



**MINUTES**  
**JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 5:30PM**  
**Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/MG6rnjy61CE>**

**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 and Bob Shea, Sheriff Brian Schenck, Chief Assistant County Attorney Rich Graham, EMS Director Dale Currier, District Attorney Brittany Antonacci, Probation Director Jay DeWispelaere, 911 Administrator Denise Spingler, and Deputy Clerk of Legislature Amanda Morgan

**MINUTES TO APPROVE:** April 13, 2022, Motion by Petrus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daly, all in favor.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:**

- **Denise Spingler (911) – No updates**
  
- **Lloyd Hoskins (Assigned Counsel/Stop DWI) –**
  - There were **60** arraignments at the Centralized Arraignment Program for the month of April. The Assigned Counsel office calendared sixteen attorneys to cover the 7am and 7pm arraignments. The attorney cost associated with CAP for April was \$10,230.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.* Of the 60 arraignments, **21** (35%) were for town/village courts, **38** (64%) for Auburn City Court and **1** (1%) for County Court. **41** (69%) defendants were released (ROR), **18** (30%) defendants were held on bail or held for other reasons, and **1** (1%) was dismissed. Of the 60 arraignments, 22 (37%) were brought in on arrest/bench warrants. 21 Orders of Protection were issued.
  - There were **58** Counsel at First Appearance for Auburn City Court and **15** Counsel at First Appearance in town/village courts. The Assigned Counsel office calendared fifteen attorneys to cover the “on-call” arraignments. The attorney cost associated with Counsel at First Appearance for April was \$8,700.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.*
  - The Assigned Counsel Program made attorney assignments to **59** defendants in Auburn City Court and **9** defendants in justice courts for April. A total of **27** assignments were made in Family Court.
  - The Assigned Counsel Program is working with Cayuga County Civil Service on classification for Supervising Attorney position which would be fully funded by Indigent Legal Services.
  - Contract approved for Distribution #12 in the amount of \$131,049.00 (3 years). These funds will cover the costs of legal services for Auburn Behavioral Health Court, Domestic Violence/Mental Health Court, Auburn Drug/Alcohol Treatment Court, and Cayuga County Felony Drug Court.
  
- **Dr. Adam Duckett (Coroner) – No updates**
  
- **Brittany Antonacci (District Attorney) –**
  - Three new hires: Assistant DA (starting May 16<sup>th</sup>); Victim/Witness Coordinator (starting May 16<sup>th</sup>); Investigator for Body Camera program (starting in June/July).
  - 132 felony arrests year to date
  
- **Dale Currier (Fire/EMO) –**
  - **PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER IMPROVEMENTS** – The EMO staff hosted representatives from Bergmann Architects and Engineers at the Public Safety Training Center for an on-the-ground survey of the current facility and to examine various proposed training facility updates and improvements. Also attending were Chairman Gould, the Director of Buildings and Grounds, Legislators Strong and Shea, representatives from the City of Auburn, and several local fire instructors.

- EMO hosted a delivery of the 3 - hour DHSES Tier 3 Emergency Management training for local officials, conducted by DHSES Region 4 representatives. Twenty persons registered and included County Legislators, local elected officials and several local fire departments.
- RESOLUTION – To replace two (2) Deputy Fire Coordinators as a result of retirements. One position will be a Deputy Fire Coordinator for the southern end of the county and one will be a Deputy Fire Coordinator – EMS. The EMS position will coordinate the county’s EMS training, represent the county at the Regional EMS Council and oversee EMS aspects of Mass Casualty Incident planning. The funding for these positions is included in the 2022 budget.
- EMO is moving forward on updating Volumes 1 and 2 of the county’s Continuity of Operations Plan [aka COOP]. Volume 1 is the County’s overall COOP and Continuity of Government [COG] document. Volume 2 contains COOP plans for individual county departments. Updating our COOP and COG plans is part of EMO’s work toward attaining NYS DHSES EMO Accreditation.
- EMO is coordinating the scheduling and delivery of Fire Police, Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations [BEFO] and Interior Firefighting Operations [IFO] courses conducted by NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control [OFPC] instructors. Additional offerings of BEFO and IFO will be available throughout the summer.
- EMO and Department of Health recently received a shipment of KN-95 masks and COVID test kits from NYS DHSES which will be offered for distribution to County employees. Distribution will be based on employee requests for the items.
- FIELD OPERATIONS SUMMARY
  - Fire Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators – 14 calls
  - Fire Investigators – 3 calls
  - Fire Rehab Unit – 2 calls
  - Critical Incident Stress Management [CISM] team – 1 call.
- **Jay DeWispelaere (Probation) –**
  - **Upcoming Contracts and Resolutions:**
    - **Electronic Monitoring services;** holding off until staff positions are filled.
  - **Alternatives to Incarceration Board;**
    - 2022-2023 plan is with the County Attorney for review. Pending review it will go to Chairman Gould for signature, then be submitted to DCJS
    - Next ATI board meeting; Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 2:330 to 3:30 pm, Caucus Room #1. Zoom link will be provided.
  - **Staff Vacancies;**
    - Interviews for the Probation Officer vacancy have been completed and a candidate identified.
    - 6 candidates were interviewed, all with good to very good credentials. A very experienced, educated and diverse group of candidates.
  - **Ignition Interlock Device Conditional Discharge Monitor;**
    - 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 shared with the committee after the next meeting.
  - **COVID;**
    - Following April’s incidence of infections, no recent issues.

**PROBATION:**

5-22-JP-2 Authorization to fill one (1) Account Clerk Typist title in the Cayuga County Probation Department. **Motion by Petrus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daly, all in favor.**

**Motion by Daly to bundle JP 3-5, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nightengale, all in favor except Petrus abstains.**

5-22-JP-3 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Cayuga Counseling for the Alternative Sentencing Program for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

5-22-JP-4 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Cayuga Counseling for pretrial diversion services for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

5-22-JP-5 Authorizing the Probation Department to enter into a contract with Cayuga Counseling to provide pretrial release services.

**End of bundle**

- **Brian Schenck (Sheriff) –**
  - At the time of this report we are holding 124 incarcerated individuals in the jail. This includes 21 Federal board ins, 6 Local board ins, 7 NY State Parolees detained for new charges and 2 Parolees detained for violation of parole.
  - Recruiting and hiring for all divisions is ongoing. We had 6 interested individuals attend our March Custody Recruiting Open House at the Public Safety Building.
  - We have started to partner with Dr. Duckett, Community Mental Health Director Lauren Walsh and her staff to establish a medication assisted treatment program for our inmate population that is suffering from addiction. State law has mandated that this program must be in place by October of this year.
  - On April 16 we partnered with the Auburn Elks Lodge, Auburn Police Department, Cayuga County Drug Free Coalition, and HEALing Communities Study to offer a drive thru prescription medication disposal drop site at the Auburn Elks Lodge. We also provided drug abuse prevention and awareness materials to those that attended. We will continue to host these types of events throughout the year to keep dangerous prescription drugs out of the wrong hands as well as our local landfills and water supplies.
  - On April 8 we hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Public Safety Training Center. 26 donations were collected. Thank you to Corporal Neal Recckio and Sheriff's Assistant Kristen Foster for setting up this event that helped address the critical need for blood. Thank you as well to all that attended and donated.
  - May 2 – 7 is National Correctional Officers and Employees Week. May 15-21 is National Police Week. During these time frames we honor the men and women that serve within our Sheriff's Office.

**Presentation by Sheriff Schenck on the Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative Plan – Attached**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**SHERIFF:**

- 5-22-JP-6 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 Daly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerr, all in favor.**
- 5-22-JP-7 Authorize the Chair of the Legislature and Sheriff of Cayuga County to enter into an agreement with Lexipol Law Enforcement to provide law enforcement accreditation implementation and subscription services for the Road Patrol Division. **Motion by Nightengale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daly, all in favor.**
- 5-22-JP-8 Authorize the Sheriff of Cayuga County to fill one (1) seasonal personnel position for the Marine Patrol Unit. **Motion by Petrus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerr, all in favor.**
- 5-22-JP-9 Resolution to change the terms of the Sheriffs Employees Association Of Cayuga County's Contract to allow for qualified lateral transfer new hires from other County Jail Facilities to be hired with credit and consideration for prior service time when setting their starting salary. **Motion by Petrus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daly, all in favor .**

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY:**

- 5-22-JP-1 **(PULLED)** Authorizing the expenditure of unexpended aid to prosecution funds approved contract reallocation by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services

**Motion by Petrus to adjourn at 6:11PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daly, all in favor.**



**Cayuga County Sheriff' Office  
Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative Plan  
Implementation Objectives  
Update 2022**

# Goal

## Legislature Committee Review of Reform Plan Implementation



### ***\*Action***

- Quarterly Reports to County Judicial Public Safety Committee on Reform Plan progress

The Public Safety Committee has been periodically advised of the reform plan implementation. This has included updates and receiving input relative to Body Cameras, Mobile Mental Health Crisis Teams, Community Surveys and policy implementation.

### ***\*Action***

- Annual Community Survey Undertaken to Inform on Progress

Between December of 2021 and January of 2022 members of the community were invited to participate in an online survey on public safety and law enforcement. 464 survey submissions were received from all areas of Cayuga County and the City of Auburn.

The results of these surveys have been used to help guide the work we do.

# Goal

## Body Worn Cameras (BWC) For All Officers



### **\*Action**

- **Develop Scope & Start-Up Program Budget**

A five year proposal was developed that included cameras, storage, software and staff to achieve the goal of equipping all police personnel with BWC.

### **\*Action**

- **Present Implementation Considerations and Budget Analysis to Committee & Legislature**

In September of 2021 Sheriff Schenck and members of the Sheriff's Office Administration delivered a presentation to the Legislature that described the necessary equipment and staff that would be required to achieve the goal of equipping all police personnel with BWC. A cost analysis was also presented and revenue sources were outlined at that time. Funding, including some grant funds to offset the cost, was allocated. Cameras have been ordered.

# Goal

Expansion of Mental Health Mobile Crisis team to 24/7 availability



## \*Action

- **Convene Stakeholders to Explore Expansion of MCT**

Sheriff Schenck has worked with the City of Auburn, Cayuga County Mental Health and other stakeholders to begin expanding mental health response to crisis situations.

At this point it is not 24/7 however the hours of response will be increasing with the expansion of day time services.

Recently the Sheriff's Office has acquired iPads which will assist in providing immediate, virtual response by mental health professionals. Select Police Officers will have iPads assigned to them. This will assist in the extreme areas of the County where response times for mental health professionals would be lengthy.

# Goal

## Framework For Ongoing Community Outreach and Partnership



### *\*Action*

- **Explore Community Advisement Group Membership, Structure & Role**

The “Community Collaborative Advisement Committee” has been created.

This collaborative partnership will allow for direct citizen input and advisement related to the services provided by, and practices of the Sheriff’s Office. This partnership will also enable and empower a sense of and for sustained community outreach and engagement by the Sheriff’s Office with the public, as well as maintain a platform to embolden the trust and respect of those we serve.

This Committee is made up of a diverse group of community members and leaders as well as members of the Sheriff’s Office.

The Committee will provide public feedback, advise on public concerns, recommend programs and services, provide a conduit for the Sheriff’s Office to address concerns with the public and serve as a conduit for the Sheriff’s Office to provide information to the community.



# Goal

## Transparency & Posting of Sheriff's Office Policies



### **\*Action**

- Posting all adopted CCSO Policies on Department Website

Over the preceding year and a half the Sheriff's Office has been in the process of updating a departmental policy.

This goal has been achieved and the entire Policy Manual is accessible from the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office's website homepage.

### **\*Action**

- Post Sheriff's Office Complaint Procedures clearly on Sheriff's Website

As part of the policy update process, the personnel complaint system has been updated.

On the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office's website homepage there is currently a link to "contact us". This link takes the user to the Sheriff's Office Personnel Complaint form. This includes instructions to complete the form.

On the homepage there is also a link that allows for Citizen Feedback. This is another location where complaints may be filed. These may also be anonymous.



Thank you  
**QUESTIONS?**