

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2024

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
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
Undersheriff Bill Wilcox
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear
Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth
Fire Coordinator Doug Shattuck
Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis
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 Sullivan Supervisor Tom Daviau
Town of Lincoln Supervisor Melissa During (via Zoom)
Town of Lenox Supervisor Joseph John Pinard
Town of Lincoln Board Member Peggy LeClair (via Zoom)

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

Minutes:

The minutes of the May 29, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Pete Walrod and second of Supervisor Joe Wicks.

(Added) District Attorney:

Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari provided the following updates:

- Thank you for redoing the attorney salary structure; has had a very positive impact. Sam Rodgers is staying.
- New Assistant District Attorney to replace Jane Raven, Travis Yoxall, starts July 1st. Plan on introducing him to the whole Board.
- Schedule for trials is full for the rest of the year.
- Multi-disciplinary team is sending two of our staff members to California for a child abuse conference.

- The issue with access to body worn camera footage being free might be temporary. CEO told us everything would be fine but his staff called a meeting and said it might not be. Won't be worse than it was, but won't be better. Will need to be anticipating it and budgeting for it for March 2025.

Assigned Counsel:

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Amended Agreement with the New York State Defenders Association, Inc.

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

Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis provided the following updates:

- 2nd Hurrell-Harring budget modification going to Finance, Ways & Means.
- Thank you for the attorney salary updates; will help greatly.
- Looking to fill Quality Assurance Attorney position which has been vacant for a couple of months. Have a couple really good candidates.
- In the process of adding a grant funded Family Court Assistant. Have a great candidate with 15 or so years in the system.
- Received unexpected funding to handle discovery demands; \$150K in block grant to use as needed.

Sheriff's Office:

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

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 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 Reuter and second of Wicks.

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox provided the following update:

- Held the awards ceremony at the Hampton Inn in Cazenovia which went well. This year, Emergency Management joined in.

Emergency Management:

Fire Coordinator Doug Shattuck provided the following updates:

- Provided the Committee with a summary of fire service items including OSHA's Proposed Update to their Emergency Response Standard and a flyer on the Youth Fire Setter Intervention Program.
- Training Center usage to date: 107 days scheduled, 287 contact hours, 802 participants from 24 different agencies.
- Improvements to the Training Center include updates to the burn building, created a car fire/extrication pit and a metal cutting station.

- Have done 19 fire investigations with one fatality so far this year.
- Have done fire extinguisher training for 30 kids for bring your child to work day at the County and 330 kids at Otto Shortell Middle School.
- Distributed 300 smoke detectors and 150 CO detectors last year; continuing this year.
- Currently have 9 deputy coordinators, 7 fire investigators and 8 fire instructors.
- There are 23 fire departments in the County; 1 career and 22 volunteer.
- BOCES program at the Training Center: 7 students started, 2 graduating as Seniors and 4 returning for the EMT program.
- 2024-2025 expectations for BOCES program at the Training Center: 10 students for Introduction to Firefighting (includes Madison-Oneida BOCES) and 4-10 for Emergency Medical Technician.

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

Expressing Concerns Regarding Proposed OSHA Reforms in New York State for Emergency Service Providers

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

Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear provided the following updates:

- The 911 center is encouraging law enforcement agencies to change all their radios to bring them up to the new encryption standard. We replaced all their handheld portable radios but the mobile radios are aging and are not up to new encryption standards. The Sheriff's office has a grant moving forward on that purchase.
- Have budget modification going to Finance, Ways & Means. Ambulance bids came in higher than expected. Last month, we did a budget modification moving some ARPA money into the ambulance account and some into the equipment account. This budget modification is to take the money that was put in the equipment account and put it into the ambulance account.

Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth provided the following updates:

- As of this morning, we have been dispatched to a total of 1,573 calls. Out of those about 1,360 of them are ambulance calls. A large majority of them are in the Town of Sullivan and there are a large amount of fly car calls in there as well. Still handling 96.8% of our total call volume.
- July 12th at 6 pm there will be a touch a truck event with SEVAC at Morrisville Public Library. Morgan has been teaching CPR, stop the bleed and first aid classes there for the last six months.
- July 13th at 8 am SEVAC is having an open house at their garage sale weekend in Morrisville.
- We have been invited to New Hartford fire truck spectacular at Sangertown Square mall on July 18th from 6-9 pm. We have been asked to come with our ambulance.
- Morgan is teaching an EMT class in Cazenovia Monday and Thursday nights that ends in August. Tom is starting an EMT class in August in Bridgeport. In January, I will be teaching another EMT class in the Southern part of the County. Morgan will have over 300 CPR cards out by the end of July.
- State Legislation failed. Treatment in place passed, transport to alternative destinations did not pass and ability to have blood products on an ambulance passed.
- Did get an extension on our municipal CON. Will expire in February now so we have a little more time to get everything together for our permanent CON.

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 10:24 a.m. on the motion of Reuter and second of Walrod.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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