

Public Safety Committee Minutes
May 14, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Bill Peck; Committee Members Preston Allen, Phil Barrett, Jack Lawler, Darren O’Conner, Scott Ostrander; Supervisor Mike Smith, Tara Gaston; and Chairman of the Board Kevin Tollisen; Spencer Hellwig, Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Stephen Dorsey, County Attorney; Rick Castle, Undersheriff; Wes Carr, STOP DWI Coordinator; Steven Bayle, Probation Director; Penelope Heritage, Animal Shelter Director; Oscar Schreiber, Public Defender; Carl Zeilman, Emergency Services Commissioner; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Darlene McGraw; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Castle said an amendment to Resolution #132 of 2016 is needed to reflect the new terms and payment schedule for the Black Creek System Maintenance. He said the change will be shifting the payment years to 2018 - 2021. Mr. Lawler asked if the reason for this was due to the project not beginning on time. Mr. Castle said that was correct.

A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, to amend Resolution #132 of 2016 to reflect the new terms and payment schedule for Black Creek System Maintenance. Unanimous.

Mr. Carr said he is asking for approval for a Municipal Cooperative Loan Agreement with County Law Enforcement Agencies for use of Alco Sensors. He said these sensors will remain the property of STOP DWI but this loan agreement will allow the municipalities to keep/use them. The municipalities are Ballston Spa Police, Mechanicville Police, South Glens Falls Police, Stillwater Police and Waterford Police Departments.

A motion was made by Mr. O’Connor, seconded by Mr. Barrett, to authorize Municipal Cooperative Loan Agreements with County Law Enforcement Agencies. Unanimous.

Mr. Bayle said he is seeking a resolution to accept the Alternative to Incarceration Performance Based Services Plan. This is a recurring grant and \$26,244 will be received and is the same that has been awarded in the past. He said \$16,370 will be kept in Probation for pre-trial services and \$9,853 will be given to Employment & Training for the Community Work Order Program. This will reduce the population in the Jail.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, to authorize acceptance of the Alternative to Incarceration Performance Based Services Plan. Unanimous.

Ms. Heritage said she is asking for approval to renew the yearly contract with municipalities. There are changes that will be included in these renewals; but the fees would remain the same.

The Animal Shelter will no longer be accepting deceased wildlife/road kill for cremation from the municipalities and feral cats will only be accepted if it is agreed the Shelter will neuter/spay the cat, vaccinate, clip the ear and the municipality takes them back. Mr. Barrett asked if the reference to dead deer is in the contract now. Ms. Heritage said it is not specified in the current contract. Ms. Heritage said unless there is a case of suspected rabies in which case they will accept the animal, deceased wildlife will not be accepted. She said the County and most of the towns do have the means to take care of these deceased animals. Mr. Lawler asked what the County's procedure. Mr. Cooke said the DPW crew takes the deceased to one of the County owned pits and buries them. Ms. Heritage said she does have information to provide the municipalities that contains options from DPW and NYS DEC for dealing with the deceased animals. The crematory runs once a week and the shelter doesn't have the means to keep the larger wildlife frozen until the crematory is up and running. Mr. Lawler asked what towns use the crematory for their deceased wildlife. Ms. Heritage said it is Clifton Park, Halfmoon and Wilton that bring the most deceased to the shelter. Mr. Peck indicated the issue at the Shelter is the storage/freezer space.

A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Allen, to authorize renewal of the yearly shelter contracts. Unanimous.

Mr. Schreiber asked for a resolution to accept a five (5) year Indigent Legal Services Grant in the amount of \$7.1M. He went over the details of the grant and how the County came about receiving this award of funding.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, to authorize the acceptance of the Indigent Legal Services Grant. Unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Wright
Clerk of the Board