



MINUTES
JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 11, 2023 to follow Public Works
Live Stream Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=neHI_vAKBvY

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Mark Strong, Chair at **6:13 PM**

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

OTHERS: Legislators Hans Pecher and Jim Basile, District Attorney Brittany Antonacci, 911 Administrator Denise Spingler, Supervising Attorney John Price, Probation Director Jay DeWispelaere, Sheriff Brian Schenck, EMO Director Riley Shurtleff, Assistant County Attorney Rich Graham, and Secretary to the Chairperson Sarah Blowers

MINUTES TO APPROVE: June 13, 2023
Motion by Strong, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS:

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:
Denise Spingler (911) – no updates

Lloyd Hoskins (Assigned Counsel) –

- There were **79** arraignments at the Centralized Arraignment Program for the month of June. The Assigned Counsel office calendared thirteen attorneys to cover the 7am and 7pm arraignments. The attorney cost associated with CAP for June was \$13,020.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.* Of the 79 arraignments, **30** (38%) were for town/village courts, **47** (59%) for Auburn City Court and **2** (1%) for Family Court. **39** (49%) defendants were released (ROR), and **40** (48%) defendants were held on bail or held for other reasons. Of the 79 arraignments, 38 (48%) were brought in on arrest/bench warrants. 23 Orders of Protection were issued.
- There were **65** Counsel at First Appearance for Auburn City Court and **9** 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 June was \$7,800.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.*
- The Assigned Counsel office made attorney assignments to **47** defendants in Auburn City Court and **33** defendants in justice courts for June. A total of **59** assignments were made in Family Court.
- Legal Counsel Expenses:
 - January - \$82,694.92 + CAP/CAFA - \$19,130.00 = \$101,824.92
 - February - \$88,744.96 + CAP/CAFA - \$16,770.00 = \$105,514.96
 - March - \$92,850.30 + CAP/CAFA - \$19,440.00 = \$112,290.30
 - April - \$101,443.08 + CAP/CAFA - \$18,480.00 = \$119,923.08
 - May - \$179,928.82 + CAP/CAFA - \$19,300.00 = \$199,228.82
 - June - \$153,671.85 + CAP/CAFA - \$20,820.00 = \$174,491.85

Dr. Adam Duckett (Coroner) – no updates

Brittany Antonacci (District Attorney) –

- **Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) Initiative**
 - Evidence based initiative provides state funding to local law enforcement agencies for equipment, overtime, personnel, salaries, as well as focused training and technical assistance. GIVE is a key component of New York State's shooting and homicide reduction strategy. GIVE supports 20 police departments, district attorneys' offices, probation departments and sheriffs' offices in 17 counties
 - \$370,665 total
 - \$121,277: Auburn PD

- \$110,854: DA Office
 - \$85,000: ADA salaries
 - \$10,000: court reporter
 - \$20,000: Grant program coordinator
- \$102,000: Probation
- \$36,524: CCSO

Riley Shurtleff (Emergency Services) –

1. PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER IMPROVEMENTS – Bergmann has been working the office to obtain additional site details and needs related to the Fire Tower Project. This includes layout of the vehicle storage building, extrication pad facilities, and sizes of existing equipment.
2. The July 3rd Fireworks at Emerson Park Detail was completed without notable issue or incident. Weather cooperated for the evening. Special thanks goes to Incident Commander Jeremy Vevone (Owasco FD), Scott Kehoe (Fleming FD), Safety Officer Jason Green, and Deputy Fire Coordinator Dave Newert for their efforts.
3. The Countywide Fire Mutual Aid Plan is currently undergoing its 5 year revision.
4. The Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial Ride is scheduled for July 15th for its 15th Anniversary Run. ES Staff are working with Local FDs for traffic control operations.

- Operations

1. ES Staff worked cooperatively with the Health Department and NYS OEM related to the Quebec Wildfire Smoke Situation. It is anticipated that smoke conditions will quiet for the but will recur throughout the summer months.
2. Staff responded throughout the County during the week of 6/26 for heavy rains and potential flooding. Road closures in the Southern end of the County were addressed by local First Responders and Highway Departments.
3. County Coordinators: Responded 11 times to assist Incident Command on Emergency scenes. This included response to confirmed or potential structure fires, a house explosion, and 2 water rescue situations.
4. Fire Investigators: Responded 2 times to assist Incident Command with Cause and Origin of Fires.
5. Rehab: Responded 2 times at fire scenes to assist in scene support efforts

- Training

1. Alternative Fueled Vehicles courses were held on June 20th and 29th in Fair Haven and West Niles.
2. Surface Water Rescue is scheduled for August 19th and 20th in Owasco.
3. Fire Investigation for the Line Officer (Web-based) will be scheduled for an offering in September.
4. Two Office Staff attended Fire 2023 the New York State Chief’s Association Annual Training Expo and Conference on June 14-17th.

