



MINUTES
JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 5:30PM
Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/XvIMtFzr-V0>

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Mark Strong, Chair at **5:30 PM**

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Chair of the Legislature David Gould and Legislators Lydia Patti-Ruffini, Robert Shea, Hans Pecher, Jim Basile and Aileen McNabb-Coleman; Rich Graham, Brittany Massi, Max Pinchak, Denise Spingler, Lloyd Hoskins, Brittany Antonacci, Dale Currier, Jay DeWispelaere and Brian Schenck

MINUTES TO APPROVE: March 9, 2022 **Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Didio. All in favor.**

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

- **Denise Spingler (911) –**
 - Continuing to work through coverage issues in Southern end
 - Cato site – Repair complete - \$4250
 - Sterling - antenna replacement in progress
 - Roof repair needed – 4k
 - Working with T/Cato on removal of old tower
 - Quotes received; will require funds from contingency
 - Working through logistics
- **Lloyd Hoskins (Assigned Counsel/Stop DWI) –**
 - There were **67** 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 \$10,260.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.* Of the 67 arraignments, **18** (27%) were for town/village courts, **48** (72%) for Auburn City Court and **1** (1%) for Family Court. **43** (64%) defendants were released (ROR) and **24** (36%) defendants were held on bail or held for other reasons. Of the 67 arraignments, 32 (48%) were brought in on arrest/bench warrants. 21 Orders of Protection were issued.
 - There were **57** Counsel at First Appearance for Auburn City Court and **9** 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 \$8,800.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.*
 - The Assigned Counsel Program made attorney assignments to **66** defendants in Auburn City Court and **27** defendants in justice courts for March. A total of **31** assignments were made in Family Court.
 - The Assigned Counsel Program is working with Cayuga County Civil Service on classification for full-time Assigned Counsel Administrator.
- **Dr. Adam Duckett (Coroner) – No updates**
- **Brittany Antonacci (District Attorney) –**
 - New Hire to fill entry-level ADA position; starting early May 2022
 - Conducting interviews for Victim Advocate position;
 - Potential state funding discussions ongoing
 - Jury trial schedule

- **Dale Currier (Fire/EMO) –**

1. PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER IMPROVEMENT – The EMO Director met with the Budget Director, Director of Purchasing, and the Director of Buildings and Grounds regarding the selection of an architect to begin planning the proposed updates for the training facility.

Input has also been sought from various fire training personnel for their initial input on the facility design.

2. REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL MEETING – The EMO Director and Sam Giannettino attended the REMSCO meeting. Several discussions revolved around the ongoing shortage of EMS providers and people not taking EMS training.
 1. COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING CHANGES – EMO staff met with the representative from Barton and LaGuidice regarding the space needed in the County Office Building to support EMO activities.
 2. NYSEG EMERGENCY RESPONSE - EMO staff met with Mr. Tim Winderl from New York State Electric and Gas [NYSEG]. Mr. Winderl, the Auburn area emergency management representative for NYSEG, covered how the utility conducts pre-planning for large storms and their operational emergency response plan activation. The same emergency plan requirements apply to service areas in the County covered by Rochester Gas and Electric [RG&E].
 3. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – LOCAL ADOPTION – Thanks to the efforts of many Legislators and the EMO staff the County has surpassed the necessary 50% of municipalities formally adopting the 2022 FEMA /DHSES Hazard Mitigation Plan. This locks in the County’s eligibility to apply for Hazard Mitigation Project funding as well as the local municipalities.
 4. HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY - EMO has provided all municipalities in the County with ongoing information regarding available grant funding to carry out some of the projects they identified when they did their local Hazard Mitigation Plan. UPDATE: The original funding notice provided for 75% grant funding for eligible projects. The percentage changed this week to 90% and EMO has reached out to make this information available to potential grant applicants.

- **Jay DeWispelaere (Probation) –**

- **Upcoming Contracts and Resolutions:**

- **Electronic Monitoring services;** discussions with Securus Monitoring Solutions to provide EM services for adults have been put on hold pending the outcome of hiring and promotions.
- **Interpreter services;** occasionally the department has the need for interpreter services for various languages and sign language. To expedite scheduling an interpreter Aguirre Language Services has been contacted. Aguirre specifically provides Spanish language services. The department will explore other options with DSS and the Court system. Some money is budgeted (\$180.00) which is equivalent to two hours of translation services. For the 2023 budget a modest increase may be requested.

