

Criminal Justice Committee Meeting April 25, 2006

Present: Chairman Frank Dart, Leg. Joan Every, Leg. Donald Gregorius, Leg. Richard Parete, Kelvin Antonelli-Acting Director CCP, Ken Blundell-Arson Task Force Chairman, Richard Bockelmann-Sheriff, Robert Sudlow-Probation Director, Brad Ebel-Corr. Superintendent, Pat Jones-Sheriff Mgmt. Analyst, Jim Bales-Arson Task Force Chief Fire Investigator.

Kelly Antonelli: presented a blanket request to fill for relief staff. Coverage is required 24 hours per day. No benefits involved. It needs approval then Karen can sign it tomorrow and pass it on. Otherwise it will be necessary to pay overtime for full time staff.

Moved: Leg. Parete
Second: Leg. Every
Carried

Also requested an extension as Acting Director as well as an extension for Acting Assistant Director, David Keohan, to run through 6/2.

Moved: Leg. Every
Second: Leg. Gregorius
Carried

Ken Blundell: Has a request for the Chief Fire Investigator to attend a conference in Denver Colorado at a cost of \$1,050. Budget is only \$4,000. He disapproved it and suggested it be taken before the Committee. The conference is at the Denver Marriott Technical Center and is sponsored by the International Association of Arson Investigators.

Leg. Every: If it is approved are we taking this out of the \$4,000 budgeted?

Ken Blundell: Yes – it would only leave \$3,000 and may have to transfer money later.

Leg. Every: Is this mandated training for members?

Ken Blundell: Yes. Have to keep up training.

Jim Bales: This conference normally costs \$2,000-\$3,000. He is requesting only the registration fee and lodging. Must maintain certification. This was put in for the last 10 years. He understands the county budget problem and are down to 10 men right now. As Chief Fire Investigator he needs to maintain 20 hours of training each year, and the others have to maintain 12 hours each year.

Leg. Every: Will this one conference meet that?

Jim Bales: Yes

Leg. Parete: If he is the Chief Fire Investigator for the County he should get the necessary schooling. We can't expect them to take money out of their own pocket.

Leg. Every: I agree

Leg. Gregorius: If the 20 hours is mandated by New York, don't they offer that?

Jim Bales: They only offer 6 hours of training in the fall in New York, otherwise it it out of state. This conference is given someplace every year, and this year it just happens to be in Denver.

Leg. Gregorius: Registration cost is probably the same, but is there a big difference if you find something in New Jersey or Connecticut?

Jim Bales: It is about the same – it really just depends on the level of people they bring in.

Leg. Dart: Is this a train-the-trainer type thing?

Jim Bales: Yes

Moved: Leg. Parete

Second: Leg. Every

Carried

Bob Sudlow: Has four conference attendance requests.

- 1 – for himself to attend NIJ 2 day in Dallas 5/11 & 5/12. 100% paid – no charge to the County.
- 2 – for training at Marist for a total cost of \$39 (mileage and registration fee for 2 sex offender officers) regarding sex offenders on-line.
- 3 – sex offender training for a mental health therapist to attend the 11th annual Sex Offender Management for Procedures & Treatment in Corning, NY. Two day conference at a cost of \$269.
- 4 – American Probation & Parole Association. Bob is a member of the Board of Directors and is presiding over 3 workshops. Registration and airfare cost is \$482 and he will pay the additional \$1,000 out of his pocket. This is 20% state reimbursable.

Leg. Gregorius: Were these budgeted?

Bob Sudlow: Yes

Moved: Leg. Every
Second: Leg. Parete
Carried

Leg. Dart: Emergency Management Director Art Snyder got called out to a spill. Has a resolution to look into statewide wireless network. It is for a preliminary planning agreement to investigate the feasibility. There is no charge right now.

Leg. Parete: Will we be committed to something in the future?

Leg. Dart: No

Moved: Leg. Parete
Second: Leg. Gregorius
Carried

Richard Bockelmann: Sent Frank Dart a copy of the Commission of Correction Minimum Standards. Did not have copies made for everyone. It will be sent around to look at and copies can be made if they want it.

Pat Jones: Resolution requesting \$650,000 from contingency for jail board outs. There is no more money in the jail budget. This is a low figure, but will hopefully get us through the end of the year if the inmates are not in this year. There was \$67,000 originally budgeted in misc. contractual that was taken back.