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;**
 - No update at this time.
 - Next ATI meeting will be late June or early July.
- **GIVE Grant;**
 - The Probation Dept. has received an award of \$102,000.00 for the 2023-2024 GIVE Grant.
 - This money will be used to create a new, dedicated, Probation Officer position necessary to fulfill the requirements of the grant. This position will be fully funded by the grant and will not require county funds.
 - This position will be high risk, community oriented and will work closely with the other partner agencies involved in the county GIVE program.
 - A resolution seeking permission to create and fill one Probation Officer position will be submitted following approval to accept the grant funds.
 - A resolution has been submitted authoring the County to accept the funds awarded to the Probation Dept.
- **Staff Vacancies;**
 - A Probation Officer has resigned in order to lateral to another agency. Last date with the county will be August 3, 2023. A resolution seeking permission to fill will be forthcoming. HR has been asked to canvass the current list to try and fill the vacancy quickly.
 - It is likely that another Probation Officer will be retiring shortly after the first of the year.
 - Senior Typist; the person hired for this position in January has resigned. Another clerical staff member is interested in taking the position, which will create a vacancy in the only recently filled Account Clerk Typist position. A resolution will be submitted requesting permission to fill the Sr. Typist position and backfill any subsequent vacancies.

- **Congratulations!;**
 - Probation Supervisor John Madden was hired by the Probation Dept. in 1996 and has spent his entire career with the Cayuga Co. Dept. of Probation.
 - Supervisor Madden is known for his integrity and work ethic.
 - John’s entire immediate family (wife, both daughters and son in law) work in the criminal justice system locally.
 - John has been honored by NYS DCJS with the 2023 State Director’s Award for Outstanding Service by a Probation Officer.
 - The award will be presented during the annual New York State Probation Officers Association conference in Syracuse July 27th.
 - This is the first time an officer from the department has been honored at the state level.

Brian Schenck (Sheriff) –

- At the time of this report, we are holding 172 incarcerated individuals in the jail. This includes 23 Federal board ins, 1 Local board ins, 7 NY State Parolees detained for new charges and 3 Parolees detained for a violation of parole.
- We currently have 25 incarcerated individuals in our Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program. With this relatively new state mandated program, and a significant increase in workload within our medical division, we are having difficulty meeting the state mandated requirements for care within our jail facility. We did add an LPN position at the start of the MAT program to assist in passing medication throughout our facility; however, we need more staffing resources to meet the current needs. The Sheriff will be discussing this further at the next JPS meeting.
- We are actively recruiting for our entry level Road Patrol exam that will be offered on September 9th, as well as our Custody and Security Divisions.
- A sharp increase in transports and hospital details required for incarcerated individuals for medical treatment, court transports, and juvenile transports (many resulting from Raise the Age Law changes) for secure and non-secure detention has strained both our Road and Custody staff and vehicle resources. The Sheriff will be discussing this further at the next JPS meeting. Our staff in both divisions have stepped up to meet the need with overtime; however, burnout is becoming a serious concern as well as the strain on our overtime budgets.
- The Sheriff is working to re-establish the county’s Traffic Safety Board after a number of members stepped away during the past year due to varying reasons. Legislator Strong is on the board and assisting with this process.

RESOLUTIONS:

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

7-23-JP-1 (AMENDED) Authorizing the District Attorney’s Office to accept funding through the 2023-2024 Gun Involved Violence Elimination Initiative (GIVE) Grant from the Division of Criminal Justice Services and amend the 2023 District Attorney’s Office Budget to accept funding.
Motion by McNabb-Coleman, 2nd by Dennison
Motion by Daly to amend JP-1 to change Revenue Account A11650 43075 to A11650 43390 “Give Grant”, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.
All in favor as amended.

EMO:

7-23-JP-2 Authorizing the Emergency Services Director to fill two (2) Part-time Deputy Fire Coordinators and one (1) Deputy Fire/EMS Coordinator.
Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

SHERIFF:

7-23-JP-3 Authorizing the Sheriff to fill one vacant Deputy Sheriff Position in the Patrol Division of the Cayuga County Sheriff’s Office.
Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.

7-23-JP-4 Authorizing the Sheriff’s Office to accept funding through the GIVE Grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and amend the 2023 Sheriff’s Grants and overtime budget to accept funding.
Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

- 7-23-JP-5 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Cayuga County Sheriff to enter into a contract with Saferwatch to provide a mobile information sharing platform to allow for real-time communication between our county departments and the public we serve.
Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.
- 7-23-JP-6 Authorize a salary adjustment for the Special Patrol Officer (SPO) position within the Port Byron School District.
Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.
- 7-23-JP-7 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and Cayuga County Sheriff to enter into a contract with the Weedsport Central School District to provide a full time Special Patrol Officer employed by the Sheriff's Office to the Weedsport Central School District to provide School Resource Officer Services and creating and filling one Special Patrol Officer Position for said purpose.
Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.

PROBATION:

- 7-23-JP-8 Authorizing the Probation Department to accept funding through the GIVE Grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and amend the 2023 Probation Budget to accept the funding.
Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.

Motion by Dennison to adjourn at 7:08 PM, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.