



MINUTES
JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 21, 2023 to follow Public Works
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CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Mark Strong, Chair at **5:55 PM**

MEMBERS: Legislators Elane Daly, Andy Dennison, Michael Didio, Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Heidi Nightengale, and Chris Petrus

EXCUSED: Michael Didio and Chris Petrus

Motion by Daly, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.

OTHERS: Chairman David Gould, Legislators Hans Pecher, Trcia Kerr, Bob Shea, and Jim Basile, District Attorney Brittany Antonacci, Assistant County Attorney Rich Graham, 911 Administrator Denise Spingler, EMO Director Riley Shurtleff, Probation Director Jay DeWispelaere, Sheriff Brian Schenck, Operations Officer Shereen Androsko, Budget Director Lynn Marinelli, and Secretary to the Chairperson Sarah Blowers

MINUTES TO APPROVE: February 14, 2023 **Motion by Daly, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.**

APPOINTMENTS: None

PRESENTATION: COOP Plan

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

- **Denise Spingler (911) –**
 - **Policy Matters for Committee**
 - **Staffing update**
 - 1 vacancy – 1 response from canvas
 - New Test - February 25th
 - 34 signed up, 9 showed up for test
 - **Training Update**
 - Upcoming Active Shooter Training - August
 - **Emergency Communications System**
 - **No updates**
- **Lloyd Hoskins (Assigned Counsel) –**
 - There were **44** arraignments at the Centralized Arraignment Program for the month of February. The Assigned Counsel office calendared fifteen attorneys to cover the 7am and 7pm arraignments. The attorney cost associated with CAP for February was \$9,120.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.* Of the 44 arraignments, **19** (43%) were for town/village courts, **25** (57%) for Auburn City Court. **28** (64%) defendants were released (ROR), and **16** (36%) defendants were held on bail or held for other reasons. Of the 44 arraignments, 26 (60%) were brought in on arrest/bench warrants. 16 Orders of Protection were issued.
 - There were **55** Counsel at First Appearance for Auburn City Court and **21** Counsel at First Appearance in town/village courts. The Assigned Counsel office calendared sixteen attorneys to cover the “on-call” arraignments. The attorney cost associated with Counsel at First Appearance for February was \$7,650.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.*
 - The Assigned Counsel office made attorney assignments to **46** defendants in Auburn City Court and **31** defendants in justice courts for February. A total of **25** assignments were made in Family Court.
 - Work is on-going with Thomson Reuters – HighQ on case software and configuration of a case management/accounting templates. Resolution for contract signatures will be presented in April 2023.
 - The Assigned Counsel office was able to reach out and add another attorney to our panel. Attorney Christopher Thorpe will assist us with misdemeanor and felony cases. This will bring our list of panel attorneys up to 28 members.
- **Dr. Adam Duckett (Coroner) – No updates**

- **Brittany Antonacci (District Attorney) – No updates**

- **Riley Shurtleff (Fire/EMO) –**

1. PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER IMPROVEMENTS – A full Legislature presentation was given on 2/28. Following established processes, the next step will be based on direction given on finalizing architectural plans from the concept drawings.
2. Emergency Services continues to support and guide the Continuity of Operations Plan [COOP] process which involves all County departments. A presentation for the full updated COOP will occur at the March 28th Legislature meeting.
3. Emergency Services Staff attended the NYS Emergency Management Assoc. Conference in Syracuse from February 14th – 16th. The Conference included Tier II refresher training and a selection of presentations from NYS DHSES, Erie County Public Safety, NYS OFPC and others.
4. A survey of County Departments and Ambulance Agencies was distributed on 2/23 regarding the State Real Property Tax law that was passed in December. The survey is intended to garner information on eligible volunteers and parcels as available.
 - **Operations**
 1. County Coordinators: Responded 6 times to assist Incident Command on Emergency scenes.
 2. REHAB: Responded 1 time to assist Fire personnel with REHAB operations.
 3. Fire Investigations: Responded 2 times to assist Incident Command with Cause and Origin of Fires.
 - **Training**
 1. A NYS OFPC BEFO class, or Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations course, with HAZMAT is ongoing with the Owasco Fire Department. This course is designed to train firefighters in initial operations and skills.
 2. The Cayuga County Rope Rescue Team met in Moravia on 2/12 and performed initial rescuer operations drills.
 3. The Cayuga County Highland Search and Rescue Team met in Cato on 2/19 for their regular business meeting and a training overviewing a recent call and new equipment.
 4. A two evening Traffic Incident Management Class (TIMS) was instructed on 2/21 and 2/28 in Weedsport.
 5. A NYS OFPC Certified Pump Operator Course has been scheduled in Owasco to start in April.
 6. A NYS Hazmat First Responder Operations Course has been scheduled in Sennett.

In addition to the above, numerous calls and meetings with the State of New York OEM, OFPC, County Coordinators, County Agencies and other organizations were attended.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or to discuss any of the above in further detail.

- **Jay DeWispelaere (Probation) –**

- **Alternatives to Incarceration Board;**

- Application for ATI funding for 2023-2024 has been received. Members of the ATI Board will begin to review the application for submission.
- Finding period is July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024; a resolution to approve funding will be required.
- Next ATI meeting will be late March or early April.

- **Victim's Services Work Group;**

- Representatives from several agencies and departments met March 8th to discuss aspects of their roles in providing services to victims of crime; decision was made to blend this group into the Domestic Violence Coalition meeting that already exists. Represented; CCSO, DA, Probation, Cayuga Counseling, CAP & SAVAR

- **Staff Vacancies;**

- Account Clerk Typist; position has been filled with the new hire beginning March 20th. Filling this position brings the department back to full strength for the first time since March, 2022.
- Conditional Discharge IID Monitor (Part Time Clerk); position will be moved from Stop DWI into Probation. Two candidates have been interviewed. It is hoped that once a decision is made the transition can be effective by April 1st. The new IID Monitor will need to be trained before they can become fully active in the position; Tracie Coulson will be asked to assist with this process.
- COVID: in the last month two department employees have tested positive for COVID requiring them to be out of the office for five days. Several other employees who were ill missed varying periods of time, but were not COVID positive.

- **Brian Schenck (Sheriff) –**

- At the time of this report we are holding 168 incarcerated individuals in the jail. This includes 23 Federal board ins, 3 Local board ins, 9 NY State Parolees detained for new charges and 5 Parolees detained for a violation of parole.
- Training for Body Worn Camera deployment in the Patrol Division has begun.

- Mental Health Director Walsh and Sheriff Schenck continue to explore options for meeting the growing mental health treatment needs of the incarcerated population at the jail. Director Walsh will likely request the addition of a second full time mental health social worker to meet the mandated need.
- Active shooter training for the Road Patrol Division was completed in February.
- The county Threat Assessment Team continues to identify, assess, and manage threatening behavior potentially impacting our area schools. We hope to increase the capacity of this initiative to address threatening situations and prevent violence beyond the school setting as well.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 911:**
- 3-23-JP-1 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature to sign an agreement Goodwill of the Finger Lakes 211/988 for Suicide Hotline Assistance.
Motion by Dennison, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.
- 3-23-JP-2 Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature to sign an agreement Interaction Insight Corporation for the purchase of a new recorder at the Cayuga County 911 Center and a re-deployment of the recorder at the primary to the backup center.
Motion by Daly, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

- 3-23-JP-3 Authorizing the installation of new carpeting in the District Attorney's Office.
Motion by McNabb-Coleman, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.

EMO:

- 3-23-JP-4 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature to adopt the amended Cayuga County Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) – Volume I for Cayuga County and Adopt (COOP) Volume II for the Cayuga County Departments.
Motion by McNabb-Coleman, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.

PROBATION:

- 3-23-JP-5 (AMENDED) Authorization to change titles only within the Cayuga County Probation Department.
Motion by Dennison to amend JP-5 in the second resolved to strikethrough CSEA, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor. All in favor of resolution as amended.

SHERIFF:

- 3-23-JP-6 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Sheriff to enter into an Agreement with CONFIDENTIAL HELP FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUGS (CHAD) to provide substance abuse support and treatment services in the Cayuga County Jail.
Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.
- 3-23-JP-7 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Sheriff to enter into an Agreement with LIBERTY RESOURCES to provide peer counseling services in the Cayuga County Jail.
Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.
- 3-23-JP-8 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Sheriff to enter into an Agreement with NICK'S RIDE 4 FRIENDS, INC. to provide peer counseling services in the Cayuga County Jail and to victims of overdose.
Motion by Daly, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.
- 3-23-JP-9 Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Sheriff of Cayuga County to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement to allow the United States Border Patrol to access three (3) law enforcement channels withing Cayuga County's E911 network.
Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

3-23-JP-10 Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Sheriff of Cayuga County to extend an agreement with Trinity Services Group Inc. to provide food services for the incarcerated population housed at the Cayuga County Jail.
Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.

STOP DWI:

3-23-JP-11 Authorizing the Chairman of Legislature to fill STOP-DWI Coordinator.
Motion by Dennison, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Dennison at 6:55 PM, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.