

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2023*

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

ALSO: County Administrator Mark Scimone
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
Sheriff Todd Hood
Undersheriff Bill Wilcox
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear
Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth
Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis
Director of Finance Lou Anne Randall (via Zoom)
Public Information Officer Samantha Field
Clerk to the Board Emily Burns
Confidential Secretary to Board of Supervisors Kristin Guinto
Town of Lincoln Board Member Peggy LeClair (via Zoom)
County Attorney Intern Terrence Kame

ABSENT: Supervisor Joe Wicks

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Pete Walrod at 10:02 a.m. in the Chambers.

Minutes:

The minutes of the October 25, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Bill Zupan and second of Supervisor Greg Reuter.

Assigned Counsel:

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Award Bid 23-36 and Enter Into an Agreement with M.E.I.D., LLC

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services

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

Sheriff's Office:

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with Traffic Safety Research, LLC

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with Abraham Masara, N.P.

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

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox provided the following updates:

- Update from CAC for review as you have time.
- STOP DWI HVEC Update – grant funds which will be going through Finance, Ways & Means Committee.
- Vice Chairman Pete Walrod wanted it shared with the CAC team that anyone who has helped with the 501 “C”3 task of getting to that point kudos to them for the great effort. Sheriff Hood said that Deb George is doing a great job moving forward.
- Public Information Officer Sam Field wanted to let the Committee know of the great work the Sheriff's Office did this past weekend with the Shop with a Sheriff event for the 6th year in a row. To date the Sheriff's Office has assisted 198 kids in the county. 36 kids this past Saturday were at the Oneida Walmart for the event.

Emergency Management:

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with AK Associates (Kraus Associates) – Motorola Support

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

Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear provided the following updates:

- Working through updates to the agreement for communication equipment for the villages and city to get some data equipment in their cars.
- 911 continues to have staffing issues; lost couple more dispatchers and are training more but continues to be ongoing battle to keep people.
- Financial Overview for EMS: looking at seven months of data for 2023; we have charged gross charges over \$2 million, have disallowed \$1.2 million of that, net charges are at \$836,000 and payments are half of that so we are at about the \$400,000 mark for payments received. Average call revenue is \$890 per call which is higher than we anticipated.

Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth provided the following updates:

- Since April in the Town of Sullivan we have been dispatched to 1,245 ambulance calls and have responded to 1,176 calls. Staff is doing excellent.
- Since July we have handled 156 calls in Hamilton. Fly cars have done a total of 446 calls this year which is double of the calls they did last year. So far in 2023 in total we have handled 1,778 emergency calls.
- Update on SOMAC: vehicle lease agreement has been signed. We have turned registrations

over on two ambulances. Still working on the building lease agreement. Have been able to keep two rigs in service most of the time. No trouble finding staff.

- Did training with Colgate Athletics on how to properly remove someone from the ice.

Supervisor Bill Zupan noted that it has been a pleasure to serve on the Committee and thanked all of the department heads.

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 10:28 a.m. on the motion of Reuter and second of Zupan.

Next Meeting Date:

TBD

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