

Public Safety Committee Minutes
February 14, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Paul Lent; Supervisors Preston Allen, Vince DeLucia, Dan Pemrick and Tim Szczepaniak; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Mike Zurlo, Sheriff; Carl Zeilman, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Jason Hayes, Animal Shelter; Susan Hayes-Masa, Coroner; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, the minutes of the December 13, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Lent announced the appointment of Supervisor Allen as the Committee Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by Mr. Pemrick, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak, to authorize acceptance of a grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$62,223 for the purpose of purchasing rifles, body armor and ballistic helmets in the Sheriff's Office and amending the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Allen, to authorize an amendment to the 2017 budget to re-appropriate unspent capital project funds for jail improvements and various grant funds from 2016. Unanimous.

Mr. Hellwig said that the amount in Capital Funds is \$650,771 and the amount in the general fund is \$91,438 for a total of \$742,209.

Mr. Zurlo said that he previously distributed monthly statistics to the Committee. Mr. Lent mentioned that the cost of Narcan has risen dramatically recently. Mr. Zurlo said that they get their supply from Albany Med.

Mr. Hayes distributed the Animal Shelter monthly report. Last month 95 animals were received at the shelter. The schedule for rabies clinics is on the website and clinics will start up at the end of March.

A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Allen, to authorize the Chairman to enter into an amended agreement with Forensic Medical Services to increase professional services fees for autopsy with death certification from \$900 to \$1,000 per case effective January 1, 2017. Unanimous.

Mrs. Hayes-Masa said that Forensic Medical Services is Dr. Michael Sikirica. The last price increase was in 2012. The Coroner's office averages anywhere between 80-125 cases per year.

A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, to authorize an amendment to the 2016 agreement with NMS Laboratories to include two (2) additional

drug testing codes and associated fees for inhalants and psychoactive substances. Unanimous.

Mrs. Hayes-Masa said that the amendment is to add two new test codes to the 2016 agreement in order to pay two invoices from 2016. The 2017 agreement has the new test codes already included in the fee schedule.

Mr. Zeilman said that he previously circulated the public safety monthly report.

A motion was made by Mr. Pemrick, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, to authorize an amendment to the 2017 budget to re-appropriate unspent Statewide Interoperable Grant Round IV funds in the Emergency Services Department in the amount of \$1,737,454.05 to be utilized for the CAD, Mobile, E-911 and 800 MHz radio system projects. Unanimous.

Mr. Lent said the grant was originally accepted two years ago.

A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Allen, to authorize an extension of a Memorandum of Agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the temporary loan of interoperable communications resources. Unanimous.

Mr. Zeilman said that this at no cost to the County. This agreement comes up every two years.

A motion was made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, to approve a lease agreement with the Capital District Transportation Authority for access to the County's Mount McGregor Tower Facility and for placement of radio equipment on the County's radio tower at a monthly rate of \$1,708.33 for a period of five (5) years. Unanimous.

Mr. Zeilman said that this will allow the CDTA to utilize the infrastructure including the tower and shelter. Mr. Lent said that the rate is fair for both CDTA and the County and will almost cover the cost of the tower when it was built.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, to approve the Office of Emergency Services Mission Statement. Unanimous.

Mr. Zeilman said that the Office of Emergency Services is pursuing an accreditation through the State and a mission statement is required. The mission statement is as follows:
The mission of the Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services is to protect life and property during disasters and emergencies through comprehensive emergency planning encompassing preparedness, response, mitigation and recovery.

Mr. Tremblay gave a brief report, fire training center use is currently low, which is normal for this time of year. Total calls for the fire investigation unit was 50 in 2016 with 9 calls in January 2017.

A motion was made by Mr. Pemrick, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, to authorize an amendment to the 2017 budget to re-appropriate unspent grant funds for homeland security and emergency services projects in the Emergency Services Department in the amount of \$303,130. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay said that some of the funds are being used for security enhancements in the County Building.

Mr. Lent said that he was asked by Chairman Kinowski to chair a sub-committee responsible for the public safety facility study. Mr. Kinowski has also asked Mr. Lent to nominate an additional member from the Public Safety Committee to join Mr. Peck and Mr. Richardson from the Buildings & Grounds Committee. Mr. Lent has asked Mr. Tollisen to be the other representative from the Public Safety Committee. The mission statement from the sub-committee will be to work with the architects and staff to get the project to a position where the space and numbers have been finalized so that a final delivery can be presented to the Public Safety Committee by May 1, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board