

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2025*

PRESENT: Chairman Rex Vosburg
Vice-Chairman Loren Corbin
Supervisor Pete Walrod
Supervisor Joe Wicks
Supervisor Greg Reuter (via Zoom)

ALSO: Board Chairman James Cunningham
County Administrator Mark Scimone
Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
Sheriff Todd Hood
Director of Administrative Services (Sheriff's) Stephen Laureti
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear
Director of 911 Frank McFall
Director of Finance Lou Anne Randall
Clerk to the Board Emily Burns
Confidential Secretary to Board of Supervisors Jennifer Keville
Public Information Officer Samantha Field
Town of Lenox Supervisor Joseph John Pinard
Village of DeRuyter Mayor Travis Marshall

ABSENT: Supervisor Michelle Kinville

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

Minutes:

The minutes of the January 22, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Vice-Chairman Loren Corbin and second of Supervisor Joe Wicks.

District Attorney:

Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari provided the following updates:

- Have a case that will be argued before the Court of Appeals by Sam Rodgers on April 9 in Albany.
- March 12th is the Annual Law Enforcement training at SUNY Morrisville sponsored by the Sheriff's Office STOP DWI program. Anyone is welcome to attend. There is a morning session and an evening session.
- There will be changes coming to Discovery Laws which are going to be better as far as not seeing cases dismissed on technicalities.
- Linda Paul has retired but is working for us part-time. Lori Storm will retire the end of April but she will work for us part-time as well. Not looking to replace them; we will use the two

part-time positions instead of hiring another full-time position.

- One full-time assistant went down to 80%.
- Got a bid for new computers that we desperately need. Looking forward to getting those.
- We receive a CARP grant (Crimes Against Revenue Program) that one of our investigators, Paul Clapper, is in charge of. Last year, this \$67K grant the State gives us, we recovered \$378K. Referrals from DSS have gone down. Our other investigator, Julie Netzband, we hired to take care of domestic violence and sexual assault victims. We are looking to add a part-time investigators position which will allow us to move Paul Clapper into a part-time position and make Julie Netzband full-time. We can do this at no additional cost to our budget. Supervisor Pete Walrod noted this was on the agenda for GOC tomorrow.
- Have taken steps to address what has been stagnant traffic diversion revenue. In place now and going well in local courts. A 2025 contract was signed at no additional cost to the County.

Sheriff's Office:

Director of Administrative Services Stephen Laureti presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with QuickMAR Facility and PointClickCare Technologies Inc.

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Wicks and second of Corbin.

Sheriff Todd Hood provided the following updates:

- Received a call from a Supervisor that there were some horses out in a field that had not been fed in a few days and had no shelter. They are in the process of investigating the situation now and will reach out to some places to try and find someone to take them. Sheriff Hood wondered if the County could maybe look for a place that has a barn/pole barn where we could bring horses, dogs and cats in emergency situations; a large animal rescue place that the Sheriff's would be willing to take over.
- Todd Baxter, Sheriff in Monroe County came up with Consortium for Safe Communities. They put together a package in an act that would require DCJS to create and validate a risk assessment tool that could be used by judges when making pre-trial restriction decisions. This would create a risk assessment instrument which courts would use to make decisions regarding pre-trial custody allowing them to determine the threat posed by an individual and the threat from being released back into the community, it addresses the issue of repeat offenders and acknowledges mental health issues contributing to increased crime. We will follow that as it goes along. A lot of people are buying into it so hopefully we can get that pushed into New York.

Emergency Management:

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with Smithfield-Eaton Volunteer Ambulance Corp. (SEVAC)

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Corbin and second of Wicks.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with Bridgewater Fire Co. and Ambulance

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Corbin and second of Wicks.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of DeRuyter for EMS/Ambulance Services

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

Discussion: As amended. Approved subject to Village approval and final dollar amount.

Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear provided the following updates:

- Have had quite a few fires this year. Reminder to check smoke detectors, vents, hydrants and roofs at and around your house.
- Got through snow event. Thank you to Public Information Officer Samantha Field for the help with messaging and thank you to the highway department, town highway departments and facilities for their efforts with snow removal and keeping the roads clear.
- Jenna has a full inspection today from the Department of Health.
- In 2024, there were 2,208 claims that were billable calls. Gross charges were 4.9 million and net charges were just shy of 2.1 million. We budgeted 1.8 million for 2024. There is still a \$22,000 balance from 2023.

Director of 911 Frank McFall provided the following updates:

- Last year, 911 answered 74,400 calls and had 54,700 dispatches.
- Down to one open position in the center. Thanks to HR with the HELPS Program which really helped us. We have a pending application for the one open position and once that is filled, this will be the first time in almost 22 years that we will be fully staffed for a little while.
- Have one employee who will be retiring in May.
- Andy Harmon-Kimball, our Public Safety Systems Coordinator, is working to build a RACES or ARES team which involves local ham radio operators. He is working on qualifications now and hopefully next time we give an update we will be ready to have the Committee look at it and get approval.
- NYS is on a big push for next generation 911 which will be a lot of video calls and face time to 911 type technology. We are doing a lot to update our GIS information with the State and it also goes along with the map upgrade we will be doing with our Spillman FLEX program. Soon the State Police will be able to see our CAD and we will be able to see where their cars are on our maps.
- Had our first meeting of PROC (Procedure Review and Oversight Committee) yesterday. It has been for County partners only but we decided to open it up to all the local law enforcement which will be helpful for all of us. Will have another meeting quarterly.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Loren Corbin to enter into executive session at 9:36 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 Vice-Chairman Loren Corbin to exit executive session at 10:49 a.m. Supervisor Pete Walrod 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 10:51 a.m. on the motion of Wicks and second of Corbin.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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