

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 21, 2006

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

- Present:** Legislators Dart, Every, Aiello, Zimmet, Distel, Gregorius. (Leg. Parete arrived approximately 15 minutes into the meeting and left approximately 20 minutes later.
- Antonelli:** Transfer Agreement between CCP and Golden Hill Health Care Facility – Emergency Plan (Evacuation Plan). Doesn't require resolution. No attorney has looked at it yet. No uniformed help is needed. Bockelmann offered new jail facility as an alternate site. Antonelli stated that until the new jail is completed, this agreement would assist her. Sudlow stated that the overtime expenses of his people would have to be considered. Dart suggested attorney review the agreement first and then re-present the agreement to the committee next month (April).
- Williams:** Grant – Operation Impact: no financial impact. 100% funding for a Part Time D.A. Contracts weren't signed until January 2006 and money has to be used by June 2006 or we'll lose it. In order to utilize that grant money, Williams will increase the hours worked by that Part Time D.A. from 42 to 70. A sunset clause exists. If the grant is not renewed by July 2006, the Part Time D.A. is terminated.
Motion to accept:
Every – Moved.
Aiello – Seconded.
DISCUSSION: Gregorius suggested including all details before going to W&M Committee. Williams will draft a detailed report.
ALL IN FAVOR.
- Sudlow:** Conference Attendance Forms: (4)
Rape Crisis Institute for Crime Victims Staff. 2 days, 2 people. Zero cost other than travel and mileage costs.
Motion to Approve:
Zimmet – Moved.
Aiello – Seconded.
ALL IN FAVOR
- Conference – 100% funded – minimal costs for refreshments (\$60 - \$70)
Motion to Approve:
Every – Moved.
Distel – Seconded.
ALL IN FAVOR.
- McGloughlin Mid-Atlantic Enforcement 3 days, 3 people
Total cost is \$27.00 for three lunches. // No stay-over

Sex Offender Chapter Program – 3 people, 1 night stay-over (\$403.04)
Elmira College – Sudlow and staff are presenters and in return, they get to attend the conference for free.

MOTION TO APPROVE 2:

Zimmet – Moved.

Aiello – Seconded.

ALL IN FAVOR

5% Budget Cuts – Discussion of what Sudlow presented including a savings from a vacant line (due to maternity leave) and that his cuts totaled 7% to begin with. Zimmet asked if anything else could be cut and Sudlow responded that it couldn't unless he nickled and dimed his budget, cutting out things such as drug testing, reduction of non-mandated programs, house arrests, pre-trial at jail, Sex Offender Program. Family of Woodstock would be hit hard. Discussion of County-Issued vehicles. Sudlow and staff are required to respond to emergencies and police calls. Contract has included a vehicle since 1995.

Motion to Approve Vehicles:

Distel – Moved.

Aiello – Seconded.

ALL IN FAVOR

DeGasperis: Has a \$1500-\$1800 budget. He could cut \$700 and is going before W&M Committee with his cuts.
No Discussion – No Further Questions.

Miller: Spoke with County Admin. Needs to purchase 2 mounted radar units at approx \$1700 each. Not County dollars. County Admin said no resolution needed. Money coming out of DWI funds.
Motion to accept:
Zimmet – Moved.
Gregorius – Seconded.
ALL IN FAVOR.

5% cuts would result in negative impact on police, DA's Office. His vehicle is a 2002 Impala with a police package. It is a take-home car. Has 15,000 miles. Used for to and from work, travel to presentations in Ulster County. Uses approx one tank of gas per month. Asked that if his car was to be taken from him, to wait until new jail is completed so he can park and leave it there.

Motion to allow Miller to keep car:

Every – Moved.

Zimmet – Seconded.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Snyder: 4553 Account – Zero/based budget. (?)
Motion to accept:

Parete – Moved.
Distel – Seconded.
ALL IN FAVOR.

Logging recorder. Issue of liability. Has to purchase a new phone system and that wasn't budgeted for. Will lease it when time, but not in this budget year. The manufacturer is no longer going to support our current equipment and we wouldn't be able to purchase parts.

Gregorius: Were you off-line at any time?

Snyder: Had requests for tapes, but it wasn't recording at the time.

Gregorius: How much are both?

Snyder: Logger would be about \$65,000 and phone system would be substantially higher. The current phone system, for example, in 1983 was \$480,000, paid over the course of time, per lease agreement..

Every: What is the cost of a new phone system?

Snyder: Hasn't begun to shop around yet.

Vehicle: 2004 Dodge Durango with 18,889 miles. Is used as a take-home car. Snyder uses it to respond to emergencies.

Motion to allow Snyder to keep car:

Zimmet – Moved.

