

York City Council Minutes
August 19, 2008
Excerpt

Resolution No. 115, Session 2008, ([View](#)) A Resolution consenting to the City's involvement in a Public Safety Feasibility Study through YorkCounts, was introduced by Texter, read at length, and on motion of Texter, seconded by Ray, Resolution No. 115 came up for discussion.

Councilman Texter explained that at Council's July 15th meeting, Attorney Carl Anderson from YorkCounts was onboard and explained this undertaking. Below is an excerpt from the July 15th Council meeting:

“YorkCounts Presentation: Carl Anderson, Co-Chair of the Public Safety Committee, YorkCounts and James DeBord, YorkCounts, were onboard to discuss support of a proposed study that would weigh the pros and cons of establishing a regional approach to public safety and if the change might produce more efficient service and head off future cost increases.

YorkCounts is York County’s community-wide, nonpartisan quality-of-life coalition. YorkCounts works to assess, sustain and enhance the quality of life in York County – building alliances, introducing partners, spotlighting issues and facilitating conversations on issues such as public safety.

Mr. Anderson said YorkCounts hasn't taken a stand on the consolidation and that their role is to support an analysis to determine if such a consolidation would be beneficial. YorkCounts is approaching the five municipalities in the heart of the county with stand-alone departments (Spring Garden Township, Springettsbury Township, West Manchester Township, West York Borough and York City), the eight municipalities of the York Area Regional Police Department and the eight municipalities of the Northern York County Regional Police Department.

PERF – the Police Executive Research Forum, a national membership organization of police executives, would collect the following data from each agency: number of employees; staffing schemes and organizational structure; location and condition of facilities and equipment; dispatch and crime reporting data; approaches to case management, traffic enforcement and administration (including planning and fiscal affairs); budgeting information; procedures for hiring, promotion and training; mutual aid agreements; union contracts; and pension and benefit blueprints. Various ways to fund a new department would also be reviewed.”

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 115 passed by the following vote: Yeas – Ray, Hill-Evans, Texter, Smith, Musso – 5; Nays – 0.