Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 2:30PM
40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

Minutes

Present: Chairman Scott Ostrander; Committee Members John Antoski, Sarah Burger, C. Eric Butler, Jesse Fish, Willard Peck, Minita Sanghvi
Supervisors Murray and Brennan; Chairman of the Board Philip Barrett; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Audra Hedden, Stephanie Hodgson, Renee Law, Mariah Ruscio, Christine Rush, Anne Van Vorst, County Administrator; George Conway, Petra Holden, County Attorney; Brett Eby, District Attorney; Jeff Brown, George Maxfield Sheriff; Andre Delvaux, Emergency Services; Andrew Blumenberg, Public Defender; Kelly Devall, Animal Shelter; Susan Hayes-Mass, Anthony Perniciaro, County Coroner; Susan Costanzo, Probation; Dawn Philips, Assigned Counsel.

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

On a motion made by Supervisor Butler, seconded by Supervisor Fish, the minutes of the February 3, 2026 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Supervisor Butler, seconded by Supervisor Fish, to proclaim April 2026 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Saratoga County. Unanimous.
Social media platforms will be used to highlight different service providers and groups.

A motion was made by Supervisor Peck, seconded by Supervisor Sanghvi, to proclaim April 19-25, 2026 as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" in Saratoga County. Unanimous.
An event will be held at the Milton Community Center on April 19.

A motion was made by Supervisor Burger, seconded by Supervisor Sanghvi, to amend an agreement with Saratoga Hospital for use of laboratory and morgue Facilities. Unanimous.
This amendment will increase the not to exceed amount from $65,000 to $70,323 in 2024 and 75,000 in 2025. This cost is based on the number of autopsies performed. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Supervisor Fish, seconded by Supervisor Butler, to proclaim April 12 – 18, 2026 as "Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" in Saratoga County. Unanimous.

In honor of the men and women of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office Communications Division for their diligence and professionalism and for keeping our residents safe.

A motion was made by Supervisor Butler, seconded by Supervisor Burger, to amend Resolution 387 – 2025 to correct the patrol schedule for 2026 Law Enforcement Services in the Town of Malta. Unanimous.
This amendment will change the current contract from five days a week to seven.

A motion was made by Supervisor Peck, seconded by Supervisor Butler, to authorize intermunicipal agreements with out-of-county municipalities for Saratoga County Animal Shelter services. Unanimous.
These agreements will contain specific fees and authorize timely reimbursement for the services. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Supervisor Sanghvi, seconded by Supervisor Burger, to authorize a one-year extension of the Fourth Counsel at First Appearance Grant from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services. Unanimous.
This extension will allow the department to utilize the remaining $237,000 in funding until the end of the year. This funding pays for stipends and mileage to cover arraignments that are conducted off hours throughout the county.

Supervisor Fish thanked the Emergency Services team for their quick response in relation to an issue at the Moreau landfill.

On a motion made by Supervisor Butler, seconded by Supervisor Fish, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget M. Rider, Deputy Clerk of the Board