

Public Safety Committee Minutes
April 11, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Paul Lent; Supervisors Preston Allen, Vince DeLucia, Jack Lawler, Peter Martin, Dan Pemrick, Tim Szczepaniak and Kevin Tollisen; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Carl Zeilman, Ed Tremblay, Michael Stanley, Emergency Services; Jason Hayes, Animal Shelter; Michael Zurlo, Rick Castle, Sheriff; Karen Heggen, District Attorney; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, the minutes of the March 15, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Zeilman distributed copies of the County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan for the Committee's review. Several departments contributed to this plan including Public Works, Animal Shelter, Public Health and Mental Health. Mr. Lent asked the committee to review the plan prior to going to the full board for future approval.

Mr. Zeilman said that he previously distributed the monthly report via email. In that report, they highlighted some repairs that needed to be made to shelter rooftops that contain the 800 radio equipment. Two were recently identified as leaking. Mr. Zeilman said that they received approval from the Department of Homeland Security to utilize Round 5 grant funding on the repairs as allowable costs.

Mr. Zeilman thanked each of the towns, cities and villages across the county for their help in working with Emergency Services in assembling costs for the snowstorm Stella. They have reached a threshold with the State and FEMA in hopes that they can recover some funds from that storm. The threshold was set at \$792,000 and Emergency Services calculation was around \$862,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, to authorize acceptance of a NYS 2016 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant in the amount of \$874,563. Unanimous.

Mr. Zeilman said that this grant will help cover the costs of enhancing the 800 radio communication system, upgrading the software and hardware. This will bring the software version from 7-9 to 7-17 which is the latest version.

Mr. Hayes gave a brief overview of the Animal Shelter monthly report. He is expecting intake to more than double over the next few months. April 29th is their annual kitten shower and supply drive. This event is a family fun day and raises awareness for their foster and volunteer programs.

Sheriff Zurlo said that this is Telecommunications Week and he would like to recognize all of the desk officers throughout the county for the job they do 24/7.

Sheriff Zurlo had previously distributed a monthly report. Mr. Szczepaniak asked Sheriff to add data from the previous year to future reports for comparison purposes.

Mrs. Heggen thanked all who attended and supported their recent candlelight vigil for Crime Victims' Rights Week. The event was a success and attended by approximately 80 people.

Mrs. Heggen briefly discussed the new raise the age statute that was recently passed. Implementation will not start until October of 2018 for those who are 16 years of age and October of 2019 for those who are 17 years of age.

Mr. Trembley acknowledged the volunteer teams that conduct fire investigations. They have been out 27 times so far this year as opposed to 12 times in the first quarter of 2016. Investigations involve several hours on the scene and several hours of paperwork by volunteers.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board