

Public Safety Committee Minutes  
April 6, 2022 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman John Lant; Committee Members Mark Hammond, Jack Lawler, Scott Ostrander, Kevin Veitch and Mo Wright; Chairman of the Board Theodore Kusnierz; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Matt Rose, Audra Hedden, Christine Rush, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, County Attorney; Karen Heggen, District Attorney; Michael Zurlo, Sheriff; Carl Zeilman, Emergency Services; J. Wes Carr, Stop DWI; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Barbara Thomas, League of Women Voters.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Hammond, the minutes of the March 2, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Veitch, to authorize a renewal agreement with CDTA for use of the Mt. McGregor Radio Communications Tower and Shelter Facility. Unanimous.**

Mr. Zeilman said this is a renewal for the next five years at \$22,500 per year.

**A motion was made by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Veitch, to authorize an agreement with Tritech Software Systems (a Central Square Technologies, LLC Company) for the purchase of hardware and software related to the County's Computer Aided Dispatch/Mobile E-911 system. Unanimous.**

Mr. Zeilman said this contract is for \$1.284 million to replace and upgrade software and hardware to help mitigate against cyber intrusion.

**A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, to authorize an agreement with Lightspeed Technologies, Inc. for the installation of 911 communications equipment at remote tower locations. Unanimous.**

Mr. Zeilman said this agreement for \$834,825.59 will provide for updates to the system to ensure interoperability with emergency services partners in the field.

**A motion was made by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Veitch, to amend Resolution 279-2021 and authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Pittsfield Communications Systems, Inc. for additional services related to the removal, installation, programming and maintenance of the County's Public Safety radio equipment. Unanimous.**

Mr. Zeilman said this will increase the current contract from \$35,000 to \$46,950.90 which will allow for radio installations and programming for new vehicles. Mr. Lawler asked if it was a flat contract regardless of how many radios and Mr. Zeilman said they only invoice for the work performed.

**A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Hammond, to proclaim April 10-16, 2022 as “Public Safety Telecommunicators Week” in Saratoga County. Unanimous.**

Mr. Zurlo said that the Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police, fire and EMS people in the County and they do an outstanding job.

**A motion was made by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Hammond, to authorize an agreement with Black Creek Integrated Systems Corp. for maintenance service and support of the Black Creek Super Display Touch Screen Security System at the Saratoga County Correctional Facility. Unanimous.**

Mr. Zurlo said the contract will be for \$15,836 for the year and will cover service and support for the security system at the jail.

**A motion was made by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Veitch, to proclaim April 24-30, 2022 as National Crime Victims’ Rights Week in Saratoga County. This year’s theme: “Rights, Access, Equity, for all Victims”. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Heggen said her office will be recognizing both law enforcement and victims in a virtual way because of uncertainty while planning due to COVID.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Wright, to authorize participation in 2022 State STOP-DWI Program and contracts with local agency participants. Unanimous.**

Mr. Carr said the main components of STOP DWI are funding law enforcement, prosecution, probation, mental health, and they also contract with the prevention council to provide public information and work with the schools with the SAD programs. Mr. Lawler asked how the allocation amounts are decided and Mr. Carr said he decides based on need.

#### *Other Business*

Mr. Bulger thanked Mr. Zurlo and Mrs. Heggen for hosting his team on tours of their departments.

Mr. Lant thanked all who worked towards getting security in the County Buildings and said they do a great job in making us the safest county in the state.

Mr. Bulger announced Sue Costanza as Acting Probation Director.

Mr. Ostrander said he received a lot of positive feedback from the Coffee with the Sheriff event put on a Coffee Planet in the Village of Ballston Spa and that the Sheriff did a wonderful job.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Bridget Rider  
Deputy Clerk of the Board