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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES – MARCH 19, 2024 **MARK A. OLSON, CHAIR**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. McCarron, Mr. Bush, Mr. Garland, Ms. Hernandez
ALSO ATTENDING: Chairman Burtis, Mr. Brown; also see attached

Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., and the previous meeting's minutes were approved.

1. FIRE ADVISORY BOARD: Daniel Wears, Commissioner of Emergency Management
a. Confirming Appointment to the Onondaga County Fire Advisory Board (Joseph M. Nemier)

- Representative from the Onondaga County Firemen's Association; 24 years in fire service

A motion was made by Mr. McCarron, seconded by Mr. Bush, to approve this item.

- This year did 2 and 3 year appointments to prevent all appointments expiring at the same time
- Did this once before, but COVID interrupted that; doing it again to not cycle everyone out at the same time

A vote was taken on the item. *Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.*

2. JUSTICE CENTER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (JCOC):
a. Confirming Reappointment to the Onondaga County Justice Center Oversight Committee (Casandra Jones-Ingram) (Sponsored by Mr. Ryan)

A motion was made by Ms. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Bush, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

3. SHERIFF: Lisa Dell, Deputy Sheriff Chief Civil
a. Authorizing the County Executive to Enter into a Lease Agreement (Sponsored by Mr. May)

Purpose: To authorize the County Executive to sign an agreement with the Radisson Community Center Inc. for office space at the Oberon Community Center, Radisson, in the Town of Lysander.

Objective/Work Plan: The Radisson Community Center Inc. would like to have a police presence in the Radisson Community. Radisson has offered to continue to provide the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) the use of office space in the Oberon Community Center free of charge. OCSO desires to continue to use the space due to the convenience and exposure that it provides.

Funding Source/Budget: There is no money associated with this agreement

- Provides office space, bathroom; Radisson will hire Sheriff's for extra patrol during annual garage sale

A motion was made by Mr. McCarron, seconded by Mr. Garland, to approve this item.

Questions/Comments from the committee:

- How many sites are throughout the county?
 - South station at town of Onondaga, Salina, Van Buren and Radisson (4)
- Any places the Sheriff's Office would like a site?
 - Would ask what are they offering, and how much does it cost
 - Town of Onondaga lease is up at end of this year, and they are looking to renew

A vote was taken on the item. ***Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.***

b. Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the United States Postal Inspection Service Concerning the Central New York Contraband Interdiction Team (\$30,041)

Purpose: Authorize the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) to enter into an agreement with the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) with respect to an intergovernmental agreement for the joint cooperative law enforcement effort, hereinafter referred to as the Central New York Contraband Interdiction Team (CNYCIT).

Objective/Work Plan: The United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) and Onondaga County Sheriff's Office desire to engage in a joint cooperative law enforcement effort, referred to as the Central New York Contraband Interdiction Team (CNYCIT), for the purpose of facilitating cooperation and coordination with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to assist in investigative and prosecutorial efforts concerning criminal offenses involving the trafficking of controlled substances and money laundering. This joint law enforcement operation will focus on illegal drug trafficking within and around Onondaga County, to include the seizure of illegal drugs, proceeds from drug trafficking and recovery of evidence relative to criminal activity. The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office will agree to participate in the CNYCIT and the USPIS will agree to pay reimbursed overtime as well as a vehicle stipend for the use of an Onondaga County vehicle.

The use of the US Postal Service has become a significant trafficking tactic utilized by drug traffickers bringing illegal drugs into this community. This partnership will be directed at disrupting the flow of illegal drugs into our community and intercepting and seizing proceeds of these crimes. This partnership is in the best interest of Onondaga County to establish such collaborative law enforcement partnership with USPIS for purposes of public safety and protection.

Funding Source: Overtime and vehicle stipend reimbursed through 525260-Public Safety Other Govt based on expenses.

Budget: The budget is an allowable \$19,841 per year in reimbursed overtime paid to Onondaga County and an \$850.00 monthly stipend paid for by USPIS for the use of providing an acceptable vehicle for the task force member to use in furtherance of their obligations to the task force. The stipend incorporates all additional costs for the vehicle to include routine maintenance and minor repairs of the vehicle.

- One fulltime Detective on task force assigned to USPIS, and in return, USPIS will reimburse county for overtime work, as well as stipend of \$850/month
- Sheriff's position is this will disrupt the flow of illegal drugs and increase seizures related to drug trafficking
- NYS Police and Syracuse Police Department participate in this task force
- Can pull the Detective back to the Sheriff's Office at any time when needed
- Accounts have been prepared by Fiscal Operations for funding

Questions/Comments from the committee:

- Will this open the door for more opportunity for seizure money?
 - Yes
- With the legalization of marijuana, has the Sheriff's Office seen an increase in people shipping with online ordering?
 - Yes
 - United States Post Office is essentially becoming the dealer

A motion was made by Mr. McCarron, seconded by Mr. Garland, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Chair:

- Writing letter to CSX in regard to the recent derailment and lack of communication
- Onondaga County Emergency Management, E911 and Sheriff's Office were not notified by CSX
- Residents saw tanker cars laying on their side; turned out to be sunflower seed oil, which is low on scale of danger

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



JAMIE McNAMARA, Clerk
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ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: MARCH 19, 2024

NAME (Please Print)	DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
WISN-Deer	OCSO
Jeremy Young	OCSO
Dan Wears	EM
J. Passolunghi, T. Stetz/1127	OCSO
Jason Dean	Finance
Melissa Colomber	Finance
Joe Frateschi	Leg.
Arnelia	Leg.
Jarcie Lomick	Leg.
Jim Beube	Leg.
John DeSantis	Leg.