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## **SARATOGA COUNTY ANNOUNCES PASSAGE OF CONTRACT WITH UNION REPRESENTING CORRECTIONS OFFICERS, 911 DISPATCHERS, AND OTHER SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES**

BALLSTON SPA, NY – Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Chairman Theodore T. Kusnierz, Jr. today announced the County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution for a new contract with the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) at its Board Meeting on June 20, 2023. The Union represents 131 Sheriff's Office employees who work in the County Correctional Facility and 911 Communications Center.

Chairman of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Theodore T. Kusnierz, Jr. said, "This contract with the Saratoga County United Public Services Employees Union, provides a fair and balanced contract that is beneficial for not only our employees, but also the taxpayers of Saratoga County. Equally as important, the agreement incorporates measures that will help our Sheriff's Office recruit and retain qualified employees dedicated to serving our residents at both our County Jail and our Communications Center."

Supervisor John Lant (Wilton), Chair of the Board of Supervisors' Public Safety Committee, said, "The men and women who work for the Saratoga County Corrections Facility and 911 Communications Center have an important role in what the Sheriff's Office does to keep our county safe. This contract agreement ensures our Corrections Officers, 911 Dispatchers, civil clerks and jail staff receive comprehensive benefits and represents the County's unwavering and continued support of law enforcement."

The three-year agreement provides union members a one year \$4,000 wage increase retroactive to January 1, 2023, and incorporates a 2.95% wage increase in both 2024 and 2025. This will help the county attract and retain both corrections officers and 911 Dispatchers, for which the County has a critical fulfillment need.

As part of the agreement, all affected employees will increase their health care contribution and will pay increased copays for health insurance services.

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