



**AGENDA**  
**JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 2020**  
**Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/hKvYBO1CAw4>**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Hon. Andy Dennison, Chair

**MEMBERS:** Legislators Keith Batman, Elane Daly, Michael Didio, Heidi Nightengale, Hans Pecher (Vice Chair), and Tucker Whitman

**MINUTES TO APPROVE: April 8, 2020**

**APPOINTMENTS: None**

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:**

- **Denise Spingler (911) –**
  - COVID-19 Update – continuing to screen all callers
    - Staff will be returning to the Primary 911 Center June 1
    - Reporting call volumes to NYS
      - Numbers remaining consistent; Nature counts changing
  - Grant Reporting – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter reporting completed
    - Awaiting information on new grants applications
      - 2021 grants - 850k – 1m
  - Discovery Requests
    - 78 – January
    - 84 – February
    - 105 – March
    - 90 – April
- **Lloyd Hoskins (Assigned Counsel/Stop DWI) –**
  - The Centralized Arraignment Program went to all virtual (SKYPE) arraignments for the month of April. The Assigned Counsel office calendared ten attorneys to cover the 7am and 7pm arraignments. There were **37** scheduled arraignments. Judge Leone and Judge Fandrich were the presiding judges for the first three weeks and have been replaced by three of our local magistrates (Judge DiVietro/Owasco; Judge Carlson/Sterling; and Judge Kubarek/Throop)
  - The Auburn City Court also went to all virtual (SKYPE) arraignments for the month of April. The Assigned Counsel office calendared eight attorneys to cover **9** scheduled arraignments that occurred between 9am and 4pm.
  - Weekly ZOOM meetings with Indigent Legal Services (ILS) on application for Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring year 2. Cayuga County's proposed request, \$410,899.65
  - ILS approval 04/22/20 for Distribution #10 for the Assigned Counsel office in the amount of \$131,049.00.
  - At no time during the month of April was the Assigned Counsel office without staff. With two staff, an alternating schedule was implemented and we were able to maintain continuity.
- **Dr. Adam Duckett (Coroner) – No updates**
- **Jon Budelmann (District Attorney) –**
- **Amy Russett (Fire/EMO) –**

On 5/1/2020 there was extensive flood in Locke. The Town of Locke issued a State of Emergency for this incident. Locke FD and area departments were on scene as well as the EMO Fire Coordinator (Larry Dygert) and EMO Deputy Coordinator (Mike Deyneka). The EMO assisted by communicating with CC Highway to transport 12 pallets of filled sandbags from Fair Haven to Locke, assisted the incident commander in various sandbag walls, pumping out basements, etc. NYS DOT and DEC were also on scene to assist. There were 11 homes affected by this flooding, 1 of those homes were vacated. NYS DOT has built a temporary berm to assist. The Town of Locke has implemented a flood plan with CC Soil & Water.

Continued coordination with Fair Haven regarding filled sandbag deliveries from NYS. Fair Haven has received all other supplies needed (pumps, empty sandbags, and forklift) to mitigate flooding in Little Sodus Bay and are receiving shipments of filled sandbags consistently.

Cayuga Lake is high right now and NYS Canal System has increased outflow into the Canal System to mitigate. Rivers are at moderate flood stages right now. The EMO has established situational awareness to all area Fire Chiefs that this could potentially affect.

The EMO continues to support supply and distribution support for COVID-19 activities.

- Medical grade PPE
- Cloth masks to Essential Businesses
- Hand Sanitizer
- NYS DOH distribution requests
- Shelf Stable Food Boxes
- Donation Receipts

