



MINUTES
JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 5:30PM (VIRTUAL)
Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/VydJQdRF0UE>

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Ben Vitale, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:34PM

MEMBERS: Legislators Keith Batman, Elane Daly (Vice Chair), Michael Didio, Timothy Lattimore, Heidi Nightengale, and Hans Pecher

EXCUSED: Lattimore and Batman

OTHERS: Chair Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Legislators Tricia Kerr, Mark Strong, Chris Petrus, County Attorney Chris Palermo, Chief Assistant County Attorney Rich Graham, Assistant County Attorney Brittany Massi, Sheriff Brian Schenck, 911 Administrator Denise Spingler, EMO Director Dale Currier, Youth Bureau Director Lloyd Hoskins, Probation Director Jay DeWispelaere, District Attorney Jon Budelmann, Detective Sergeant Fred Cornelius, Computer Systems Technician Chad Cooper, and Deputy Clerk of the Legislature Amanda Morgan

Palermo, Massi, Spingler, Graham

MINUTES TO APPROVE: May 12, 2021, Motion by Didio, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

- **Denise Spingler (911) –**
 - **Discovery**
 - Cases coming in as high priority (7-10/day)
 - 4 applicants/ none w/minimum qualifications
 - Position placed on Indeed – 2 week period
 - **Quality Assurance**
 - 12 QA audits
 - 38 EMD reviews
 - **Grants**
 - PSAP 20 – waiting on award amount
 - SIEC 20 – grant RFA released; application submitted 6/1/21
 - **FCC ‘The Ending 9-1-1 Fee Diversion now Strike Force’**
 - New group of members whose goal is to review diversion of 9-1-1 fees collected by states w/ the goal of stopping the monies from being diverted to other funding sources
 - Group will study each states plan for use of 9-1-1 fees collected
 - Cayuga County collected approximately 300k last year
 - **Aging equipment**
 - Starting to see aging issues related to UPS / generators / radio equipment
 - 2020 - \$9018
 - 2021 - \$7308 (\$2750.00 pending)
 - All sites need new batteries for UPS systems 350k (goal is to use grant funding)
- **Lloyd Hoskins (Assigned Counsel/Stop DWI) –**

The Assigned Counsel office is pleased to update the committee with the following items:

- There were **64** “in person” arraignments at the Centralized Arraignment Program for the month of May. The Assigned Counsel office calendared seventeen attorneys to cover the 7am and 7pm arraignments. The attorney cost associated with CAP for May was \$8,375.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.* Of the 64 arraignments, 27 (42%) were for town/village courts, 36 (57%) were for Auburn City Court and 1 (1%) was for County Court. 41 (64%) defendants were released (ROR) and 23 (36%) defendants were held on bail or held for other reasons.
- There were **47** Counsel at First Appearance for Auburn City Court and **8** Counsel at First Appearance in town/village courts. The Assigned Counsel office calendared fourteen attorneys to cover the “on-call” arraignments. The attorney cost

associated with Counsel at First Appearance for May was \$6,700.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.*

- The Assigned Counsel Program made attorney assignments to **65** defendants in Auburn City Court and **28** defendants in justice courts for May. A total of **44** assignments were made in Family Court.
- The May 2021 assigned counsel payments for legal and professional services was \$80,879.42. The assigned counsel payments for parole revocations and appeals was \$3,328.95.
- **Dr. Adam Duckett (Coroner) – No updates**
- **Jon Budelmann (District Attorney) – No updates**
- **DISTRICT ATTORNEY:**

6-21-JP-1 Authorizing the creation and filling of the position of Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney. **Motion by Vitale, 2nd by Pecher, all in favor.**

- **Dale Currier (Fire/EMO) – No updates**
- **Jay DeWispelaere (Probation) – No updates**
- **Brian Schenck (Sheriff) –**
 - Members of the Sheriff’s Office participated in some of the Memorial Day Remembrances across the county and assisted with traffic safety. We were honored to help remember the fallen men and women that have served our great nation.
 - Numerous members of our Sheriff’s Office were recognized for exceptional service during National Correctional Officer’s Week (May2-8) and National Police Week (May 9-15).
 - Educational services, CHAD drug and alcohol treatment, peer services, and limited programming are currently available in the jail. In person inmate visitation remains suspended. Inmates continue to be able to visit with family virtually as well as by telephone and mail.
 - The Centralized Arraignment Part (CAP) Court was utilized for 64 pre-arraignment detainees in May.
 - At the time of this report we are housing 150 total inmates in our jail. Of those inmates, 34 are Federal board-ins, 18 NY State Parole Violators that are facing new charges, and 12 Parolees that have been detained for violating their Parole.
 - We continue to partner with Nick’s Ride for Friends, the Cayuga County Drug Free Coalition, and the HEALing Communities Study to engage the public at local events to secure and dispose of dangerous unneeded prescription medication, provide drug prevention, treatment, and peer support information, and provide the opiate overdose reversal medication Naloxone. On June 12th we will be partnering with NY State Senator Pam Helming to host one of these events at Walgreens Pharmacy on Genesee Street in Auburn from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Pecher, 2nd by Didio, all in favor.

SHERIFF:

- 6-21-JP-2 Authorize the Cayuga County Sheriff to charge a rate of \$80.00 an hour for Deputy Sheriffs working pursuant to agreements entered into with municipalities, fire departments, school districts, organizations and other entities
- 6-21-JP-3 Authorize the Sheriff to fill five (5) vacant Sheriff Custody Officer Positions in the Custody Division of the Cayuga County Sheriff’s Office
- 6-21-JP-4 Authorize the Sheriff to fill one (1) vacant Registered Professional Nurse position in the Custody Division of the Cayuga County Sheriff’s Office

Motion by Didio to adjourn at 6:02PM, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.