

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 9, 2016
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Chairman Paul Lent; Supervisors Preston Allen, Phil Barrett, Art Johnson, Jack Lawler, Dick Lucia and Tim Szczepaniak; Chairman of the Board Mo Wright; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Chad Cooke, Deputy County Administrator; Sheriff Mike Zurlo; Carl Zeilman, Emergency Services Director; Ed Tremblay, Fire Coordinator; Jason Hayes, Animal Shelter Director; Alan Poremba, District Attorney's Office; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Press.

Mr. Lent called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

On a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak the minutes of the July 12, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

Mr. Poremba, Assistant District Attorney, said a resolution was needed to extend the Aid to Prosecution Grant that has been received for numerous years. Mr. Cooke said the funding of \$20,650 is in the budget.

On a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Johnson unanimous approval was given to accept \$20,650 in grant funding from DCJS.

Mr. Hayes said he is asking for a temporary reduction in the cat adoption fees. He asked that the \$50 adoption fee be waived. The \$27 charge remaining would be for vaccinations and testing. Mr. Hayes said there has been a 70% intake since April and the Shelter is at capacity. The Shelter has an additional 100 cats in foster care as well. It is hopeful that this will be an incentive to boost adoptions. He is asking for this waiver to run through October. Mr. Lent asked if this reduction caused a bump in adoptions in the past. Mr. Hayes replied it definitely helps. Mr. Barrett said the last couple of years he has had those discussions with Mr. Hayes and concluded the reduction in the cost of taking a cat home has resulted in an increase in adoptions. Mr. Wright asked if the reduction is advertised. Mr. Hayes said they do advertise on Facebook and do cat/dog of the day. Mr. Barrett asked how outside clinics were going. Mr. Hayes said they average about 2 to 4 adoption clinics a month as well as attending special events around the County. Mr. Barrett said with the new trailer at these events people do notice it and gravitate towards it.

On a motion by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Barrett unanimous approval was given to waive the \$50 adoption fee for cats and kitten through October of 2016.

Mr. Hayes said his monthly report has been distributed and said there has been a spike in intake which has been dramatic. He said it was the mild winter and breeding cycles for cats this has caused the increase. He said the foster program has helped and is still growing. Mr. Lent pointed out there were no positive test results for rabies last month.

Mr. Lent appointed Mr. Johnson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Szczepaniak, Mr. Hellwig and Mr. Hayes to a sub-committee to review the usage of the Animal Shelter Trust Fund. Mr. Johnson will chair this sub-committee. He said it was established 10 years ago and a review of the Fund needs to be done.

Mr. Zeilman said that he had distributed his monthly report and added that the CAD Mobile 911 project is underway and its full steam ahead.

Mr. Tremblay said he distributed his monthly report and added that September 1st starts the 2016 grant which has the funding in it for the security initiative the Department has and will be working on that.

Sheriff Zurlo said his Department has been busy. They had another unfortunate drowning in Edinburg which has been 3 for this summer; one in Fulton County with the other two being in Saratoga County.

Mr. Szczepaniak said that he had attended Tier 3 training in Galway. He commended Mr. Tremblay on a great job. He said it was very professional training and appreciated that it was offered.

On a motion by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Allen the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Wright
Clerk of the Board