

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 27, 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
Chief Assistant District Attorney Sam Rodgers
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis
Undersheriff James Quatrone
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear
Deputy Director of Emergency Management Mike Sudol
Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth
Director of Finance Lou Anne Randall
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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vosburg at 10:40 a.m. in the Chambers.

Minutes:

The minutes of the April 29, 2026 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Vice-Chairwoman Michelle Kinville and second of Supervisor Joe Wicks.

Assigned Counsel:

Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis provided the following updates:

- Department is going well.
- Spoke with King & King about starting the design process for an expansion with grant funding we received. In talks with Gorman Foundation as well because they are willing to invest in it also. They are looking at putting \$200K towards it which would be great. Will add an additional three new office spaces; one for family court, one for criminal court and one in case we add another employee. It will also add a dedicated conference room.
- Crime is increasing a bit with the nicer weather but still down overall.
- We have added a couple new attorneys to the panel.

District Attorney:

First Assistant District Attorney Sam Rodgers provided the following updates:

- An example of a budget issue that was identified at the last meeting is if someone is either arrested and let out on bail or not caught right away and they make it to a new state and we have to bring them back here, it makes added expenses that were not necessarily accounted

for.

- Continuing to work with the domestic violence GPS monitoring system. Bob will hopefully have a proposal for the June meeting.
- Another issue we are confronting is Centralized Arraignment. Bob is going to work on outlining those issues. It's a big expense and personnel expense if we are going to staff it with the DA's Office. Need to figure out the best way to do that.
- Traffic Diversion continues to be a struggle between our office and some of the magistrates in the local courts. We are meeting with a new vendor that will help us administer that program. We are going to evaluate if the diversion management vendor we are using now is the best way to do it.
- As far as the coroner issues, we had two people from our office go to a continuing education program put on by the State that is likely going to be a requirement for deputy coroners in the future. It was three full days. Madison County is one of three counties out of 62 that has ADAs and the DA as coroners. If we have five or six ADAs that are doing this training and we have to send them yearly to be certified, is that the best use of resources or is there a better way to do it. Bob will be putting together some options of what other avenues can be explored.

Supervisor Pete Walrod asked if we could consider re-visiting the Traffic Diversion program and be educated on it for the new supervisors and everyone in the next month or so maybe in Committee of the Whole.

Probation:

Chairman Rex Vosburg provided the following updates for the Director of Probation, Joanne Miller, who was unable to attend the meeting:

- A conditional offer has been made for the vacant Probation Officer position. The candidate has passed her psychological exam and has her polygraph scheduled for June 8th. If all goes well, we are hoping she will be starting by early July.
- Held interviews for the vacant Probation Assistant position last week and are deciding between two excellent candidates. Hoping to have someone started by mid-June.
- The last Probation Officer trainee we hired will be starting the Basic Course for Peace Officers with the Sheriff's Office on June 15th. He will be attending three days per week until mid-August.
- Our PO who is assigned the sex offender caseload recently attended the NYS Association for the Prevention and Treatment of Sex Offenders conference in Saratoga. He said it was very informative with presenters from multiple counties reviewing the most recent research and best practice strategies for managing sex offenders in the community.
- Joanne will be attending the NYS Council of Probation Administrators conference in Clayton, NY in June. The State Director of Probation and Correctional Alternatives is expected to speak about a number of pressing topics including recruitment and retention, changes to civil service testing requirements for Probation Officers and the potential of moving Probation Officers to a 25-year retirement plan similar to Corrections Officers.

Sheriff's Office:

Undersheriff James Quatrone provided the following updates:

- A recruit in the academy is doing well.
- Our second K-9 handler is in the second part of his training.
- Our boarded-ins are up to about \$250K year to date.
- We are promoting three corporals and hiring three new SRO's that will start in September.
- The legislature is passing the prohibition of 287G, the agreement with ICE, and the

governor is supposed to sign it this week so it will be illegal to have any agreement with ICE. We have 90 days to comply which will be about the beginning of September.

- The door project in the jail will be going out to bid in a couple months.
- The move to the building in Cazenovia will probably be next summer.
- The Sheriff's annual awards ceremony is June 4th at 5 p.m. at the Hampton in Cazenovia. If anyone is interested, 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.

Emergency Management:

Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear provided the following updates:

- Christa, our EM Associate, has been with us one year.
- On June 3rd from 6-8 p.m. in the EOC is training for supervisors and mayors.
- Last night we had an incident with one of the solar farms in Canastota with an alarm going off. The phone number on the sign did not get to anyone so that is something we need to be paying attention to going forward.
- Luke has been with us for a few months now and is progressing rapidly. He will be where he needs to be by the time our current Fire Coordinator, Doug Shattuck, retires.
- In the process of hiring a deputy fire coordinator to replace Sam Usborne.
- 911 staffing continues to be a revolving door.
- Frank is working with Mike Sudol and Purchasing on using a grant to pay for a new phone system that will put us in-line with NexGen 911 capabilities including AI tools for translation.
- Still waiting on legal end with SOMAC.

Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth provided the following update:

- Attended the Annual Recognition and Award Ceremony at Vernon Downs on Friday, May 22nd hosted by the Regional EMS Council. We took home the EMS Agency of the Year Award, Paramedic Supervisor Jeremy Williams got the Educator of the Year Award and I got the Leadership Award.

Chairman Rex Vosburg asked Undersheriff James Quatrone if we were still moving forward with the stop-arm cameras on school buses discussion with Onondaga County. Undersheriff Quatrone said he is setting up a meeting via Zoom and will send the invite out to everyone when he has it.

Adjournment:

The Committee adjourned at 11:21 a.m. on the motion of Wicks and second of Kinville.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

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