



MINUTES
JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 5:30PM

Full recording of meeting can be found on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/jVdr8FVtX4o>

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; Hans Pecher, Bob Shea, and Lydia Patti Ruffini, Sheriff Brian Schenck, Assigned Counsel Administrator Lloyd Hoskins, Assistant County Attorney Brittany Massi, Tom Adessa – SPCA, Assistant District Attorney Chris Valdina, Chief Assistant County Attorney Rich Graham, EMS Director Dale Currier, 911 Administrator Denise Spingler, and Deputy Clerk of Legislature Amanda Morgan

MINUTES TO APPROVE: February 9, 2022, Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: None

PRESENTATION:

- Tom Adessa, re: SPCA

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

- **Denise Spingler (911) –**
 - **Staffing**
 - Effective 4/1/22 – new supervisor on A lines
 - **Emergency Communications System**
 - Continuing to work through coverage issues in Southern end
 - Cato site – Roof repaired in coming weeks – 4k
 - Sterling - antenna replacement in coming weeks – 3k
 - Working with T/Cato on removal of old tower
 - Quotes received; will require funds from contingency
 - Resolution coming in April

911:

2-22-JP-1

Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Broome County to share radio tower space at the Summerhill Tower Site in order to allow connectivity from Broome County's Communications Network to the master site in Onondaga County. **Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.**

- **Lloyd Hoskins (Assigned Counsel/Stop DWI) –**

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

- There were **51** arraignments at the Centralized Arraignment Program for the month of February. The Assigned Counsel office calendared fourteen attorneys to cover the 7am and 7pm arraignments. The attorney cost associated with CAP for February was \$9,490.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.* Of the 49 arraignments, **18** (35%) were for town/village courts and **33** (65%) were for Auburn City Court. **21** (41%) defendants were released (ROR) and **30** (59%) defendants were held on bail or held for other reasons. Of the 51 arraignments, 25 (49%) were brought in on arrest/bench warrants. 12 Orders of Protection were issued.
- There were **56** Counsel at First Appearance for Auburn City Court and **15** Counsel at First Appearance in town/village courts. The Assigned Counsel office calendared twelve attorneys to cover the "on-call" arraignments. The attorney cost associated with Counsel at First Appearance for February was \$7,050.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.*

- The Assigned Counsel Program made attorney assignments to **54** defendants in Auburn City Court and **13** defendants in justice courts for February. A total of **16** assignments were made in Family Court.
- The Assigned Counsel Program is working with NYS Indigent Legal Service in finalizing under the Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring. The grant application will include 100 percent reimbursement for hiring a Supervising Attorney (F/T), Data Officer (P/T), E-vouchering software, Westlaw, etc. Cayuga County is seeking \$820,799.30 under this grant.
- **Dr. Adam Duckett (Coroner) – No updates**
- **Brittany Antonacci (District Attorney) –**
 - Actively recruiting to fill attorney and support staff positions;
 - Law student internship program; conducting interviews on 3/4/22 at the law school
 - Body camera investigator position inquiry
 - Trials scheduled for 3/21 and 3/28

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

- 2-22-JP-2 Authorizing the Acting District Attorney to fill Full-Time Administrative Assistant to DA vacancy in the District Attorney’s Office, **Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.**
- 2-22-JP-3 Authorizing the District Attorney to fill FT Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney vacancy in the District Attorney’s Office. **Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.**
- 2-22-JP-4 Authorization to create and fill full-time Confidential Investigator in the District Attorney’s Office. **Motion by Daly, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.**

- **Dale Currier (Fire/EMO) – No updates**
- **Jay DeWispelaere (Probation) – No updates**
- **Brian Schenck (Sheriff) –**
 - We just completed a full Law Enforcement Policy update for our Road Patrol Division and have begun updating our procedures. We are beginning the process of implementing NY State DCJS Accreditation Standards with the goal of seeking accreditation by the end of the year.
 - At the time of this report we are holding 145 incarcerated individuals in the jail. This includes 22 Federal board ins, 14 NY State Parolees detained for new charges and 3 Parolees detained for violation of parole. 28 individuals are sentenced and 91 are unsentenced.
 - We are beginning the planning process with Cayuga Counseling and numerous community partners to implement our enhanced transition program in the jail utilizing grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice. This program will seek to successfully transition incarcerated individuals back into the community with a focus on reduction of recidivism.
 - On February 22 we held a graduation ceremony for 4 Custody Officers that completed our inhouse academy. The Onondaga County Sheriff’s Office partnered with us to provide this training to two members from each agency. On February 28 we did hire and send two additional Custody Recruits to a basic academy being held by the Seneca County Sheriff’s Office. Recruiting and hiring for numerous open vacancies is ongoing.

SHERIFF:

Motion by Daly to bundle JP 5 & 6, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.

- 2-22-JP-5 Authorize the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Cayuga County Sheriff to enter into an agreement with Finger Lakes Polygraph and Consulting LLC to provide pre-employment polygraph examinations for new hires.
- 2-22-JP-6 Authorizing the Sheriff of Cayuga County to enter into a five-year contract with the Cayuga -Onondaga Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) to continue the assignment of a dedicated Sheriff’s Deputy at the BOCES Campus to serve as a School Resource Officer

Motion by Petrus to adjourn at 6:41PM, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.

