

Public Safety Committee Minutes
December 12, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Paul Lent; Supervisors Vince DeLucia, Dan Pemrick, Tim Szczepaniak, Kevin Tollisen and Chairman of the Board Ed Kinowski; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Mike Zurlo, Sheriff; Steven Bayle, Probation; Oscar Schreiber, Public Defender; Carl Zeilman, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Jason Hayes, Animal Shelter.

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 November 14, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Pemrick, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, to authorize an agreement with the Town of Clifton Park for the Sheriff to provide law enforcement services for 2018. Unanimous.

Mr. Zurlo said that the rate for 2018 will be increased by 2% and the total for one-year agreement is \$550,806.21.

A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, to authorize an agreement with the Town of Halfmoon for the Sheriff to provide law enforcement services for 2018. Unanimous.

Mr. Zurlo said that the rate for 2018 will be increased by 2% and the total for one-year agreement is \$213,282.

A motion was made by Mr. Pemrick, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak, to authorize a 3-year renewal agreement with Cross Country Staffing, Inc. to provide nursing services at weekday hourly rates of \$57 and weekend hourly rates of \$59. Unanimous.

Mr. Zurlo said that Cross Country Staffing provide per diem nursing to fill in for vacancies when the County nursing staff is not available. Mr. Zurlo said that they average 1-2 calls per week. The new contract calls for a \$2 per hour increase and a 2% increase in 2019.

Mr. Zurlo thanked the Committee for their support during the year.

A motion was made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, to authorize acceptance of a NYS Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program grant and authorizing provider contracts through December 31, 2018. Unanimous.

Mr. Bayle said that the grant is in the amount of \$59,992. Mr. Bayle said that there are three providers, Berkshire Farm provide case management services, KMG Monitoring provide electronic monitoring and curfew checks, and Captain provides respite services. The total cost for the program is \$174,200 and additional funds are provided through DSS.

A motion was made by Mr. Pemrick, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak, to authorize acceptance of a NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services grant for the Ignition Interlock Device Monitoring program in the amount of \$19,715. Unanimous.

Mr. Bayle said that grant period runs from October 1, 2017 – September 3, 2018 and it partially reimburses the efforts of the Probation Department in monitoring the ignition interlock devices. The devices are ordered by the County and are paid for by the defendants.

Mr. Bayle thanked the Committee for their support of his department throughout the year.

A motion was made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, to authorize a 2-year contract with Michael Carota, Esq. for part-time Assistant Public Defender services. The motion passed. Mr. Tollisen recused himself from the vote.

Mr. Schreiber said that there is currently a part time opening in his Department which is covered by grant funds. Mr. Carota graduated Law School in 2009 and has experience in the local courts. This position would be for night court.

Mr. DeLucia expressed concern over the housing of parolees, specifically sex offenders, in several motels in the Malta and Ballston Spa area.

Mr. Tremblay said that it has been a tough month for fatal fires in the county. There was a fatal fire in Clifton Park and a double fatal in Corinth. Mr. Tremblay said that even though the Corinth fire resulted in a double fatal, a 3-year old and an 18-month old were saved by heroic firefighters. The firefighters low air alarms were going off while they were in the building.

Mr. Zeilman, Mr. Tremblay and Mr. Hayes all thanked the Committee for their support during the year. Mr. Lent thanked the Committee and support staff for their input, time and attendance during the year.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board