



MINUTES
JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 5:30PM
Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/AMvYHSOOPBw>

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Mark Strong, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

MEMBERS: Legislators Elane Daly, Andy Dennison, Michael Didio, Tricia Kerr, Heidi Nightengale, and Chris Petrus (Vice Chair)

OTHERS: Chairman David Gould, Legislators; Lydia Patti Ruffini, Jim Basile, Brian Muldrow and Bob Shea, Sheriff Brian Schenck, District Attorney Brittany Antonacci, Chief Assistant County Attorney Richard Graham, County Attorney Chris Palermo, 911 Administrator Denise Spingler, Probation Supervisor John Murley, Budget Director Lynn Marinelli, Assigned Counsel Lloyd Hoskins, and Deputy Clerk of Legislature Amanda Morgan

PUBLIC HEARING: Opened at 5:30PM- Call 315-294-8051, if you wish to speak on the public hearing.

- Shared Services Plan 2022

MINUTES TO APPROVE: October 12, 2022, Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Didio, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

- **Denise Spingler (911) –**
 - **Policy Matters for Committee**
 - **Training Class**
 - Call Taking Training continuing throughout November
 - **Emergency Communications System**
 - Continuing to work through coverage issues in Southern end (Lake Como / Summerhill areas) –
 - Costs
 - Initial quote for Quantars rec'd 849k
 - Waiting on quote for site equipment
 - Towers, Shelters, Generators separate costs
- **Lloyd Hoskins (Assigned Counsel) –**
 - There were **72** arraignments at the Centralized Arraignment Program for the month of October. The Assigned Counsel office calendared seventeen attorneys to cover the 7am and 7pm arraignments. The attorney cost associated with CAP for October was \$10,730.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.* Of the 72 arraignments, **31** (43%) were for town/village courts, **39** (54%) for Auburn City Court and **2** (3%) for Family Court. **43** (60%) defendants were released (ROR), and **29** (40%) defendants were held on bail or held for other reasons. Of the 72 arraignments, 34 (47%) were brought in on arrest/bench warrants. 19 Orders of Protection were issued.
 - There were **69** Counsel at First Appearance for Auburn City Court and **10** 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 October was \$9,450.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.*
 - The Assigned Counsel office made attorney assignments to **58** defendants in Auburn City Court and **27** defendants in justice courts for October. A total of **49** assignments were made in Family Court.
 - The Assigned Counsel Office has extended an employment offer to John Price, Esq. for the approved Supervising Attorney position. Attorney Price will begin on November 14, 2022.
 - Graduate students from the University at Albany working on a grant from The John F. Finn Institute for Public Safety have been assessing data as it relates to the 2020 bail reform. Cayuga County was one of six counties selected for this study.
 - The Gauging Improvement in Defense Efforts and Outcomes in New York (GIDEON) Project have also been in Cayuga County to assess the impact of New York State’s injection of new funding to criminal defense systems.

