

Public Safety Committee Minutes
December 10, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Bill Peck; Committee Members Preston Allen, Phil Barrett, Jack Lawler, Darren O’Conner, Scott Ostrander, Tim Szczepaniak, Tom Wood; Supervisors Tara Gaston, Alan Grattidge, Mo Wright and Chairman of the Board Kevin Tollisen; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Michael Zurlo, Sheriff; Steve Bayle, Probation; Penny Heritage, Animal Shelter; Andrew Blumenberg, Public Defender; Karen Heggen, District Attorney; J. Wes Carr, STOP DWI; Carl Zeilman, Emergency Services; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Allen, the minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. O’Connor, seconded by Mr. Lawler, to authorize a 2020 Contract for Police Services in the Town of Clifton Park. Unanimous.

Mr. Zurlo said that the rate for 2020 will be \$573,058.78 and reflects a 2% increase from 2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Barrett, to authorize a 2020 Contract for Police Services in the Town of Halfmoon. Unanimous.

Mr. Zurlo said that the rate for 2020 will be \$221,898.59 and reflects a 2% increase from 2019.

Mr. Zurlo thanked the Public Safety Committee for their support over the past year.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Allen, to authorize acceptance of a New York State Supervision and Treatment Services For Juveniles Program Grant and authorizing provider contracts through December 31, 2020. Unanimous.

Mr. Bayle said that the total grant amount is \$59,992 and partially offsets the contracts set up with Berkshire Farm, KMG Monitoring and Captain. The funds are transferred from DSS to Probation to pay the contracts.

Mr. Bayle thanked the Public Safety Committee for their support over the past year.

A motion was made by Mr. O’Connor, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, committee approval to authorize fee changes at the Animal Shelter. Unanimous.

Ms. Heritage said that she previously emailed the fee changes to the committee last week. The fee increases will bring the shelter more in line with fees with other shelters but still remain affordable. A new item being added is microchipping at \$20. The microchipping will only be offered for

animals being put out for adoption. An additional change being made is when an animal is returned within 60 days, a full refund will be provided vs. partial.

Ms. Heritage thanked the Public Safety Committee for their support over the past year.

A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, to authorize an on-call stipend for counsel at first arraignment attorneys. Unanimous.

Mr. Blumenberg said that the proposed resolution seeks to provide stipends to attorney's who make themselves available to cover off-hour arraignments conducted in the local courts in Saratoga County commencing on 1/1/20. Off-hour would mean Monday–Friday 5pm–9am and Saturday and Sunday from 9am–9am. The compensation schedule would provide \$100.00 stipend per attorney per weekday and \$250.00 stipend per attorney per weekend day. It is anticipated that there will be 3 attorneys on call each night to cover three zones within the County. Zone 1 will be the Hadley, Day, Northumberland area. Zone 2 will be Saratoga Springs, Ballston Spa and Malta. Zone 3 will be Clifton Park, Halfmoon, Waterford area. Mr. Lawler confirmed that this would cost \$1,500 per weekend and \$1,500 during the week, or \$156K per year. Mr. Blumenberg said that he will be coming back to the Committee next month with an ILS Grant that will fully cover the cost of 2 of the 3 attorneys. The cost of the 3rd attorney will come from funds currently in the Public Defenders budget. Mr. Blumenberg said that an arraignment was recently held at 3am which both the Public Defender and the District Attorney attended. Mr. Blumenberg said that there is also a proposed 18B rate of \$75 per hour which counts travel time. Mileage would be covered by ILS. Mr. Blumenberg said that Mr. Conway is the 18B administrator and he has come up with a system to ensure coverage. Mr. Blumenberg said that after January 1, they anticipate fewer arraignments due to the bail reform. Mr. Peck said that they will have a better idea of how this is all turning out after the first 2-3 months. Mr. Lawler requested a monthly or quarterly report from the Public Defender's office back to this committee next year on how many call outs were actually made.

Mr. Peck thanked the Committee members for their support and assistance throughout the year and the Department Heads for the great job they do.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board