

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
May 29, 2024*

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

ALSO: Board Chairman Joseph John Pinard
Board Vice-Chairwoman Melissa During (via Zoom)
County Administrator Mark Scimone
Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
County Attorney Intern Trey Gates
Sheriff Todd Hood
Undersheriff Bill Wilcox
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear
Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth
Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis (via Zoom)
Director of Finance Lou Anne Randall
Treasurer Cindy Edick
Public Information Officer Samantha Field
Clerk to the Board Emily Burns
City of Oneida Supervisor Mary Cavanagh
Town of Lincoln Board Member Peggy LeClair (via Zoom)

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

Minutes:

The minutes of the May 1, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Pete Walrod and second of Supervisor Greg Reuter.

Assigned Counsel:

Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into a Second Extension Agreement with New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for a Five-Year Distribution 2018-2023

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into a Settlement Agreement with Intellix, Inc. on Behalf of Madison County

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for a Three-Year Distribution 2024-2026 (3rd Family Defense Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction Grant)

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

Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis provided the following updates:

- 4th UQI & CR budget modification going to Finance, Ways & Means.
- ILS Distribution #14 budget modification going to Finance, Ways & Means.

District Attorney:

Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement (Crimes Against Revenue Program (CARP) Grant)

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Sign an Agreement with Onondaga County for Autopsy Services

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

Discussion: Supervisor Kinville said that on the contract it says that Madison County shall carry Workers' Compensation and wondered if that was for the funeral directors that do the transfers. Kinville wondered if we should make funeral homes produce that certificate so that Madison County is not liable if someone was to get hurt. Mascari said that he would check into that and find out.

Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari provided the following updates:

- DA Gabor did a successful 2nd trial with another conviction.
- Michael finished up a home invasion trial resulting in a conviction on all accounts.
- Yesterday we got a plea on a contractor case and were able to get a felony plea with the recovery of money that the people were out.
- Trials for the rest of the year are completely booked. County Court has no more trial dates to give us.
- Have been lucky to have a candidate lined up to replace Jane Raven that has ten years of prosecutorial experience and has handled homicides. Hoping for positive movement on the salary schedule that Human Resources has come up with.

Sheriff's Office:

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Apply for the 2024 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program from the US Department of Justice

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

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 Kinville and second of Reuter.

Authorizing the Chairman to Renew an Agreement with UMR, Inc.

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

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox provided the following updates:

- FY2023 State Homeland Security Program (SLETPP) budget modification going to Finance, Ways & Means.
- Thank you to Emergency Management for the help over the last week.

Emergency Management:

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Lebanon for the Purpose of Providing Emergency Medical Services

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with Colgate University for the Purpose of Providing Emergency Medical Services for Athletic and Other Events (2024-2025 Academic Year)

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

Approving Updates to the Operating Policies for Madison County Emergency Medical Services

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with New York State Police Troop D for the Use of Madison County's Interoperable Communications System

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

Supervisor Reuter asked if any study had been done on the communications system being disrupted by all the wind turbines that will be going up in Madison County. Emergency Management Director Dan Degear said that the County Attorneys are working through the process and our comments are in with that. First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell said that they are working with outside counsel on this and someone would be reporting at the Highway Committee meeting this afternoon.

Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear provided the following updates:

- Doug and one of our investigators spent last week at the Arson Conference.
- Mike is at the Technical Rescue Conference this week. It's that time of year where we are doing a lot of trainings and conferences.
- Received a call a couple of weeks ago from the Canal Corporation that they activated the emergency action plan for the Lake Moraine dam. They have since put a sandbag weir around it to contain it and will continue to monitor it.
- Received majority of radio order. In the process of replacing the radios in Highway.
- Spent three days at the Training Center a few weeks ago on EOC leadership. Lots of new rules coming out on EOC management. Need to start training EOC personnel so that we are compliant with NIMS.
- Getting geared up for upcoming events and fairs.
- Received an email this morning that the Governor has put together a counsel on health of law enforcement. Will make sure that all first responders are included in this also.
- Did receive word that they anticipate the Senate to pass the EMS bills so we are expecting passage of the bill that deems EMS as an essential service.

Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth provided the following updates:

- So far this year, have done just over 1,300 calls between Sullivan, Hamilton and fly car. Still averaging a 96% call handled rate in Sullivan and a 99% call handled rate in Hamilton.
- The Hubbardsville EMT class I have been teaching just finished and all of the 22 students that took their hands on testing passed and there will be four more so that will put 26 new EMTs out there.
- Morgan is starting a summer class in Cazenovia and that class now has a waiting list. There are 18 people signed up. Tom will hopefully be teaching a class in Bridgeport in the Fall. I will be teaching another class in the Spring in the Southern Madison County area.
- Our EMS educator Morgan has turned out 254 CPR cards so far this year with six more classes coming up in June.
- Starting the process on our permanent CON. The county-wide CON we have is temporary. We had to prove need before they made it permanent. Have to file the application with REMSCO. Will be asking permission to use the Chambers for our public hearing when it comes about.
- We would like to add four full-time Paramedic positions and four full-time EMT positions so we can have a dedicated workforce of full time employees so they can keep ambulances in service and put Tom, Jeremy and myself back in our administrative positions. The cost to add these positions would be about \$600K but we would like to change some of our part-time positions and make them full-time positions. By using the dedicated staffing plan from the part-time positions that would save us about \$400K so we would need about \$200K. Our projected revenue from our higher call volume and the utilization of resources more efficiently with full-time employees we are looking at bringing in more revenue than we projected for the

year so we would be able to cover our costs. It would also reduce our overtime spending significantly. This will be going to GOC tomorrow. It's reclassification of part-time positions into full-time positions. The money is in the budget.

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 10:08 a.m. on the motion of Reuter and second of Walrod.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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