Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 2:30PM
40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

Minutes

Present: Committee Members John Antoski, Sarah Burger, C. Eric Butler, Willard Peck
Absent: Jesse Fish, Scott Ostrander, Minita Sanghvi
Supervisor Murray; Brennan Chairman of the Board Philip Barrett; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Audra Hedden, Stephanie Hodgson, Mariah Ruscio, Anne Van Vorst, County Administrator; George Conway, County Attorney; Scot Chamberlain, Human Resources; Brett Eby, District Attorney; George Maxfield, Sheriff; Mike Stanley, Emergency Services; Andrew Blumenberg, Public Defender; Susan Costanzo, Probation.

Vice chair Butler called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Supervisor Peck, seconded by Supervisor Antoski, the minutes of the March 3, 2026 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Supervisor Burger, seconded by Supervisor Peck, to accept additional funding of a Second Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grant from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services. Unanimous.
This funding in the amount of $750,000 over three years is used to partially fund salaries and fringe for attorneys working on Article 10 neglect cases. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Supervisor Peck, seconded by Supervisor Antoski, to accept additional funding of a Second Statewide Expansion of the Hurrell-Harring Settlement from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services and amending the 2026 County budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.
This funding is in the amount of $750,000 over two years.

A motion was made by Supervisor Burger, seconded by Supervisor Antoski, to authorize a one-year extension of the Indigent Legal Services Distribution #13 Grant from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services. Unanimous.
This grant will be extended from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2026, to utilize the remaining balance of $45,580.

A motion was made by Supervisor Peck, seconded by Supervisor Antoski, to amend the hours that the Civil and Records Division of the Sheriff's Office is open to the Public. Unanimous.
The Civil Office of the Sheriff will be open 8am through 4pm Monday through Friday except holidays.

A motion was made by Supervisor Antoski, seconded by Supervisor Butler, to accept a Snowmobile Law Enforcement grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Unanimous.
This grant is in the amount of $21,525.

A motion was made by Supervisor Peck, seconded by Supervisor Antoski, to authorize an agreement with the Village of Corinth for law enforcement services. Unanimous.
One patrol unit will operate eight hours per day, Monday through Tuesday and Thursday through Sunday, at an annual cost of $174,309.38.

A motion was made by Supervisor Peck, seconded by Supervisor Antoski, to authorize a one-year extension of Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. Unanimous.
This extension allows for resubmission if FEMA has feedback on the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

A motion was made by Supervisor Antoski, seconded by Supervisor Burger, to proclaim May 17 - 23, 2026 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Saratoga County. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Supervisor Burger, seconded by Supervisor Peck, to authorize an amendment to reallocate funds from the 2025 Crimes Against Revenue Program (CARP) Grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and amending the 2026 County budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.
The remaining funding of $500 will be used for external hard drives.

On a motion made by Supervisor Burger, seconded by Supervisor Peck, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget M. Rider, Deputy Clerk of the Board