

# **Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee**

*Meeting Minutes  
May 25, 2022*

PRESENT: Chairman Pete Walrod  
Vice Chairman Rex Vosburg  
Supervisor Loren Corbin  
Supervisor Cliff Moses  
Supervisor Bill Zupan (via Zoom)

ALSO: County Administrator Mark Scimone  
District Attorney William Gabor  
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell  
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear  
Director of 911 Frank McFall  
Undersheriff Bill Wilcox  
Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis (via Zoom)  
Public Information Officer Samantha Field  
Assistant Director of Finance Keith Lummis  
Personnel Officer Eileen Zehr  
Director of Labor Relations Ryan Aylward  
Commissioner of Social Services Michael Fitzgerald  
Executive Assistant to County Administrator Christine Coe (via Zoom)  
Confidential Secretary to Board of Supervisors Emily Burns  
Town of Lincoln Supervisor Melissa During (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Walrod at 8:30 a.m. in the Chambers.

## **Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Cliff Moses to enter into executive session at 8:30 a.m. to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Supervisor Loren Corbin seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Corbin to exit executive session at 8:51 a.m. Supervisor Moses seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

## **Minutes:**

The minutes of the April 27, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Cliff Moses and second of Vice Chairman Rex Vosburg.

## **Emergency Management:**

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

**Authorizing the Chairman to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the  
Leonardsville Fire District for Use of the Emergency Management Training Center**

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

Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear provided the following updates:

- Fly car had a save last Friday night in Madison. They came across a physical assault and assisted until law enforcement arrived.
- Having some issues with staffing for the fly car. Staff is per diem and their primary jobs come first. If we don't have a full staff, the car doesn't go out. Looking and talking with Eileen in Personnel about including a new title for Critical Care Technicians which is a step below a Paramedic but a step above EMT's. Hoping this may help bring additional staffing on board.
- Hope to have staffing for upcoming large events. The Sheriff's Office is letting us borrow the gator for the parades so we can have an ALS mobile service at Oz Fest and Boxing Hall of Fame.
- Last Friday night was the EMS Awards Banquet for the Midstate Region. Director of 911 Frank McFall won the EMS Communicator of the Year award, Matt from Vineall won the EMS Leadership award, Dr. Black won the Outstanding Physician award and Smith Ambulance won EMS Agency of the Year.
- Trainings have started for the new Spillman CAD/RMS in the EOC Conference Room. Hoping to have up and running in a year.
- Interviewed a candidate for the Public Safety Systems Coordinator position; hoping to offer that person the job.
- Working through municipal meetings for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Have a couple left to go. The next Planning Committee will meet via Zoom on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Also held a Stakeholders meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> in which the afternoon session was well attended but no one attended the evening session.
- Staffing issues with fire instructors caused the cancellation of a training day for the Town of Sullivan departments. In the process of reviewing current staff and hiring additional.
- Last week there was a fatal fire in Fenner. The Emergency Management Office will never release the names of those involved; that is a decision for local fire departments and law enforcement.

#### **Sheriff's Office:**

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox presented the following resolution to the Committee:

#### **Authorizing the Chairman to Apply for the 2022 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program from the US Department of Justice**

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

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox provided the following update:

- Have received many calls from school superintendents after the school shooting in Texas. Will be providing extra patrols around the schools temporarily, along with the SRO's that are already in the schools.

#### **Other Committee Business:**

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

#### **Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with NYSILS for a Three-Year**

**Distribution 2020-2023 (3<sup>rd</sup> UQI & CR Grant)**

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

Chairman Pete Walrod presented the following resolution to the Committee:

**Re-Appointing Members to the Madison County Traffic Safety Board**

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

There was a previous email poll request to the Committee for approval of an insurance waiver for training for the SOU team for the Sheriff's Office.

The Committee unanimously approved the waiver on the motion of Corbin and second of Moses.

**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. All resolutions were voted on and approved by the Committee.

**Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Rex Vosburg to enter into executive session at 9:15 a.m. to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Supervisor Cliff Moses seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Rex Vosburg to exit executive session at 10:35 a.m. Supervisor Moses seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

**Adjournment:**

The Committee adjourned at 10:35 a.m. on the motion of Vosburg and second of Moses.

**Next Meeting Date:**

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

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