

Public Safety Committee Minutes  
July 12, 2016 – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Paul Lent; Supervisors Preston Allen, Phil Barrett, Ed Kinowski, Tim Szczepaniak and Chairman of the Board Mo Wright; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Michael Zurlo, Richard Castle, Sheriff; Jason Hayes, Animal Shelter; Carl Zeilman, Emergency Services; Oscar Schreiber, Public Defender; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Barrett the minutes of the June 14, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Barrett to authorize acceptance of a grant from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the amount of \$72,500 for the purchase of protective equipment, training and creation of response procedure manuals in digital format. Unanimous.**

Sheriff Zurlo said that this is an annual agreement. The money will be used to upgrade the dive team equipment, Lexipol and maintenance on the Lexipol system.

Sheriff Zurlo said that they were monitoring the recent incident in Dallas, Sheriff's Department was notified to be alert and safe. Their thoughts and prayers are with the men and women in Dallas and throughout the country.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Allen to authorize transfer of funds from the Animal Shelter Trust TT057A Fund in the amount of \$99,000 to cover costs associated with a variety of services including surgeries, prescriptions and equipment repair and amending the budget in relation thereto. Mr. Lent voted no. Motion Passed.**

This transfer will leave a balance of \$150,315 in the Trust Fund. Mr. Lent expressed frustration on using trust fund money towards operational expenses and believes that the funds should be found elsewhere in the budget to cover shortfalls. Funds are needed to cover additional expenses for surgeries, prescriptions and HVAC repair. Last year approximately \$60,000 was transferred for similar expenses. Mr. Cook said that the budget was not cut from 2015 to 2016 however actual costs were higher than the adopted budget each year. Mr. Wright said that the trust fund is being used for unforeseen expenses. Mr. Dorsey confirmed that pursuant to resolution 154-07, which created the trust fund, funds can be used for the benefit and use of the Animal Shelter.

Mr. Zeilman circulated the OES Report.

**A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Barrett to authorize an agreement with First Light Fiber for the installation of a 10GB Fiber-optic communication**

**line for \$7,500 and five years of service at \$2,500 per month as part of the tri-county CAD/Mobile 911 project. Unanimous.**

Mr. Zeilman said that the agreement with First Light Fiber to install a 10GB fiber optic communication line is part of the Tri-County CAD/Mobile E911 project. The 10GB fiber connection will ensure that Saratoga County is positioned to handle NEXTGEN911 services, the ability to share audio and digital files. Rensselaer County is connected to Albany County, Albany County has a connection to Saratoga County. This agreement will connect Saratoga County to Rensselaer County to have a full redundant ring on the system. Installation and the first three years of service will be paid for by grant funding made available through the Statewide Interoperable Grant Round IV. Total being charged to the grant will be \$97,500.

**A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Lucia to authorize acceptance of a Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration in the amount of \$5,172 and amending the county budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.**

Mr. Zeilman said that this grant will help to conduct a drill/exercise and review plans for the Local Emergency Planning Committee for the County. Grant expires September 30, 2017.

Mr. Szczepaniak said that he got a call from emergency responder regarding the recent Northampton drowning; the Fulton Montgomery Sheriff was very impressed with the Saratoga County Emergency Responders.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese Connolly  
Legislative Clerk