- **Jay DeWispelaere (Probation) – No updates**

- **Brian Schenck (Sheriff) –**

- We have continued to maintain numerous temporary changes to our procedures in an effort to combat the spread of illness and Covid-19. Jail visitation, programming, and education are still suspended. There is very limited access to our lobby and facility by the public. We are beginning to work on plans and strategies to move our agency back towards full service. A new procedure to allow for pistol permit amendments to be completed online has been established. Our inmate work crew has begun leaving the building again to work on lawn mowing for area municipalities, cemeteries, and organizations.
- Our member that had contracted Covid-19 is doing well and is returning back to work at the time this report is being written. Many thanks to the Cayuga County Health Department for their guidance and assistance with this issue. No other members of the Sheriff's Office or inmates have tested positive to date.
- Our Patrol Division continues to answer calls for service. For calls that do not require an in person response, complainants are still being interviewed via telephone. Patrol members have been advised to continue limiting their exposure to the public as much as possible while still providing public safety services.
- Overall call volume for our Road Patrol Division has been down slightly; however, we have investigated and seen a disturbing increase in what appear to be opiate overdoses, both fatal and non-fatal throughout the county in the past few weeks. We have also seen a steady number of Domestic Violence calls and requests for help with Mental Health incidents.
- At the time of this report we are housing 126 inmates in our jail with 47 of those inmates being Federal board-ins. The Centralized Arraignment Court (CAP) at the jail remains steady with pre-arraigned detainees being held for all law enforcement agencies throughout the county on a near daily basis. We are maintaining 6 open staff positions in the jail and continue to work as efficiently as possible to limit the need to fill any of these positions given our current fiscal challenges.
- Our Road Patrol members have been trying to recognize children's birthdays throughout the county by participating in birthday parades and singing happy birthday to the kids to help them deal with the fact that they cannot have gatherings due to social distancing rules. These details have been done by numerous Deputies when they are in-between calls for service and when available.
- Our Court Security Division has a reduced number of staff hours currently being worked as the courts are still providing limited service. Fewer posts are currently being manned at this time.
- We are exploring the creation of an inmate garden at the Public Safety Complex to give inmates the ability to learn to grow vegetables and sweetcorn while providing all of the food grown to area food pantries and for use at the jail.
- Our Black Creek system that electronically maintains cell doors and systems at the jail will soon need to be upgraded. The electronics and computer software have become outdated and will need to be replaced. We are beginning to look at this project and prepare to put this out to bid. We hope to maintain the system until next year and address this need during the next budget cycle.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**EMO:**

5-20-JP-1 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Director of the Emergency Management Office to sign an agreement with Geopliant, LLC, for Crisis Track Damage Assessment Software

**SHERIFF:**

5-20-JP-2 Authorize the Treasurer of Cayuga County to transfer funding of leased automobiles from the Sheriff and Jail budget to the General Fund Principle and Interest Funding.

**ADJOURNMENT: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 to follow Planning**

If you have a disability and need accommodations, please call the Clerk of the Legislature's office at 253-1308 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting to advise what accommodations will be necessary.

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

5/26/2020

EMO Crisis Track Agmt

**Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Director of the Emergency Management Office to sign an agreement with Geopliant, LLC, for Crisis Track Damage Assessment Software**

Hon. Andrew Dennison, Chair, Judicial and Public Safety Committee  
Hon. Christopher Petrus, Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Whereas, the county has utilized the software subscription for Crisis Track Damage Assessment since 2015 which helps communities conduct damage assessments and process FEMA grant applications by integrating disaster management; and

Whereas, Crisis Track software will allow the Emergency Management Director and other county operations the ability to view a community-wide disaster management operation for Cayuga County; and

Whereas, Geopliant, LLC, has provided a quote for a term for five years, beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2025 in the amount of \$3,050 annually; now therefore be it

Resolved, that funds budgeted within the 2018 SHSP Grant, A36474 54525 be used for this subscription; and be it further

Resolved, that the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of the Emergency Management are hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Geopliant, LLC for Crisis Track Damage Assessment for the term of five years.

**Judicial & Public Safety**

**Ways & Means Committee**

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5/26/20

SHR Transfer Budget

**AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER OF CAYUGA COUNTY TO TRANSFER FUNDING OF LEASED AUTOMOBILES FROM THE SHERIFF AND JAIL BUDGET TO THE GENERAL FUND PRINCIPLE AND INTEREST FUNDING**

By: Mr. Andrew Dennison, Chair, Judicial & Public Safety Committee  
Mr. Christopher Petrus, Chair, Ways & Means Committee

WHEREAS, the Cayuga County Sheriff ‘s Department entered into an Agreement with Enterprise FM Trust to lease vehicles for the Road side and Jail and the 2020 Cayuga County Sheriff and Jail budgets included these amounts; and

WHEREAS, a change in generally accepted accounting principles for these transactions indicates that payments need to be broken down into principal and interest with a corresponding accrued liability; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer’s Department has requested transferring both 2020 budgeted amounts and any current activity posted, from the Cayuga County Sheriff’s Department Budget A31104 54279 for \$103,600 and the Cayuga County Jail Budget A31504 54279 for \$19,000.00 to the Cayuga County General Fund Principle and Interest Account No. A97104-56000; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Cayuga County Treasurer be directed to amend the budgets for these amounts and any activity effective immediately.

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