

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2025*

PRESENT: Chairman Rex Vosburg
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
Sheriff Todd Hood (via Zoom)
Undersheriff James Quatrone
Director of Finance Lou Anne Randall
Budget Analyst Susan McConnell
Public Information Specialist Ryan Coe
Clerk to the Board Emily Burns
Town of Lenox Supervisor Joseph John Pinard
Town of Sullivan Supervisor Tom Daviau

ABSENT: Vice-Chairman Loren Corbin

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vosburg at 9:04 a.m. in the Chambers.

Minutes:

The minutes of the August 27, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Greg Reuter and second of Supervisor Michelle Kinville.

District Attorney:

Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari provided the following updates:

- The 2026 proposed budget is a reduction in net cost from the 2025 adopted budget for the DA's Office.
- The DA's Office received no federal funds and has reduced staffing over the course of 2025 and doesn't seek to increase staffing in 2026.
- For 2026, the County share from Traffic Diversion is budgeted at \$360K which would mean approximately \$177K being distributed to the localities. Adjustments made at the County's request leads to the conclusion that this amount might be low but it's too early to have a clear trend. Prosecutors report that the program has saved them time in handling the local courts.
- Under the local law, the DA's Office administers the Traffic Diversion program but received no

money for doing so. This has placed a huge burden on our staff which is exacerbated by the adjustments made at the County's request. There is also local court resistance to the 67% County and 33% locality split of diversion revenue.

- Kings County has a job posting for an attorney to handle nothing but artificial intelligence issues. Our office has moved to Axon Premier Plus which has AI capabilities. We will be proposing a contract with Westlaw who has CoCounsel which is their artificial intelligence product. The DA's Office is also advocating for the County to add full functionality for Co-Pilot on Office 365.
- Dr. Newton wishes to drop off of Madison County payroll and perform his Coroner Physician duties under a contract. The Coroner budget for 2026 was increased to \$15K since he will have to pay his own fringes and to recognize money saved on autopsies.
- The Sheriff, Oneida Police Department Chief Lowell and Magistrate President Finacchiaro have all requested the DA's Office to appear at CAP arraignments in person. Judges receive \$250 as State employees every time they actually appear, Assigned Counsel receives \$275 whether they appear or not with funding from grants and DA personnel would presently receive nothing for 25/7/365 coverage. In both Onondaga and Oneida Counties, prosecutors are paid to appear. The cost to compensate Madison County prosecutors is around \$72,250 plus depending on how it's paid out. Madison County has five full-time attorneys, including the DA, which is significantly less than the judges and ACP supply. While DA coverage is preferred, the law only requires the defendant, a defense attorney and a judge to be present. These are some of the reasons why DA personnel are not appearing at CAP arraignments.

Assigned Counsel (Added):

Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis provided the following updates:

- In the process of hiring a caseworker. This person will allow us to have an in-house person to manage treatment for defendants in both criminal court and clients in family court.
- Went to Albany last week; was invited by ILS. It was an honor for me to be asked to be one of the moderators on their family court panel.

Sheriff's Office:

Undersheriff James Quatrone presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

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

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Amend the Inmate Telephone Services Agreement with Global Tel*Link Corporation d/b/a ViaPath Technologies

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement for Police Tactical Team Cooperation

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

Undersheriff James Quatrone provided the following updates:

- U.S. Marshals Service Revenue Increase: Currently it's \$88 a day for federal inmates, and we are trying to get it at \$110 a day. The transport deputies would be from \$24 to \$34.54 per hour. Right now, we are discussing it with the feds.
- We had a deputy graduate from the K-9 academy with the trooper's academy last week; will start on Monday with his new dog. Another deputy is in the academy now. We obtained a free dog from the State for him.
- Have assisted with several ICE arrests.

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 9:34 a.m. on the motion of Kinville and second of Reuter.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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