

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Comm

Thursday, December 2, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

Chambers

MINUTES

**10:00 Call Meeting to Order
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Chairman Pete Walrod called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers.

Committee Members present:

Chairman Pete Walrod, Vice Chairman Loren Corbin, Supervisor Joseph Ostrander (via Zoom), Supervisor Cliff Moses and Supervisor Bill Zupan

Others present:

Board Chairman John Becker, County Administrator Mark Scimone, 1st Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell, Sheriff Todd Hood, Undersheriff Bill Wilcox, Assistant District Attorney Bob Mascari, EMS Coordinator Jenna Rosky, Director of 911 Frank McFall, Public Information Officer Samantha Field and Public Information Specialist Ryan Coe

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes of 10/21/21

Motion by Cliff Moses to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2021 meeting. Second by Loren Corbin. The motion was Passed.

District Attorney's Office:

1. Department Update

Assistant District Attorney Bob Mascari stated that his office has had a challenging few years due to bail reform and diversion, etc. Mascari is grateful for the support of this Committee and the Board in general and the Administration. The Attorney portal is up and running which should help with diversion administration. The District Attorney's Office is still on schedule for diverting traffic tickets and expect \$320K to come to County after making distributions.

There is a developing space issue with the Medical Examiners Office between the pandemic, drug overdoses and people who don't have family or a physician. Head Medical Examiner suggested they may need to start capping us. We may need to revisit with Oneida and Hamilton hospitals to inquire why they can't sign the death certificate when they are treated in the emergency room. The Medical Examiners Office is also looked at other options, and costs have also increased.

Regarding a Coroner issue, we have a very serious attempted murder case is taking up a lot of time coming up on December 13th. They are also working to make records more discreet that are distributed. Hope to have up to date in January.

Another ongoing issues, Liberty Resources has lost the funds for the DA's part-time victim advocate. We no longer have one unless it is a New York State Police case (they provide their own) or a child's case where we can use the Child Advocacy Center. For Sheriff's and all other local enforcement cases that involve adults, we do not have a victim advocate. Mascari is looking for ways to find one short of coming to this Committee for a new employee, and he will keep the Committee informed. In the meantime, CAC and the Sheriff's Office is helping find resources for people.

Discovery hasn't changed or improved, but there are some Appellate cases regarding discovery that could help us out. It is very dangerous and we are hoping it is recognized soon.

The Sheriff and Chairman Becker continue to do a great job advocating for the reform of Bail Reform. Sheriff Hood stated that Senator Rachel May is a co-sponsor of Bail Reform and she doesn't even know what it is doing. Remember that when it is time to vote. Assemblyman John Salka is at least doing something by writing legislation to get it repealed.

Mascari shared that they had a resolution on a vehicular manslaughter case yesterday. It was put together beautifully by the Sheriff's Office and prosecuted phenomenally by Brad Moses.

Chairman Walrod brought up Amish public safety regarding lack of reflective taping and signage and flashing lights. Mascari said that Sgt. Eric Knapp of the NYS Police suggested the Amish might be more receptive if they are being supplied with the safety equipment. Walrod stated that some of the older Amish orders still may not be receptive. Walrod stated that he appreciates the participation, information and education from Mascari and his office.

Sheriff's Office:

1. Authorizing Chairman to Amend and Renew an Agreement with UMR, Inc.

Motion by Cliff Moses to approve the resolution. Second by Bill Zupan. The motion was Passed.

2. Authorizing the Chairman to Modify an Agreement with Cazenovia Central School District for the Use of Special Patrol Officers

Motion by Bill Zupan to approve the resolution. Second by Cliff Moses. The motion was Passed.

3. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with the Central New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Motion by Bill Zupan to approve the resolution. Second by Loren Corbin. The motion was Passed.

4. Bridges STOP DWI 3rd Quarter Report 2021

The report provided community collaboration, education and social media outreach numbers.

5. Request for Rate Increase of PT Deputy Sheriffs and SPOs

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox stated that the Sheriff's Office is looking for a pay rate increase for part-time Special Patrol Officers from \$17.08 per hour to \$20.00 per hour (approximately \$30K budget increase per year). Madison County can't compete with Oneida and Onondaga County rates making it difficult to recruit. Supervisor Cliff Moses stated that a resolution amending the Non-Represented Employees in Job Titles in the Police Benevolent Association Bargaining Unit and for Special Patrol Officers Policy and Procedures was passed at the Government Operations Committee yesterday that would address this issue. It was a unanimous consensus of the Criminal Justice Committee to support a pay rate increase for part-time Special Patrol Officers.

Steve Laureti was able to negotiate Axon body cameras costs down from \$50K to \$30K. Mascari stated that the Evidence.com platform for Axon cameras has an interface that would give the DA's Office read only access to all the body cam footage without taking up extra server space. Supervisor Corbin suggested using ARPA funding for this one-time expense. Sheriff Hood stated that IT Director Paul Lutwak also supports this platform.

Mascari stated that the Happy Mart in Cazenovia is selling synthetic marijuana and gummies that are ending up in the high school. With the marijuana reform law and the lack of any administrative guidance from the Cannabis Control Commission, there is nothing we can do about it.

Emergency Management:

1. Approving the Operating Policies for the Madison County Emergency Medical Service Paramedic Unit

EMS Coordinator Jenna Rosky reported that Emergency Management would like to keep two Chevrolet Tahoes out of the Enterprise program for the EMS Fly Car Program. Purchasing Agent Laurie Winters asked for Committee approval. There was a unanimous consensus of the Committee to take two Tahoes out of the Enterprise program for the Fly Car Program. Motion by Cliff Moses to approve the resolution. Second by Bill Zupan. The motion

was Passed.

2. Authorizing a Low Resource Condition Policy for EMS Dispatch
Motion by Cliff Moses to approve the resolution. Second by Bill Zupan. The motion was Passed.
3. Authorizing Out-of-State Travel for the Purpose of Continuing Education for the Madison County EMS Coordinator
Motion by Cliff Moses to approve the resolution. Second by Joe Ostrander. The motion was Passed.
4. Authorizing Participation in a Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant and Modifying the 2021 Adopted County Budget
Motion by Bill Zupan to approve the resolution. Second by Pete Walrod. The motion was Passed.
5. Authorizing the Chairman to Approve a Renewal Order with Central Square for Maintenance of the Computer Aided Dispatch System
Motion by Loren Corbin to approve the resolution. Second by Cliff Moses. The motion was Passed.
6. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with ZOLL Medical Corporation for Software Licensing
Motion by Pete Walrod to approve the resolution. Second by Bill Zupan. The motion was Passed.
7. Authorizing the Madison County Emergency Medical Service Paramedic Unit to Participate in the Madison County EMS Mutual Aid Plan
Motion by Cliff Moses to approve the resolution. Second by Bill Zupan. The motion was Passed.
8. Authorizing Attendance at an Out-of-State Conference (NACo))
Motion by Cliff Moses to approve the resolution. Second by Bill Zupan. The motion was Passed.

Other Committee Business:

1. Emergency Management Update
911 Director Frank McFall updated the Committee on the Spillman/Motorola process. We were supposed to receive State Contract pricing by November 24th and have not seen the contract. If we don't see anything by the end of this week, we will begin the RFP process, which should take approximately 30 days.

McFall reported that portable radio replacements for five local police

departments have been purchased to replace outdated equipment. They just need to be programmed and distributed. Also, the Multi-jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan RFP was due this week. Responses are being reviewed with recommendations for this Committee in January, and will include all municipalities that want to participate.

2. Re-Appointing Members to the Madison County Traffic Safety Board

Motion by Bill Zupan to approve the resolution. Second by Cliff Moses. The motion was Passed.

Preferred Agenda

Motion by Cliff Moses to approve all resolutions for the Committee's Preferred Agenda.. Second by Bill Zupan. The motion was Passed.

Next Meeting:

1. TBD

Adjourn

Motion by Cliff Moses to adjourn at 11:00 a.m.. Second by Joe Ostrander. The motion was Passed.