

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2026*

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

ALSO: Board Chairman James Cunningham
Board Vice-Chairman Pete Walrod
County Administrator Mark Scimone
District Attorney Bob Mascari
County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
Second Assistant County Attorney Melissa Felton
Sheriff Todd Hood
Undersheriff James Quatrone
Probation Director Joanne Miller
Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth
Director of Finance Lou Anne Randall
Public Information Officer Samantha Field
Clerk to the Board Emily Burns
Treasurer Cindy Edick
Town of Sullivan Supervisor Tom Daviau
Budget Analyst Susan McConnell

ABSENT: Supervisor Dana Krueger

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vosburg at 10:46 a.m. in the Chambers.

Minutes:

The minutes of the June 24, 2026 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Vice-Chairwoman Michelle Kinville and second of Supervisor Loren Corbin.

District Attorney:

District Attorney Bob Mascari provided the following updates:

- Integrated domestic violence court, traffic diversion, increased caseloads at the felony level and increased demands from the courts are combining to put a strain on the staff that is not sustainable.
 - Looking to make a part-time attorney full-time ASAP.
 - A part-time OA DA is retiring as of July 31st. We are looking to hire this back as a full-time position.
 - Will be requesting a position upgrade for a current employee to a Paralegal position as part of the 2027 budget.
 - Have immediate personnel issues to discuss with GOC tomorrow.

- Centralized arraignments need to be addressed.
 - The Sheriff, OPD Chief Lowell and Magistrate President Finacchiaro have all requested that the DA's office appears at CAP arraignments in person.
 - I agree that this is the way it should be, and I have spoken to Judge Faughnan, the 6th Judicial District Administrative Judge about the issues. He made clear that the courts will install video equipment to make virtual appearances possible and there are no funds available to help the judges by sending a clerk to prepare paperwork.
 - Our laws do not require a prosecutor to be present at the arraignment.
 - I am committed to improving the centralized arraignment process, but we have five full-time attorneys to cover potentially two CAP sessions per day for 365 days per year. It is not possible if you want me to retain our present attorneys.
 - I will be reaching out to set up a meeting of all interested parties to see where the process can be improved and the terms under which we can increase our presence. I will report back to the CJPS Committee.
 - I would like to see changes go into effect in January of 2027.
- For the first half of this year, \$239,105 was added to the County general fund and \$117,768 to the local courts from Traffic Diversion. Issues need to be addressed at the Board of Supervisors level because things have only gotten worse.
 - Diversion was to save court time. In return, the DA's office agreed to administer with no money allocated to this task. It is having the opposite effect. More court time to handle in person and a 500% increase in the money we directly receive and have to process.
 - The strain on our personnel is not sustainable at our present staffing levels. One solution is more staff, administrative and attorney, just to handle diversion. I don't want to take this route.
 - Another solution is to delegate VTL enforcement to the localities where they can set their own policies and pay for their own attorneys. I don't want to take this route.
 - I believe the real solution is to switch internet vendors to get the cooperation of the local courts and to drive the traffic to the website.
- Coroner Budget: Changes in the law for continuing education and reporting requirements are putting the County in a precarious position as to potential liability. We are only one of three counties where the DA's office is the coroner.

Probation:

Probation Director Joanne Miller provided the following updates:

- Attended a Probation Director's Conference the end of last month in Clayton. The State Probation Director was there and he confirmed that this is the last year that the probation series of Civil Service exams will be given. Moving forward, it will be a training and experience model.
- Recruitment is a problem across the State. Monroe County is down 30 people across all probation titles. They are exploring a number of strategies including discussion of a 25-year retirement for Probation Officers similar to Corrections Officers.
- We receive a Probation Block Grant every year. Many years ago it made up about 50% of our budget. Now, it is a little less than 11%.
- We have a lot of training going on. We have two Probation Officers and one Supervisor who are at the NYS Probation Officers Conference being held in Syracuse. We have a PO trainee who is just finishing up the basic course for peace officer. She will be done in a week and a half. The newest PO trainee who we just hired will be starting fundamentals of

probation in the Fall. We are all going to a staff development and training at Delphi Falls in August.

- Have a new Probation Assistant starting on Monday and at that point we will be fully staffed for the first time in over two years.

Sheriff's Office:

Undersheriff James Quatrone provided the following updates:

- 287G will be null and void as of August 25th. We will continue to do business as usual. County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith informed the Committee that she has a letter ready to go to the Deputy Director of the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Buffalo terminating our agreement with them that will go out today. The State AG's office is requiring a correspondence from the Sheriff's office on what they are doing to terminate the agreement by August 14th. A letter will be sent out on the 13th that says we terminated the agreement with ICE.
- The STOP DWI 2nd Quarterly Report was previously distributed for review at your leisure.
- K-9 2 is on the street and done with schooling; will be a bomb dog.
- Still down three deputies.
- Have a budget modification going to Finance, Ways & Means for jail medications.
- Promoted Sergeant Silverman to Lieutenant; he took Morticelli's position.

Emergency Management:

Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth provided the following update:

- Barack Obama will be at Colgate University on September 18th. It is also family weekend. Will have ambulance crews on standby.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Chairman Rex Vosburg to enter into executive session at 11:19 a.m. to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation. Vice-Chairwoman Michelle Kinville seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman Michelle Kinville to exit executive session at 12:03 p.m. Supervisor Joe Wicks seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Preferred Agenda:

There were no resolutions from today's meeting to be added to the Preferred Agenda.

Adjournment:

The Committee adjourned at 12:04 p.m. on the motion of Wicks and second of Corbin.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

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