

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 10, 2010

The Public Safety and Emergency Services Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Monday, May 10, 2010 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: R. Materese (Chair), M. Diffendorf, J. Marinich, S. Messina, M. Whalen

Members Absent: None

Others Present: M. Gerchman, M. Kalka, Budget; D. Fauci, County Exec's Office; B. Chellis, M. Ballard Emergency Services; D. Jensen, Visitor; B. Klipsch, D. Moran, W. Howard, D. Reynolds, C. Marion, E. Denk, J. Royer, C. Hall, Legislature

The Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 5:05 P.M. A motion was made to move the agenda by Mr. Marinich, seconded by Ms. Messina.

#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A HOME RULE REQUEST REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY LAW TO INCREASE THE SURCHARGE FOR ACCESS LINES FOR THE ENHANCED 911 EMERGENCY LAND-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Mr. Chellis stated that last December the committee approved a resolution to request the New York State Legislature amend County Law to allow Broome County to increase the surcharge for access lines for the enhanced 911 emergency land line telephone system and this is the next step in the process. The proposed \$700,000 in additional revenue would help support upgrades to the 911 land line telephone system. Currently a study is being done to see what kind of upgrades need to be done and what the cost would be. Mr. Chellis believes the upgrades will cost between 20 and 45 million dollars. Mr. Marinich had concerns that the additional revenue would be used for salaries and not upgrades to equipment. Responding to a question from Mr. Whalen, Mr. Chellis stated that by waiting until next year to approve the increase the County would loose about \$500,000.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion was made by Ms. Messina, seconded by Mr. Marinich, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:32 P.M.