

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
February 25, 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
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis
Probation Director Joanne Miller
Sheriff Todd Hood
Undersheriff James Quatrone
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear
Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth
Deputy Director of Emergency Management Mike Sudol
Fire Coordinator Doug Shattuck
Deputy Fire Coordinator Luke Dowsland
Director of Finance Lou Anne Randall
Public Information Specialist Ryan Coe
Clerk to the Board Emily Burns
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 10:43 a.m. in the Chambers.

Minutes:

The minutes of the January 21, 2026 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Loren Corbin and second of Supervisor Joe Wicks.

District Attorney:

District Attorney Robert Mascari provided the following updates:

- Traffic Diversion is very successful but is putting a strain on our resources. We will have to figure out how to do it because we don't charge a fee for that. This will be a future conversation.
- Will be looking at new classifications of positions to recognize the work they are doing.
- The Aid to Prosecution grant we get, which is about \$214K, would be used for salaries but this will be another discussion coming up.

- Still engaged in a little office reorganization that needs to be figured out in the next month or so. Have some new set-ups on how to do things, and we have some new furniture.
- The State has implemented training requirements for Coroners. The first round that they let us send two people to for free is a couple day training and then there is 12 hours of preparation they have to do.
- Bruce Ironside presented a new transport fee because it hadn't been re-done in over a decade; was a fair proposal.
- The new 10:30 a.m. meeting time for the Committee meetings is problematic for the DA's office.

Assigned Counsel:

Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis provided the following updates:

- Have a budget modification going to Finance, Ways & Means for Aid to Defense grant.
- Receive a Family Defense grant for \$450K which is used to set aside an attorney to provide pre-neglect representation to guide them through the process. We also hired a case worker. It was a slow start as people were not calling us when they were being investigated. Last year we had 21 cases for the entire year. Happy to report that we already have 15 or 16 calls so far for this year; we are getting calls every week now. This is a good program, and the State is very happy where Madison County is at with it.
- We found an opportunity for a competitive grant called the Public Defense Office Professionalization & Modernization Grant from ILS. It can only be used for office improvements, remodels, restructuring and/or supplies. You could apply for up to a million dollars on a rolling basis. Was very happy when we got word yesterday that they are awarding us the full million dollars. This will be used for an addition for some more space in the office. Have talked to King & King and John Regan, and they have put something together.

Probation:

Probation Director Joanne Miller provided the following update:

- Have a budget modification going to Finance, Ways & Means for a door frame project.

Emergency Management:

Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Greater Lenox Ambulance Service, Inc. (GLAS)

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

Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth provided the following update:

- On Friday, May 22nd, the Regional EMS Council is hosting an annual recognition and awards ceremony from 6pm – 10pm at Vernon Downs. All Madison County Supervisors are invited to attend.

Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear provided the following update:

- Introduced Luke Dowsland, our new full-time Deputy Fire Coordinator.

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

- Updated the Committee on a grant project for 911 which includes replacing the windows at the center with armored glass, adding anti-vehicle collision jersey barriers and adding a security fence around the communications shelter.

Fire Coordinator Doug Shattuck provided the following update:

- Shared and discussed with the Committee a power point from the Joint Fire Association's Task Force on NYS volunteer fire service challenges and the current struggles and issues.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Chairman Rex Vosburg to enter into executive session at 11:50 a.m. to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof. Supervisor Loren Corbin seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman Michelle Kinville to exit executive session at 12:05 p.m. Supervisor Loren Corbin 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 12:05 p.m. on the motion of Kinville and second of Corbin.

Next Meeting Date:

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

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