

Public Safety Committee Minutes
November 8, 2016 – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Paul Lent; Supervisors Preston Allen, Phil Barrett, Art Johnson, Jack Lawler, Peter Martin, Tim Szczepaniak and Chairman of the Board Mo Wright; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney, Michael Zurlo, Rick Castle, Glenn Sheehy, Sheriff; Carl Zeilman, Ed Tremblay, Michael Stanley, Emergency Services; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Karen Heggen, District Attorney; Jason Hayes, Animal Shelter; Oscar Schreiber, Public Defender; Susan Hayes-Masa, Coroner.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Allen the minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Lawler to authorize an amendment to the agreement with NMS Labs to increase the costs associated with drug testing and post mortem toxicology tests. Unanimous.

Mrs. Hayes-Masa said that the increase in cost is approximately 3%. Mr. Cooke said that the five year average for annual costs is approximately \$29,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Johnson to authorize a renewal agreement with Jody O’Neill to provide social worker services to clients of the Public Defender’s office at a cost not to exceed \$25,000. Unanimous.

Mr. Schreiber said that Ms. O’Neill has been very successful and the agreement is paid 100% by the Office of Indigent Legal Services. This is a part time position with no benefits.

A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Allen to appoint Brian Quinn, Esq. to Appellate Attorney and authorizing a renewal agreement for appellate services at Salary Grade 18 for 35 hours per pay period. Unanimous.

Mr. Schreiber said that Mr. Quinn was hired in March of 2016 and is a well-respected attorney. This contract is paid 100% by the Office of Indigent Legal Services. This is a part time position of 35 hours bi-weekly with no benefits.

Mr. Hayes previously distributed his monthly Animal Shelter report to Supervisors. 208 animals were received at the shelter in October. Adoptions are up.

Mr. Zeilman previously circulated his Emergency Services report. He introduced Michael Stanley, the new 911 Services Specialist. Any 911 issues can be coordinated with Michael.

A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Johnson to authorize a five year agreement with Emergency Communications Network, LLC in the amount of \$122,411.25 for services associated with reverse 9-1-1 emergency notifications. Unanimous.

Mr. Zeilman that this agreement will change from Hyper-reach to Code Red for the mass notification system. It is a user friendly system and will be incorporated with the new CAD system. This service went out to bid and of the three companies that responded, this was the lowest bid. The first two years of this service will be paid by Round Four Grant funding. Mr. Lent said that they may be able to get this paid for by grant funds for the entire five years.

Mr. Tremblay acknowledged the recent tragedy and passing of Trooper Timothy Pratt. In less than 45 minutes, Fire Departments were organized on every overpass from the Mohawk River to South Glens Falls to pay tribute to the fallen trooper.

Mr. Szczepaniak thanked Mr. Tremblay for an invitation to a recent training event held at the County Training center where he witnessed firefighter training in progress. Mr. Tremblay said that they hope to hold another event in the future.

Mr. Szczepaniak said that the Town of Ballston is the recipient of a donation of approximately 6 acres of land on the corner of Lake and Eastline Roads and they have an opportunity for a share agreement with some Fire Departments and possibly the Sheriff Department. The Round Lake Fire Department are very interested in an outpost fire station at this location. There will be further discussions on this item and Mr. Szczepaniak invited the Sheriff's Department to be involved.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Legislative Clerk