

Public Safety Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes – Approved 1-18-18
Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:00 PM
Legislature Chambers

Attendance

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Rich John	Chair	Present
Anna Kelles	Vice Chair	Present
Martha Robertson	Member	Present
James Dennis	Member	Present
David McKenna	Member	Present
Matthew Van Houten	District Attorney	Present
Christina Dravis	Director of Dispatch	Present
Kenneth Lansing	Sheriff	Present
Lee Shurtleff	Director, Department of Emergency Response	Present
Michelle Pottorff	Chief Deputy Clerk, Legislature	Present
Marcia Lynch	Public Info. Officer, County Administration	Present
Patricia Buechel	Probation & Community Justice Director	Present
Ray Bunce	Captain of Corrections, Sheriff's Department	Present
Dan Donahue	Tompkins County Sheriff's Department	Present
Paula Younger	Deputy County Administrator	Present

Guests: Anne Koreman, Henry Granison, Legislators-Elect; Joe Nelson; Nick Reynolds, Ithaca Times; Chaz Garrity, Swift Reach

Call to Order

Mr. John, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Privilege of the Floor

No member of the public wished to speak.

Minutes Approval

November 16, 2017

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Martha Robertson, Member
SECONDER:	David McKenna, Member
AYES:	John, Kelles, Robertson, Dennis, McKenna

Resolution No. - A Resolution Recognizing the 28-Year Contribution of Stu Bergman as a Member of the STOP-DWI Advisory Board (ID #7513)

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rich John, Chair
SECONDER:	Anna Kelles, Vice Chair
AYES:	John, Kelles, Robertson, Dennis, McKenna

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee is responsible for oversight of the STOP-DWI Advisory Board, and

WHEREAS, the STOP-DWI Advisory Board is an advisory board to the Tompkins County Legislature that is dedicated to reducing both the incidence and impact of driving while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs in our community, through focus on its mission to:

- Reduce the number of persons killed or injured in alcohol and other drug-related traffic crashes;
- To promote DWI prevention as a public priority; and
- Coordinate local efforts in Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Probation, Rehabilitation, Public Information, Education, and Administration.

WHEREAS, Stu Bergman, who has served as a member of the STOP-DWI Advisory Board for twenty-eight years, together with serving as Chair for approximately twenty-five years, has announced his retirement from the STOP-DWI Advisory Board, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature wishes to recognize Stu Bergman for his long service on behalf of the County on the STOP-DWI Advisory Board, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature recognizes Stu Bergman for his commitment to the goals of reducing the number of driving while intoxicated incidents in our community and limiting the number of people injured and killed from driving while intoxicated accidents,

RESOLVED, further, That the Tompkins County Legislature commends and thanks Stu Bergman for his long service as a volunteer and an advocate, and for his work as a member and Chair of the Tompkins County STOP-DWI Advisory Board.

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Department of Emergency Response

Resolution No. - Authorization to Accept Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant and Budget Adjustments – Department of Emergency Response (ID #7517)

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David McKenna, Member
SECONDER:	Martha Robertson, Member
AYES:	John, Kelles, Robertson, Dennis, McKenna

WHEREAS, in April 2017, the New York State Division of Homeland Security (DHSES) -

Office of Interoperable Communications (OIEC) announced a Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant, allocating funding to counties to aid in making necessary improvements and providing for sustainment of Land Mobile Radio Systems (LMR), and

WHEREAS, through this new grant program, the Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response has been awarded funding for the maintenance of LMR components supporting interoperability in the form of reimbursement for eligible program expenses, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has since been notified that various recurring expenses for the maintenance and replacement of the Department's interoperable radio communications system are eligible for reimbursement beginning in 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature, in anticipation of the planned funding has through the recently adopted 2018 Budget and Capital Program anticipated such reimbursement and established appropriate budgetary mechanisms to execute the grant on a recurring, annual basis, and will now be reimbursed for current year's systems costs, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature desires that such new sources of funding be directed toward anticipated communications systems replacements and future enhancements, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Public Safety and the Budget, Capital and Personnel Committees, That Tompkins County accepts an award of \$738,565 (DHSES Award WM16198674), to fund sustainment, maintenance, and enhancement of the interoperable communications system,

RESOLVED, further, That the Finance Director be and hereby is authorized to amend and adjust the following accounts for 2017 established for the receipt and expenditure of such funds and to establish and transfer to capital accounts as necessary for ongoing capital improvements and replacements to the system:

Revenue:	3411.44389	Other Public Safety Aid	\$738,565
Expense:	3411.54651	Renewal and Replacement	\$700,000
	3411.54422	Maintenance	\$ 38,565

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Resolution No. - Appropriation from Contingent Fund – Terminal-Pay and Replacement-Pay Reimbursement – Emergency Response (ID #7516)

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Anna Kelles, Vice Chair
SECONDER:	David McKenna, Member
AYES:	John, Kelles, Robertson, Dennis, McKenna

WHEREAS, the Department of Emergency Response had two (2) Emergency Services Dispatchers retire, with end dates of September 14, 2017, and November 25, 2017, and one (1) Emergency Services Dispatcher resign, with an end date of June 12, 2017, and

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WHEREAS, a Department of Emergency Response employee was on extended disability leave from October 2016 to April 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Policy of Tompkins County permits reimbursement to the department from the Contingent Fund for terminal pay and replacement pay for absences exceeding two months, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Public Safety and the Budget, Capital and Personnel Committees, That the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized and directed to make the following budget appropriation for 2017:

FROM:	A1990.54440	Contingent Fund	\$60,754.44
TO:	A3410.51000551	Emergency Services Dispatcher	\$24,538.17
	A3410.51400	Disability Pay	\$17,825.99
	A3410.58800	Fringes	\$10,652.02
	A3410.58800	Fringes	\$ 7,738.26

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Advisory Board Appointments (ID #7509)

Advisory Board on Indigent Representation - terms expire December 31, 2020

Jason Leifer
Jerome Mayersak

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Martha Robertson, Member
SECONDER:	Anna Kelles, Vice Chair
AYES:	John, Kelles, Robertson, Dennis, McKenna

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.