



MINUTES
JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 9, 2023 to follow Public Works
Live Stream Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNSeH6t-_o0

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Mark Strong, Chair at **6:08 PM**

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

EXCUSED: Andy Dennison

OTHERS: Chairman David Gould, Legislators Hans Pecher and Bob Shea, District Attorney Brittany Antonacci, 911 Administrator Denise Spingler, Supervising Attorney John Price, Probation Supervisor John Murley, Sheriff Brian Schenck, EMO Director Riley Shurtleff, Assistant County Attorney Rich Graham, and Secretary to the Chairperson Sarah Blowers

MINUTES TO APPROVE: April 11, 2023
Motion by Didio, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

- **Denise Spingler (911) –**
 - **Policy Matters for Committee**
 - **Staffing update**
 - 2 dispatcher vacancies
 - **Training Update**
 - NYSPILL – May 10th
 - New York State Spillman User’s Group – annual meeting for statewide Spillman users; hosted by Cayuga County @ Sennett FD
 - **Backup Operations** - staff is working out of the backup center for the week due to the roof project
 - Renovations needed
 - **Emergency Communications System**
 - Paging infrastructure (GTR’s) – total project cost \$850
- **Lloyd Hoskins (Assigned Counsel) –**

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

 - There were **64** arraignments at the Centralized Arraignment Program for the month of April. The Assigned Counsel office calendared fourteen attorneys to cover the 7am and 7pm arraignments. The attorney cost associated with CAP for April was \$11,130.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.* Of the 64 arraignments, **26** (41%) were for town/village courts, **37** (58%) for Auburn City Court and **1** (1%) for Family Court. **41** (64%) defendants were released (ROR), and **23** (36%) defendants were held on bail or held for other reasons. Of the 64 arraignments, 29 (45%) were brought in on arrest/bench warrants. 25 Orders of Protection were issued.
 - There were **56** Counsel at First Appearance for Auburn City Court and **7** 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 April was \$7,350.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.*
 - The Assigned Counsel office made attorney assignments to **62** defendants in Auburn City Court and **23** defendants in justice courts for April. A total of **55** assignments were made in Family Court.
 - State Budget Update – On May 2, 2023, the State legislature passed the FY 2023-24 budget. Since 2015, Indigent Legal Services (ILS) has urged the State to increase the assigned counsel rates set under County Law § 722-b, and to **fully fund** this increase. The budget that was passed includes this much-needed increase, raising the rates to \$158 per hour for assigned counsel representation provided on all types of matters under County Law Article 18-B (i.e., representation for people charged with misdemeanors and felonies, the representation of parents in Family Court matters, and appellate

representation). Cayuga County's concern, however, should be that the State is not fully funding this increase. Rather, via a \$92 million appropriation in the ILS Aid to Localities budget, the State will reimburse counties 50% of this increase upon submission of a certification to ILS.

- **Dr. Adam Duckett (Coroner) – No updates**

- **Brittany Antonacci (District Attorney) –**

- One attorney vacancy due to retirement
- Grand Jury Indictments per term over the past year:
 - January 2022: 32
 - May 2022: 47
 - September 2022: 42
 - January 2023: 65

- **Riley Shurtleff (Fire/EMO) –**

- Notable Events

1. PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER IMPROVEMENTS – Administration worked cooperatively with the OES to apply for Federal Funding related to the project. The request was forwarded by Congresswoman Tenney's Office for \$1.3 million of the anticipated \$1.75 total project. Moving forward the next step is to obtain completed schematic designs for the classroom addition, vehicle storage building and site improvements.

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. Preliminary data was taken from 14 departments that submitted results through 5/1.

3. Initial Action Planning for the July 4th Fireworks at Emerson Park occurred with a meeting between the Parks Department, ES Office, and Owasco Fire Department on March 21. An additional meeting with Law Enforcement, EMS and supporting agencies was held on April 18th.

4. Grant applications for Emergency Management Performance, the HAZMAT Regional Team, and the State Homeland Security – Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program funding. Collectively these grants represent \$180,145 in requested funds, carrying approximately \$55,870 in matching fund requests for this 2023 application period.

5. A meeting of the Civil Service Commission is scheduled for May 16th, with discussion to include the potential for establishment of a Emergency Medical -Training position under the Emergency Services Office. This position would be the designated course sponsor for all Emergency Medical Classes and would facilitate training on new technology and equipment in both the primary and backup Emergency Operations Centers as improvements are made through the FY 2023 EOCGP Grant.

- Operations

1. County Coordinators: Responded 11 times to assist Incident Command on Emergency scenes. This included response to 7 confirmed or potential structure fires including a double fatal incident in Locke, and 2 related to landing zones for helicopter medevacs.

2. Fire Investigators: Responded 7 times to assist Incident Command with Cause and Origin of Fires.

3. Rehab: Responded 2 times at fire scenes to assist in scene support efforts.

4. HAZMAT: Team responded 1 time to assist with fluid/fuel spill.

6. The Emergency Services Deputy Fire/Fire – EMS Coordinator Operational Guide, an addendum to the CC Employee Handbook, was updated on 5/1/2023 to represent changes in office structure and system response for County Coordinators.

- Training

1. NYS OFPC BEFO class, or Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations course, with HAZMAT ended on April 13th with 8 graduating students.

2. A NYS OFPC Certified Pump Operator Course started in Owasco on April 20th.

3. NYS Fire Investigation for the Line Officer is scheduled for May 8th and 9th virtually. A NYS BEFO class with blended learning is scheduled to begin May 30th. Intentions are to run an Interior Firefighting Operations course following completion in August.

4. A meeting with State Fire and assigned Instructors occurred on April 14th to determine Summer and Fall course offerings.

5. 1 Office Staff attended the Intelligence Liaison Officer conference held from April 25-28th at no cost to the County through available state programs.

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 update at this time.
 - Next ATI meeting will be late June.
 - **Vehicles;**
 - ARPA funds authorized for new vehicle in 2022.
 - 2023 Chevy Equinox should be delivered within the next 30 days.
 - First new vehicle in department’s history.
 - Department may look to surplus 2011 Dodge Durango currently in service pending a look at program requirements.
 - Future budget should include plans to replace 2014 Ford Explorer with a similar, law enforcement style vehicle
 - Future Probation Dept. vehicles should be equipped with radio, strobe lights and transport cage.
 - Additional funding may be required to install radios into two of the department’s existing vehicles; a quote for installation will be solicited and if necessary a request will be made at a later date.
 - **Staff Vacancies;**
 - Department is at full strength for the first time since March, 2022.

- **Brian Schenck (Sheriff) –**
 - At the time of this report we are holding 159 incarcerated individuals in the jail. This includes 23 Federal board ins, 1 Local board in, 8 NY State Parolees detained for new charges and 3 Parolees detained for a violation of parole.
 - Our Body Worn Cameras are fully deployed and operational within the Road Patrol Division. All members have been trained and every member is currently utilizing them on all shifts.
 - Sheriff Schenck continues to work with Mental Health Director Walsh to address the increased need for mental health treatment in the jail. The New York State Commission of Correction has advised us that this is a priority.
 - To date we still 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 may have the ability to order and purchase Dodge Durango police vehicles and we are currently assessing the cost and feasibility of doing so for this year.
 - Recruiting in all divisions remains an ongoing and priority challenge. We have recently partnered with Cayuga Community College to hold recruiting session and the college as well as physical agility preparation clinics.
 - Every member of the Road Patrol Division has been issued an Ipad to provide an immediate link to trained mental health crisis treatment providers when needed and available. We are working on new strategies to bring mental health responses to mental health crisis incidents.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 911:**
- 5-23-JP-1 Authorization to fill one full-time vacant Supervising Emergency Services Dispatcher Positions due to a resignation and backfill the Emergency Services Dispatcher position vacant as a result of a promotion.
Motion by Petrus, 2nd by McNabb-Coleman, all in favor.
- 5-23-JP-2 Authorization the Chairperson of the Legislature to sign a contract with Stencil Solutions to provide support services on the recorder at the backup center.
Motion by Daly, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

- 5-23-JP-3 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute an approved 2023 Crimes Against Revenue Program (CARP) funding plan award for the amount of \$80,000.
Motion by Daly, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.

STOP DWI:

- 5-23-JP-4 Authorizing the appointment of a STOP-DWI Coordinator and the setting of the salary.
Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

EMO:

- 5-23-JP-5 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature to Enter Into an Agreement for Design Services and Provide Funding Through ARPA.
Motion by Strong, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

5-23-JP-6 **(DRAFT)** Authorizing the Chairperson of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Cayuga County Emergency Services Director to accept a New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services FY2020 Hazmat Targeted Grant to enhance the equipment and technology of the Cayuga County Hazardous Materials Team.
Motion by McNabb-Coleman, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.

SHERIFF:

5-23-JP-7 Authorize the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Sheriff of Cayuga County to contract with Medent for an electronic medical records system to manage incarcerated individual medical records.
Motion by McNabb-Coleman, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

5-23-JP-8 Authorizing the Sheriff to fill one vacant Custody Corporal Position in the Custody Division of the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office and any resulting backfill positions.
Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.

5-23-JP-9 Authorizing the Sheriff to fill one vacant Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant Position in the Patrol Division of the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office and any resulting backfill positions.
Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.

Motion by adjourn by Petrus at 6:57 PM, 2nd by Strong, all in favor.