



MINUTES
JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 5:30PM
Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/GcaUIE1l1bpg>

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

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

MINUTES TO APPROVE: December 7, 2022, Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.

OTHERS: Chairman David Gould, Legislators; Lydia Patti Ruffini, Jim Basile, Tricia Kerr and Bob Shea, Sheriff Brian Schenck, Assistant District Attorney Chris Valdina, Chief Assistant County Attorney Richard Graham, Assistant County Attorney Fred Westphal, 911 Administrator Denise Spingler, EMO Director Riley Shurtleff, Operations Officer Shereen Androsko, Probation Director Jay DeWispelaere, Budget Director Lynn Marinelli, Assigned Counsel Lloyd Hoskins, and Deputy Clerk of Legislature Amanda Morgan

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

- **Denise Spingler (911) –**
 - **Policy Matters for Committee**
 - **Staffing update**
 - 1 vacancy
 - 3 staff members in training (August timeframe for completion)
 - New test in February
 - Current list 3 names
 - **Emergency Communications System**
 - **Southern End Concerns**
 - Quote received from Motorola – 2.8 million
 - Awaiting quote for microwave connectivity
 - Ancillary costs such as Towers, Generators, Shelters (etc.) are separate
 - **Working on annual report to review 2022 for website**

911:

1-23-JP-1 Authorization to fill one full-time vacant Emergency Services Dispatcher Positions due to a resignation.
Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.

- **Lloyd Hoskins (Assigned Counsel) –**
 - There were **55** arraignments at the Centralized Arraignment Program for the month of December. The Assigned Counsel office calendared sixteen attorneys to cover the 7am and 7pm arraignments. The attorney cost associated with CAP for December was \$9,940.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.* Of the 55 arraignments, **17** (31%) were for town/village courts, **35** (64%) for Auburn City Court and **3** (5%) for Family Court. **30** (55%) defendants were released (ROR), **24** (44%) defendants were held on bail or held for other reasons and 1 (1%) was dismissed. Of the 55 arraignments, 28 (51%) were brought in on arrest/bench warrants. 16 Orders of Protection were issued.
 - ❖ **There was a total of 801 arraignments throughout 2022 at CAP. 506 (63%) arraignments were completed for Auburn City Court, 284 (35%) arraignments were completed for town/village courts, and 11 (2%) arraignments were completed for County/Family Court. 321 (40%) defendants were held on bail and 478 (59%) were released. The total cost of providing legal counsel for CAP in 2022 was \$129,740.00.**
 - There were **41** Counsel at First Appearance for Auburn City Court and **11** Counsel at First Appearance in town/village courts. The Assigned Counsel office calendared thirteen attorneys to cover the “on-call” arraignments. The attorney cost associated with Counsel at First Appearance for December was \$7,900.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.*
 - ❖ **There was a total of 877 arraignments throughout 2022 in Auburn City Court and town/village courts. The total cost of providing legal counsel for these arraignments was \$97,950.00.**

- The Assigned Counsel office made attorney assignments to **62** defendants in Auburn City Court and **28** defendants in justice courts for December. A total of **46** assignments were made in Family Court.
 - ❖ **There was a total of 798 criminal cases assigned throughout 2022 in Auburn City Court, 249 cases in town/village courts, and 532 in Family Court.**

ASSIGNED COUNSEL:

1-23-JP-2 Appointing Administrator Indigent Defendants (PT) and setting the rate of compensation. **Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.**

- **Dr. Adam Duckett (Coroner) – No updates**
- **Brittany Antonacci (District Attorney) –**
 - Received a DCJS grant award for Crimes Against Revenue Program (CARP) in the amount of \$80,000. A resolution to accept the funding will be forthcoming in February/March.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

1-23-JP-3 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute an approved 2022-2023 Criminal Justice Discovery Reform funding plan award for the amount of \$270,714. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.**

- **Riley Shurtleff (Fire/EMO) –**
 1. PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER IMPROVEMENTS –Bergmann Associates delivered 5 separate facility and 5 separate site plans for the Training Center. Designs were reviewed with Staff including Coordinators and State Fire Instructors that teach at the location. Numerous small edits were made to the designs that would incorporate space and cost savings. Edited draft plans are anticipated at the end of January to move into selection and cost estimates.
 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 be scheduled.
 3. Updates to the County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan required by 12/31 were submitted to NY Responds. This included statistical changes and clerical adjustments.
 4. The new Scene Support vehicle that is in production will require a cost adjustment for the addition of emergency lighting. This emergency lighting will give greater visibility to the vehicle and working personnel from a full 360 degree view. This will not affect the timeline for delivery which remains near 400 days.
 5. Office Staff met with representatives from the County Highway Superintendents Association on 12/8. This included an overview of available resources, utility response plans and identified critical facilities throughout municipalities in the County.
 6. The Office has taken possession of the mobile clinic trailer originally obtained via a grant in 2013 to the Health Department. The 2013 trailer will be retrofitted as the Emergency Services Mobile Emergency Operation Center utilizing additional awarded grant funds.
 - Operations
 1. County Coordinators: Responded 17 times to assist Incident Command on Emergency scenes.
 2. REHAB: Responded 6 times to assist Fire personnel with REHAB operations.
 3. Fire Investigations: Responded 3 times to assist Incident Command with Cause and Origin of Fires.
 4. NYS Mutual Aid. Aid was requested to the Buffalo area Winter Weather emergency for both BLS ambulances and tracked UTV units. A number of departments responded with availability but none were activated for deployment.
 - Training
 1. Training on Domestic Terrorism Awareness management through NYS Dept. of Homeland Security was attended at the State Preparedness Center on 12/12. Staff met and worked with representatives from the DHES, Herkimer, Otsego, and other counties.
 2. In conjunction with NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control, Staff have scheduled 4 Water Rescue Awareness courses through the month of January.
 - Jan. 9th – Moravia FD
 - Jan. 16th – Aurelius FD
 - Jan. 19th – Conquest FD
 - Jan. 23rd – Owasco FD
 3. A NYS OFPC BEFO class, or Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations course, with HAZMAT content has been scheduled to start on 1/17. This course is designed to train firefighters in initial operations and skills used on the fireground. 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 updates for this month
 - Next ATI Board meeting will be scheduled for early to mid-January
 - **Staff Vacancies and Issues;**
 - Last candidate for Senior Typist vacancy was interviewed January 5th. Decision will be made quickly to keep the process moving.

PROBATION:

1-23-JP-4 Authorization to fill one (1) Account Clerk Typist title in the Cayuga County Probation Department. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.**

- **Brian Schenck (Sheriff) –**
 - Contract negotiations with our Road Patrol Bargaining Unit are ongoing.
 - At the time of this report we are holding 159 incarcerated individuals in the jail. This includes 25 Federal board ins, 3 Local board ins, 6 NY State Parolees detained for new charges and 1 Parolee detained for a violation of parole.
 - Planning with Tetra Tech to develop and implement a countywide plan to address domestic terrorism and threats to public safety to included targeted violence has been completed and our plan has been submitted to the state.
 - Active Shooter Training for our County Office Building and Court Security staff has been completed.

SHERIFF:

1-23-JP-5 Authorize the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Cayuga County Sheriff to enter into a contract with Johnson Controls for preventative maintenance, testings and service to the fire control system at the Public Safety Building. **Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.**

1-23-JP-6 Authorizing changes to the 2023 Cayuga County Compensation Plan to reflect salary increases of certain non-bargaining positions in the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office. **Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.**

Motion by Dennison to adjourn at 6:12PM, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.