

Public Safety Committee Minutes  
September 5, 2012 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Peck; Supervisors Wormuth, Jenkins, Lucia, Veitch, Southworth, Grattidge, Wood, Rowland, Collyer, and Sausville; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Jim Murphy, District Attorney; Ed Tremblay, Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Dan Butler, Animal Shelter; League of Women Voters; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Lucia the minutes of the June 12, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Murphy requested a resolution to declare October as Bullying Awareness Month. He said it is estimated that over 160,000 students don't want to go to school because they fear physical and emotional aggression of their peers.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to designate October as Bullying Awareness Month. Unanimous.**

Mr. Adams requested a resolution to accept Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program funding. This is designed to reduce placement out of the home and detention costs. In 2010 the Family Court placed 35 youth out of the home. In 2011 it was reduced to 17, and in 2012, thus far, only four youth have been placed out of the home. In terms of cost, an average figure is used that costs approximately \$125,000 to place a youth residentially out of the home. He said half of the cost is usually provided by the County and the other half by the State. In 2011 approximately \$1 million was saved, and it is projected that even more will be saved in 2012. This has a lot to do with the probation officers collaboration with DSS workers and the programs that are funded in Saratoga County, such as Berkshire Farms, and Electronic Monitoring.

Mr. Adams requested a resolution to accept a State grant in the amount of \$66,294 to be able to contract with Berkshire Farms and Electronic Monitoring (KMD). The contract period is expected to run from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Lucia to approve a Treatment Service for Juveniles Program funding grant in the amount of \$66,294. Unanimous.**

Mr. Butler requested approval to transfer \$6,700 from the Animal Shelter Trust Account. He said he would like to use \$1,100 of that to purchase a laptop, projector and wall screen for the education room. He said for the past two years the children at the Ballston Spa Middle School, Wood Road and Milton Terrace have had a penny harvest program donating \$1,103.50 over

that time period to the Animal Shelter. He said \$1,600 would be used for a centrifuge, \$3,500 for a capnograph and \$500 for minor medical equipment.

**A motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve a transfer of \$6,700 from the Animal Shelter Trust Fund. Unanimous.**

Mr. Butler said the Animal Shelter has minor contracts with one doctor and three vet technicians to spay and neuter the animals. One of the technicians is up to approximately \$8,600, and it is a very difficult position to find part time people for, he said. Mr. Butler is requesting that the minor contract be changed to a full contract for one technician. He said this expense would be covered under the trust account.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve a full contract for vet tech services in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent requested a resolution to accept an annual Local Emergency Management Planning Grant in the amount of \$83,186, used to offset administrative costs.

**A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth to approve a resolution to accept a Local Emergency Management Planning Grant in the amount of \$83,186. Unanimous.**

Mr. Kinowski said that the subcommittee and the committee have done an outstanding job on presenting to the Board a suggested law that could potentially add another fee for reporting 911. He said upon his review he said he felt that it was a bit premature to do this. He said Legislators have already submitted a proposal of a law to New York State to try and plug some loopholes that exist in the telecommunications laws for obtaining fees that are replacing cell phones. He said they are finding that the prepay industry is increasing significantly, which is one of the reasons that they are not subject to fees.

Mr. Kinowski said he has contacted Federal officials that are in this particular industry, as well as State Officials, to come to a personal conclusion that there is a lot more to come as to how to approach the funding of the 911 system and the future 911 systems. Currently there is E911 and soon there will be a system called Smart911. Mr. Kinowski is recommending to the committee that they wait to see what the state is going to do with S1594, and give the Legislative and Research Committee an opportunity to find out what feedback Legislators could provide on how to capture future fees.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom