

Public Safety Committee Minutes  
April 9, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Bill Peck; Committee Members Preston Allen, Phil Barrett, Darren O’Conner, Scott Ostrander, Tim Szczepaniak, Tom Wood; Supervisors Alan Grattidge, Ed Kinowski; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Michael Zurlo, Sheriff; J. Wes Carr, STOP DWI, Oscar Schreiber, Public Defender; Penny Heritage, Animal Shelter; Craig Hayner, County Clerk.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, to a proclaim May 5-11, 2019 as Correctional Officers and Employees Week in Saratoga County. Unanimous.**

Mr. Zurlo distributed a copy of the proposed resolution and said that this is to recognize and honor Corrections Officers and staff of the Corrections Facility for their hard work and dedication daily 24/7.

Mr. Zurlo said that the kitchen is back up and operational since Monday. Mr. Zurlo thanked the Board of Supervisors, all the contractors, DPW for their hard work, and Golden Corral for providing the meals.

Ms. Heritage said that she emailed the March report to committee members. Mr. Allen requested a comparison from the same month last year. Mr. Peck said that a meeting was held with Cornell Veterinary Med at the Animal Shelter last week. Attendees included Supervisors Peck, Grattidge and Wood as well as other County employees. Ms. Heritage said that Maddie’s Shelter Program from Cornell University did an evaluation of the Animal Shelter. They spent approximately 5 days evaluating operations at the shelter. The facility itself is ahead of the curve. Systems and operations technology need to be reviewed. They are currently working on putting personnel requests in place. Findings are being rolled out to the staff tomorrow. Ms. Heritage said that Steve Caporizzo from Pet Connection will be coming to the shelter on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 3-7pm. This will be his first Pet Connection on the road. All are invited to attend.

Mr. Peck said that he attended Sunday’s Candlelight Vigil for Crime Victims’ Rights week. Mr. Peck commended the District Attorney and her office for a well-organized event

Mr. Schreiber said that he will be coming to the Committee next month to present two grant contracts. A discussion took place regarding arraignments which will now be 24 hour. There will be a northern zone and a southern zone covered by 18B lawyers. Once the new public safety facility is built, Mr. Schreiber believes they will go to centralized arraignments.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese Connolly  
Deputy Clerk of the Board