

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
November 25, 2024*

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

ALSO: Board Chairman James Cunningham
County Administrator Mark Scimone
Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari
County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
Undersheriff Bill Wilcox
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear
Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth
Clerk to the Board Emily Burns
Director of Finance Lou Anne Randall
Public Information Officer Samantha Field
Town of Lenox Supervisor Joseph John Pinard

ABSENT: Supervisor Joe Wicks

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

Minutes:

The minutes of the October 23, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Vice-Chairman Loren Corbin and second of Supervisor Michelle Kinville.

District Attorney:

Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari provided the following updates:

- Continue to work through issues with storage needs and sharing body worn cameras. Working with the Sheriff's Office, Mark Scimone, Chairman Cunningham and Paul Lutwak to see if there is any way to make things better. It would be around \$100K extra a year through Axon.
- Continue to plan for a couple of retirements. Have a plan in place that will hopefully work.
- An issue that will have to be resolved one way or the other is the Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO), also known as a Red Flag Order, which is a court order to take weapons away from people who aren't necessarily charged with a crime but is based on something they said or did. The issue as a DA's office is we are charged with prosecuting and handling all crimes and offenses occurring within Madison County. ERPO's are civil in nature and in the last two months we have had two that we have been asked to appear on. Not sure we are the ones who should be providing representation on a civil matter. There is a liability issue, and I don't know if the malpractice policy we have with the National District Attorney's Office covers us doing

civil litigations. We would look for something in writing from the Board and/or the County Attorney's telling us how we are going to be indemnified if there are any claims against us. Will look at this but wanted to make the Committee aware of what's coming.

Sheriff's Office:

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into a Memorandum of Understanding with Madison County Council on Alcoholism & Substance Abuse, Inc. (DBA BRIDGES)

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

Emergency Management:

Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear provided the following updates:

- Having some difficulties with our policy related to inter-facility transfers at Hamilton Hospital. Looking to institute an actual policy that identifies what we are willing to do and when. Will put something into the policy and get it to the Board. Might end up doing a written agreement with the hospital into next year.
- Will put another policy change through related to Chenango County. We are being asked to go deep into Chenango County so we have put together a map of what we think is a reasonable expectation of where we are willing to go.
- Would like to put together an agreement with the Village of Sherburne for an ALS link charge with them.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Supervisor Michelle Kinville to enter into executive session at 9:25 a.m. to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation. Vice-Chairman Loren Corbin seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Pete Walrod to exit executive session at 10:02 a.m. Vice-Chairman Loren Corbin 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 10:02 a.m. on the motion of Walrod and second of Corbin.

Next Meeting Date:

TBD

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