

Public Safety Committee Minutes  
July 14, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Barrett; Supervisors Wright, Lent, Peck, Allen, and Veitch; Chad Cooke, Deputy Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Sheriff Zurlo; Ed Tremblay, Carl Zeilman, Emergency Services; Oscar Schreiber, Public Defender; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. Wright the minutes of the June 9, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Schreiber said that Dr. Bashkoff testifies in family court by requests from both the Judges and the Public Defenders office. Since Dr. Bashkoff's contract has a remaining balance of \$1,600, a request was made to modify the contract from a minor contract to a major contract, not to exceed \$20,000. The funds would come from extra money in the budget line for Litigation Consultants.

**A motion was made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Lent to approve entering into a major contract with Dr. Jacqueline Bashkoff for reviews, consultations, evaluations, testing, report writing, court time and testimony, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Unanimous.**

Mr. Zeilman said there was asbestos discovered in the roof top of the Spruce Mountain Shelter. A request was made to amend the contract with Tecta America to increase the amount by \$5,292.20 for asbestos removal to be performed as a part of the Spruce Mountain Shelter roof top repair. The total cost of the roof repair is \$38,045.20.

**A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Peck to approve an amendment to the Tecta America contract to increase the amount by \$5,292.20 for asbestos removal to be performed as a part of the Spruce Mountain Shelter roof-top repair. Unanimous.**

Mr. Zeilman presented a grant management policy for the Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services for the committee's consideration. He said it is important to make sure there is a tracking system for equipment.

**A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Lent to approve a Grant Management Policy as proposed for the Office of Emergency Services. Unanimous. (Committee Approval Only)**

Mr. Zeilman presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the Town of Colonie, in Albany County. He said Albany County is a new member of the Adirondack Communications Consortium, which is a multi-county radio consortium. This would allow them to have a connection to the consortium by connecting Stillwater to the Colonie Town Hall location. The microwave connection has the approval of NYS DHSES.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. Peck to approve a Memorandum of Understanding to allow Saratoga County to set up a microwave link between their radio tower in Stillwater to the Town of Colonie radio communications tower. Unanimous.**

Mr. Zeilman requested a resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for the Mutualink Interoperable Platform and equipment. This is a system that is offered by the State, consisting of communications equipment, software, providing five licenses at no charge to the county. It can be used by the county in cases of emergency and crisis situations and allows for audio-visual activity between counties.

**A motion was made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Allen to approve a Memorandum of Understanding to utilize the Mutualink Interoperable Platform and loaned equipment during a crisis situation at no cost to the County for emergency communication purposes between counties. Unanimous.**

Mr. Tremblay gave a brief update on the monthly Fire Training Report stating that the Firefighter one training class was just completed. He said there is a daytime firefighter one class that will start at the fire training center, which is a three week class beginning July 20th, Monday thru Friday, every other week.

Mr. Barrett said introduced girl scouts from troop 2213 who through efforts to obtain their silver award establishing an outline of Animal Care Recommendations that will be followed by the Saratoga County Animal Shelter as a minimum standard. The recommendations will also be provided to all animal shelters and pet dealers in Saratoga County to ensure best practices are implemented for the health and welfare of the Saratoga County dog and cat population. An outline of the Animal Care Recommendations was distributed to all committee members for their review.

**A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Peck to approve the Animal Care Recommendations made by Girl Scout Troop 2213. Unanimous.**

Mr. Veitch said after the July 4th holiday he checked with the Department of Emergency Services to see what impact the legalization of certain fireworks had on the county in terms of potential issues with the use of fireworks both with the police and firefighters. He said thanks to the Sheriff and Fire Coordinator, as well as the Saratoga Springs Police Department it was found that there wasn't really any impact as to the number of calls that were received.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom