

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2024*

PRESENT: Chairman Rex Vosburg
Vice-Chairman Loren Corbin
Supervisor Pete Walrod
Supervisor Joe Wicks
Supervisor Michelle Kinville
Supervisor Greg Reuter

ALSO: Board Chairman James Cunningham
County Administrator Mark Scimone
Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
Undersheriff Bill Wilcox
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear
Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth
Director of Finance Lou Anne Randall
Public Information Officer Samantha Field
Clerk to the Board Emily Burns
City of Oneida Supervisor Mary Cavanagh
Town of Sullivan Supervisor Tom Daviau
Town of Lenox Supervisor Joseph John Pinard
Town of Lincoln Board Member Peggy LeClair

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vosburg at 9:00 a.m. in the Chambers.

Minutes:

The minutes of the August 28, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Pete Walrod and second of Supervisor Michelle Kinville.

Sheriff's Office:

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox presented the following resolution to the Committee:

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

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

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox provided the following updates:

- Have three budget modifications going to Finance, Ways & Means: Highway Safety Grant, NYS Office of Victim Services Grant Award and Office of Child and Family Services Grant.
- Commission of Corrections sent out a new reminder regarding reproductive rights for incarcerated individuals. If an inmate chooses to have an abortion, the County would have to pay for it. This has never happened but wanted to make the Committee aware.

District Attorney:

Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari provided the following updates:

- Mascari informed the Committee that there would be a resolution going to GOC for Dr. Newton for Coroner Physician Services to increase his compensation from \$5K to \$10K. It was the consensus of the Committee to pass this resolution to GOC.
- Sam Rodgers and I went to California for a child abuse conference.
- Will have two retirements by the end of April 2025 on the Administrative side.

Emergency Management:

Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear provided the following updates:

- There is a resolution for the trade-in of a 2016 Ford F450 Ambulance going to Highway, Buildings & Grounds.
- Public Safety Systems Coordinator Andy Harmon-Kimball is working with Supervisor Corbin and the Town of Brookfield and the Town of Hamilton on a radio issue with a FCC license and how we move forward. Will have a meeting in early October with the two towns and school district.
- We are seeing an increase in the billing for Language Line who we use for interpretation services in the 911 center. While some of the costs are for 911, we have been covering these costs for other departments as well (DA's, CAP Court, Sheriff's Office), and these costs will most likely continue to increase.
- There is also a big demand on 911 with discovery rules and they are not recipients of any grant programs to help offset the costs but there are significant costs and time involved.
- Had a meeting last night in Hamilton regarding the proposed OSHA changes. These changes will increase safety but the costs associated with it are extreme. The meeting was taped and will be available for those who would like to watch it on our YouTube channel.
- Had a meeting with NYSEG on Monday. We discussed their need for a better tree program and their need to be quicker on water and dry ice during storms/outages. We also discussed the electrification of NY.
- Will be getting vending machines for supplies and medications at each ambulance station for inventory management.

Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth provided the following updates:

- In the 96% call handled rate in Sullivan and 99% call handled rate in Hamilton.
- Want to make everyone aware that we don't staff the 2nd ambulances at the stations 24 hours a day. The 2nd ambulance in Sullivan is staffed 16 hours a day and the 2nd ambulance in Hamilton is staffed 12 hours a day. We also don't have a 2nd ambulance do transfers out of the hospital 24 hours a day.
- Had a discussion with the ambulance provider out of DeRuyter. He has asked for assistance so we will start assisting with the fly car staff in the Town of DeRuyter.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Supervisor Pete Walrod to enter into executive session at 9:45 a.m. to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation. Supervisor Joe Wicks seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Michelle Kinville to exit executive session at 10:12 a.m. Supervisor Joe Wicks 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 10:12 a.m. on the motion of Kinville and second of Corbin.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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