

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2023*

PRESENT: Chairman Rex Vosburg
Vice Chairman Pete Walrod
Supervisor Bill Zupan
Supervisor Greg Reuter

ALSO: County Administrator Mark Scimone
Sheriff Todd Hood
Second Assistant County Attorney Melissa Felton
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear
Deputy Director of Emergency Management Mike Sudol
Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth
Assistant Director of EMS Tom Dorn
Assigned Counsel Quality Assurance Attorney HJ Hubert
Treasurer Cindy Edick
Director of Finance Lou Anne Randall
Public Information Officer Samantha Field
Confidential Secretary to Board of Supervisors Kristin Guinto
Town of Hamilton Supervisor Eve Ann Shwartz (via Zoom)
Town of Lincoln Supervisor Melissa During (via Zoom)
Town of Lenox Supervisor John Pinard

ABSENT: Supervisor Joe Wicks

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

Minutes:

The minutes of the August 23, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Vice Chairman Pete Walrod and second of Supervisor Bill Zupan.

Assigned Counsel:

Assigned Counsel Quality Assurance Attorney HJ Hubert presented the following resolution 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 2020-2023 (3rd Upstate Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction)

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

Sheriff's Office:

Sheriff Todd Hood presented the following resolution to the Committee:

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 Walrod and second of Zupan.

Sheriff Todd Hood provided the following updates:

- Have budget modifications going to Finance, Ways & Means for a Federal Traffic Safety Grant, Victim Assistance Program Grant, CAC Grant and Police Traffic Services Grant.
- Sheriff Hood made the Committee aware that CAC Director Debra George was looking to get a not-for-profit started so she could begin raising money for the CAC. Second Assistant County Attorney Melissa Felton said they are working with someone at Hancock who is wonderful and that they are in good shape to get up and going.

Emergency Management:

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

Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Rome for Use of the Emergency Management Training Center

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into a Hold Harmless Agreement with Cazenovia Ski Club

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

Emergency Management Director Dan Degear provided the following updates:

- Have a budget modification going to Finance, Ways & Means for EMS for upcoming SOMAC coverage and a resolution going to GOC for the creation of EMS positions for SOMAC.
- BOCES program has started; have six students in the course.
- Our department is accredited through the State. We are in the process of looking at the five year reaccreditation application.
- Looking at the next phase of radio replacements. We have a grant for this.
- Last month we talked about agency agreements for 2024 funding. If anyone has issues let me know before we push forward with them.
- SOMAC announced last week that they are going to cease operations at a date to be determined. Working through conversations with them and shooting for a January 1 date. Met with volunteer organization from Colgate and will have a student meeting and employee meeting with SOMAC employees in the coming weeks. Have a meeting tomorrow with Colgate athletics.

Chairman Vosburg noted that he appreciates the efforts of EMS.

Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth provided the following update:

- September numbers so far: 162 ambulance calls; flipped three and assisted 18 times with the fly car. Have been covering the SOMAC station every Saturday for 24 hours and have done a few Fridays and Sundays.

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 9:44 a.m. on the motion of Reuter and second of Walrod.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

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