- **Alternatives to Incarceration Board;**

- Meeting will be set up with county and Cayuga Counseling staff to complete the 2022-2023 plan.
- Contracts and resolutions for the next plan year (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023) will be forthcoming
- Next ATI board meeting; TBD

- **Staff Vacancies;**

- A new Probation Supervisor has been promoted replacing the retired supervisor. The promotion was effective April 1, 2022
- Interviews for promotion to Sr. Probation Officer have been completed. An announcement is upcoming pending a review of the nominees by the Director and both Supervisors.
- Interviews for the Probation Officer vacancy created by the recent retirement are scheduled to begin April 12, 2022.

- **Ignition Interlock Device Conditional Discharge Monitor;**

- The county is responsible for providing a monitor for sentences of a Conditional Discharge for a DWI conviction that include an Ignition Interlock Device (IID) as a condition of the sentence.
- Cayuga Counseling Services has been providing this services, but is no longer interested.
- After discussions with Chairman Gould, Lloyd Hoskins, Tracie Coulson, Lynn Marinelli, Diann Ferris, Sheriff Schenck and Acting DA Grome-Antonacci, a tentative decision was made to move the IID CD monitor to Probation.

- An inactive part time clerical position in Probation will be re-activated to absorb the work; funds from the Stop DWI program should cover much of the salary; Lynn is looking at the budget and another meeting will be set to go over the details.
 - A resolution will be needed to fill the part time position in the Probation Dept; Probation HR and Budget agreed to meet to look at salary and job description. There are no benefits for this position as it is part time.
 - More details will be shared with the committee after the next meeting.
- **COVID;**
- Week of April 4th saw an uptick of positive cases within the department (3 staff)
 - Department is working toward more complete “re-opening” from COVID restrictions after May 1st.
- **Brian Schenck (Sheriff) –**
 - At the time of this report we are holding 124 incarcerated individuals in the jail. This includes 17 Federal board ins, 13 NY State Parolees detained for new charges and 1 Parolee detained for violation of parole. 27 individuals are sentenced and 76 are unsentenced.
 - Recruiting and hiring for all divisions continues to be challenging, especially for our Custody (Jail) Division. We are hosting an inhouse recruiting event on April 20 focused on our jail and the entry level exam that is scheduled for June 25.
 - Contracts for all three bargaining units representing the men and women of our Civil, Custody, and Road Patrol Divisions will expire at the end of this year.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 911:**
- 4-22-JP-1 Authorization the Chairperson of the Legislature to sign a one year contract with Upstate Temperature and Control for the maintenance of the HVAC units at the 911 tower sites. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Nightengale. All in favor.**
- DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Motion to bundle JP-2 and 3 by Dennison, 2nd by Petrus. All in favor.**
- 4-22-JP-2 Authorizing the Acting District Attorney to fill full-time victim/witness program coordinator vacancy in the District Attorney’s Office
- 4-22-JP-3 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and the Cayuga County District Attorney to create and fill a full-time Confidential Investigator Position in order to comply with the newly implemented Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera Programs within the Sheriff’s Road Patrol Division, Auburn Police Department and the New York State Police

PROBATION:

- 4-22-JP-4 Authorization to enter into a contract between the County and National Test Systems, LLC. **Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Nightengale. All in favor.**

SHERIFF: Motion to bundle JP-5, 6, 7 and 8 by Petrus, 2nd by Dennison. All in favor.

- 4-22-JP-5 Authorizing the Sheriff to fill one vacant Detective Lieutenant Position in the criminal investigations division of the Cayuga County Sheriff’s Office and any resulting backfill positions
- 4-22-JP-6 Resolution authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Cayuga County Sheriff to enter a Memorandum of Understanding for use of the Cayuga County Sheriff’s weapons range by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.
- 4-22-JP-7 Authorizing the Sheriff’s Office to purchase and equip two (2) new marked patrol vehicles to replace an existing patrol vehicle that has accumulated high mileage and for a new position created
- 4-22-JP-8 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and Sheriff of Cayuga County to enter into an agreement with Avenu Enterprise Solutions, LLC to provide software services for pistol permits for the Road Patrol Division of the Sheriff’s Office

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 6:14 PM by Dennison, 2nd by Petrus. All in favor.

