



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

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Hon. Mark Strong, Chair at **5:45 PM**

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

**EXCUSED:** Heidi Nightengale

**OTHERS:** Chairman David Gould, Legislators Hans Pecher and Bob Shea, District Attorney Brittany Antonacci, Assistant County Attorney Rich Graham, 911 Administrator Denise Spingler, Supervising Attorney John Price, Probation Supervisor James Madden, Sheriff Brian Schenck, Operations Officer Shereen Androsko, and Secretary to the Chairperson Sarah Blowers

**MINUTES TO APPROVE:** **March 21, 2023 Motion by Didio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.**

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:**

- **Denise Spingler (911) –**
  - **Policy Matters for Committee**
    - **National Telecommunicator’s Week**
      - Activities, prizes, food
      - Vendor participation
    - **Staffing update**
      - 2 vacancies - March retirement
    - **Training Update**
      - Upcoming Active Shooter Training - August
  - **Emergency Communications System**
    - Site clean up completed in March
    - August 2023 – system refresh; 1-2 week long project
- **Lloyd Hoskins (Assigned Counsel) –**
  - There were **59** arraignments at the Centralized Arraignment Program for the month of March. The Assigned Counsel office calendared fourteen attorneys to cover the 7am and 7pm arraignments. The attorney cost associated with CAP for March was \$9,690.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.* Of the 59 arraignments, **21** (36%) were for town/village courts, **38** (64%) for Auburn City Court. **33** (56%) defendants were released (ROR), and **26** (44%) defendants were held on bail or held for other reasons. Of the 59 arraignments, 25 (42%) were brought in on arrest/bench warrants. 28 Orders of Protection were issued.
  - There were **45** Counsel at First Appearance for Auburn City Court and **22** 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 March was \$9,750.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.*
  - The Assigned Counsel office made attorney assignments to **64** defendants in Auburn City Court and **27** defendants in justice courts for March. A total of **52** assignments were made in Family Court.
- **Dr. Adam Duckett (Coroner) – No updates**
- **Brittany Antonacci (District Attorney) – No updates**
- **Riley Shurtleff (Fire/EMO) –**
  - Notable Events
  - 1. **PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER IMPROVEMENTS** – Bergmann and Associates are in the process of providing a quote for schematic designs following adopted resolution #97-23 that authorizes the County to use them for

projects needing architectural and engineering design plans. Once the quote is received the office will approach the Legislature for funding.

2. A survey of County Departments and Ambulance Agencies was distributed on 2/23 regarding the State Real Property Tax law that was passed in December. The survey is intended to garner information on eligible volunteers and parcels as available. Additional results are being turned in and data will be made available as possible.
3. Initial Action Planning for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks at Emerson Park occurred with a meeting between the Parks Department, ES Office, and Owasco Fire Department on March 21.
4. The Office participated in a meeting on Road and Tractor/Farm Implement Safety hosted by the Sheriff's Office and Cayuga County Farm Bureau on March 23.
5. Office Staff met with the National Weather Service – Binghamton regarding new flood mapping systems that will be going into effect Fall 2023.
  - **Operations**
    1. County Coordinators: Responded 11 times to assist Incident Command on Emergency scenes.
    2. Fire Investigations: Responded 1 time to assist Incident Command with Cause and Origin of Fires.
  - **Training**
    1. A NYS Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations course was completed in Sennett on March 29<sup>th</sup> with 14 students.
    2. NYS OFPC BEFO class, or Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations course, with HAZMAT is scheduled to end on April 13<sup>th</sup> with 10 current students.
    3. A NYS OFPC Certified Pump Operator Course has been scheduled in Owasco to start on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
    4. A meeting with State Fire and assigned Instructors is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> to determine Summer and Fall course offerings.
    5. Office Staff attended a 3 day offering of IS 120 Introduction to Exercise Design in Wayne County from March 28<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> focusing on large scale interagency exercises to enhance coordination and operations.

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;**
    - Application for ATI funding for 2023-2024 has been received. Members of the ATI Board reviewed the application and made updates at the quarterly meeting March 29<sup>th</sup>.
    - Finding period is July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024; a resolution to approve funding will be required.
    - When the application is completed it will be shared with the ATI board and J&PSC
    - Next ATI meeting will be late June.
  - **Paperless Environment;**
    - The Probation Dept. is working to reduce the amount of paper supplies, printing and copying done in the office.
    - In pursuit of this, Probation is working with the DA, City & County Courts to share more documents electronically. Town & Village Courts will be added at a later date.
    - Hopefully these efforts will reduce the cost related to process reports and other required documents; the bulk of retained documents and closed files should then also be considerably reduced.
    - The department has met with county records retention staff to begin planning for transitioning into the Dreams Project for records management.
  - **Staff Vacancies;**
    - Conditional Discharge IID Monitor (Part Time Clerk); Mike Farrell, retired Sr. Probation Officer, started in the position 04/03/2023. Mike is working with Tracie Coulson to get up to speed on the Monitor's duties.
- **Brian Schenck (Sheriff) –**
  - At the time of this report we are holding 166 incarcerated individuals in the jail. This includes 21 Federal board ins, 1 Local board in, 9 NY State Parolees detained for new charges and 2 Parolees detained for a violation of parole.
  - We have partnered with the NY State Farm Bureau, Cayuga County Farm Bureau, and Cornell Cooperative Extension on a "Share the Road" campaign. The purpose of this initiative is to increase traffic safety around farm equipment and slow moving vehicles on our roadways in Cayuga County.
  - We have deployed 5 Body Worn Cameras in the Patrol Division and will have the balance in service by the end of the month.
  - Mental Health Director Walsh and Sheriff Schenck continue to explore options for meeting the growing mental health treatment needs of the incarcerated population at the jail. Director Walsh is currently working to secure an additional part time therapist to meet the need.

- To date we have been unable to place an order for our budgeted patrol vehicles as Ford has not yet opened the window to allow for orders of law enforcement SUV's to be placed. We are exploring other options with other manufacturers as Ford has not given any indication if we will be able to place an order this year.

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

##### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY:**

4-23-JP-1 Authorizing the District Attorney to fill FT Sr. Assistant District Attorney vacancy in the District Attorney's Office. **Motion by Didio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.**

##### **SHERIFF:**

4-23-JP-2 Authorize the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Sheriff of Cayuga County to contract with Offender Watch to provide a digital platform for sex offender management. **Motion by Dennison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.**

4-23-JP-3 Authorize the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Sheriff of Cayuga County to contract with Rapiscan Systems to purchase, install, and maintain a metal detector and bag scanner at the Cayuga County Office Building. **Motion by Petrus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Didio, all in favor.**

**Motion by Dennison to adjourn at 6:03 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petrus, all in favor.**