

PUBLIC SAFETY/SECURITY COMMITTEE
November 19, 2009

PRESENT:
Valerie Bertram
Reginald Crowley
Roy Brown
Raymond Staats
John Rutkey
Margaret Robertson
Bart Delaney Jr.

ABSENT:
Douglas McGivney- notified
Joseph Finn

ALSO PRESENT:
Alberta Cox-Deputy Clerk
PJ Keeler
William Black
Robert Lopez-911
James VanDeusen- Fire Coor.
Robin Andrews

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Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

Fire Coordinator- J. Van Deusen

Conference Objective Form- Authorization to attend the Regional Fire Administrators Annual Meeting on Dec. 3rd and 4th 2009. Motion to approve by M. Robertson seconded by B. Delaney Jr., motion carried.

A Letter from Columbia County Volunteer Firefighters Assoc. recommending John Blaauw from Philmont Fire Co., and Joseph Loffler from Valatie Fire Co. to continue on the Fire Advisory Board with their term commencing on January 1, 2010 till December 31st 2012. The Association also approved James Van Deusen to continue as the County Fire Coordinator to serve a two (2) year term starting January 1, 2010 till December 31, 2012. Motion to approve by R. Brown seconded by

J. Rutkey, motion carried.

The Fire Advisory Board recommending to reappoint Ronald Rifenburgh and Wally Engel to the Fire Advisory Board for a four (4) year term. Motion to approve by R. Staats seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried.

FYI: J. Van Deusen will be out of Service 11/24 until 11/26/09 for an Operation. William Hunt will be in charge. Also FYI: Mike Stelling is doing much better.

EMS-PJ Keeler

Conference Objective Form: Authorization to attend the Vital Signs EMS Conference. This is the annual Seminar For EMS Providers, at a cost of \$475.00. Motion to approve by R. Staats seconded by B. Delaney Jr., motion carried.

Conference Objective Form: authorization for three (3) members to attend the Critical Incident Stress Management Advance Class at a cost of \$1380.00. Motion to approve by B. Delaney Jr. seconded by R. Crowley motion carried.

Have received back from the State Police the 6 Aed's and would like to redistribute the 6 Aed's to within the County agency.

.2 request to Transfer \$1000.00 to cover the expense to refurbish the Aed's. Motion to approve by R. Brown, seconded by Crowley motion carried.

Gave an update on the H1N1 vaccine shots were given to the county EMS's on Tuesday November 17th, at the Chatham Fire House. Approximately 90 -100 shots were given. Another session will be held on Monday at 325 Columbia St. Department of Health.

Resolution Request: Authorization to reappoint PJ Keeler as the EMS Coordinator, to serve a two (2) year term. Motion to approve by R. Staats seconded by R. Brown, motion carried.

911- Rob Lopez:

Update on the Radio Project- Last week the installer for Alcatel-Lucent which is Steimel Communications came to Columbia County to conduct a walk thru with us of all the sites. Pittsfield Communications also accompanied us as well because after the point to point connectivity install, Pittsfield Communications will have to connect all the radios to the new system. During the walk thru a few items came up to discuss on our conference call this Thursday, a couple of the proposed antenna heights have to be adjusted due to other antennas already in place. As of the last conference call manufacturing/assembling of the point to point connectivity equipment is forecasted to be done by the second week of November.

A purchase order has been made out for the concrete communications shelter for the Public Safety Facility, normally manufacturing is completed between a 4 and 8 week timeframe. We will be waiting for placement first before we can install the new equipment. The bid for electrical, and foundation work will be done shortly.

Conference Objective Form: Request for Priority Dispatch (Medical Priority) to provide a 4 hour EMD/Pro-QA refresher training course for the whole department done in 2 classes in the first quarter of 2010 at the Public Safety Building. These hours count towards the required continuing education for each dispatcher. Cost for the refresher training is \$1500.00. This is a budgeted item. Motion to approve by R. Crowley seconded by M. Robertson, motion carried

Agency Data:

Call volume for the month of October 2009 was 4313 calls. In the month of October Columbia County 911 dispatched: 703 EMS Agencies- 314 Fire Agencies- 986 Police Polls -499 Public Service Calls which includes (Controlled burns, Highway Dept calls, Power Company, Phone Company, Cable Company etc.....)

Emergency Management- Bill Black:

B. Black gave an update on the Flood damage and extension letter

Resolution Request: Authorization to accept 2010 & 2011 Motorola maintenance Contract for the County radio infrastructure. Motion to approve by B. Delaney Jr., seconded by J. Rutkey, motion carried.

Having a meeting on the 24th of November with the Highway Supervisors in regards to the Storm damages.

Reported that the Darrow School applies for a Hazard Mitigation Grant pertaining to the town road that goes thru their campus, and needs a letter of support. New Lebanon did work on the road but Darrow School did not. It was suggested to let the Town of Lebanon do the Letter of Support. The committee agreed unanimously not to send a letter of support from the County.

Question was raised about the leak in the Roof of the Safety Building and if the repairs was complete. It was stated that the contractor has not yet returned to do the work.

With no further business motion to adjourn at 7:15PM by R. Staats seconded by B. Delaney Jr., motion carried.