- **Dr. Adam Duckett (Coroner) – No updates**
- **Brittany Antonacci (District Attorney) – No updates**
- **Riley Shurtleff (Fire/EMO) –**
 1. PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER IMPROVEMENTS –Bergmann Associates continues to work on the site evaluation for constructing new classroom facilities and other training outbuildings. Ground core samples were tested and showed no signs of contamination from previous site use. A pre-construction meeting was conducted on October 18th to discuss future building features.
 2. Emergency Services continues to support and guide the Continuity of Operations Plan [COOP] process which involves all County departments. An overview of the project was provided at the recent Department Head meeting. The County’s Director of Operations has been providing additional support to the project and in coordinating information between the COOP Plan contractor and department heads. Final review and content submittal from Department Heads was requested by October 28th.
 3. Staff and Volunteer personnel conducted a meeting on October 26th with Matthews Specialty Vehicles related to the Scene Support vehicle previously approved through ARPA Funding. This vehicle is anticipated to take 440 days from chassis arrival to be built and accepted through the County. Upon completion the vehicle will be used for on scene first responder rehabilitation at structure fires, during severe weather, and other extended time incidents.
 4. The Emergency Services Office was recently visited by personnel from the NOAA - National Weather Service [NWS] - Buffalo Forecast Office as part of our recertification as a NWS Storm-Ready County on October 28th. As Cayuga County is served by 2 NOAA/National Weather Service offices, additional program review will now be conducted by the NWS office in Binghamton.
- **Jay DeWispelaere (Probation) –**
 - **Alternatives to Incarceration Board;**
 - No updates for this month
 - **Staff Vacancies and Issues;**
 - A new Probation Officer started Monday, November 7, 2022.
 - This brings the department’s sworn staff up to full strength for the first time since March of this year.
 - Civil Service lists for all officer titles (Probation Officer, Sr. Probation Officer and Probation Supervisor) are depleted or exhausted. To ensure a pool of qualified candidates is available the department will request that exams for all titles be scheduled for 2023.
 - **Staff Training;**
 - All required in service training modules have been completed by sworn staff for 2022.
 - Annually officers are required to complete 21 hours of in service training; most officers easily exceed this requirement.
 - Annual training modules include firearms, OC pepper spray, expandable baton, Under Cover & Off Duty Incidents, hand cuffing, radio protocol, Use of Force. Additionally, all modules required by the county’s annual in service training program must be completed.
 - **COVID;**
 - No recent issues. Department continues re-opening to walk in business and in-office contacts.
- **Brian Schenck (Sheriff) –**
 - Contracts with the Union Springs and Moravia School Districts have been executed for dedicated Special Patrol Officers employed by the Sheriff’s Office to be assigned to each school. Officer Joe DeCaro was assigned to the Union Springs District on 10-24-22 and is now providing school resource services. We have recruited an officer to assign to the Moravia District and anticipate he will start on 12-12-22
 - At the time of this report we are holding 175 incarcerated individuals in the jail. This includes 37 Federal board ins, 6 Local board ins, 6 NY State Parolees detained for new charges and 2 Parolees detained for a violation of parole.
 - Our Medication Assisted Treatment Program in the jail is in place and operational per the NY State mandate.
 - Our partnership with Cayuga County Mental Health and DSS in Threat Assessment and Management continues to work well. We have collaborated on a number of cases with our area schools since the start of the school year.
 - Planning with Tetra Tech to comply with Executive Order 18 has begun and is ongoing.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 11-22-JP-1 Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Finance to make budget adjustments in the E-911 budget. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Didio, all in favor.**
- 11-22-JP-2 Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Cayuga County 911 Administrator to accept the 2021-22 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant. **Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.**
- 11-22-JP-3 Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature to enter into a Tower Lease Agreement with T-Mobile to share tower space at the Ira Tower Site to improve cellular communications in the northern part of Cayuga County. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Kerr, all in favor.**

PROBATION:

- 11-22-JP-4 Authorization to fill one (1) Senior Typist title in the Cayuga County Probation Department. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.**

SHERIFF:

Motion by Petrus to bundle JP 5-8, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.

- 11-22-JP-5 Authorize the Sheriff to fill eight (7) vacant Sheriff Custody Officer Positions in the Custody Division of the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office
- 11-22-JP-6 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and Sheriff of Cayuga County to enter into an agreement with Info Quick Solutions, Inc. to provide software services for pistol permits for the Road Patrol Division of the Sheriff's Office
- 11-22-JP-7 Authorizing the Sheriff of Cayuga County to appoint a new Undersheriff
- 11-22-JP-8 Authorizing the Sheriff of Cayuga County to appoint a new Confidential Secretary

End of bundle

Strong closed the Public Hearing on the Shared Services Plan at 6:00PM

TABLED LAST MONTH:

PROBATION:

- 10-22-JP-4 **(PULLED by Strong)** Authorization to fill one (1) Part Time Clerk Typist title in the Cayuga County Probation Department.

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