

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2021

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

ALSO: County Administrator Mark Scimone (via Zoom)
District Attorney William Gabor
Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari (via Zoom)
County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith (via Zoom)
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell (via Zoom)
Emergency Management Director Dan Degear
EMS Coordinator John Barattini
Emergency Management Planner Mike Sudol (via Zoom)
Director of 911 Frank McFall (via Zoom)
Emergency Management Intern Dan Sparkowski
Sheriff Todd Hood
Probation Director Joanne Miller
Public Information Officer Samantha Field

ABSENT: Supervisor Joe Ostrander

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Walrod at 9:00 a.m. in the Emergency Management Conference Room.

Minutes:

The minutes of the March 18, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Bill Zupan and second of Vice Chairman Loren Corbin.

Probation:

Probation Director Joanne Miller presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Amend an Agreement with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services

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

Sheriff's Office:

Sheriff Todd Hood presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Modification of the 2021 Adopted County Budget – OVS Grant

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

Authorizing Attendance at an Out-Of-State Conference

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Addendum with the Town of Sullivan, as a Secondary Party, to an Intermunicipal Agreement By and Between the County of Madison, the Madison County Sheriff's Office and the Chittenango Central School District

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

Discussion: Hood explained that the town will contribute \$57,000 towards the compensation of three Special Patrol Officers to serve in the District. He noted that it is different for each town; some towns do not contribute money and the district pays it all.

Sheriff Hood noted that a copy of the STOP DWI 1st quarter report for 2021 had been provided for the Committee's review.

District Attorney:

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

Acknowledging Introduction of Proposed Local Law No. 2 for the Year 2021 and Calling for a Public Hearing

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

District Attorney William Gabor discussed with the Committee that they were asking to amend the local law for the Traffic Diversion Program to take the DA's Office share of the money and put it into the County's general fund.

First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell said that he has drafted the amendment to the local law from last year. Aumell noted that he had to add a provision that we could use a 3rd party to help administer the plan. This amendment removes the DA's Office as the recipient and enables the DA to contract with a 3rd party. The amendment will go to the Board in May and a public hearing will be scheduled for June.

Gabor informed the Committee that there is a State grant that is being offered called the Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Grant. He said that they are applying for the \$202,000 grant which is set up as a one-time grant that would offset expenses occurred from Discovery Reform that would go to the County fund.

Gabor stated that the courts are open now, local courts are still virtual and they have the first two county court trials since COVID began scheduled for May.

Emergency Management:

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Motorola for NiCE Recording Equipment Update

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chenango County Bureau of Fire for Use of the Emergency Management Training Center for the Year 2021

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

Authorizing the Chairman to Sign Grant Funding Agreements with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

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

Emergency Management Director Dan Degear noted that they are looking at a CAD upgrade and want to integrate RMS into that. Demos are scheduled with Spillman and Hexagon.

Degear reported that COVID testing was discontinued. Daily testing averages were holding steady.

The department continues to support vaccine clinics and drive thru locations. Degear reported that the Chittenango site was being closed and that the Morrisville site was ramping down. Public Health would continue with the site in Oneida and is looking into working with high schools for 16-17 year olds.

Degear reported that the Training Center continues to be used and that from 1/1/21-4/18/21 there were 69 sessions held over 57 days with a total of 1,034 participants from 42 agencies.

Degear notified the Committee that the codes issue at the Training Center had been resolved and we had successfully acquired our variance for the training prop. He would like to thank John Regan for his assistance with this.

911 Director Frank McFall informed the Committee that there was a bill pending to change the classification of 911 telecommunicators from clerical to first responders.

Degear noted that Madison Ambulance Agency had a personnel issue. SOMAC was asked to do some temporary mutual aid. Degear said it had been looked into and should be resolved eventually.

EMS Coordinator John Barattini discussed with the Committee information on Community Paramedicine. He will prepare a presentation for the Committee at the May meeting on some numbers and examples of where it has worked in the country.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Chairman Pete Walrod to enter into executive session at 10:39 a.m. for personal issues and the advice of counsel. Supervisor Moses seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zupan to exit executive session at 10:56 a.m. Chairman Walrod seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Preferred Agenda:

The Committee unanimously approved including all resolutions with the exception of, Authorizing Attendance at an Out-Of-State Conference from the Sheriff's Office, in the Committee's Preferred Agenda on a motion of Moses and second of Zupan.

Adjournment:

The Committee adjourned at 10:57 a.m. on the motion of Zupan and second of Corbin.

Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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