

Public Safety Committee Minutes
February 2, 2022 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman John Lant; Committee Members Phil Barrett, Mark Hammond, Scott Ostrander, Kevin Veitch and Mo Wright; Supervisor Diana Edwards, Tom Richardson, Bill Peck; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Matt Rose, Audra Hedden, Christine Rush, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, County Attorney; Rick Castle, Sheriff; Andrew Blumenberg, Public Defender; Susan Hayes-Masa, Coroner; Steve Bayle, Probation; Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Craig Hayner, Charles Foehser, County Clerk; Stephanie Hodgson, Treasurer; Penelope Heritage, Animal Shelter.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the minutes of the November 30, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.

Chairman Lant appointed Mark Hammond as the Vice Chair of the committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, to authorize an amendment to the agreement with Forensic Medical Services. Unanimous.

Mrs. Hayes-Masa said that Forensic Medical Services supplies autopsy services for the County and an amendment is needed to include the increase in the fee schedule for 2022.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Hammond, to amend the 2022 County Budget to reappropriate \$73,072.66 of unexpended grant funds. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay said two grants were not expended, one in 2017 and one in 2018, and they are looking to have the funds reappropriated to the 2022 budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, to authorize an agreement with Bancorp for the lease of 3 Chevrolet Tahoe SUVs for the Sheriff's Department. Unanimous.

Mr. Castle said they purchased the vehicles through the normal purchasing process, but board approval is required to sign the lease agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Hammond, to authorize an agreement with Black Creek Integrated Systems Corp. for the Saratoga County Correctional Facility. Unanimous.

Mr. Castle said that Black Creek software is used for records management and security and this agreement is an annual renewal with a small increase over last year.

A motion was made by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, to authorize an agreement with the Town of Halfmoon for Police Services for 2022. Unanimous.

Mr. Castle said this an agreement that has been in place for many years and this year the agreement reflects a 2% increase, in accordance with the PBA contract, for a total of \$230,863.29.

A motion was made by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Wright, to authorize an agreement with the Town of Clifton Park for Police Services for 2022. Unanimous.

Mr. Castle said this agreement has been in place for close to 30 years and it also reflects a 2% increase based on the union contract for a total of \$598,210.36.

A motion was made by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Hammond, to authorize an agreement with the Prevention Council for a Certified Peer Recovery Advocate at the Saratoga County Correctional Facility. Unanimous.

Mr. Castle said this program provides a peer counselor who works with inmates in the Correctional Facility on substances abuse issues. This is a twelve month contract not to exceed \$38,000, which increased from \$35,000 last year.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Hammond, to authorize an agreement with the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services to accept a \$21,602 grant. Unanimous.

Mr. Blumenberg said this is grant distribution pays 40% of a social worker's salary and for appellate counsel.

A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Veitch, to authorize acceptance of an Ignition Interlock Device Monitoring Program grant. Unanimous.

Mr. Bayle said this grant is for \$22,088 from October 1, 2021, to September 30th and it provides partial reimbursement for monitoring people with ordered ignition interlock devices. Mr. Wright asked if the price has increased from last year and Mr. Bayle said it's an increase of \$55.

A motion was made by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Hammond, to authorize changes to adoption fees and refunds at the Animal Shelter. Unanimous.

Mrs. Heritage said the proposed adoption fee structure would reflect the individual services provided, including \$20 for microchipping, which would be a new service, a \$55 adoption fee, a \$15 vaccination fee and \$15 testing fee (if administered by the shelter), and the NYS dog license fee of \$6. A refund of fees will be provided, excluding the \$6 NYS dog license fee, if returned to the shelter within 60 days.

On a motion made by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget Rider
Deputy Clerk of the Board