

Public Safety Committee Minutes  
November 1, 2021– 4:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman John Lant; Committee Members Preston Allen, Eric Connolly, Dick Lucia, Jean Raymond, Mike Smith; Chairman of the Board Todd Kusnierz; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Matt Rose, Audra Hedden, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, County Attorney; Karen Heggen, District Attorney; Andrew Blumenberg, Public Defender; Wes Carr, Stop DWI; Craig Hayner, County Clerk.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Connolly, the minutes of the October 5, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.**

*Stop DWI Update*

Mr. Carr said the “crackdown” periods are now known as “High Visibility Engagement Campaigns” which are high density patrols and DWI checkpoints and this year, an emphasis is being placed on education and public awareness with calendars, billboards, social media outreach and PR activities to promote Stop DWI.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Allen, to authorize acceptance of a NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Crimes Against Revenue Program Grant. Unanimous.** Mrs. Heggen said this grant funds a full time position that focuses primarily on crimes against revenue. They work in conjunction with the New York State Department of Tax and Finance, recoup large sums of money for victims and taxing authorities and have just received a plea by a women attorney who stole over \$860,000 from a victim.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Bridget Rider  
Deputy Clerk of the Board