

MINUTES

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 6, 2005 2:00 P.M. SCOTT HEYMAN CONFERENCE ROOM

Present: L. McBean-Clairborne, Chair; G. Totman; P. Penniman; M. Robertson (arrived at 2:03 p.m.); M. Koplinka-Loehr (arrived at 2:05 p.m.)

Staff: S. Whicher, County Administrator; W. Skinner, County Administrator; J. Vitale, Undersheriff; P. Meskill, Sheriff; J. Jurkowich, Planning Department; L. Shurtleff, Emergency Response Director; C. Covert, Clerk of the Legislature

Guests: B. Blanchard, County Legislator; Press

Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Probation and Community Justice Department

Position - Microcomputer Specialist

It was MOVED by Mr. Penniman, seconded by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, to approve the request to fill the vacancy of a Microcomputer Specialist as presented. Mrs. McBean-Clairborne asked that action on this item be postponed until other Committee members arrived later in the meeting. There was no objection to postponing.

Communications Capital Project

EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) Timeline

Ms. Jurkowich gave an overview of the timeline for the EIS approval process. Three critical dates were outlined: October 18 - Legislature to approve resolution releasing the Draft EIS; November 3 - Public hearing to be held; and December 20 - Legislature to approve Final EIS and Findings Statement.

Ms. Robertson arrived at this time.

Resolution - Accepting Draft EIS

Ms. Jurkowich said the Draft EIS will be available October 12th and requested action on the resolution be postponed and a special Committee meeting held prior to the October 18th Legislature meeting. Following a brief discussion, the Committee agreed to meet prior to the Legislature's meeting on October 18th.

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr arrived at this time.

In response to a question raised concerning the review process and the Environmental Management Committee's (EMC) involvement, Ms. Jurkowich noted there will be an opportunity for their review during the 30-day public comment period.

As the Committee is required to confirm the draft EIS complies with the scoping document, Ms. Robertson requested copies of the document be made available with the draft EIS; Ms. Jurkowich agreed to provide the copies.

Mr. Shurtleff commented that he has been working with the EMC's Environmental Review Committee and will be meeting with them again this month and giving an overview. He said there will be ongoing interaction with that Committee prior to the public comment period.

Subscriber Equipment

Mr. Whicher distributed copies of the recommendation he is proposing for funding the subscriber equipment; however, he noted the proposal has not been seen by the subscribers yet. Mrs. McBean-Clairborne requested a full discussion on this subject be held when the subscribers have had an opportunity to review the proposal and provide comments as she feels it is important to have their input from those individuals that will be using the equipment and what their needs will be. However, Mrs. McBean-Clairborne agreed to the request of Ms. Robertson asking that a discussion be held on this subject at the October 18th special Committee meeting.

At this time, Mr. Whicher provided an overview of the proposal.

Mr. Meskill commented on a presentation by Motorola and said there is a range from baseline to top of the line equipment and asked the Committee to use caution before putting a ceiling on the dollar amount. Mrs. McBean-Clairborne requested information that shows the ranges Sheriff Meskill is referring to. Mr. Whicher said he will provide the information.

Mr. Shurtleff said discussions have been taking place to reach a final agreement with Motorola and said there were three areas Motorola used in their approach: (1) Cost of system; (2) Cost for a ballpark target for portable equipment which is based on what they assess the County needing as a minimum and setting a discount price on the subscriber equipment which will then be factored into the negotiations. (3) Incentives--if the County buys the system or guarantees a certain number of subscriber units they will provide further incentives in the contract.

Probation and Community Justice Department

Position Request

It was the consensus of the Committee to lift the motion to approve the filling of the vacancy for a Microcomputer Specialist for discussion and approval. A voice vote resulted as follows on the request to fill the position as presented: Ayes - 5; Noes - 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Sheriff's Department

Jail Statistics and Board Outs

The Committee briefly reviewed the jail statistics and board out information distributed with the agenda. Mr. Meskill spoke about the management of the jail and how inmates are moved around or boarded out which is based on size and number of cellblocks available and the classifications of inmates.

Budget Adjustments

It was MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Totman, and unanimously adopted by voice vote, to approve and submit the following budget adjustments to the full Legislature for approval:

<u>Revenue Acct</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amt</u>	<u>Approp Acct</u>	<u>Title(s)</u>
3113.42610	Drug Forfeiture	\$31,000.00	3113.52220	Vehicles
3113.42680	Law Enforcement	\$13,075.00	3113.52231	Law Enforcement - Vehicles

Explanation: Revenues from drug forfeitures to vehicles; transfer funds from insurance recovery to replace vehicle.

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Position - Corrections Officer

It was MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Totman, and unanimously adopted by voice vote, to approve the request to fill the vacant position of Corrections Officer as presented.

Letter to State Commission of Correction

Mr. Meskill distributed copies of a letter he sent to the New York State Commission of Correction requesting approval to increase capacity from 32 to 40 inmates in the dorm area on a permanent basis following the repair work at the jail being completed.

Chair's Report

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne did not have a report.

Approval of Minutes

It was MOVED by Mr. Totman, seconded by Mr. Penniman, and unanimously adopted by voice vote, to approve the minutes of the August 4 and September 6 meetings.

Next Agenda

The Committee agreed to include the following items on the next agenda:

- August 16 - Joint Committee meeting minutes
- Update - Dispatch
- Subscriber Equipment

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.