

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2024*

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

ALSO: Board Chairman Joseph John Pinard
County Administrator Mark Scimone
Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari
County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith (via Zoom)
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
County Attorney Intern Ava Platt
Sheriff Todd Hood
Undersheriff Bill Wilcox
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear
Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth
Emergency Management Intern Camryn Shea
Director of 911 Frank McFall (via Zoom)
Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis (via Zoom)
Treasurer Cindy Edick
Public Information Officer Samantha Field
Clerk to the Board Emily Burns
Town of Lincoln Board Member Peggy LeClair (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vosburg at 9:01 a.m. in the Chambers.

Minutes:

The minutes of the March 27, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Greg Reuter and second of Supervisor Michelle Kinville.

Assigned Counsel:

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for a Three-Year Distribution 2024-2027 (2nd H-H Grant)

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

Sheriff's Office:

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into a Memorandum of Understanding with Helio Health, Inc.

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into a Linkage Agreement with ACR Health

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

Proclaiming May 12-18, 2024 as National Police Officers Week

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

Recognizing Correctional Officers

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with Carrie Edick, PMHNP-BC

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

Undersheriff Bill Wilcox provided the following update:

- Everyone should have received a copy of the 1st Quarter STOP DWI Program report to read at your leisure.

Emergency Management:

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with Colgate University for the Purpose of Providing Emergency Medical Services for Athletic and Other Events

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Hamilton for the Purpose of Providing Emergency Medical Services

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

Approving an Update to the Madison County Emergency Medical Services Mutual Aid Plan

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

Urging the State of New York to Enact the Rescue EMS Package of Legislation to Strengthen Emergency Medical Services

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

Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear provided the following updates:

- Our department gave back almost \$600K for 2023; County EMS gave back \$479K of that amount.
- Have a budget modification going to Finance, Ways & Means to move some money left from ARPA funds to trade in and replace one of the ambulances.
- Frank and Andy are in Texas for Summit 2024 with Motorola for some training on the new CAD system.
- Participating in the HELP Program for 911 staffing which allows us to hire quickly and not wait for test results. Have four people in training, and one open position left. Will be fully staffed for the first time in 20 years once that position is filled.
- In the process of hiring additional Deputy Fire Coordinators. Have selected one for each of the three Battalions. Also in the process of hiring a Fire Investigator.
- Starting in September, the BOCES program at the Training Center will be EMS in the morning and fire in the afternoon and will also be open to the BOCES that covers most of the County.
- We have hit our one year mark in EMS as a transporting agency and are now doing our annual review of policies.
- Have a hardship request for someone who received services and according to income qualifies for a 75% discount which would be a reduction of over \$2,000 which requires Committee approval. It was the consensus of the Committee to approve this request pending receiving the requested financial information.

Director of EMS Jenna Illingworth provided the following updates:

- Did 273 calls between both stations and fly car for April. Sullivan station did around 160 calls and flipped five calls. SOMAC has handled 100% of calls, done around 27 inter-facility transfers out of the hospital and about 20 fly car calls.
- Received a letter from the Chief of the North Chittenango Fire Department as a thank you for everything we have done in Sullivan with North Chittenango.
- Starting to schedule some trainings with all the fire departments.
- Received the Community Partner Award on behalf of the Max A. Shacknai Center for Outreach, Volunteerism and Education from Colgate University.
- Busy on the EMS education side. Morgan has turned out almost 300 CPR cards so far this year.
- Wondering how we accept donations as gifts. Would like to have any money we receive go back into the Colgate student program. First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell will look into this.

Chairman Rex Vosburg noted that he and the Committee appreciate all the efforts and everything that the 911 staff and fire do also.

District Attorney:

Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari provided the following updates:

- Attended the National DA Association Best Practices Committee and had a few people ask me how we do it in Madison County which shows how far ahead we are technologically with prosecution and sharing discovery.
- Took part in a conversation with the CEO of Axon regarding the body worn camera footage who has promised that the tunnel will not be shut down and that it will remain free. They will absorb the cost until they renegotiate their contract with the Sheriff's Office.
- Trying to identify a candidate to replace Jane Raven. Had someone who had ten years of experience but when it got to the pay rate, we couldn't match what they are currently making. Will talk to the GOC tomorrow and try to come up with something that works. Ryan in HR is also working on it.

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 10:20 a.m. on the motion of Reuter and second of Wicks.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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