

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2023*

PRESENT: Chairman Rex Vosburg
Vice Chairman Pete Walrod
Supervisor Greg Reuter
Supervisor Joe Wicks (via Zoom)

ALSO: County Administrator Mark Scimone
District Attorney William Gabor
County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
Second Assistant County Attorney Melissa Felton
Director of Administrative Services Stephen Laureti
Director of Children's Advocacy Center Debra George
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear
EMS Coordinator Jenna Illingworth
EMS Supervising Paramedic Tom Dorn
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 Kristin Guinto
Town of Lincoln Supervisor Melissa During (via Zoom)
Town of Lincoln Clerk Peggy LeClair (via Zoom)
Town of Lenox Supervisor John Pinard
County Attorney Intern Terrence Kame

ABSENT: Supervisor Bill Zupan

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vosburg at 9:03 a.m. in the Chambers.

Minutes:

The minutes of the May 24, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Vice Chairman Pete Walrod and second of Supervisor Greg Reuter.

District Attorney:

District Attorney William Gabor provided the following updates to the Committee:

- Just got back from a DA's conference in Saratoga. State legislature still far left in passing bills that Upstate DA's don't support. Clean Slate bill looks like it will pass.
- Received a Discovery grant for \$230,000 last year which is why the DA's budget was flat even with a 7% raise for employees. That money should keep coming in annually to Madison County.
- Have always had an Aid to Prosecution grant that has gone up and down but has been around

\$30,000. This should increase which might help with recruitment and retention. CARP grant should continue. DA grant offsets DA's salary.

- Coroner requirements were reviewed last year. Was directed to explore the possibility of finding a Coroner's Physician which Statute requires. County Administrator Mark Scimone suggested talking to Eric in Public Health who recommended Dr. Newton. He is willing to do it at a reasonable price. It was suggested by the Committee that he start as soon as he can. A resolution will be done for GOC for Dr. Newton to start July 1.

Sheriff's Office:

Director of the Children's Advocacy Center Debra George provided the following information:

- Looking at forming a 501(c)(3). Need to look at hiring outside counsel to help form it as the County Attorney's has not done it before. This will help with additional funding so it's easier to help families with food, etc. and would be another way for us to fundraise and bring more awareness of what we do. It was the consensus of the Committee to move forward with this.
- Looking at forming another position, Forensic Interviewing Coordinator, to help add more community awareness and to go out into schools to educate staff and parents and the community regarding digital crime. Funding would come from grants. It was the consensus of the Committee to move forward and work with Eileen in Personnel to make another position.

Assigned Counsel:

Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Extension for an Agreement with New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for a Three-Year Distribution 2019-2021 (Grant #9)

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Extension for an Agreement with New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for a Three-Year Distribution 2020-2022 (Grant #10)

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

Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis provided the following updates:

- Increase of \$158 per hour is a good thing for Assigned Counsel but also brings challenges administratively. 50% of the cost of the increase is being paid for by the State into next year and should continue. Have 60% of budget left as of now. Anticipate end of October/November to burn through those funds and anticipate that the bottom line to the County will be \$200,000 more to get us through the end of the year but will be getting 50% reimbursement. Would like to meet with DA Gabor on some issues.

Sheriff's Office:

Director of Administrative Services Stephen Laureti presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

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

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Apply for the 2023 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program from the US Department of Justice

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

Director of Administrative Services Stephen Laureti provided the following updates:

- Spectrum Fiber Connect Plus Upgrade: Was told that within the next year or so Spectrum would not support our current package. County Administrator Mark Scimone said that we would be getting Empire access and would caution any long-term agreement with Spectrum.
- Budget modification going to Finance, Ways and Means for UTV. Took money from trailer account and put it in UTV line.
- TAM grant: Got consultant to do training for our staff and County school districts. Moved \$23,000 from OT line to consultant expense.
- Budget modification going to Finance, Ways and Means for OVS grant. Moved \$3,000 from contractual to personnel to cover the rest of victim advocate salary.

Emergency Management:

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into a License Agreement with Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Georgetown for Use of the Town Ambulance

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

Emergency Management Director Dan Degear provided the following updates:

- 911 staffing list received. Frank McFall is in the process of bringing on four new employees.
- New foam has been received and is being distributed. Collecting old foam for DEC removal.
- BOCES firefighting training will start at the Training Center in the Fall.
- Five year maintenance inspection done on the burn building; required every five years. Waiting for report to start the necessary repairs.
- Concrete pad for car fire training being installed this summer.
- Received fire extinguisher training prop. Will be available at the Madison County Fair.
- Cyber Summit went well. Day one had poor participation. Next year will look to increase participation. Did a feedback form and received 24 responses. It was agreed that it was a good/informational event. Will be an annual event.
- Elevated air quality risk issued again today and for a couple days from the wild fires. Have a small supply of N95 masks for those who need them.
- Moving into phase 3 of radio replacement program which will include firefighter positions and trucks.
- Budget modification going to Finance to start booking some revenue from Multi-Med and

investing back into the EMS program.

EMS Coordinator Jenna Illingworth provided the following updates:

- Have been approved for Community Paramedicine for Madison County EMS.
- Fly car had 16 calls in April, 20 in May and 23 in June bringing YTD total calls to 287. Last year had 276 total calls for the year.
- Ambulance was dispatched a total of 379 times for the last three months and flipped a total of 35 bringing the total calls to 344 from April 1st. Have provided mutual aid to GLAS, CAVAC and Onondaga County. Fire departments are happy with our service.
- From November of last year to now have provided 421 CPR cards to people in Madison County.
- EMS Training Coordinator position posted with a deadline of July 21. Have several instructors on staff already.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Chairman Rex Vosburg to enter into executive session at 10:19 a.m. to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Vice Chairman Pete Walrod seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Walrod to exit executive session at 10:44 a.m. Supervisor Reuter seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

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 Reuter.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

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