

Public Safety Committee Minutes
January 13, 2015 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Barrett; Supervisors Allen, Lent, Peck and Wright; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Sheriff Mike Zurlo; Undersheriff Kevin Mullahey; Chief Deputy Richard Castle; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Carl Zeilman, Chuck Pasquaralle, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Steve Bayle, Probation; Deborah Oligny, Animal Shelter; Press.

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

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Peck the minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

Mr. Barrett appointed Mr. Lent as Vice Chairman of the Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Lent two subcommittees were established.

The Body Cameras Subcommittee which will review the possible implementation of body cameras as a prerequisite equipment item for all Saratoga County Deputies. Items for discussion will include positive attributes, concerns, storage of data, use of data, policies and procedures with camera use, experience of other policing departments and other topics relating to the overall issue of body cameras. The members appointed are: Supervisors Phil Barrett, Paul Lent, Mo Wright and Bill Peck; Sheriff Zurlo, Undersheriff Mullahey, Chief Deputy Castle; Spencer Hellwig, Steve Dorsey, and Karen Heggen.

The Sheriff Department Staffing Subcommittee will review current staffing levels, staffing structure, patrolling coverage levels throughout the week in various areas of the County, the effect of transports on patrolling levels, municipal contracting with the County and other topics relating to the overall issue of staffing. The members appointed are: Supervisors Phil Barrett, Paul Lent, Mo Wright and Art Johnson; Sheriff Zurlo, Undersheriff Mullahey, Chief Deputy Castle; and Spencer Hellwig.

Mr. Barrett said these two subcommittees encompass two subjects that were addressed by Chairman Veitch at the County's Organizational Meeting. These subcommittees are not meant to be exclusionary. Any other Supervisor can attend as well as any interested party. With regard to the body cameras, this is an evolution of technology. Body cameras can provide protection for police officers and also a full accounting of interactions that they have on a daily basis. It offers accountability and protection. The subcommittee will be inviting police departments that currently use these cameras to participate in discussions and he would like to get their impression on how they use them on a daily basis. Mr. Barrett displayed a device that is used by agencies and showed how it operates. Mr. Wright asked how often the subcommittees would meet. Mr. Barrett said he would like them to begin as soon as possible and meet every three weeks until a recommendation can be made to the Board. Mr. Peck said he was curious about a judicial use standpoint and would like the departments that use the cameras to tell us about their procedures. Mr. Barrett said that is one of the most important issues is use of the data.

Sheriff Zurlo said there is grant money in the 2014 budget that was not spent and he would like it reappropriated in to the 2015 budget. Mr. Lent asked what the grants were. Sheriff Zurlo said these are two Homeland Security Grants one in the amount of \$72,500 for security and dive team equipment; and one for \$13,573 and was for the upgrading of software for 911.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Allen \$86,073 was approved to be reappropriated to the 2015 budget.

Ms. Oigny had previously distributed the monthly and yearly reports by email to the members. Mr. Peck thanked her for those reports as they were informational. Mr. Barrett said that sometimes there are groups such as Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts that may not know there is a shelter and suggested they contact Ms. Oigny to provide them with a tour.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Wright, Clerk