

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Monday, January 11, 2021 - 10:00 AM

Clerk's note – This meeting was held virtually.

Steve McNally, Chairperson
Ike Tyler, Vice-Chairperson

Chairman McNally called this Human Services Meeting to order at 10:21 am with the following Supervisors virtually in attendance: Clayton Barber, Robin DeLoria, Archie Depo, Stephanie DeZalia, Shaun Gilliland (in person), Joseph Giordano, Charlie Harrington, Roy Holzer, Kenneth Hughes, Steve McNally, Jim Monty, Noel Merrihew, Jay Rand, Tom Scozzafava, Jeffrey Subra, Ike Tyler, Joe Pete Wilson and Davina Winemiller.

Department Heads present: Dan Palmer (in person) Patty Bashaw, Linda Beers, Donald Jaquish, Judy Garrison, Sue Montgomery-Corey, David Reynolds, Heather Sheehan and Kristy Sprague.

Also virtually present: Sun News, Tim Rowland and Max Thwaits

McNALLY: Veteran's office, Noel Merrihew?

MERRIHEW: Thank you. No issues this morning. Thank you.

McNALLY: Thank you. County Sealer? Board of Elections, Allison McGahay, Sue Montgomery-Corey?

MONTGOMERY-COREY: Good morning. We don't really have anything to report this morning unless you have questions for us?

McNALLY: Anybody have anything for Sue or Allison? Alright, thank you. Emergency Services – Don Jaquish nope, District Attorney, Kristy Sprague.

SPRAGUE: Thank you. Good morning everyone. I don't have an official report. I spoke to you last week. I just wanted to announce officially that Debbie Donaldson will be retiring from my office as a legal secretary after 15 years of employment with the county. I was just looking to see if I could get a resolution of appreciation for Debbie congratulating her on her retirement as well as her fifteen years of service to not only our office but our county in general so I'd ask for that resolution.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND CONGRATULATIONS TO DEBBIE DONALDSON UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM ESSEX COUNTY GOVERNMENT. DeZalia, unanimous

SPRAGUE: Thank you.

McNALLY: All set Kristy?

SPRAGUE: I am unless anybody has any questions?

McNALLY: Anything for Kristy? Alright, thank you. Emergency Services – Don Jaquish.

JAQUISH: Good morning. I have four resolutions I need passed through Public Safety. One is permission to apply for and accept the 2019 HAZMAT Consortium grant.

McNALLY: Anybody want to move that?

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT 2019 HAZMAT CONSORTIUM GRANT. Winemiller, Rand

McNALLY: Discussion? All in favor, opposed – carried.

JAQUISH: The second resolution is to hire Bearcom Communications to enable IAMRESPONDING two tone detection for \$7,290.00, with funds to be taken from the radio project and Max is on if you have further questions on that particular item.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO HIRE BEARCOM COMMUNICATIONS TO ENABLE IAMRESPONDING TWO TONE DETECTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,290.00, WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM THE RADIO PROJECT. Tyler, Holzer

McNALLY: Discussion, concerns, comments?

TYLER: Can you help me understand this please?

THWAITS: What this does is it receives the page for each department and sends it back out over a responding app on the first responder's phone.

TYLER: Thank you.

McNALLY: Alright, anything else? All in favor, opposed – carried.

JAQUISH: So the third resolution is in regards to the Monkton Radio Project, the original quote for the entire project, turnkey operation for Motorola was around nine hundred and some odd thousand. We decided to take the microwave portion of that out, it dropped the price to seven hundred and something. The reason we did that is the microwave that Motorola was going to install is not a Nokia or Alcatel-Lucent. All of our other 17 sites are Nokia Alcatel-Lucent microwaves. We have a spare parts bank, many spare parts to repair these units if they go down so we decided to go out to bid for that part of the project. We went out to bid and the bid was awarded to Lightspeed Technologies for the amount of \$213,033.10, and that is going to be coming out of the SIG17 grants, the interoperability grants. So I'd like a motion to award that contract and allow Lightspeed Technologies to provide that.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD BID TO LIGHTSPEED TECHNOLOGIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$213,033.10, FOR THE MONKTON RADIO PROJECT MICROWAVES WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM THE SIG17 INTEROPERABILITY GRANTS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE SAME. Rand, DeZalia.

McNALLY: Discussion? All in favor, opposed – carried.

JAQUISH: Okay, I've got one more and this is a miscellaneous resolution. It apparently didn't get on the agenda. It is in cooperation with Public Health and as you know, Emergency Services we are helping to assist them in setting up the pods or the points of distribution for the vaccines. So we'd like to purchase a two lane drive-thru vaccination/decon shelter and accessories in the amount of \$44,710.49, to be paid from HAZMAT SHSP 18 grant and \$25,000 will come from a Public Health DOH Covid grant, \$19,710.49 that portion of it.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO PURCHASE A TWO-LANE DRIVE THROUGH VACCINATION/DECON SHELTER IN THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,710.49, FROM PROPAC, INC. WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM HAZMAT SHSP-18 GRANT AND PUBLIC HEALTH DOH COVID GRANT. DeZalia, Winemiller.

