

Public Safety Committee Minutes  
November 10, 2014 - 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Barrett; Supervisors Johnson, Lent, Peck, Veitch, Wood, Tollisen, Martin and Kinowski; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Oscar Schreiber, Public Defender; Ed Tremblay, Carl Zeilman, Emergency Services; Chief Castle, Sheriff; Deb Oligny, Animal Shelter; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Johnson the minutes of the October 14, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Zeilman said the first item on the agenda was to accept \$290,000 in a Homeland Security Grant; however, it was noted that this was already approved at last month's meeting.

Mr. Hellwig said last month \$217,500 was 75% of the \$290,000 total that was approved. What the committee needs to authorized today is approval of the balance of \$72,500 for the Sheriff.

**A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Lent to approve a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$72,500. Unanimous.**

Chief Castle requested acceptance of a Public Safety Answering Points Operation Grant, in the amount of \$165,862 to be used to offset operating expenses.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. Wood to approve a NYS Office of Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$165,862. Unanimous.**

Chief Castle requested approval to enter into an agreement with the NYS Office of Homeland Security to accept a \$587,162 Consolidation and Sustainment grant for upgrades to the Emergency 911- network.

**A motion was made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$587,162. Unanimous.**

Chief Castle said at the beginning of the year Supervisor Johnson and Sheriff Zurlo worked out a Lease with Wilton Mall, and an Inter-municipal Agreement with the town of Wilton.

Mr. Johnson said the rent for office space for the Sheriff's substation would be \$1/month, including utilities. There are some retrofitting costs involved and the Sheriff and Mr. Johnson have agreed on a 50/50 split. Mr. Johnson said the Wilton Mall will bill the Town of Wilton for the entire amount of the contracting costs and then through an inter-municipal agreement prepared through the County Attorney's office, the county would reimburse the Town of Wilton

50%. Mr. Johnson said the Town of Wilton has also agreed to pay Time Warner for the cable and telephone service. The lease will be for five years with a five year renewal.

**A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Wood to approve a five year lease with Wilton Mall for a Sheriff Substation and an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Wilton for the payment of certain lease related expenses. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Oligny gave a brief overview of the monthly report from the Animal Shelter stating that there were 256 surrendered animals for the month with 121 animals adopted out.

Mrs. Oligny distributed copies of the inter-municipal agreement contract to all committee members for their review.

Mr. Hellwig said the county has a is a minor contract with Albany Medical Center for the work that they do for the various services for autopsies, toxicology, labs, x-rays and access to the mortuaries. The contract was exceeded in 2013 by approximately \$600. Based on the current volume of cases the \$10,000 threshold will be exceeded this year. A request is being made by the Coroner's office to authorize the payment of the overages for the prior years, moving away from a minor contract and obtaining a major contract with a \$25,000 threshold.

**A motion was made to enter into an agreement with Albany medical Center at a cost not to exceed \$25,000. Unanimous.**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom