

Public Safety Committee Minutes
October 11, 2016 – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Paul Lent; Supervisors Preston Allen, Art Johnson, Ed Kinowski, Dick Lucia, Tim Szczepaniak and Chairman of the Board Mo Wright; Spencer Hellwig, Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Mike Zurlo, Rick Castle, Sheriff; Carl Zeilman, Emergency Services; Jason Hayes, Animal Shelter, Craig Hayner, County Clerk.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Lucia the minutes of the September 13, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Allen to authorize acceptance of a grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$11,000 for the purchase of active shooter simulation equipment. Unanimous.

Mr. Zurlo said that the funds will be used for active shooter trainer equipment including vests, helmets and airsoft guns.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Johnson to waive the \$50 adoption fee for cats through the end of 2016. Unanimous.

Mr. Hayes said that he is asking for an extension to the temporary reduction in the cat adoption fees. Currently there are approximately 160 cats between foster care and the shelter.

Mr. Zeilman previously circulated the Emergency Services report by email.

A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Allen to authorize an agreement with RS Telecom, Inc. in the amount of \$48,000 per year for two years to provide microwave radio system maintenance to the county's emergency radio network. Unanimous.

Mr. Zeilman said that the three year maintenance agreement is expired. Mr. Zeilman said that RS Telecom has not increased the price for the next two years.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Allen to approve a sub-committee report on the Animal Shelter Trust Fund usage. Unanimous.

Mr. Johnson reported that Chairman Allen had appointed a sub committee to review the usage of the Animal Shelter Trust Fund. They met and reviewed the original 2007 resolution that set up the fund. They reviewed donations and expenditures from 2007 to 2016. The balance as of September 2016 is \$250,374. The committee did not find any expenditures that were inconsistent with the original set up of the trust fund. A recommendation was made for Mr. Hayes to review with the sub-committee any future transfers needed and what the funds will be

used for prior to the request. Mr. Kinowski suggested that a summary report be attached to the policy.

A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Lucia to forward the construction of a new public safety building to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for further action. Unanimous.

Mr. Lent said that he has discussed the project with the Chairman of the Law and Finance Committee and Mr. Kinowski is in agreement. Mr. Lent said that a detailed study of the needs of a public safety building was conducted in 2007 however for many reasons, the project was dropped. A new animal shelter was built and a new radio system project was undertaken. Mr. Lent said that the needs identified in 2007 are still there if not increased. Building a new facility could also provide space for the Probation Department which in turn will open up needed space in the West High Street building.

Mr. Zurlo said that since 2007 over 12 new members have joined the department. Office space has been divided to accommodate new Lieutenants. 13 Sergeants are working out of one office. Pistol permits are up and there is no space for the paperwork. Communication system is limited to one 800 square foot room.

Mr. Lent said that the next step that should be taken is to forward the project to the Buildings and Grounds Committee to re visit the 2007 design provided by Pacheco Ross Architects and move the project forward.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Legislative Clerk