

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2026*

PRESENT: Chairman Rex Vosburg
Vice-Chairwoman Michelle Kinville
Supervisor Loren Corbin
Supervisor Greg Reuter
Supervisor Joe Wicks
Supervisor Dana Krueger

ALSO: Board Chairman James Cunningham
County Administrator Mark Scimone
District Attorney Bob Mascari
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis
Sheriff Todd Hood
Undersheriff James Quatrone
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear
Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth
Public Information Officer Samantha Field
Clerk to the Board Emily Burns
Town of Georgetown Supervisor Pete Walrod
Town of Sullivan Supervisor Tom Daviau
Town of Lincoln Supervisor Melissa During
Budget Analyst Susan McConnell

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vosburg at 10:36 a.m. in the Chambers.

Minutes:

The minutes of the March 25, 2026 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Vice-Chairwoman Michelle Kinville and second of Supervisor Loren Corbin.

Assigned Counsel (Added):

Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis provided the following updates:

- Burt Marshall case was resolved yesterday. Our office is the defense so we have to handle these types of cases. Have been involved in this for over two years. Assigned Jeff Perry to it, put a second chair attorney on and ended up putting a third chair attorney on. If it had gone to trial it would have cost the County probably an additional \$100K. Would like to commend the attorneys that were involved.
- The office is running well. Working on some internal improvements. Went to an all cloud-based system. Have been on the phone with the tech people to try to update and make it better for the attorneys.
- The case worker we hired has handled 60 cases already and has only been in the office for a few months. Attorneys are using her for family and criminal court.

District Attorney:

District Attorney Bob Mascari provided the following updates:

- Budget Issues: Trial Expense account will be out of money shortly and anticipate running out of money in the Extradition Expense account.
- Looking at domestic violence GPS monitoring system. This would allow domestic violence victims to safely stay in their home. It is a bracelet system monitored by a vendor that alerts when there is a violation of the exclusion zone. The company will warn the defendant and if they don't immediately leave the company calls 911. Our research shows five to ten candidates that would be eligible. The maximum cost which assumes all monitors are in use for 365 days of the year would be between \$12,500 to \$25,000. We have not identified any grants, and it is not in our budget.
- Centralized Arraignment issues include inappropriate bails being set, failure to consistently issue orders of protection for victims, failure to suspend licenses on DWI arrests, failure to have an adequate means to address mental health and homelessness issues at CAP, paperwork issues, failure of judges and ACP to review paperwork and meet with the defendants prior to the start of the arraignments, lack of appropriate court support and technology to allow for efficient arraignments and virtual appearance and lack of DA presence at arraignments.
- Traffic Diversion puts about \$400K net into the Counties general fund. Our office cannot maintain the present level of traffic diversion without some type of additional funding given the actions of several courts. Resistance from several local courts have made the time savings for prosecutors false. Some local courts continue to raise the issue of the 33% and 67% to the County without addressing their outstanding judgments which are often well into six figures.
- Madison County is one of only three counties, out of 62, in which the DA is the coroner. New State regulations and reporting requirements are quickly getting out of control and could impact our ability to perform this task. A possible solution is a more extensive contract with the Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office.

Sheriff's Office:

Undersheriff James Quatrone provided the following updates:

- Traffic Safety STOP DWI report was provided for review.
- A recruit in the academy is doing well.
- Just had a second visit from Commission of Corrections in the jail. Don't have anyone there right now.
- The Sheriff's annual awards ceremony is June 4th at 5 p.m. at the Hampton in Cazenovia. Any questions you can reach out to Kathy in our office.
- Captain Burbidge's retirement party is June 11th at 6 p.m. at Meier's Creek Brewing Company in Cazenovia. If interested you can reach out to Krystyna Feola.
- Hired a new nurse.

Emergency Management:

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with MultiMed Billing Service, Inc. for Emergency Medical Service Billing

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

of Reuter.

Approving Updates to the Operating Policies for Madison County Emergency Medical Services

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

Discussion: Added a second signature if the nurse at the hospital doesn't waste a controlled substance and added worksheets on charts and lot numbers to the controlled substance log.

Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear provided the following updates:

- Some staff in the office attended training on family assistance centers two weeks ago for if there is ever a mass fatality incident in our County. There is a huge demand on coroners if anything happens.
- On June 3rd from 6-8 p.m. in the EOC we will host a basics of managing your emergency course for Supervisors and Mayors; will send out flyers.
- Last month at GOC, we discussed the "skin in the game" policy which will be handled by GOC.
- In the EMS policy handbook, it requires us to annually review billing rates. We will hold billing rates stable and not take an increase this year.

Other Committee Business:

Chairman Rex Vosburg presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Appointing a New Member to the Madison County Traffic Safety Board

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

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 11:45 a.m. on the motion of Wicks and second of Kinville.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

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