

**COMMITTEE MEETING
LAKE PLEASANT, NY
THURSDAY
MARCH 6, 2014**

**CENTRAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
9:40 AM**

Members present: Bob Edwards, John Frey, and Rick Wilt

Also present: Bill Farber, Brian Towers, Neil McGovern, Jane Zarecki and Barry Baker

Jane distributed a handout and Bob asked for a few minutes so that everyone could review it.

Jane explained that she is looking to reinstate her money from the microfilm account that she didn't use last year to add to this year's line. She wants to get this project underway now and she knows that it will run over the combined total. She is asking for an advance from next year's budget as well to cover these expenses because the \$6,000 would help her go even further with this project.

Bob asked if she had the 2013 monies rolled forward, Jane stated no.

Jane reported that the driver's licenses for illegal immigrants is coming back again so they will continue to fight that battle.

Safe Act recertification is on hold. Originally they were surveyed on how their pistol process works. There was a committee set up with seven County Clerks who were going to be pilot counties for the recertification with a starting date of February 15 and now that has been cancelled. That is still a mess and people keep asking and there hasn't been any information from the State Police. The Committee suggested if anyone asks tell them to call the State Police as directed by the Legislation.

Rick asked Jane, seeing she couldn't do the imaging last year for a variety of reasons, are those reasons taken care of so you can do this now. Jane stated yes.

Bob asked John about the next years advance on her budget. John stated neither of this will break the County and if she is going for this she would like to get this done once. From the financial side he supports this. Rick and Bob support as well.

Brian Towers asked if there was an advantage of doing fourteen books now instead of eight books this year and eight books next year. Jane stated yes because they are coming up to do this and the more they do the better the deal.

Bob asked where we will get the money from. Bill stated we will take it out of contingency.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/EMERGENCY RESPONSE

COMMITTEE
1:30 PM

Members present: Rick Wilt, and Brian Towers

Also present: Bill Farber, Bob Edwards, Phil Snyder, Neil McGovern, Karl Abrams, Don Purdy and Charles Miazga

Don reported this week he will receive his 6th grant, five are working grants now.

Rick reported the PSAP Grant was extended until April 2015 for expenditures of the \$144,470.00 grant. This will be for the call taking equipment and training for our new dispatch center.

Neil McGovern entered during Rick's discussion.

Don stated between the training and the equipment that is where the bulk of the money is going.

The Committee discussed ordering an extra monitor for the Sheriff's Office, so that if dispatch is busy one of the Deputies or the Sheriff could work the calls.

Karl stated that they are going to work on that, Rick stated Tracy is aware of digging up the driveway and laying extra conduit for future needs.

Don reported there is \$18,000 left on the 2012 grant that was put in for interoperability communication equipment for the suburban which needs to be expended by August 31, 2014. He wants to have a box built that will be portable that will hold four radios covering low ban, high ban, UHF, 800 and a cross ban repeater so that the Sheriff can communicate with surrounding counties if needed.

For the 2011 grant Don wants two portable boxes built, one for Indian Lake and the other in Lake Pleasant in case needed. This grant also needs to be expended by August 31, 2014.

Bill asked about antennas for the boxes. Don stated they will have portable antennas, but there is also money in the grant for us to put an antenna somewhere. They would like to put one on the courthouse if possible.

Karl explained that the antennas mount on a tri-pod. One is a multi-directional for the high ban and then there is one for the low ban.

Karl reported his vehicle will be outfitted to be a mobile command center so all that equipment will be in the vehicle, the other will probably be with the Undersheriff. This will be portable to take anywhere. They are mounting two antennas and will have the cables already inside so that when they carry the box in, they just plug it in and they have a command center.

Chuck asked who is building the boxes.

Don stated that Warren County is designing the boxes for us.

The next SHSP Grant is \$50,000 that includes the dive equipment for Karl. Don would like to purchase software to program the portables, a multi gas meter for fire departments use, pads and booms for fuel or petroleum spills and a trailer to transport the equipment in. Each fire department would be given a small supply of pads and booms for a spill seeing they would be the first responders on such a scene for starting the containment before we get there.

There is a forced entry practice door Don would like to purchase and install on the smoke trailer which will run approximately \$5,500.00. The Sheriff's Office as well as the Fire Departments can train on this new door.

LEMP Grant for this year is \$6,767.00 and that goes towards Don's salary.

The sixth grant will be the Interoperability once it is awarded to us. The Committee discussed how long it takes to receive the award letters.

Bill suggested that they could put together the bid specs and be ready to go out to bid or we could go out to bid and just don't award until the contract is signed.

Chuck stated instead of going to bid, compare the equipment and amounts and maybe we won't have to due to the possibly of getting it off State Contract.

Rick stated to build a bid spec we need to know what we are doing and the more he talks about this at his meetings not everyone is comfortable where we are placing the antennas such as Pillsbury Mountain. How do we service it in the winter, there is no access.

Bill asked Karl how DEC accesses Pillsbury, Karl stated by helicopter in the winter or they switch to a different tower and not maintain it in the winter. Indian Lake to Gore is pretty good but getting from here to Indian Lake is a little more difficult.

Bill stated we don't have to go directly to Gore, Don stated somehow we need to just get out of the County.

Rick stated that Warren County suggested that we hire an engineer firm for tower placement, plus to oversee this whole project.

A lengthy discussion continued on hiring an engineer and what type they would need.

Rick will send a copy of an RFP that Warren County used that we will need to tweak.

Bill suggested that they get the RFP together and out as soon as possible. This adds an incremental step to the process that will not speed up our ability to go out for bid and get a vendor lined up and get in a position to take advantage of the upcoming construction season.

The committee continued to discuss at length on how they can get out of the County by way of towers or fiber optic.

Karl reported that Don has a list of Engineering Firms from Warren County. There are seven on the list and two of them Warren County recommended.

Bill suggested to Don to contact two or three firms and setup a meeting with them to discuss our needs and then we can make a value judgment from there.

Don stated he would contact some firms and setup meetings before the end of this month.

As there was no further business, the meeting ended.