

Public Safety Committee Minutes  
May 13, 2014 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Barrett; Supervisors Lent, Veitch, Wood, Wright, Martin, and Sausville; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Steven Bayle, Probation; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Oscar Schreiber, Public Defender; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Carl Zeilman, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Art Hunsinger, Clifton Park.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Lent the minutes of the April 8, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Schreiber requested a resolution to accept an Aid to Defense grant for the Public Defender's office in the amount of \$15,500.

**A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Wood to accept an Aid to Defense grant in the amount of \$15,500. Unanimous.**

Mr. Zeilman gave a brief update on the following:

- North Country Mass Casualty Drill – The Emergency Services Dept. has been working in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department and State Police to initiate a drill in late August.
- Emergency Management Certification and Training – The Emergency Services office will be hosting this event at the Fire Training Center on June 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00.
- Mandatory DHSES Tier II Training – Mr. Zeilman said he will be attending this three day training in Albany. He said there is a Tier III training offered to Supervisors to learn more about disaster recovery and expenses, and what your role is in those types of events. If any Supervisors are interested, please contact Mr. Zeilman for more information.
- Update on Rail Line Safety – The Emergency Services office held a meeting with the Canadian Pacific rail line discussing their response, what the county should be doing and what resources they may have for the county to utilize. He said his office has reached out to partners across the county, which includes law enforcement and fire where a tabletop exercise will be conducted in October with the assistance of the Canadian Pacific Rail Line.
- Reverse 911 Training – Mr. Zeilman said 19 people from the county have gone through the training.

- Monthly Newsletter – Mr. Zeilmans said a newsletter has been established from the Emergency Services Department, and has been sent out to Fire, EMS and Police and has been well received by first responders out in the field.
- Update on meetings with Public Officials/Agencies – Mr. Zeilman said Emergency Services continues to meet with people in the community i.e., Water Authority, Saratoga Springs Housing Authority and partners in the State who have been assisting in compiling more grant opportunities.

Mr. Tremblay emailed all committee members the Saratoga County Arson Control Plan for their review. He said there was one question with regard to law enforcement participation. He said Emergency Services works with the law enforcement jurisdiction throughout the county.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. Wright to approve the Saratoga County Arson Control Plan. Unanimous.**

Mr. Tremblay said flyers were put in Supervisors mailboxes with regard to last month's discussion with the "I am responding" internet software that is being sought. A meeting was held with EMS supervisors last week and someone brought up that the Community Emergency Corp had contacted Jimapco Maps looking to obtain an updated mapping with them for Milton and Ballston at a cost of \$10,000.

Mr. Barrett said there are over 20 departments in the county that are using this system currently. He said there is a five year grant available in the amount of \$30,775/yr. which would include all county departments, and a setup fee of \$1,600.

Mr. Hunsinger said the I Am Responding System is an excellent communications system. He said, after visiting with four other systems that have developed out of this technology, he determined that this was the best system. Clifton Park has been using the I Am Responding system for three years and has been very happy with it.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. Veitch to enter into a contract with I Am Responding, at an annual cost of \$30,775 for five years, plus a one-time startup fee of \$1,620. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Oigny said currently there are 34 dogs at the shelter with one in foster care, and 91 cats at with 51 in foster care.

Mrs. Oigny requested a resolution to authorize a withdrawal from the Animal Shelter Trust fund in the amount of \$18,200 for medical supplies. She said the balance in the trust fund is \$271,549.

**A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Veitch to authorize the transfer of \$18,200 from the Animal Shelter Trust Fund to the General Fund for the purchase of medical supplies for the Animal Shelter. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Oligny presented a proposal for the ability to require the services of a certified animal trainer/behaviorist at the Animal Shelter. She said she felt that it was the Animal Shelter's responsibility to evaluate each dog when it comes in before putting them up for adoption to determine the adoptability potential, as there is normally no history with the majority of animals that come to the shelter. Mrs. Oligny said it would be her intention to transfer money from the Trust Fund to the General Fund.

Mr. Barrett said if a certified animal trainer/behaviorist was hired from now until the end of the year the cost would be approximately \$7,500 or \$15,000/yr. He expressed his concerns with taking the funds from the Trust Fund as this would be a recurring cost.

Mr. Wright said he could not support this proposal at a time when the County is looking to sell the nursing home due to budget constraints.

Mr. Barrett asked if there were other large shelters that use this type of service. Mrs. Oligny said, yes; Saratoga County is one of the few that does not.

Mr. Sausville asked if it was possible to provide this service with existing personnel at the Animal Shelter. Mrs. Oligny said there was one individual that has those skills, but the staff has no extra time to perform the assessments.

**On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Lent the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom