

Public Safety Committee Minutes
August 13, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Vice Chairman Preston Allen; Committee Members Phil Barrett, Darren O’Conner, Tim Szczepaniak, Tom Wood and Chairman of the Board Kevin Tollisen; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; J. Wes Carr, STOP DWI; Penny Heritage, Animal Shelter; Susan Hayes Masa, Coroner; Michael Zurlo, Sheriff; Karen Heggen, District Attorney; Carl Zeilman, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. O’Connor, the minutes of the July 9, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. O’Connor, to authorize a transfer from the DWI Reserve in the amount of \$6,500 and amending the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

Mr. Carr said that the funds will be used to cover the expenses for three Sheriff’s Deputies to attend the International Association of Police Chiefs Conference for Drug Recognition Expert training. This will reduce the amount in the STOP DWI reserve account to \$106,477.86. Mr. Carr said that in 2012 the total alcohol drug related traffic fatalities was 36%, in 2016 that percentage rose to 49%. Mr. Barrett said that the drugged driving problem is becoming more prevalent and if you look at the states that have legalized marijuana, it has sky rocketed. Mr. Barrett commended the Sheriff, and supports this training.

A motion was made by Mr. O’Connor, seconded by Mr. Barrett, to reduce adoption fees for cats and kittens through December of 2019. Unanimous.

Ms. Heritage said that this is an annual item. Rates would be decreased from \$77 to \$27 which waives the adoption portion of the fees. The \$27 covers the cost of various testing, and rabies vaccinations. Ms. Heritage said that on Saturday they are also participating in a one day “Clear the Shelter Day” which waives the adoption fees for cats and dogs.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. O’Connor, to authorize a 3-year renewal agreement with Saratoga Hospital for the use of laboratory and morgue facilities needed by the County Coroners when performing autopsies and other post-mortem activities. Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey said that this is a 3 year contract renewal for the years 2020 - 2022.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. O’Connor, to authorize an amendment to Resolution 249 of 2017 to increase Saratoga Hospital's annual contract amount to \$35,000. Unanimous.

Mrs. Masa said that the previous agreement had a maximum annual contract amount of \$25K which has been exceeded. Mrs. Masa said that they budget for 100 cases per year, last year they had 132 cases. Mr. Cooke said that they exceeded the contract amount in 2018 and for 2019 they are currently at approximately \$20K.

Mr. Allen said that reports were received from the Sheriff's Department, Animal Shelter and Emergency Services.

On a motion made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board