Leg. Every: Will it go down if the jail opens?

Pat Jones: Yes

Leg. Parete: The inmates may not be in this year? I had not heard that.

Richard Bockelmann: We don't know – there is an issue of staff and training

Leg. Parete: They expect it to be done May 31st, not January.

Richard Bockelmann: Staff is not up to minimum because of open lines. We have to hire 5 now and then they have to be trained. Training may be available in Orange County if we can get them hired now.

Leg. Gregorius: Can we train our own?

Brad Ebel: According to the Commission of Correction, it would be an undue burden to put on a school. They require a 45 day waiting period, and we still have to try to train current staff for the new facility.

Richard Bockelmann: We need to hire 5 new people and still have to make promotions. The request to fill was just received back.

Brad Ebel: We have 5 vacancies – have to be hired and get trained.

Richard Bockelmann: Would like to get the resolution done to get us till the end of the year, instead of coming back every month between now and the end of the year. If you prefer, the committee could cut it back and do it every 4 months.

Pat Jones: It is already in the negative. We will be back in 2-3 months. Receives phone calls daily about not being paid in a timely fashion.

Leg. Parete: What about \$325,000 for now and come back if you have to.

Leg. Dart: And \$67,500 for misc. contractual

Leg. Gregorius: Has a problem with new facility furniture storage. Is uncomfortable with that \$4,000. go with \$63,500 and move \$4,000 from somewhere else.

Richard Bockelmann: because of the delays, the furniture needed to be stored. This was not part of the capital project. The bill was sent to Buildings, who in turn sent it to us. We sent it to Brian and it was sent back to us. Am just trying to get the vendor paid. Let's just pay it and move money to pay for it from where it should be paid from instead of holding it up.

Moved: Leg. Gregorius
Second: Leg. Every
Carried

Patrick Sheehan: Would like to thank Sheriff Bockelmann and Brad Ebel for their support of the project to possibly make use of the old facility. They are dedicated public servants and deserve support. This issue will go to the Law Enforcement Committee. Has Commission of Correction guidelines.

Pat Jones: Resolution to transfer \$80,820 from contingency into patrol misc. contractual for contracts with vendors. Originally budgeted and was cut. Now \$2,500 in the negative.

Moved: Leg. Parete
Second: Leg. Avery
Carried

Pat Jones: Resolution to transfer money from revenue line from flooding. Money is to be used for replacement of flares and floor board of boat. This is to transfer it from 2005 revenue to 2006 expense line. The money was earmarked for this.

Moved: Leg. Parete
Second: Leg. Gregorius
Carried

Richard Bockelmann: Resolution to transfer \$9,500 from regular pay from vacant lines to compensate command staff for stand-by, who are required to be on stand-by and are issued pagers and cell phones. Criminal Division commanders currently receive \$25/day. This will transfer funds to that line for a supervisor per day on stand-by. They must answer a page and be available, and remain in a timely response range. They are not allowed even a glass of wine and must remain fit and ready to report for duty. The line is already budgeted. We just need to transfer funds to it.

Brad Ebel: There will be times when 2 will be on stand-by.

Leg. Parete: If they are called out they get overtime too?

Richard Bockelmann: or comp time

Moved: Leg. Parete
Second: Leg. Every
Carried

Leg. Dart: The mandated and optional programs will be held for next month

Richard Bockelmann: Last month submitted conference attendance for the Undersheriff to attend the FBI Academy, which was approved by the committee.

Leg. Dart: It was sent to Dave Donaldson

Leg. Gregorius: The last electrical outage that was mostly county-wide, he became aware that there is no system in place to bring seniors, or those at risk, back on line. Central Hudson does it by population and has no listing of places that contain people at risk, such as senior homes and the disabled.

Central Hudson was going to look at making this happen. Can we work by logging in these types of places to put in their grid to bring them back online. Someone needs to make this a priority so they know where people at risk are located.

Leg. Dart: This sounds like a good plan, but may be hard with trees being down all over.

Richard Bockelmann: Believes Art Snyder has some of that information in the 911 System.

Leg. Gregorius: Central Hudson doesn't have that information. It ignores that problem.

Richard Bockelmann: The Fire Companies know where these people are and many have generators.

Leg. Gregorius: Will draw something up about it.

Motion to Adjourn: Leg. Gregorius

Second: Leg. Every

Carried