

Public Safety Committee Minutes
October 10, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Paul Lent; Supervisors Preston Allen, Vince DeLucia, Dan Pemrick, Tim Szczepaniak, and Chairman of the Board Ed Kinowski; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Michael Zurlo, Richard Castle, Steve Gordon, Sheriff; Karen Heggen, District Attorney; Oscar Schreiber, Public Defender; Carl Zeilman, Emergency Services; Jason Hayes, Animal Shelter; 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 September 5, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, to authorize the acceptance of a Local Assistance grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$10,000. Unanimous.

Mr. Zurlo said that the grant funds will be used for a Senior Citizen ID system, similar to the current Child ID system. The ID will have photograph and fingerprint. The grant came through Senator Marchione's office.

A motion was made by Mr. Pemrick, seconded by Mr. Allen, to authorize the acceptance of a Homeland Security FEMA grant from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the amount of \$72,479. Unanimous.

Mr. Zurlo said that this is an annual grant. The funds will be used towards continuation of the Lexipol policy and procedure service, dive team equipment and road patrol.

Mr. Lent asked Mr. Zurlo to give an update on the Jail study, Mr. Zurlo said that the study is approximately half way complete and should be completed in December. They are still reviewing county population, arrest and inmate data over the last ten years.

For the Blackcreek system, Mr. Zurlo said that the security system will be completed in a month, records management system is up and running. The entire project should be completed in a month.

A motion was made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, to authorize the acceptance of an Aid to Prosecution grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$57,820. Unanimous.

Mrs. Heggen said that this is a grant program they have participated in for several years. This year the grant was changed to a competitive grant and they were able to secure 29% more than last year. The grant runs from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. The funds offset some of the salary costs of those who prosecute violent felony cases.

A motion was made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, to authorize the acceptance of an Aid to Defense Grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$15,500. Unanimous.

Mr. Schreiber said that this grant changed to a competitive grant this year. The 2017 Executive portion is \$6,509, 2017 Legislative portion is \$1,241, 2018 portion is \$7,750. The grant has been broken up to come from three different sources.

Mr. Zeilman said that the monthly emergency services report was previously distributed via email.

A motion was made by Mr. Pemrick, seconded by Mr. Allen, to authorize the acceptance of a NYS and Municipal Facilities Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the construction of a Shared Storage Facility. Unanimous.

Mr. Zeilman said that the funding will be utilized to build a pole barn structure to store generators, jet skis, mobile command bus etc. There are three years to use the funds once accepted. Mr. Zeilman said that they have been working with Public Works on the construction of the structure. The grant came through Senator Marchione's office.

A motion was made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, to authorize the acceptance of an Emergency Management Performance grant from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the amount of \$86,724 and amending the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

Mr. Zeilman said that this is a 50/50 match grant and funds will be used to offset maintenance contracts and other expenses.

Mr. Lent went over the Sheriff's office monthly statistic report which was previously distributed via email. Mr. Lent noted that since the office has gone to a dedicated prisoner transport team, traffic citations have increased by 53%. Mr. Zurlo said that the team has done a great job and it allows the road patrol stay on the road.

Mr. Lent went over the animal shelter monthly report which was previously distributed via email. Mr. Lent said that this month Mr. Hayes had provided a comparison report to the same month last year. The average stay is down to almost a day per animal and the number of animals euthanized is much lower.

Mr. Allen said that the Animal Shelter Trust Fund Sub Committee has met and will be getting together with Mr. Hayes for further discussion. Mr. Allen said that they should be returning to the Committee with a report next month.

Mr. Kinowski said that he recently attended a regional Raise the Age meeting in Albany. Mr. Kinowski said that if they remove the 16 to just under 18 year olds that are currently go to jail and move them to the home in Albany County where Saratoga County currently has only one bed, there will not be enough room. Mrs. Heggen said that Mr. Hellwig invited all of the

County Department heads that currently have a stake in the Raise the Age issue, to a presentation in Alban. Departments included Sheriff, Probation, Social Services, Public Defender, County Attorney and District Attorney. Mrs. Heggen has offered to take the lead in putting together a working group to see how this will impact Saratoga County and the different departments. There will be a kick off meeting on October 20th. The statute goes into effect on October 1, 2018 for 16 year olds and into effect on October 1, 2019 for 17 year olds. Mr. Hellwig said that the Department of Corrections was also at the meeting in Albany however they were not given any solid information about the plan to house the 16 and 17 year olds.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board