

**Public Safety Committee
January 20, 2004
Legislature Chambers
5 p.m.**

Present: B. Blanchard, M. Robertson, L. McBean, G. Totman, K. Herrera
Staff: P. Meskill, E. Marx
Legislators: N. Schuler, T. Joseph

Ms. Blanchard called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion - Sale of Old Patrol Boat, Sheriff's Office

Mr. Meskill informed the Committee the patrol boat will be available in early March 2004, at which time the necessary equipment will be removed from the present patrol boat and installed in the new. Subsequently, the boat will then be held at the place of purchase until such time as it can be put in the water. He then spoke of the sale of the present patrol boat, noting two municipalities had expressed some interest in purchasing it. Mr. Meskill said he would like permission from the Committee to proceed with the sale in the following prioritized order: (1) offer the boat to the two municipalities that have expressed interest; (2) offer the boat on e-bay to allow for a reserve; (3) offer the boat through a bid process; (4) sell the boat at auction. Members of the Committee discussed the various options, noting the decision to first offer the boat to those municipalities expressing interest was also their first choice. Questions regarding the posting of the boat on e-bay and why that was a preferred option were responded to by Mr. Meskill who stated it allowed a reserve price to be posted. If this reserve was not met it would not be necessary to sell it for the lowest bid listed. The third option would sell the boat to the highest bidder and if none were received it would then be sold at equipment auction. The Committee consensus was to allow Mr. Meskill to proceed with the sale of the boat in the manner presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. - AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE STATE
OF NEW YORK GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FOR THE "SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM
(STEP)" CAMPAIGN**

The following resolution was MOVED by Ms. Herrea, seconded by Mr. Totman. It was noted that the majority of funds received through this grant covers the cost of labor for the program. A voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes - 5, Noes - 0. MOTION CARRIED.

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office applied for grant monies from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in the amount of \$16,950 for participation in the statewide "SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP)" campaign for October 1, 2003 - September 30, 2004, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a grant from the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in the amount of \$16,950 for participating in the statewide "SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP)" campaign, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, That the County accept the grant of \$16,950 to be used for the purpose of the aforementioned campaign,

RESOLVED, further, That the 2004 budget will be adjusted as the money is used by the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office and reimbursed by the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee:

Revenue:	A3113.43389	State Aid (Public Safety)	\$16,950
Appropriation:	A3113.44389	Other Pubic Safety	\$16,950

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**RESOLUTION NO. - AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH AT&T FOR
COMMISSION ON LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE INMATE
TELEPHONE TRAFFIC**

Mr. Meskill informed the Committee that upon further review of this contract by the Contract Coordinator, a bid is required and therefore the resolution should be withdrawn at this time. Mr. Joseph said that he was pleased it was going to bid and said he feels it is more important to make it affordable to friends and families of inmates than for the County to have the higher revenue. He would like the bids to be judged by the rights of the user. Mr. Meskill noted the value of the revenue to his department and stated he would like written direction from the Legislature if it is its desire to reduce cost to the user of this long distance system and result in a loss of revenue. He then spoke of the other services available through the AT&T service, which included a blocking feature to particular numbers that assists in preventing calls to individuals who may have protection orders in place. Consensus of the Committee was to indicate what specific needs were for this system and that it should be taken into account when making the bid. A request was made for the previous bid to enable members to review the information.

WHEREAS, the New York State Sheriff's Association is endorsing AT&T as the provider of inmate pay telephones and communications for a five-year period beginning June 1, 2004 to June 1, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the proposal of AT&T offers the best opportunity for revenue for both local and long distance services, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, That an agreement for inmate pay telephones and communications be awarded to AT&T,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator be and hereby is authorized to execute an agreement on behalf of the County.

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911 Center - Contractor

Ms. Herrera inquired if information had been received regarding a contractor working on the 911 Center who has filed for bankruptcy. Mr. Marx indicated one subcontractor for the electrical service has done so and that information on any potential problem should be in hand within twenty-four hours. He did not anticipate any problems with the project as a result of the subcontractor's actions.

Appointments

It was moved by Ms. Herrera, seconded by Ms. Robertson, and unanimously approved by voice vote to make the following recommendations to the full Legislature:

Advisory Board on Indigent Representation

Meira N. Hertzbert - Term expires December 31, 2006

Abigail DeLoache - Term expires December 31, 2006

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Fuller, Legislature Office