

Public Safety Committee Minutes  
February 14, 2012 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Peck; Supervisors Jenkins, Lucia, Veitch, Southworth, Collyer, Barrett and Wood; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Wes Carr, Youth Bureau; John Adams, Probation; Daniel Butler, Animal Shelter; Ed Tremblay, Paul Lent, Emergency Services; League of Women Voters; Press.

Chairman Peck called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the minutes of the January 10, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Adams said the Probation Department runs an alternative to incarceration program referred to as the Pretrial Release Program, along with the Employment and Training Department which runs the Community Work Program to provide an alternative to incarceration. Mr. Adams said the State has extended the contract through June 30<sup>th</sup> to bring it in line with the State fiscal year. The total for the Probation Department is \$8,413 and \$5,064 for Employment and Training.

Mr. Adams requested a resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Board to sign the extended contract, which is now an eighteen-month contract.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Veitch to authorize the Chairman to enter into an extended contract through June 30, 2012 for the Alternative to Incarceration Program. Unanimous.**

Mr. Butler distributed a copy of the monthly Animal Shelter report stating that for the month of January things have been very quiet. He gave a brief update on the Animal Shelter Annex stating that prior to the Annex the Animal Shelter would setup in malls, bringing animals, cages, tables, chairs and supplies for the animals for the day. Since then Clifton Park has given the Animal Shelter the opportunity to alleviate the over crowding at the old Animal Shelter by providing a space in the Clifton Park Mall, which was only to last for a year. Mr. Butler said they have been in the mall for 2 ½ years now. The understanding was that the Animal Shelter could remain in the mall until someone else wanted to lease that particular space. Mr. Butler said the mall management has notified him that he should be looking for an alternative in case someone should want to lease the space in the near future. Currently the annex remains at the Clifton Park Mall. Mr. Butler said the marketing director has told him that they will allow the Animal Shelter to come in as before on weekends and setup adoption clinics. He said, through the trust fund, he has purchased portable cages for that purpose.

Mr. Barrett said DCG has been a great corporate partner in working with the county. He said they should be given some sort of recognition once the relationship changes

Mr. Lent gave a brief overview of the monthly report from Emergency Services stating that the emergency managers from Warren, Washington and Saratoga Counties met during January to discuss a common response to potential dam emergencies. The meeting was a result of the confusion that surrounded the response to the Conklingville Dam alert last May. The result of the meeting was to standard the messages to the public and to establish a more efficient communications link between the managers should another alert occur. There are additional meetings scheduled.

Mr. Lent said things are moving along on the Lakeview Tower site with all easements signed and recorded.

Mr. Lent said Emergency Services had their first ever Homeland Security Audit and during the exit interview with the auditor they were very pleased with what they found with regard to adhering to policy and procedures and the appropriate funding.

Mr. Tremblay distributed a copy of the monthly Fire Training Report stating that there were two Fire Training Courses offered during the month of January. He said the County Fire Investigation Unit is a group of sixteen individuals who are NYS Certified Level 11 fire investigators, with some of them having national certification with Fire Investigation. Currently they respond to a call with their personal vehicle, which becomes an issue when they have to carry equipment. Mr. Tremblay said they have been offered by the Waterford fire district, they have a unit that they are getting rid of that is still in good shape and they have no use for anymore, and they are willing to surplus it and loan it for use. Mr. Tremblay said he is working with the County Attorney and will keep the committee informed of the progress.

Mr. Peck said Greenfield is no longer under contract with the volunteer ambulance service and was under mutual aid coverage from the City of Saratoga Springs. A week ago it was thought that they would sign on with a private ambulance service, Empire; however, the Town Board decided not to act on it and go out for an RFP. Mr. Rowland has inquired as to how he could obtain radios for Empire.

**On a motion made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Veitch the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom