

Public Safety Committee Minutes  
June 13, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Paul Lent; Supervisors Vince DeLucia, Jack Lawler, Tim Szczepaniak, Kevin Tollisen and Chairman of the Board Ed Kinowski; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Carl Zeilman, Ed Tremblay, Michael Stanley, Emergency Services; Michael Zurlo, Rick Castle, Sheriff; Steve Bayle, Probation; Jason Hayes, Animal Shelter; Oscar Schreiber, Public Defender; J. Wes Carr; Youth Bureau/STOP DWI; Alan Poremba, District Attorney.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Lawler, the minutes of the April 11, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Tollisen, to introduce a proposed Local Law repealing the wireless communications surcharge authorized by Article Six of the County Law of the State of New York; and imposing the wireless communications surcharges pursuant to the authority of Tax Law §186-g and setting a date for a public hearing thereon. Unanimous.**

Mr. Dorsey said that in 2007 the board passed Local Law #4-2007 which imposed a 30 cent charge per month surcharge on wireless communications, this was authorized at the time by County Law §308-h. As part of the State budget adopted this year, County Law 308-h is being repealed and replaced with a new Tax Law §186-g which will allow the same 30 cent per month surcharge and will add a 30 cent per sale of prepaid cellphones and phone cards. This new law will also change how the fees are collected. The fees currently collected directly by the County Treasurer will now be collected by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance on a quarterly basis and will then turn the funds over to the County.

Mr. Lent said that the land line surcharge is 35 cents per month and that amount has not increased since around 1989. The number of land lines has dropped precipitously and the county is losing revenue each time a land line is lost. Hopefully some of the funds can be recuperated through this new law. Mr. Lent said that more than double of 911 calls are cellular related vs land lines. Mr. Hellwig said that in 2016, \$569K was collected for cellular surcharge. At this point there is not enough data to know how much additional revenue this new surcharge will generate.

**A motion was made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak, to authorize a contract with LaBella Associates, D.P.C. of Rochester NY for a population trend assessment for the County Jail in the amount of \$40,000. Unanimous.**

Mr. Zurlo said that LaBella are the low bidder for this project and the funds are currently in the budget. Over a 5-6 month time period LaBella will conduct a survey on population trends, staffing and inmate history and will provide a report on their findings.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, to approve the County's Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Performance-Based Services Plan and authorizing acceptance of State Grants for the Community Work Order and Pre-Trial Services Program. Unanimous.**

Mr. Bayle said that grant provides funding towards the Community Work Order Program run by Employment & Training and the Pre-Trial Services Program run by Probation. He said that the plan is the same as it has been over the past several years and has been reviewed and approved by the Criminal Justice Advisory Board. The grant amount is \$26,224 which is a reduction of \$731 from last year. The Probation Department will receive \$16,370.80 and the Employment & Training Department will receive \$9,853.20. Mr. Lent said that the program works very well for the county by reducing the amount of potential inmates.

Mr. Hayes previously distributed his monthly report via email and gave a brief overview. Animal Shelter intake has jumped 40% from April to May. Adoptions are going steady and a lot of young kittens are in foster homes. No animals tested positive for rabies.

**A motion was made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Lawler, to adopt the County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. Unanimous.**

Mr. Zeilman said that the Emergency Management Plan binder was previously distributed to the committee members. Mr. Lawler complimented Emergency Services on a job well done and said that it is a good reference document to be able to refer to. Mr. Zeilman said that any updates to the binder will be provided to Supervisors by email or mail.

Mr. Szczepaniak said that he recently attended a multi-agency transportation exercise which was a simulated transportation accident at a railyard for fuel coming from the Kesselring site. Mr. Szczepaniak said that he would like to see more outreach from Kesselring in order to be prepared for questions from residents. Mr. Zeilman said that routine updates are provided to the committee and KAPL will also be reaching out to the Supervisors and School Districts on how to educate the public on their upcoming transportation plans.

Mr. Tremblay previously distributed his monthly report via email.

**On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Tollisen, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese Connolly  
Deputy Clerk of the Board