WINEMILLER: I do have a question Steve. Okay, Don, I am not opposed to this in any way, shape or form but I'm just wondering is there an alternate use for this equipment after the Covid issue and vaccinations have been done?

JAQUISH: Yes, it's actually a decon shelter. It would be used for decon in a hazmat incident. We're actually, we are a Level A Team so we rely on a Level B Team like Franklin County to support us in decon can but this will allow us also to do decon as well as for this vaccination purpose.

WINEMILLER: And what type of decontamination are you referring to?

JAQUISH: Decontamination is during a hazardous materials incident where a Level A team would go in and mitigate the situation, come back out and would need to go into a shelter where it's warm obviously, we do have heaters to decon them in a warm environment.

WINEMILLER: Thank you.

McNALLY: Anybody else? All in favor, opposed – carried. Anything else Don?

JAQUISH: No, that is quite it. Thank you.

DELORIA: Mr. McNally I have something actually from Patty Bashaw for Public Safety. Patty, do you have that resolution in front of you?

BASHAW: I do not but I know what it is.

DELORIA: Okay, why don't you do ahead and get that.

BASHAW: Okay so what we're doing is working on the permanent CON which is due up in July, we started that in earnest. One of the things that I'm asking for today is a resolution to support us moving forward with a permanent ambulance CON.

McNALLY: Okay, anybody want to move that?

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY OF ESSEX EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE IN APPLYING FOR A PERMANENT CERTIFICATE OF NEED. Holzer, Tyler

McNALLY: Questions, comments? All in favor, opposed – carried. Anything else Patty?

BASHAW: The only real quick thing is tomorrow we are going to put up a POD as an exercise just to make sure that we aren't missing some things that need to happen so we're doing that with Public Health tomorrow. So, other than that, it's been busy.

McNALLY: Alright, thank you. Okay, Sheriff's Office, Dave Reynolds?

REYNOLDS: I'm here if you have any questions?

McNALLY: Anything for Dave? Okay, great. I guess not. Coroners, by chance? Probation, Heather Sheehan.

SHEEHAN: Good morning everyone. I'm here if you have any questions?

MONTY: Steve, before we got to Probation my question was pertaining to the Coroners. We purchased laptops so they could conduct business and their reports would – *inaudible* – and I was just curious if that is a necessity if that needs to be done? I know Linda – *inaudible* – and I was just checking to see what the protocol was for that but I don't see Linda here.

McNALLY: Does anybody have any insight on that?

GILLILLAND: Jim was broken up a lot so we couldn't hear him.

MONTY: I will email you.

PALMER: Yeah, if you shoot me an email Jim I'll try and cover it.

MONTY: Okay, thanks Dan.

McNALLY: Thanks Jim. Anybody have anything for Heather? I guess not, thank you. Public Defender, Brandon Boutelle.

BOUTELLE: Good morning everyone. I have nothing formal to report just want to ask that the courts have been on pause for about a month and a half or so that's due to expire on the 19th so right now we're planning on returning to in person court on the 19th. I know we have the Town of North Elba and the Town of Moriah scheduled for the 19th pending any further court orders extending the pause button but cases have been piling up and hopefully we can return to in person court here on the 19th.

McNALLY: Okay, great. Anything for Brandon? Alright, thank you. Anything else to come before the Public Safety Committee?

DEZALIA: I have a question regarding the County Sealer since Wayne retired we haven't seen a report or anything are we all settled on that position?

PALMER: No, actually Wayne kind of went back and forth as to whether he was considering coming back out of retirement ultimately he decided not to, he let me know that about a week ago. So, I had the Personnel office, we had like seven applicants, I had the Personnel office re contact them to make certain they were still interested and we will be setting up virtual interviews with

those candidates within the next couple of weeks probably. Wayne is continuing to do it as a retired individual so in terms of getting it done, we're okay its still being covered but we will be doing interviews shortly here probably the rest.

DEZALIA: Okay thank you.

McNALLY: Thank you. Anything else?

GILLILLAND: Yes, Steve in the interest of good relationships among Governmental levels, I was asked for a resolution of congratulations to Senator Charles Schumer for rising to the position of Senate Majority Leader. Senator Schumer has always been a good friend of ours, of Essex County and a supporter and we hope him great luck in his new position so if somebody would move that I would appreciate it.

McNALLY: Somebody want to move that.

RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS TO SENATOR CHARLES SCHUMER ON BECOMING SENATE MAJORITY LEADER. Harrington, unanimous

McNALLY: Anybody have any objections? Alright, carried. Anything else for Public Safety? If not, we are adjourned. Thank you.

As there was no further discussion to come before this Public Safety meeting it was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Garrison, Clerk
Board of Supervisors