

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2024*

PRESENT: Chairman Rex Vosburg
Vice-Chairman Loren Corbin
Supervisor Pete Walrod
Supervisor Joe Wicks
Supervisor Michelle Kinville
Supervisor Greg Reuter (via Zoom)

ALSO: Board Chairman Joseph John Pinard
Board Vice-Chairwoman Melissa During (via Zoom)
County Administrator Mark Scimone
Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
County Attorney Intern Ava Platt
Sheriff Todd Hood
Undersheriff Bill Wilcox
Deputy Director of Emergency Management Mike Sudol
Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth
Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis (via Zoom)
Director of Finance Lou Anne Randall
Public Information Officer Samantha Field
Clerk to the Board Emily Burns
Confidential Secretary to Board of Supervisors Jennifer Keville (via Zoom)
City of Oneida Supervisor Mary Cavanagh
Town of Lincoln Board Member Peggy LeClair (via Zoom)

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

Minutes:

The minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Pete Walrod and second of Supervisor Michelle Kinville.

District Attorney:

Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari provided the following updates:

- Mr. Gabor successfully completed another violent felony trial.
- Have seven or eight violent felony cases awaiting trial.
- There are approximately 22 appeals pending.
- Sent out and discussed with the Committee the body worn camera issue that has come up with Axon that they are now trying to bill DA offices to access what was free. The memo that was sent out and shared prior to the Committee meeting explains the process. The matter is being discussed statewide and with state government. The worst case scenario is that it will cost us a total of \$37K for five years. If an agreement is reached by the end of the second

quarter which is June 30th the contract will be effective on January 1, 2025 so that it can be budgeted in next year's budget.

- Found out that one of our Assistant District Attorneys who handles sexual assault cases has been offered and accepted a job at the Attorney General's office; need to replace this position within a month. Another full time assistant may be leaving in September. Looking for guidance from the Chairman, the Board, the County Administrator and Human Resources as to how we are going to compete with recruitment and retention at our present salary levels. Handed out a Madison County DA Adjustments to Salary Proposal for the Committee to review which includes two possible ways to pay for the increase. County Administrator Mark Scimone stated that the process will start with GOC.

Sheriff's Office:

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Amend an Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc.

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

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox provided the following updates:

- OVS grant budget modification going to Finance, Ways and Means.
- CAC is having an Open House on April 9 from 5-7 pm. If you can, we encourage you to attend.
- Budget modification going to Finance, Ways and Means to accept the OCFS grant.

Emergency Management:

Emergency Management Deputy Director Mike Sudol presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with the Town of Georgetown for Emergency Medical Services

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Kinville and second of Wicks.

Deputy Director of Emergency Management Mike Sudol provided the following updates:

- Budget modification going to Finance, Ways and Means for the Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant.
- Budget modification going to Finance, Ways and Means to move money from the EMS program to Facilities for paper supplies for the ambulance stations.
- April 8 is the Solar Eclipse. The biggest concern will be what happens after with traffic. Will have extra standby crews for the Fire Departments and EMS. Utica also has a big Women's Hockey Championship over the weekend.

Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth provided the following updates:

- So far for the year the ambulance EMS agencies have done 781 emergencies, handled 95% of the call volume at Sullivan and 99% of the call volume at Hamilton, done around 50 calls with the fly car, provided 58 mutual aid calls between both stations, done 76 transfers out of Oneida and Hamilton hospitals and done 16 standbys at Colgate.
- Distributed a letter from Hubbardsville Fire Chief thanking us for the excellent emergency services provided to their fire district.

- Handed out a Proposed Ambulance Replacement Schedule for the Committee to review. Would like to start replacing ambulances around 125,000 miles. We are putting around 25,000 miles a year on the rigs. If we start this year, will have to replace an ambulance once a year going forward. It takes about six months to get an ambulance. Will use ARPA money left for us from last year to begin the process and the shared service monies we might get from Sullivan.

Other Committee Business:

Chairman Rex Vosburg presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Reappointing Members to the Madison County Traffic Safety Board

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

Placement of Special Patrol Officers within Madison County School Districts that Have a Local Municipal Police Department Available

Committee members reviewed and discussed the proposed resolution. Chairman Pinard made the motion to move the resolution, and due to a lack of a second the resolution was defeated.

Preferred Agenda:

It was the consensus of the Committee to allow any eligible resolution from today's meeting to be added to the Preferred Agenda.

Adjournment:

The Committee adjourned at 10:44 a.m. on the motion of Walrod and second of Wicks.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tricia Wiley on behalf of Chairman Rex Vosburg.