

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2025*

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

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
County Attorney Intern Michael Mariani
Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis
Sheriff Todd Hood
Undersheriff James Quatrone
Director of Finance Lou Anne Randall
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear
Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth
Emergency Management Associate Christa Gilkey
Public Information Specialist Ryan Coe
Clerk to the Board Emily Burns
Public Information Officer Samantha Field
Town of Sullivan Supervisor Tom Daviau
Town of Lenox Supervisor Joseph John Pinard
Town of Hamilton Supervisor Eve Ann Schwartz
Town of Lincoln Supervisor Melissa During (via Zoom)

ABSENT: Supervisor Greg Reuter

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vosburg at 8:35 a.m. in the Chambers.

Minutes:

The minutes of the June 25, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Pete Walrod and second of Vice-Chairman Loren Corbin.

District Attorney:

Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari provided the following updates:

- Cindy asked us to make a change on our traffic diversion policies which we did. The County share of traffic diversion for 2025 was \$320K and with the changes and procedures we did, right now based on the first half of the year we can increase that number by about \$40K to be closer to \$360K. We added some things to traffic diversion including aggravated unlicensed

operation and we are doing a lot more things in court to help the courts and to raise that number. We divided what is received into two categories: money that's coming from our web post diversion management and money we receive directly. Money that we received directly in January was \$7K and in June it was up to \$22,500.

- As of August 1st, Mr. Gabor is going to part-time. We will have cut a part-time attorney, one full-time OAI position and our part-time typist traffic clerk position. We did add on an extra part-time investigator.
- There is an executive law that requires every DA's office to have a special room for interviewing and talking to a child. Will take corner office that was Bill's and use that as a dedicated special room and also Julie Netzband's office. Will need to replace the furniture in Bill's office as it is his and will be going with him and replace the conference table and chairs.
- Still exploring and talking with Assigned Counsel to decide if we should add the co-counsel function for Westlaw.
- Reminder for Supervisors and those in the room that July 31st at 6:30 p.m. at the Brewster Inn will be a retirement party for Mr. Gabor.

Sheriff's Office:

Undersheriff James Quatrone presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Undersheriff James Quatrone provided the following updates:

- Sheriff Hood signed an application with ICE (Immigration Customs Enforcement), 287G, which will allow us to have four Corrections Officers or Deputies trained (8 hours of training) to facilitate the transfer of criminal migrants. We have to have a criminal charge and they have to be in our jail. This allows us to notify ICE that we have them in our custody and once we release them from our custody, we have 48 hours that we can hold them before ICE will pick them up or we can transfer them. Many of them are going to Batavia which is the closest holding location for migrants. If they have a court order from a judge, we can hold them. The training is free, and we are just waiting to hear from ICE. Supervisor Eve Ann Schwartz stated that since we are entering into this agreement, the Board of Supervisors have responsibilities to the tax payers of Madison County. She would like to see a monthly report from the Sheriff's Office to provide information about how many people are being trained, how many hours of training, if they are traveling the travel time, mileage expended per month and any federal dollars received to reimburse Madison County for expenses. She would also like to see the

numbers of undocumented persons detained by Madison County officers and held at the Madison County jail under criminal warrants each month and civil warrants, the cost of housing these undocumented persons who have been detained by ICE or Madison County officers, any federal dollars received for housing undocumented persons in Madison County jail and what it costs us to do that and the location of employment for these people that have been detained. Supervisor Shwartz would like the Committee to pass a resolution or something to be considered by other Committee members as well.

- Everyone received a copy of the STOP DWI quarterly report to review.
- Have a budget modification for the Office of Victim Services Grant going to Finance, Ways & Means.
- Sheriff Hood mentioned that the New York Times came in yesterday and did an interview on the school resource program. They talked to Sergeant Feola who runs the program and one of our SRO's from Stockbridge. Stay tuned on that.

Emergency Management:

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

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

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

Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear provided the following updates:

- We participated in The New York Times interview yesterday on MTAC (Threat Assessment Committee) which is a great program. We are identifying people in need of assistance and getting them the services they need before bad things happen. We are up to 130 people we have identified and worked with, and the Sheriff's Office and Sergeant Feola are leading it and doing a great job.
- Not likely to receive a FEMA declaration from the recent flooding. We do not meet the State threshold. This is for public works, infrastructure, buildings, etc. Madison County has to meet a damage threshold of \$321K and the State needs to hit a threshold of \$38 million. We are working with State recovery and small business administration that has a recovery aspect for individuals. This is a program that provides low interest loans to help people recover without flood insurance. Did a tour with them last week, and we believe we did meet the threshold. Expecting an announcement in the next couple of weeks.
- Getting ready to write budgets for next year and have a few items to make everyone aware of. There are new 911 requirements coming out of the State that says there needs to be a supervisor on the floor at all times so we will need to plan for that. Working on transition planning of the Fire Coordinator. Have talked to the potential replacement and we want to bring them on for an extended period of time next year to work with the Fire Coordinator to help ease the transition process. Regarding ambulances, when we had five we looked at replacing one a year and trading them in with around 120K miles. Now that we have seven, trading one a year won't keep up so we might do one every 9 months instead of 12 months. Looking for the Committee to weigh in on whether we are doing municipal support of EMS and if the towns are helping or not helping.
- One of our EMS supervisors was injured while off-duty and will be out of work for a few weeks if you could keep him in your thoughts.

- In June, the Town of Sullivan ambulance crews ran 126 charts at \$144,371; Hamilton had 65 charts at \$100,710 and DeRuyter ran 28 charts at \$36,040 so that is a total of 219 charts at almost \$300K for the month of June.
- DeRuyter station is working out very well for us. We are happy with our call times out of that location.

Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth provided the following updates:

- Have some renovation needs at the stations. Would like to get some community involvement in renovating our Hamilton building. We don't have enough garage space for ambulances and the garage space we do have is corroding and rotting out the bottom of our ambulances and there is no circulation in the garage and the ceiling is falling in because there is no circulation. It is going to be a money pit for us. We would like to work with some of the non-for-profits in the area to help us raise money to get the building functional but we need an engineer to come in and look at the building and tell us what we need to do. John Regan has come down and given us some great ideas. We don't own the building yet.
- We are seeing an uptick of calls in Sullivan and we are going to need to think about what we are going to do in the Town of Sullivan because we need more crews there and we don't have space for more. We are waiting for some guidance on that.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Supervisor Pete Walrod to enter into executive session at 9:50 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 Joe Wicks to exit executive session at 10:26 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 10:26 a.m. on the motion of Corbin and second of Wicks.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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