

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice/Public Safety Committee

DATE: September 14, 1998

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman J. Naccarato and Legislators Every, Hunt, Meyer, Wilkins, Dart, Feldmann and Lomita

LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislator Cummings

OTHERS ATTENDING: Arthur Snyder, Emergency Management, Undersheriff Richard Bockelmann, Patricia Bonavita of Sheriff's Department and Missy Harjes

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: This portion of the meeting commenced at 6:00 pm with Art Snyder giving his monthly report. There was an update and discussion on two-tone towers. After a two-month trial period for dispatching, procedure has come to pass. Some chiefs would like to continue this two-tone procedure of dispatching. For some this works, for other fire departments, it doesn't. There was discussion on the microwave, but it is not ready yet. It will be available in the near future. The cost of an 80-foot tower is over \$6,000 per month. Art Snyder also advised that he is losing three dispatchers to other counties because the salary pays \$5,000-\$6,000 more.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: Undersheriff Richard Bockelmann presented a resolution in the amount of \$500,000 from Contingency into Jail Board-Outs from Account No. A418554378. After a lengthy discussion, the committee was able to reduce the request to \$250,000. The motion was moved by Legislator Wilkins, and seconded by Legislator Meyer. The resolution passed with Legislator Dart voting against it.

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A resolution was presented to transfer \$20,000 into the Jail Overtime Line. This was moved by Legislator Wilkins and seconded by Legislator Hunt. The resolution passed unanimously.

A resolution regarding the State Office of the Court Administration wanting to continue its contract with the County for security services provided to County Court and Family Court was presented for discussion. This was moved by Legislator Feldmann and seconded by Legislator Meyer. All voted in favor of passing resolution.

OTHER BUSINESS: Missy Harjes, a concerned resident, approached the committee about a problem she had recently encountered when she had returned from shopping. She had found an eight-foot (8 ft) boa constrictor snake in her garage. A copy of her statement is attached to this report.

There being no further items for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Naccarato, Chairman
Criminal Justice/Public Safety Committee