

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2021*

PRESENT: Chairman Pete Walrod
Vice Chairman Loren Corbin (Zoom)
Supervisor Cliff Moses
Supervisor Bill Zupan

ALSO: County Administrator Mark Scimone
Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari (Zoom)
County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
Emergency Management Director Dan Degear
EMS Coordinator Jenna Rosky
Director of 911 Frank McFall
Undersheriff Bill Wilcox
Director of CAC Julie Netzband
Public Information Officer Samantha Field
Public Information Specialist Ryan Coe

ABSENT: Supervisor Joe Ostrander

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Walrod at 9:00 a.m. in the Chambers.

Minutes:

The minutes of the September 23, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Bill Zupan and second of Supervisor Cliff Moses.

District Attorney:

Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with J. Scott Porter, Esq., for Appellate Case Services

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Moses and second of Zupan.

Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari reported that they are waiting for some appellate decisions on their discovery statute for other counties across the State.

Mascari stated that they were going to have an in-person winter conference in New York City.

Chief ADA Mascari explained to the Committee that in our State murdering someone while an order of protection is in place as a result of past domestic abuse doesn't qualify for a murder first prosecution. Mascari is working with Assemblyman Salka to sponsor some legislation to add that as an activating factor.

Chairman Walrod asked Chief ADA Mascari for some advice regarding the accidents with Amish buggies in Lebanon/Georgetown as it continues to be an issue with unlit buggies. Mascari suggested maybe setting up a meeting with them to come to some sort of understanding as far as traffic safety. Mascari noted that he would start getting this off the ground and talk to the DA in Yates County as to their procedure in dealing with this situation.

Sheriff's Office:

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Accept Grant Funds with the NYS STOP DWI Foundation and Modifying the 2021 County Budget – STOP DWI Statewide High Visibility Engagement Campaign

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Zupan and second of Corbin.

Authorizing Acceptance of Grant Award from NYS Office of Children and Family Services to Madison County Sheriff's Office for Madison County Children's Advocacy Center and Modification of the 2021 Adopted County Budget

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Moses and second of Zupan.

Authorizing Chairman to Enter an Agreement with the Cazenovia Central School District for the Use of Special Patrol Officers

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Zupan and second of Moses.

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox informed the Committee that the Civil Division just received accreditation. He noted that the Sheriff's Association is scheduled to be here for the Board Meeting on November 18th to present the certification.

Emergency Management:

Emergency Management Director Dan Degear presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Dr. Kirby Black for Medical Director Services

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Moses and second of Walrod.

Authorizing the Chairman to Sign EMS Agency Participation Agreements with the First Response and Municipal Agencies

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Walrod and second of Moses.

Authorizing the Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency First Responder Training for the Year 2022

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Moses and second of Zupan.

Emergency Management Director Dan Degear noted that they were all in agreement to move forward with the CAD RMS. The vendor does not have State contract pricing so we will do our own Request for Proposal.

Degear said that they are talking about bringing in a body camera integration for the Sheriff's, and we would make whatever product they decide to go with work.

Frank and Dan met with ham radio operators out of Cazenovia who requested use of the Mutton Hill tower site to put their antenna. Degear stated it would be a benefit to us as a County as a redundant radio system in the event that our communication goes down as they could communicate and wanted input from the Committee. It was agreed that there would be a written MOU that would be brought to the Committee for final approval.

Degear noted that there was a hospital surge capacity with COVID and that most hospitals are going on diversion almost daily.

Creating a tech position for 911. Degear has drafted a position summary and will send to Eileen in personnel.

Degear reported that staffing in 911 is short. A new Civil Service test is planned for early 2022. Degear stated that they will try to hire a new person off of the old list if they are still interested.

Degear reported that 61 employees from Oneida and Hamilton Hospitals are still working under Religious Exemptions. These are employees that would not be available if the courts rule against them.

Degear stated that the CON is ready to go soon and that emergency response would be the first priority and Community Paramedicine would be the second priority.

Other Committee Business:

Chairman Pete Walrod presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Appointing a Member to the Madison County Traffic Safety Board

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Moses and second of Zupan.

First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing Participation in a State Grant and the Modification of the 2021 County Budget (1174 Public Defender) (ILS)

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Moses and second of Zupan.

Authorizing the Modification of the 2021 Adopted County Budget (1174 Public Defender) (ILS Year 2)

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Zupan and second of Moses.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Chairman Pete Walrod to enter into executive session at 9:38 a.m. for the advice of counsel. Supervisor Zupan seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Moses to exit executive session at 10:16 a.m. Supervisor Zupan seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Preferred Agenda:

The Committee unanimously approved including all resolutions in the Committee's Preferred Agenda, with the exception of Authorizing the Modification of the 2021 Adopted County Budget (1174 Public Defender) (ILS Year 2), on a motion of Walrod and second of Zupan.

Adjournment:

The Committee adjourned at 10:17 a.m. on the motion of Walrod and second of Zupan.

Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tricia Wiley on behalf of Chairman Paul H. Walrod.