COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY

MINUTES: July 23, 2007 -- 9:00am

MEMBERS: **Chair:** Burton; **Legislators:** Burrows, Kaplowitz, Swanson, Jenkins, Pinto

IN ATTENDANCE: **CE's office:** B. Randolph; **DoIT:** Norman Jacknis, Marguerite Berine, John Elliot; **BOL:** C. Giliberti, L. Goldstein, R. Boland, L. Gantress, C. Crane

With a quorum present, the Committee on Public Safety & Security was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

Present were County Department of Information Technology (DoIT) Commissioner, Norm Jacknis, as well as other members of DoIT – Deputy Commissioner, Marguerite Beirne, and 911 Coordinator, John Elliot to discuss the County Executive's request to expend the surplus $2,143,313 in surcharge funds for the E-911 system.

Of concern to Committee members was how the E-911 system would be financed in the future if the entire surplus were now expended – in the future, would those requisite funds be generated through raising taxes or taken from general funds.

The Committee urged Department of Information Technology officials that DoIT and the Administration to begin to initiate discussions with the County's municipalities – will individual municipalities maintain their own 911 systems instead of opting for regionalization with the County's involvement, through an increase in municipal taxes?

The Committee also reviewed Bond Act BIT15 (PSS agenda item #62), a proposed act to issue $1.2 million in bonds to finance the replacement of E-911 equipment. The item was signed out in a 5-1 vote (nay – Gordon Burrows). The item was signed *without prejudice* by Legislators Suzanne Swanson, Vito Pinto, Michael Kaplowitz and Ken Jenkins.

At 9:30am, on the motion of Legislator Burrows and seconded by Chair Burton, the Committee on Public Safety & Security meeting was adjourned.