Every – Seconded.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Mutz: Was asked to make a 5% cut, but he's already exceeded that. 7-year old pagers were all going to be replaced, but now will only replace three 4 of them. Vehicle is a 2004 model with 16,000 miles. It's used for 24/7 coverage, to and from home, going to incidents and meetings. It is garaged at his residence because he doesn't have an office. He's had a vehicle since 1985 and it's equipped with all HazMat equipment. (ie: attended 84 meetings in 2005).
Motion to allow Mutz to keep his vehicle:
Zimmet – Moved.
Gregorius – Seconded.
ALL IN FAVOR.

Ashdown: 2001 Dodge Durango with 62,000 miles. Fire K-9 vehicle. Cost to County is \$1150 for washing it. Vehicle carries dog, tools. Dog solved 2 major homicides in Ulster County and is invaluable to the DA's office. Having a County car versus using personal vehicle? Would have to reimburse \$1800 in travel expenses.
Motion to allow Ashdown to keep vehicle:
Aiello – Moved.
Zimmet – Seconded.
ALL IN FAVOR.

Dart: Ulster County Fire Advisory Board. Dart appointed. Asked for volunteers.

No volunteers stepped forward.

Bockelmann: Submitted Conference Attendance Approval Forms and Requests to Fill. Child Safety Seat Conference – no cost to County. Is Grant from Federal Government.
FBI Crisis Negotiations Seminar - \$50 per person, 3 people. Hostage negotiations.
Deputy Sheriff Lutz needs to be certified in Basics. Fort Dix area.
Civil Division Supervisor’s School for Accreditation - \$125 registration fee. Was approved in the original 2006 budget.
Basic Civil School – 1 person. Was already approved in the 2006 original budget. Required for accreditation.
FBI Academy – George Wood would attend. By invitation only. 3-month class. \$1500 in fees, plus his salary. Was previously approved in the 2006 budget.
Gregorius: 3 months?
Zimmet: Does he have to be replaced while he’s gone?
Bockelmann: No replacement. “I’ll do his job while he’s gone”.
Gregorius: Difficult at this time, to have someone gone for 3 months without there being some “down time” in services. It leans a little towards the “luxury” side of things. Climate dictates “no”. It sends the wrong message.
Bockelmann: This is a sacrifice for any individual to make.
Gregorius: Means no disrespect, but at this point in time, he has to vote, no.
Every: Not an opportunity we can get all the time.
Distel: Requires a 3-year commitment to law enforcement? What if he retires?
Bockelmann: It’s his personal obligation.
Motion to approve Conference Attendance forms:
Zimmet – suggested holding off until they hear about the 5% cuts.
Every – Moved.
Aiello – Seconded.
Gregorius – opposed.
DISCUSSION:
Aiello – doesn’t make sense to talk about cutting in areas such as law enforcement and emergency management.

Equipment Requests (5)

Evidence Property Equipment – not budgeted for in 2006 budget./1 Entry Ballistic Shield / 1 Riot Shield (Jail). Money coming out of phone account.
Agua Masks for Divers (6) / Dry Suits for Divers (3)
Bockelmann: Invites legislators to attend any practice/training to see how equipment is utilized.
Motion to approve purchases:
Distel – Moved.
Gregorius – Seconded.
ALL IN FAVOR.

Requests to Fill (4):

Blanket RTF for Full Time Correction Officers / Blanket RTF for Part Time Correction Officers / Blanket RTF for Part Time Deputy Sheriffs / Blanket RTF for Part Time Security Guards.

DISCUSSION:

Sheriff's Office asked to provide security at Highway Department due to recent vandalism. Sheriff's Office provides security to all county-owned and operated buildings (COB, DSS, Probation, Mental Health). Contract with Shire Reeve expires on 4/1/06 and they were providing security at Highway Department at the time of the vandalisms.

Motion to approve RTFs with review of RTF for part time security in 3 months:

Aiello – Moved.

Every – Seconded.

ALL IN FAVOR

Otto: Asking UC Legislature to support Federal and State Income Tax Bills at State Level. Requesting UC Legislature to do a memorializing resolution to support State Income Tax Bill (supporting documentation distributed to committee members).

Dart – will introduce a resolution supporting both Bills.

Williams: Department has two vehicles: 1997 Dodge Intrepid with 97,000 miles, valued at \$1901. This vehicle used by a Sheriff's Department Investigator assigned to the DA's Office. Williams' car is a 1999 Ford Taurus with 27,000 miles.

Motion to allow Williams to keep vehicles:

Distel – Moved.

Zimmet – Seconded.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Gregorius: Asked if any additional 5% cuts were going to be discussed at this meeting.

Antonelli: Detailed explanation of her budget. Gave up one full time position which is 5% of her total budget. Her department saves more money for the County than she's able to show on paper.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Aiello – Moved.

Distel – Seconded.

ALL IN FAVOR.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:10 P.M.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Barbara O'Brien, UC Sheriff's Office.