



Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 3PM
40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

Minutes

Present: Chairman John Lant; Committee Members C. Eric Butler, Jesse Fish, Ian Murray, Scott Ostrander, Mo Wright, Cynthia Young.

Supervisor Ed Kinowski and Chairman of the Board Philip Barrett; Ridge Harris, Audra Hedden, Christine Rush, County Administrator; George Conway, Samantha Kupferman, County Attorney; Jeff Brown, Sheriff; Andre Delvaux, Mike Stanley, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Susan Hayes-Masa, Coroner; Andrew Blumenberg, Public Defender; Susan Costanzo, Probation.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Wright, the minutes of the December 6, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.

Chairman Lant announced the appointment of Supervisor Butler as Committee Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Murray, to authorize participation in the Capital Region Transportation Council's 2023-2024 Local Road Safety Education and Encouragement Program. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Wright, to authorize participation in the 2024 STOP-DWI program and approving contracts with local participating agencies. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, to authorize participation in the 2024 State STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign & Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Call Out Plan and approving contracts with local participating agencies. Unanimous.

Mr. Brown reported that this covers the cost of additional enforcement for high visibility events.

A motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mrs. Young, to authorize the acceptance of a Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) grant from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. Unanimous.

The grant amount is \$118,926 with a term of 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023

A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Young, to authorize acceptance of a State Aid grant for reimbursement of expenses related to the Ignition Interlock Device Program from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. Unanimous.

The grant amount is \$24,722.

A motion was made by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. Butler, to authorize a renewal agreement with Albany Medical Center for use of Lab and morgue facility as needed by County Coroner. Unanimous.

Mrs. Masa reported that this option will only be used if necessary. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Murray, to accept an Aid to Defense grant for the Public Defender's Office. Unanimous.

The grant amount is \$14,656 and is funded through the Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Mr. Kinowski requested a regular update on staffing positions in the Sheriff's office.

On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Butler, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Clerk of the Board