A1165.54303	Office Supplies	\$1,000
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Explanation: Increased price of supplies offset by lesser salaries paid to new attorneys.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held October 12, 2000 at Noon in the Scott Heyman Conference Room

Public Safety Committee
September 14, 2000

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