

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2026*

PRESENT: Chairman Rex Vosburg
Vice-Chairwoman Michelle Kinville
Supervisor Loren Corbin
Supervisor Joe Wicks
Supervisor Greg Reuter (via Zoom)

ALSO: Board Chairman James Cunningham
County Administrator Mark Scimone
District Attorney Robert Mascari
Second Assistant County Attorney Melissa Felton
Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis (via Zoom)
Probation Director Joanne Miller
Probation Supervisor Jaime Reed
Juvenile Probation Officer Alivia Graber
Director of Administrative Services (Sheriff's) Stephen Laureti
STOP DWI Coordinator Matt White
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear
Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth
Director of 911 Frank McFall
Director of Finance Lou Anne Randall
Public Information Officer Samantha Field
Clerk to the Board Emily Burns
Town of Lincoln Supervisor Melissa During
Town of Georgetown Supervisor Pete Walrod
Town of Sullivan Supervisor Tom Daviau

ABSENT: Supervisor Dana Krueger

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vosburg at 10:30 a.m. in the Chambers.

Minutes:

The minutes of the October 22, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Joe Wicks and second of Supervisor Michelle Kinville.

Assigned Counsel:

Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis provided the following update:

- Have a budget modification going to Finance, Ways & Means for Aid to Defense for Discovery Reform. This is a grant for \$139,251 that we use for Westlaw, Axon Premier and tablet purchases for the attorneys.

District Attorney:

District Attorney Robert Mascari provided the following updates:

- A summary was provided to all Supervisors prior to the meeting. Take a careful look at Traffic Diversion. This is an issue that has to be addressed.
- Another issue to think about is in addition to the attorney grievance committee, there is now another group called the commission on prosecutorial conduct. We spend about \$15K a year for malpractice insurance which is not enough. The issue will be who is picking up the tab after that, and I have been told it will be the County.
- We have a lot of good news with what we are doing in the office. We have a new logo we are using that our intern did for us.

Probation:

Probation Director Joanne Miller provided the following updates:

- Probation Supervisor Jaime Reed and Juvenile Probation Officer Alivia Graber did a presentation on Juvenile Probation Services and Procedures.
- Have a new Probation Officer who started yesterday that came to us from Sullivan County Sheriff's Department.
- Have someone else we made a conditional offer to who has their psychological exam scheduled for tomorrow and is coming to us from the Office of Mental Health from the State.
- Had an OAII leave the department last week that we will be working to fill.

Sheriff's Office:

- A copy of the 4th quarter report for the STOP DWI Outreach Program was previously provided for everyone to review.
- STOP DWI Coordinator Matt White provided the committee with updates on the program. They are in and out of almost every school in the County, they maintain the billboards in the County and do Facebook posts and other social media posts. Last year we reached just over 920K people. We also have a full-time STOP DWI patrol deputy who is out on the roads. Last year we had 111 DWI arrests which includes all of our local police departments.

Emergency Management:

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Cazenovia Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps (CAVAC)

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Vineall Ambulance, Inc.

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

Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear provided the following updates:

- OCWA has resolved the water issue.
- Going to schedule EM training for the Supervisors and new Supervisors for Tier 3 and will put more EM stuff into it as well.

- Have interviewed and offered a full-time Deputy Fire Coordinator position to Luke Dowsland. His start date will be mid-February. He will train and eventually move into the Fire Coordinator position when the current Coordinator retires.

Director of 911 Frank McFall provided the following updates:

- Disappointed that the State is moving forward with the windmill project. Concerned with one of the towers in the Town of Fenner.
- Received a grant and are looking to replace the 911 phone system in anticipation of the next generation 911 system.
- Looking at replacing the recording system.
- Received a \$1.9 million grant last week. Will replace repeaters on three towers that are old and starting to fail; 9 total.
- Working with the Nation PD on their new CAD system as they have the same one that we do.
- Working with Oneida to get a third console position there.

Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth provided the following updates:

- In 2025, we were dispatched to 3,748 calls with the ambulances and fly car; we had 3,419 transports of which 286 of those calls were no transports. We provided mutual aid 330 times and 198 of those times were outside of our County. We did 355 transfers out of Hamilton Hospital and the fly car did about 155 calls. We had a 21% increase in call volume from last year. Sullivan did 2,133 calls with 129 flipped; Hamilton had 1,021 calls with 9 flipped and DeRuyter had 225 calls with 5 flipped.
- Have two EMT classes; one started last night and one starts on Thursday. Jeremy and I are teaching an EMT class at Brown Road and have about 21 students. Kyle is starting an EMT class at Lincoln Fire Department and has 34 registered but only 21 students have paid so far.
- Some fire departments in the County are struggling to be able to recertify their EMTs because they don't have a recertification program. We have been approached by a couple of the fire departments that would like to join our continuing medical education program through the County but it would be a cost to us. Looking for some advice on this.
- Shared the proposal we received from King & King for the Hamilton ambulance station for what it would cost for upgrades to the building. The structure does not meet the category it needs to to maintain renovations and he doesn't believe the building would hold a new roof structure. His suggestion was to keep the current garage and build a new building. We will look at some different options.

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 12:10 p.m. on the motion of Kinville and second of Corbin.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

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