Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

Meeting Minutes
July 24, 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 (via Zoom)
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
County Attorney Intern Trey Gates
Undersheriff Bill Wilcox
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear
Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth
Director of 911 Frank McFall
Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis (via Zoom)
Director of Finance Lou Anne Randall
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 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 June 26, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Greg Reuter and second of Vice-Chairman Loren Corbin.

District Attorney:

Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari provided the following updates:

- Have seen an increase in Aid to Prosecution grant ($214,407), an increase in NYS Discovery grant which has been received ($259,936) and the first half of the year for 2024 Traffic Diversion results show that $244,248 was collected with the County share for the general fund of $163,646. We are holding steady with the general fund share still on schedule for 2024 to be right around $333,000.
- Have started to work on our 2025 budget and anticipate presenting a budget that is in keeping with the County government goals for next year.
- Travis Yoxall has started and is a tremendous addition to our office.

- We are fully staffed with all attorney's content with no known fear of losing anyone else this year. Every attorney continues to be very grateful for the salary adjustments made.
- Next year we are anticipating losing three valuable staff members. We are looking to potentially and creatively cut the cost of replacements when they leave.
- Our trial calendar remains full for the rest of the year.
- The evidence sharing issue with Axon, which could have cost another $40,000 to $80,000, is going to be favorably resolved with no cost to the County. The date to watch for is February or March 2025.

On behalf of the town and village, Town of Lenox Supervisor Pinard wanted to thank Emergency Services, the Sheriff's Department, Highway and everyone who helped for the assistance with the recent tornado in Canastota.

Sheriff's Office:
Undersheriff Bill Wilcox presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Amend and Modify an Agreement with Dr. Imtiaz R. Samad, M.D., P.C.
The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Walrod 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 Wicks and second of Reuter.

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 Wicks and second of Reuter.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with Spectrum Enterprise
It was the consensus of the Committee to pull this resolution.
Discussion: There will be another internet provider on campus soon. County Administrator Mark Scimone asked Undersheriff Wilcox to send him a copy of the contract with Spectrum and he will see what he can do with the new provider.

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox provided the following updates:

- There was a $200 donation to Project Lifesaver that will be going to Finance, Ways & Means.
- Budget modification for the acceptance of funds from NYS DCJS Law Enforcement Technology Program going to Finance, Ways & Means.
- STOP DWI Outreach Program 2nd quarter report provided to review at your leisure.
- For the budget for this year, we had 14 open positions in the jail and 7 of those positions were unfunded with the agreement that if we could fill them they would be funded again. We have filled 7 of those positions and are on to the next 7. County Administrator Mark Scimone said that there is a budget modification going to the Finance, Ways & Means Committee to re-fund those positions so they can get filled.
- The DCJS is in our offices this week going through files for our accreditation for the patrol

side.

Emergency Management:

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with GP Flooring Solutions
The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Walrod and second of Reuter.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into a Modification Agreement with Southern Madison County Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc. for Use of Ambulances
The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Kinville and second of Reuter.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES
The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Walrod and second of Wicks.

Director of 911 Frank McFall provided the following updates:

- On Tuesday, July 16th we put 240 total calls into our CAD system; 116 of those calls were put in between 2 and 7 pm and were all storm related. The team was on the phone 330 times in five hours; average per day is around 300 calls in 24 hours. There were 274 incoming calls and 56 outgoing with most of those made to power companies. No calls went unanswered. The average number of radio transmissions a day from July 1 through July 15, 2024 is 5,562 and on July 16th between 2 and 7 pm it was 4,259. The average number of transmissions from radio consoles from July 1 through July 15, 2024 is 2,138 and the number of transmissions from dispatch consoles on July 16th between 2 and 7 pm was 2,667. There were five dispatchers on that day, and they all did an amazing job. Very proud of them.
- With the CrowdStrike outage on Friday, we got our first call at 11:45 pm Thursday night. We called our Public Safety System Coordinator, Andy, who came into the office and within two hours 911 was back up and running.
- From February 28 to July 22, we have done 162 recording requests for Discovery for Assigned Counsel and the DA's office. They take 45 minutes a piece on average which is 121 man hours; Bernadette does most of them.

Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear provided the following updates:

- Passed out a flyer as a follow-up from last month's presentation by Doug on OSHA Proposed Emergency Response Standards. The NYS Department of Labor Public Safety and Health Division is coming to Madison County to present on this. We are asking all fire, EMS, special ops teams, local government officials and fire district commissioners to attend this on Tuesday, August 27th at 7 pm at the Hamilton Central School District Auditorium.
- Activated the EOC for the tornado in Canastota. We appreciate those who made an effort to attend. Thank you to everyone who assisted. Still working through recovery efforts.
- On the public assistance side, thank you to Samantha and Jenna who are the liaisons to the group and work with COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disasters) which is headed up by Hank Leo who is the director of the YMCA. They are a group of non-for-profit agencies in our community who came together and did a terrific job. The Red Cross did a great job and came together as well. Thank you to everyone.

- Thank you to IT for getting things working quickly again and for everything they did during the CrowdStrike outage. COOP was used to bring computers back based on mission essential functions with priority given to public safety.
- Last night there was a public meeting on the Lake Moraine Dam project. Lake Moranie will be drawn down 10 feet starting after the 2025 summer so we have a little over a year to start planning this.
- Went to NACO last week. Big topic was AI and what we need to be focused on. They recommend every County consider having a Chief AI Officer. Another interesting topic was other Counties have different types of Treatment Courts with one being a Veteran's Treatment Court.

Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth provided the following updates:

- So far this year, we have done 1,834 calls which is 100 calls shy of what we did in total last year. For this month, we have a 97% handled call rate in Sullivan and a 100% handled call rate in Hamilton. Overall, we have a 96% handled call rate in Sullivan and a 99.6% handled call rate in Hamilton.
- Thanks to the Board, we added on four full-time paramedics and four full-time EMT's. We have filled three out of the four Paramedic positions and two out of the four EMT positions.
- There will be an agricultural awareness for first responders class at STUAC Theater at SUNY Morrisville August 5th at 6 pm. The class is open to first responders and anyone in the farming industry. They are hosting this class in Waterville a few days prior and have 160 people signed up.
- Had someone wondering if there was a discount for an upfront payment of their ambulance bill if insurance doesn't cover it. It was decided that this would be a conversation with the Committee of the Whole.
- Looking at charging agencies $250 when we link up with any agency outside the County to do a transfer. We will write up a policy to bring to the Committee and Board for approval and also create service agreements.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Chairman Rex Vosburg to enter into executive session at 10:28 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 Greg Reuter to exit executive session at 10:32 a.m. Supervisor Michelle Kinville 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 10:32 a.m. on the motion of Kinville and second of Wicks.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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