

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2024*

PRESENT: 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
Sheriff Todd Hood
Undersheriff Bill Wilcox
Director of 911 Frank McFall
Public Safety Systems Coordinator Andy Harmon-Kimball
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear
Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth
Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis (via Zoom)
Director of Finance Lou Anne Randall (via Zoom)
Treasurer Cindy Edick
Public Information Officer Samantha Field
Clerk to the Board Emily Burns
City of Oneida Supervisor Mary Cavanagh
Town of Lincoln Board Member Peggy LeClair (via Zoom)

ABSENT: Chairman Rex Vosburg

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Loren Corbin at 9:00 a.m. in the Chambers.

Minutes:

The minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Joe Wicks and second of Supervisor Michelle Kinville.

District Attorney:

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

**Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with the New York State
Division of Criminal Justice Services – SFY 4/1/2023-3/31/2024 Criminal Justice
Discovery Reform Grant**

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

Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari provided the following updates:

- Concluded three trials with great success.
- Have confirmed that one attorney will be leaving in early Fall and confirmed another attorney is down to the final two for a position with the Attorney General's office so there is a possibility of losing two experienced, qualified prosecutors.
- Provided the Committee with a handout of how the Traffic Diversion program did last year. Has put \$331K into the general fund for the year.
- Provided the Committee with a handout of the net increase/decrease in DA costs to the County. Since 2020, the DA's office has generated \$2.8M in funding; 55% of that comes from the Traffic Diversion program which has put in over \$1.5M to the County general fund. Looking at the budget since 2019, there has been a decrease in cost to the County by \$781K.
- The DA's office has had a free account with Axon to look at the storage for body worn cameras. As contracts run out they will still give the DA's a free account to look at the storage but they would need to get a contract with Axon. There is a possibility that Axon would be shutting people off the end of March. Was able to get a quote from another County that is having the problem now. A ten year plan with a 10% discount would be \$179K plus a \$10K implementation fee and a five year plan would be \$90K plus the implementation fee. Wanted to give the Committee a heads up. Sheriff Hood said they would take a look at it and get the information of what they find to Mascari.

Assigned Counsel:

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Amended Lease Agreement with Gorman Foundation Community Center, LLC on Behalf of the Madison County Assigned Counsel Program

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

Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis provided the following updates:

- Last year had a heavy trial year which came with additional costs. Our office had to go to trial on some cases.
- Happy to report that after the year end totals came in last year and all reimbursements came through, we ended up costing the County \$587,817. This is very similar to where we were prior to Assigned Counsel coming into effect. Hopeful this year the budget will be in good shape. We continue to look for sources of grant revenue and utilize them any way we can.
- County Administrator Mark Scimone noted the great job David and his staff have done on utilizing grants.

Sheriff's Office:

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with the Oneida Indian Nation for Jail Services

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

Discussion: An amount has not been set yet for how much they will reimburse us. County Administrator Scimone said that we have a good partnership with the Nation and they always help us out if needed.

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox provided the following updates:

- Year-end updates from the CAC: Multi-Disciplinary Team policies and procedures updated, started a therapy dog program, established a medical contract with the Samaritan Hospital and the Mary Rose Clinic to provide non-acute exams to children who have been abused, OVS and OCFS contracts were approved for another budget year, landscaped and added patio, established a 501c3 and served around 178 children.
- Have two budget modifications going to Finance, Ways & Means; one for phlebotomist services and one for the forfeiture account.
- Supervisor Pete Walrod asked Undersheriff Wilcox to convey from the Committee the great job done by Debra George with the program.
- Public Information Officer Samantha Field mentioned to the Committee that her office had been working with the CAC to update their web pages which will also have a donation button since they are able to take donations now. It will be pushed out when finalized.

Emergency Management:

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Apply for New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) 2024 State Homeland Security and Emergency Services Program Grants

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Extension Agreement with Kraus Associates, Inc d/b/a AK Associates for 911 Phone System Upgrades

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

Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear provided the following updates:

- Budget modification going to Finance, Ways & Means for CAD System for Law Enforcement.
- Madison-Oneida BOCES will be added next year to the firefighting program at the Training Center. Also looking at adding an EMT class.
- Beginning the reaccreditation paperwork that needs to be done every five years. Have a meeting tomorrow regarding that.
- Met with Motorola last week on the maintenance contract for the radio system in 911. Looking at the next five year contract which will be grant funded. The number they gave is about a 41% increase.
- Need to talk about the tower situation in Brookfield and have a meeting with Frank and Andy; have some options.
- Handed out an EMS monthly report. Will start doing this monthly. Happy with the results; revenues are good; every month the numbers get better.
- Georgetown was slated \$41K out of the fund for the EMS program. They will keep \$10K and return \$31K to the County to show their partnership and good faith. The program has worked out extremely well for Georgetown.
- CAVAC is celebrating their 50th anniversary in service so they have a celebration coming up in early March. Sent a proclamation for the Chairman's signature to present to them congratulating them for their service.

Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth provided the following updates:

- Working on a staffing plan as numbers and call volumes increase. Sullivan will consist of 1 rig 24/7, 1 rig 12 hours a day from Sunday-Thursday and 2nd rig 7 am-11 pm Friday and Saturday. In Hamilton the 8 am-8 pm for transfers seems to be working okay, 1 rig 24 hours a day, 1 rig 12 hours a day 7 days a week. The fly car is 8 am-8 pm Sunday-Thursday and a 24 hour shift Friday and Saturday. The fly car has been assisting Smith Ambulance, Georgetown and Madison on Friday and Saturday nights when they are not staffed. Haven't staffed the North fly car as much as it is utilized less in the North.

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 10:04 a.m. on the motion of Wicks and second of Reuter.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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