

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2021*

PRESENT: Chairman Pete Walrod
Vice Chairman Loren Corbin
Supervisor Cliff Moses
Supervisor Bill Zupan
Supervisor Joe Ostrander

ALSO: County Administrator Mark Scimone (9:13 a.m.)
District Attorney William Gabor
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
County Attorney Intern Noah Devaney
Emergency Management Director Dan Degear
EMS Coordinator John Barattini
Director of 911 Frank McFall
Sheriff Todd Hood
Undersheriff Bill Wilcox
Public Information Officer Samantha Field
Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis (Zoom)
Treasurer Cindy Edick (9:20 a.m.)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Walrod at 9:00 a.m. in the Chambers.

Minutes:

The minutes of the June 1, 2021 special meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Cliff Moses and second of Supervisor Joe Ostrander.

District Attorney:

District Attorney William Gabor presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Modification of the 2021 Adopted County Budget

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Moses and second of Zupan.

District Attorney William Gabor reported that the office is back to normal, and they have decided to keep 2/3 of the Administrative Assistant staff working in the office and 1/3 of the staff working remotely to prevent overcrowding in the office.

Courts are still requiring masks. Had first trial a couple of weeks ago, and Chief Assistant DA Mascari is prepping for a 2nd trial on Monday 6/21.

Gabor reported that they received a Discovery Reform Grant for \$202,855 that the Committee approved them to apply for. Gabor also noted that he underestimated what the expenses would be for 2021 for the Coroner budget and wanted to alert the Committee that there may be a shortage.

Chairman Walrod asked Gabor how we made out with access to the court room. Gabor stated that it was a court security issue and that he did not know if County Administrator Mark Scimone had reached out to anyone. Walrod said he would check on the status of that.

Sheriff's Office:

Sheriff Todd Hood reported that Bill Wilcox was promoted to Undersheriff and Lance Zaleski was promoted to Captain. Hood noted that there would be a lot more movement in the department and that they would have two Lieutenant positions, two Sergeant positions and at the end of this month, four or five patrol positions open with retirements and movement.

Hood informed the Committee that they have been meeting with the 6th Judicial Court regarding centralized arraignments. The plan is to have arraignments at 8:00 a.m. and possibly at 8:00 p.m. The start date will be July 15th. Undersheriff Wilcox stated that the 6th Judicial Court would be back here the end of the month to finalize things.

Sheriff Hood informed the Committee that the Sheriff's Office award ceremony would be held June 30th at 11:00 a.m. at the Hampton Inn in Cazenovia for anyone wishing to attend.

Assigned Counsel:

Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Modification of the 2021 Adopted County Budget

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

Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis reported that with the new arraignment program changeover, they wanted to make sure they had the same number of quality attorneys participating. So far there are 13 out of 15 that will be participating from the previous arraignment program. DeSantis said they had to modify the reimbursement slightly and increase it but that it would be covered by ILS funding. DeSantis stated that attorneys may have to appear twice a day during the rotation schedule and said that on-call coverage would be the same with four day, 24 hour rotations.

DeSantis reported they have one new attorney who was a former US Attorney with good experience and they also added an Appellate Attorney out of Albany and have a couple other applications.

Staff is focusing now on organizing databases and getting missing files they didn't have from the transition.

Emergency Management:

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

Supporting Legislation Designating Public Safety Dispatchers as Certified First Responders

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Walrod and second of Ostrander.

Supporting Legislation Amending New York State Insurance Law to Provide Direct Payment of Services from Health Insurers to Non-Participating and Non-Preferred Providers of Ambulance Services

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Moses and second of Ostrander.

Emergency Management Director Dan Degear reported that the COVID State of Emergency had been lifted on May 27. Active cases were in the 7-12 range. Degear said he would send out a survey to community partners and then look at bringing people together for a conference to see what went well and what needs improvement in the future.

Degear reported that through June 9, 1,838 people had been served at the Training Center from 41 agencies.

Degear reported that the burn room floor at the Training Center was in the process of being repaired and they were waiting on the final Certificate of Occupancy following variance approval.

Director of 911 Frank McFall informed the Committee that they had a demo with Spillman and Hexagon on their CAD systems. Dispatchers have asked for more information about the Spillman CAD portion. A webinar has been set-up for June 25 and then a decision will be made.

Degear stated that since March of 2020 he had been working on a Continuity of Operations Plan and it was 99% complete. There is a committee that meets quarterly to review and update the plan.

EMS Coordinator John Barattini provided and discussed with the Committee an updated handout with more details on the Community Paramedicine program.

Barattini informed the Committee that there would be an EMS basic academy at the Training Center starting August 23 and lasting one month; 3 days a week, 8 hours a day from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Other Committee Business:

First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Modification of the 2021 Adopted County Budget (3rd CAFA Grant)

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Moses and second of Zupan.

Preferred Agenda:

The Committee unanimously approved including all resolutions in the Committee's Preferred Agenda on a motion of Moses and second of Walrod.

Adjournment:

The Committee adjourned at 10:10 a.m. on the motion of Zupan and second of Corbin.

Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tricia Wiley on behalf of Chairman Paul H. Walrod.