

Public Safety Committee Minutes  
April 10, 2012 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Peck; Supervisors Lawler, Wormuth, Lucia, Veitch, Southworth, Hargrave, Rowland, Barrett and Wood; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Hugh Burke, County Attorney.

**On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mrs. Southworth the minutes of the March 13, meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Murphy announced Crime Victims' Rights Week as April 22 through 28, 2012. He said this is the week that the Board of Supervisors is requested to pass a resolution to acknowledge the week and remember crime victims and the rights that they have. Mr. Murphy invited all those who would like to attend, to a Candle Light Vigil, on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Murphy thanked the Board of Supervisors for all the work they have done and money that they have given to support the crime victim unit and for approving the grants that are received from the State to support the Unit as well.

Mr. Murphy said there will be a Brick dedication in Albany on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> that will be run by the District Attorney's office this year. This is a brick walkway that is in the courtyard area right outside the Legislative Office Building in memory of those who have died as a result of a crime. Handouts were distributed.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Lawler to proclaim April 22 through 28, 2012 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Unanimous.**

Mr. Butler said there were 334 animals received at the shelter for the month, which included the 134 cats that were rescued. There were 55 animals that were euthanized and 100 that were spayed or neutered. He said of the 135 cats that were rescued, 25 have been adopted thus far, 38 are still at the shelter and 53 have been placed in foster homes. Mr. Butler said the Animal Shelter originally opened on April 10, 1978, so today is the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the shelter.

Mr. Butler said Cascade Tissue Company has donated \$8,000 to the Animal Shelter. He said what he would like to use the money for is to purchase a gurney to be used for the very heavy animals to wheel them back to where they have to recover, and to help offset the adoption fees and some of the medical expenses for the 135 cats that were rescued.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Lucia to accept a donation of \$8,000 from Cascade Tissue Company and to amend the budget to transfer the funds from the Trust Fund account into the operating budget. Unanimous.**

Sheriff Bowen said his office has been notified by the Office of Homeland Security of a \$128,778 grant to be used to purchase two, four wheel drive vehicles equipped with red lights, sirens, and portable radios; two additional license plate readers and a generator.

**A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mrs. Southworth to approve an Office of Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$128,778 to be used to purchase 2 four wheel vehicles, license plate readers and a generator for the Sheriff's Department. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent distributed a copy of the monthly report from Emergency Services to all committee members for their review.

Mr. Tremblay said it was a busy month with state training courses which included the following: Emergency Escape System: Train the Trainer; Firefighter Assist and Search team; Firefighter II and SCBA Confidence class.

Mr. Tremblay requested a resolution to accept a 2011 Targeted Haz Mat Grant that was applied for as a submitted partner with Albany, Rensselaer, and Schenectady Counties. The award was for \$125,000, which was the maximum to purchase level A. Flash Protected Entry Suits and Hazardous Materials Response Software.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth to accept a Haz Mat Grant in the amount of \$125,000 to purchase Haz Mat materials and software for Emergency Services. Unanimous.**

Mr. Tremblay requested approval of the 2011 Security Homeland Security Program Grant for \$252,222 to be used to support previous grant equipment and CAD upgrades.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Lawler to accept a 2011 Security Homeland Security Program Grant in the amount of \$252,222 to be used to support previous grant equipment and CAD upgrades. Unanimous.**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Lucia to move into Executive Session for Litigation matters. Unanimous.**

**On a motion made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Lucia the meeting was reopened to regular session.**

No action was taken.

Mr. Peck said they are dealing with EMS Services in the Town of Greenfield and that situation is going to need some more thought and process to not only formulate the current Greenfield EMS situation, but county policy in general. He appointed an advisory committee consisting of Mr. Lent, Mr. Peck, Mr. Hellwig, Mr. Rowland, Sheriff Bowen and Mr. Dorsey.

**On a motion made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Lucia the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom