

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2025*

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

ALSO: Board Chairman James Cunningham
County Administrator Mark Scimone
Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari
Senior Assistant District Attorney Sam Rodgers
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis
Probation Director Joanne Miller
Sheriff Todd Hood
Undersheriff James Quatrone
Director of Administrative Services (Sheriff's) Stephen Laureti
Lieutenant Kevin Feola
Lieutenant Mike Currier
Captain Neal Schneider
Sergeant Dave Carpenter
Director of Finance Lou Anne Randall
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear (via Zoom)
Emergency Management Deputy Director Mike Sudol
Fire Coordinator Doug Shattuck
Public Information Officer Samantha Field
Clerk to the Board Emily Burns
Confidential Secretary to Board of Supervisors Jennifer Cossette
Town of Lenox Supervisor Joseph John Pinard
Town of Hamilton Supervisor Eve Ann Shwartz (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vosburg at 9:03 a.m. in the Chambers.

Minutes:

The minutes of the July 21, 2025 special meeting and the July 23, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Michelle Kinville and second of Supervisor Pete Walrod.

Assigned Counsel (Added):

Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis provided the following update:

- Went over the proposed 2026 budget. Most of the budget is dependent on State funding. Asking for the same amount of money for family court and decreasing the dollar amount for criminal court. The anticipated 2026 budget reduction to the County is about \$108,043.

District Attorney:

Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari provided the following updates:

- Named Sam Rodgers our Chief Assistant District Attorney. There will be a budget resolution making Sam the 2nd highest paid in our office.
- Sam is part of the management team that has been designated along with Confidential Secretary Mary Beth. We have held office meetings with attorneys, investigators and staff to plan for the future and come up with ideas on how we can improve the office. We will all get together on October 3rd at Delphi Falls to discuss it.
- Had a Chief's meeting yesterday at Delphi Falls to go over discovery updates with them.
- Went over the proposed 2026 budget. We have reduced it slightly for 2026.
- Dr. Newton has requested that he work under a contract rather than an employee.
- Would like to upgrade Westlaw with the Co-Counsel platform.
- Looking to re-do an area in the office to make it where witnesses can go.
- Will be getting a plaque for the office that shows all of the District Attorneys of Madison County over the years with their years of service.
- Going forward, we will be more public facing.

Probation:

Probation Director Joanne Miller provided the following updates:

- Reviewed the proposed 2026 budget. There is a slight decrease in the 2026 budget request.
- Had a new probation officer start in July who is in training.
- Had one of our supervisors leave us in August to go to State Homeland Security.
- Our former juvenile probation officer is now a supervisor and a former probation officer has been promoted to senior to take her spot.
- We have two probation officer vacancies. Waiting for the civil service test results which should be available in September or October.
- Have a lot of trainings going on. One employee will be attending the basic peace officer course, another employee will be doing the fundamentals of probation, all three new hires will be doing firearm training in October and the supervisor will be doing supervisor training in Albany.

Sheriff's Office:

Undersheriff James Quatrone presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with the St. Patrick's School District for the Use of Special Patrol Officers

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

Sheriff Todd Hood provided the following updates:

- Going over the budget, there will be some increases with ammunition and training and software tracking.
- \$200K in revenue brought in at this point in the year. We still have a few months to go in boarding costs from the jail.

Undersheriff James Quatrone provided the following updates:

- There is no increase in the budget for the grant for the Multidisciplinary Team for the CAC. Deb George moved some money around.
- Still down two police officers. One of them we won't hire until after the first of the year due to the training lieutenant position. Part of the increase in training is due to the DCJS pushing for SPO's to be peace officers which involves about 170 hours of training. We have around 17 employees that will need to go through that training.

Emergency Management:

Deputy Director of Emergency Management Mike Sudol presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Urging the Governor to Sign Legislation Related to Removing Emergency Medical Services from the Limit on Real Property Taxes

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

Fire Coordinator Doug Shattuck provided the following updates:

- NERIS Status: New York agencies are in the process of getting signed up. There is still a significant delay/gap in getting the required 911 data transmitted to fire departments. CAD providers are behind the ability of their software to comply. Third party reporting companies are still getting authorized.
- The BOCES program at the Training Center is set to start September 3rd. The fire program has 12 students from 7 school districts and the EMT program has 9 students from 7 school

districts. We have a new teacher this year, Mike Valenti, who is retired from the Syracuse Fire Department.

- We graduated 20 Fire Officer 1 students from the Erieville class. We have 15 Madison County students enrolled in Fire Officer 2 in November.
- We have some errors in the fire district boundaries map that are being corrected in Madison, Lebanon and Eaton. I have conducted response studies in Lebanon and Eaton to date and will be conducting others over the next year to identify quickest responses.

Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear provided the following update:

- We are concerned about the siting of a potential windmill in the Town of Fenner that could impact communications between the Mutton Hill tower site and the Carey Hill tower site. That is the tower site that provides coverage to the Town of Sullivan. There was a hearing on Monday that the County participated in. Would like to bring in a consultant for next year so we can get the Carey Hill tower in a loop as a spur.

Deputy Director of Emergency Management Mike Sudol provided the following updates:

- Will be participating in a CEPA survey on September 24 at Delphi Falls. The State will come in and look at our capabilities and identify any gaps. This is used as a tool for future training, planning and resource purposes.
- We will be updating our comprehensive emergency management plan. DHSES will offer guidance and assistance with this.
- Our EM Planner, Christa, is fine tuning and working on our EOC plans.
- Went over the proposed 2026 budget. There are changes in EMS revenues based on trend data to date. There is an increase in the proposed 2026 budget for OEM and 911.

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 10:27 a.m. on the motion of Kinville and second of Wicks.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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