

Public Safety Committee Minutes  
April 6, 2021– 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman John Lant; Committee Members Preston Allen, Dick Lucia, Jean Raymond, Mike Smith; Steve Bulger, Matt Rose, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, County Attorney; Carl Zeilman, Emergency Services; J. Wes Carr, Rebecca Robarge, STOP DWI/Youth Bureau; Michael Zurlo, Sheriff; Karen Heggen, District Attorney; Penny Heritage, Animal Shelter; Andrew Blumenberg, Public Defender.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Allen, the minutes of the March 2, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Lucia, to authorize the acceptance of grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) for the FY 2020 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program (HMEP) in the amount of \$5,172 for the period of April 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021. Unanimous.**

Mr. Zeilman said that this is an annual grant that is utilized by the Local Emergency Planning Committee to conduct an exercise each year.

**A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Lucia, to authorize the acceptance of additional aid from New York State STOP DWI Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500. Unanimous.**

Mr. Carr said that the funds are used for specialized patrols, roadblocks, and checkpoints during various holiday seasons throughout the year. On the expense side, the Sheriff's office will get \$1,000 and the remaining police agencies thought the County will get the \$500.

**A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Lucia, to authorize a contract with Clark, Patterson, Lee (CPL) for architectural and engineering consulting services for an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Unanimous.**

Mr. Zurlo said that the contract will cover services related to the renovation of the inmate reception and booking areas at the Correctional Facility.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mrs. Raymond, to the Chairman of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors to proclaim the week of April 18 - 24, of 2021 as Crime Victims' Rights Week. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Heggen said that this is an annual item. This year's theme is Support Victims, Build Trust, and Engage Communities.

**A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Lucia, to authorize the transfer of \$155,187 from the Animal Shelter Trust Fund to cover construction costs related to a new pre-engineered covered building. Unanimous.**

Ms. Heritage said that Resolution 211 of 2020 authorized, due to Covid delays, combining up to 80% of the donations collected in 2019 and 2020 to be used in 2021 for one or two larger projects at the Animal Shelter. The structure will be an 36' x 48' open pavilion with 5' walls to be used for dog activities including exercise, enrichment, training and behavior plans in all types of weather, not only rain and snow, but also sun and heat.

Mr. Lant thanked all for coming out today and taking care of the County.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese Connolly  
Deputy Clerk of the Board