

Public Safety Transcript 3-2-2022

SPEAKERS

Steve Bulger, Scott Ostrander, Mo Wright, Penny Heritage, All, Steve Bayle, Kevin Veitch, Several Supervisors, Andrew Blumenberg, Therese Connolly, Dawn Phillips, Rick Castle, Michael Zurlo, Mark Hammond

Mark Hammond

Are we all set for attendance?

Therese Connolly

Yes.

Mark Hammond

Attendance has been taken?

Therese Connolly

Yes.

Mark Hammond

Okay, first item on the agenda is the approval of minutes for February 2, 2022 meeting.

Mo Wright

So moved.

Kevin Veitch

Second.

Mark Hammond

Discussion. All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Mark Hammond

Opposed. Next item on the agenda is the Sheriff's Department, Mike Zurlo, Sheriff Zurlo.

Michael Zurlo

Good afternoon Vice Chairman, Supervisors. The first item authorize the reappropriation of the remaining balance of previously authorized grant revenue and expenses from the years 2021 budget to the 2022 budget. That total amount is \$85,159.05.

Mark Hammond

Thank you, Sheriff. Do I have a motion?

Scott Ostrander

So moved.

Mark Hammond

Second.

Kevin Veitch

Second.

Mark Hammond

Discussion. There being none all in favor.

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Mark Hammond

Opposed. Carried.

Michael Zurlo

Second item authorize the Chairman of the Board, County Administrator or myself to accept a grant from the New York State Department of Homeland Security Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program and the amount of \$61,844.

Mark Hammond

Thank you Sheriff. Motion to accept.

Mo Wright

So moved.

Kevin Veitch

Second.

Mark Hammond

Second.

Mark Hammond

Any discussion? All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Mark Hammond

Opposed? Carried.

Michael Zurlo

Alright, my Under Sheriff will present the last item.

Mark Hammond

Thank you Sheriff.

Rick Castle

Good afternoon. Final request is requesting a resolution to amend resolution 234 of 2020 between the County of Saratoga and Pittsfield Communications to increase the cost of the contract which expired in 2021 to \$42,928.35. This is to cover additional expenses that were incurred above and beyond what the original contract amount was for and also to reappropriate unspent funds from 2021 to the 2022 budget to cover those expenses. The transfer total is \$10,689.87.

Mark Hammond

Thank you. Motion to accept.

Scott Ostrander

So moved.

Mark Hammond

Second.

Kevin Veitch

Second.

Mark Hammond

Discussion. All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Mark Hammond

Opposed. Thank you, carried. Our next item is Public Defender Mr. Blumenberg.

Andrew Blumenberg

Good afternoon, everyone. We have a resolution requesting an adjustment of the 2021 major contract with Jacqueline Bashkoff from the original amount of \$20,000 to \$35,447. This is due to the increased evaluations ordered by Family Court judges in 2021. There's no budget impact. Does anybody have any questions?

Mark Hammond

Do I have a motion to accept?

Mo Wright

So moved.

Mark Hammond

A second?

Kevin Veitch

Second.

Mark Hammond

Discussion? There being none. All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Mark Hammond

Opposed? It is carried.

Andrew Blumenberg

Thank you.

Mark Hammond

Thank you, Mr. Blumenberg.

Mark Hammond

Next on the agenda, we have Steve Bayle, Probation.

Steve Bayle

Good afternoon.

Mark Hammond

Good afternoon.

Steve Bayle

I'm here to request a resolution to approve the Alternatives to Incarceration Plan and also to accept the grant that goes with it. This is basically a yearly housekeeping issue. We've had this grant in place for 30 plus years and the money has not changed in probably eight or nine years. The amount of the grant is \$26,224. It's split between Probation and Employment and Training. Probation gets \$16,371 for pretrial services, and \$9,853 up it goes to Employment and Training for community service hours. They oversee those when people are sentenced to do community service hours. Runs June 1 or July 1 through June 30 this year. Any questions?

Mark Hammond

Thank you. Do I have a motion?

Kevin Veitch

So moved.

Mark Hammond

Second?

Scott Ostrander

Second.

Mark Hammond

Discussion on the resolution. There being none all in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Mark Hammond

Opposed. Carried.

Steve Bulger

Chairman, if I may, I'd like to let everybody know that this is Steve Bayles last meeting in front of the Public Safety Committee as his retirement is scheduled for a couple of weeks, a little over a couple of weeks away. And I just want to say, from my perspective, I haven't been in this role long. But in dealing with you, Steve, two things you're a real pro and a great public servant. Most importantly, you're a great guy. We're gonna miss you a lot. So thank you for your service.

Steve Bayle

Thank you very much.

Steve Bulger

I don't know if anybody else would like to say anything as well.

Steve Bayle

I appreciate that.

Mark Hammond

Thank you, sir.

Mo Wright

I'd also like to congratulate Steve. I know we came into a tough situation in that Department and did a bang up job straightening that department out. Definitely gonna be missed.

Steve Bayle

Thanks very much.

All

Applause.

Mark Hammond

Thank you very much. Next, we have Penny Heritage from the Animal Shelter.

Penny Heritage

Good afternoon. I'd like to request a resolution to reappropriate unexpended funds for our canine pavilion building at the Animal Shelter totaling \$155,187.

Mark Hammond

Thank you do I have a motion.

Scott Ostrander

So moved.

Mark Hammond

Second.

Mo Wright

Second.

Mark Hammond

Any discussion.

Mo Wright

How is the project coming along?

Penny Heritage

The basic construction of it is complete. We were waiting on close out paperwork, which we anticipated would have been here by now, but it's not so hence the request for the rollover. Few things we still need to do but the agreement with Morton and basic construction is complete.

Steve Bulger

Is there an anticipated opening date for that?

Penny Heritage

Well, actually, we're already using it. Yeah, we did a little thank you since that was paid for totally by donated funds from the Trust fund. We did a thank you at holiday time to thank the many generous donors over the years for that. So with a nice video, so yeah, was being used but you know, some

finishing touches that we plan to do going forward but what Morton agreed to do, and the basic construction is done.

Mark Hammond

Any further discussion? There being none. All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Mark Hammond

Opposed? Carried. Thank you, Penny.

Penny Heritage

Thank you.

Mark Hammond

Next on the agenda, we have Dawn Phillips 18 B administrator.

Dawn Phillips

Good afternoon, everyone. I am requesting a resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant funds from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services which will allow us to continue Counsel at First Appearance program. The total amount of the funding is \$346,290.06.

Mark Hammond

Do I have a motion for the resolution?

Mo Wright

So moved.

Mark Hammond

Second.

Kevin Veitch

Second.

Mark Hammond

Any discussion? There being none. All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Mark Hammond

Opposed. Carried. Thank you very much.

Mark Hammond

Do we have any other business at this time? There being none. Motion to adjourn.

Kevin Veitch

So moved.

Mark Hammond

Second.

Mo Wright

Second.

Mark Hammond

All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Mark Hammond

Passed. Thank you