

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2025*

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

ALSO: Board Chairman James Cunningham
County Administrator Mark Scimone
Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
County Attorney Intern Michael Mariani
Undersheriff James Quatrone
Director of Administrative Services (Sheriff's) Stephen Laureti
Criminal Division Captain Shawn Burbidge
Director of Finance Lou Anne Randall
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear
Emergency Management Deputy Director Mike Sudol
Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth
Emergency Management Associate Christa Gilkey
Clerk to the Board Emily Burns
Public Information Officer Samantha Field
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
President of GLAS Alex Brown
Director of Vineall Bill Vineall
Director of SEVAC Hayden Scott
Supervisor of Madison Ambulance Erik Merrell
CAVAC Chief of EMS Jeff Jones
CAVAC Treasurer Dennis Goldman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vosburg at 9:01 a.m. in the Chambers.

Minutes:

The minutes of the May 28, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Joe Wicks and second of Supervisor Michelle Kinville.

District Attorney:

Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari provided the following updates:

- Implementing and in the early stages of the new Justice Premier program to help with discovery and body worn cameras; same type of program Assigned Counsel got.
- Went to Chicago this past week for the Artificial Intelligence Hackathon. Assured as far as what they are doing to protect our confidential information but also worried about what it can do. Will talk to the County Attorney's Office about what type of Westlaw we have; might want to upgrade in the future.
- Our new ADA, Robert Miller, starts on Monday; excited for him to start.

Sheriff's Office:

Undersheriff James Quatrone presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with the Sherburne-Earlville Central School District for the Use of Special Patrol Officers

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

Discussion: Approved on the understanding that the school pays 75% and Madison County pays 25%.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with the Stockbridge Valley Central School District for the Use of Special Patrol Officers

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Amend and Modify an Agreement with Wanderer's Rest Humane Association, Inc.

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

Undersheriff James Quatrone provided the following updates:

- Our office did a great job for the flooding. We had around 137 calls that morning. The Captain ran a great detail. The fire department did a great job with the barricades. Would like to commend everyone that works for our office and that came in and ones that volunteered to come in. Captain Shawn Burbidge said they used Everbridge so they can do a mass recall for everyone in their office. They put it out there for those who were interested in coming in with the detail and location and had ten people respond immediately. They used it again in the afternoon for the City of Oneida and had six deputies respond and they brought the flat bottom boat from Brown Road in the event that the flats flooded.
- Hired a retired trooper for the Sherburne-Earlville school district.

Director of Administrative Services Stephen Laureti provided the following update:

- Budget modification to move some money around for a new hire going to Finance, Ways & Means.

Emergency Management:

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Oonondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with the Town of Georgetown for Emergency Medical Services

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

Discussion: Supervisor Pete Walrod would like to have an open discussion with the Committee of the Whole on where we are headed with individual town's contributions.

Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear provided the following updates:

- Several towns had damage from the storm/flooding that came through. Thanks to the town highway departments, county highway department, fire departments, EMS agencies, Sheriffs, my team, the 911 center and everyone who stepped up and helped out. We need residents who have been impacted by the storm to do the damage survey that is online to get assistance.
- We put in a request to have Team Rubicon deployed to Madison County to help with storm damage. It has been approved by the state and is in process.

Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth provided the following updates:

- There are a couple bills we need some support with. One is A8086A and another is S7501A. Both have passed Assembly and Senate. They direct counties to develop and maintain a comprehensive county emergency medical system plan. We have been working with our other EMS agencies and have a feeling that this is going to be supported by the governor. After it's signed, people will have six months to come up with a plan on how they are going to support EMS in their county. Another one is S1989 which is make EMS essential to get state aid. Just looking for your support with these bills.
- We have been watching our numbers and our call volume has significantly increased. From April 1, 2023 to June 15, 2025, our overall call volume has gone up 148% and our overnight call volume has gone up 27% mainly in Sullivan. We sent the Town of Sullivan a proposal for an expansion of that building as we need to increase staffing levels for the Sullivan Station and need the towns help to do that. Need to know where we go from here; not sure where the town is on that request.

Representatives from EMS agencies GLAS, CAVAC, SEVAC, Madison Ambulance and Vineall were in attendance to talk about challenges they are facing with funding they are receiving. Bill Vineall thanked the Board for their leadership and for stepping up. It was suggested that the Board consider increasing the 1.2 million that is set aside to distribute to EMS agencies to 1.5 million as a starting point.

There will be a special meeting to discuss this further on Monday, July 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the Chambers.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Supervisor Pete Walrod to enter into executive session at 10:13 a.m. to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Supervisor Joe Wicks seconded the motion and it was

unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Michelle Kinville to exit executive session at 10:28 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 10:28 a.m. on the motion of Walrod and second of Wicks.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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