

Public Safety Committee Minutes  
February 8, 2023 – 2:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman John Lant; Committee Members C. Eric Butler, Joe Grasso, Mark Hammond, Jean Raymond, Kevin Tollisen, Kevin Veitch.

Supervisor Sandra Winney; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Audra Hedden, Stephanie Hodgson, Christine Rush, County Administrator; Michelle Granger, County Attorney; Scott Chamberlain, Human Resources; Karen Heggen, District Attorney; Michael Zurlo, Rick Castle, Sheriff; Ed Tremblay, Michael Stanley, Emergency Services; Andrew Blumenberg, Public Defender; Penelope Heritage, Animal Shelter. Benjamin Glover, Intern, City of Saratoga Springs.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Kevin Veitch, the minutes of the December 7, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Chairman Lant announced the appointment of Mr. Hammond as Committee Vice Chair.

Sheriff Zurlo said that the first item on his agenda is being pulled today.

**A motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Tollisen, to authorize an amended agreement with Prime Care Medical of New York Inc., Professional Care Medical Practice P.C., and Professional Care Dental Services, P.C. for the provision of behavioral health services for inmates at the Saratoga County Correctional Facility. Unanimous.**

The agreement will be effective 1/1/2023 to 7/31/2023 at a cost of \$15,823.12.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Hammond, to authorize an amended agreement with Saratoga Springs City School District for the provision of an additional School Resource Officer, and amending the 2023 county budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.**

The request from the School District is to add a second School Resource Office to the contract effective 2/1/2023.

**A motion was made by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Kevin Veitch, an amendment to the contract for police services with the Town of Ballston, and amending the 2023 county budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.**

This will reduce the contract to one Deputy Sheriff.

**A motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mrs. Raymond, to authorize an agreement with Pharmacy Associates of Glens Falls LLC d/b/a Omnicare of Ballston Spa for the provision of pharmaceutical products and pharmacy services for the Saratoga County Correctional Facility. Unanimous.**

The agreement will be for one year commencing January 1, 2023 subject to annual renewal.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Kevin Veitch, to authorize acceptance of a Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. Unanimous.**

The proposed grant amount is \$826,489. Funds will be used to aid in the additional costs incurred in dealing with all of the new requirements related to discovery. Discussion ensued.

**A motion was made by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Butler, to authorize acceptance of a Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation grant Program Planning grant from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, and amending the 2023 county budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.**

The grant is in the amount of \$200,000 of which the Federal share is \$180,000 and local share is \$20,000. In addition, up to \$10,00 can be claimed for management costs. Funds will be used to hire a contractor to oversee the revision of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan which is set to expire in 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese M. Connolly  
Clerk of the Board