

Public Safety Committee Minutes
March 10, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Barrett; Supervisors Wright, Ziegler, Johnson, Peck, Allen and Wood; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Ryan Moore, Deputy Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Debra Kaelin, Ass't District Attorney; Oscar Schreiber, Public Defender; Chief Castle, Sheriff Zurlo, Undersheriff Mullahey; Ed Tremblay, Carl Zeilman, Emergency Services; Jason Kemper, Planning.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Wright the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

Ms. Kaelin requested a resolution proclaiming April 19th through April 25th as, National Crime Victims' Week. She said every year the District Attorney's office asks that the Board of Supervisors approve a proclamation that is displayed and sent out to various groups. This years' theme is Engaging Communities/Empowering Victims. Ms. Kaelin said the Candlelight Vigil will be held at the Presbyterian Church in Saratoga Springs on April 19th.

A motion was made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve a resolution proclaiming April 19-25, 2015 as National Crime Victims' Week. Unanimous.

Mr. Zeilman stated that he had distributed by email a copy of the Monthly Report from Emergency Services to all committee members for their review.

Mr. Zeilman requested a resolution to re-appropriate funds from a Homeland Security Grant that was obtained in 2014 to be included in the Sheriff's 2015 budget. The funds will be used to purchase 911 equipment. The total funds being re-appropriated are \$2,264,000.

Mr. Hellwig said the funds are 100% Homeland Security funds; therefore, there will be no budget impact to the County.

A motion was made by Mr. Zeigler, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the re-appropriation of 2014 Homeland Security Grant funds in the amount of \$2,264,000 to the 2015 budget for the Sheriff's office to purchase 911 equipment. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay said a copy of the Fire Training Report was submitted to all committee members via email. He stated that the fire training center classroom has been closed due to water problems.

Mr. Tremblay requested a resolution to contract with Pictometry International for an amount not to exceed \$168,000. The funds are provided through a Homeland Security Grant.

A motion was made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Allen to approve a contract with Pictometry International in an amount not to exceed \$168,000. Unanimous.

Sheriff Zurlo requested a resolution authorizing the Sheriff's Department to enter into an agreement with Appriss to begin charging for Accident Reports at a cost of \$20. The revenue will be split \$8 to Appriss and \$12 to the Sheriff's Office. He said a lot of other agencies are now charging for accident reports, including the State Police. He said for someone who comes to the window at the Sheriff's office the charge will be \$10; there will be no fee for government agencies. The Sheriff said last year there were approximately 1,000 accident reports requested.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Johnson to authorize the Sheriff's Office to enter into an agreement with Appriss to collect revenue for police accidents reports at a cost of \$20 per report and to authorize the Public Safety Committee the ability to change the fees and charges associated with the agreement. Unanimous.

Mr. Barrett thanked Police Chief Veitch for his presentation to the Body Camera Subcommittee. He said comments from Chief Veitch were very positive with regard to their use in the Saratoga Springs Police Department. Mr. Barrett said a request was made to Sheriff Zurlo to gather information on what the price will be on different equipment options.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom