



MINUTES
JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 5:30PM
Live Stream Link: https://youtu.be/wqg1uy_Kfrs

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)

EXCUSED: Andy Dennison

OTHERS: Chairman David Gould, Legislators; Hans Pecher, Jim Basile, Aileen McNabb-Coleman and Bob Shea, Sheriff Brian Schenck, Chief Assistant County Attorney Rich Graham, EMS Director Dale Currier, Assistant District Attorney Chris Valdina, Probation Director Jay DeWispelaere, 911 Administrator Denise Spingler, Secretary to the Chair Sarah Blowers, Angelo Messina, and Deputy Clerk of Legislature Amanda Morgan

MINUTES TO APPROVE: May 11, 2022, Motion by Didio, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.

Motion by Kerr to approve appointments, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS:

Fire Advisory Board

Denise Cornelius, 60 N. Lewis St, Auburn, NY 13021, Term – 1/1/22 to 12/31/22, reappointment

Angelo Messina, 110 Eastwood Ave, Auburn, NY 13021, Term – 1/1/22 to 12/31/22, new appointment

PRESENTATIONS:

- Angelo Messina, re: Scene Support/Rehab – **Attached**

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

- **Denise Spingler (911) –**
 - Continuing to work through coverage issues in Southern end (Lake Como / Summerhill areas)
 - Discussion re: need for new tower site
 - Working on meeting to discuss

911:

6-22-JP-1 Authorization to enter into a contract with Northeast Site and Tower Inc. to remove surplus 911 tower in the Village of Cato. (2/3 Vote). **Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.**

6-22-JP-2 Authorizing the Chairperson of the Legislature to sign a three-year contract renewal with Falso Heating and Air Conditioning for the HVAC system at the back up E-911 center. **Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.**

6-22-JP-3 Authorization to fill four full-time vacant Emergency Services Dispatcher Positions and one part-time Emergency Services Dispatcher Position due to resignations. **Motion by Kerr, 2nd by Nightengale, 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 **67** arraignments at the Centralized Arraignment Program for the month of May. The Assigned Counsel office calendared sixteen attorneys to cover the 7am and 7pm arraignments. The attorney cost associated with CAP for May was \$11,040.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.* Of the 67 arraignments, **29** (44%) were for town/village courts, **37** (55%) 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, 26 (39%) were brought in on arrest/bench warrants. 29 Orders of Protection were issued.

- There were **68** Counsel at First Appearance for Auburn City Court and **9** 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 May was \$8,100.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.*
- The Assigned Counsel Program made attorney assignments to **47** defendants in Auburn City Court and **26** defendants in justice courts for May. A total of **28** assignments were made in Family Court.
- The Assigned Counsel Program has approval from the Cayuga County Civil Service on classification for Supervising Attorney position. Waiting for grade and salary.
- Chairman Gould, Shereen Androsko, Lynn Marinelli and I held a conference call (05/25/22) with ILS Director Patricia Warth and Matthew Alpern, Interim Chief of the ILS Statewide Implementation Unit to review Cayuga County’s Year 3 (\$616,349.48) and Year 4 (\$821,799.30) budget narrative and justification under the Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring.
- **Dr. Adam Duckett (Coroner) – No updates**
- **Brittany Antonacci (District Attorney) – No updates**

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

6-22-JP-6 Resolution calling for Repeal of NYS Humane Alternatives to Long-Term Solitary Confinement Act (“HALT Act”). **Motion by Strong, 2nd by Nightengale, defeated by show of hands; Noes – Kerr, Daly and Nightengale; Ayes – Strong, Didio and Petrus.**

- **Dale Currier (Fire/EMO) –**
 - PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER IMPROVEMENTS – The EMO received a formal project proposal from Bergmann Architects and Engineers regarding the proposed Public Safety Training Center. The partial; proposal work up actual investment numbers for a proposed project is \$11,000.00. The investment for all their work to make the project a reality is around \$29,000.00. This information has been passed to Chairman Gould for further consideration and decision making on what the next steps will be.
 - EMO staff is working with Parks and Trails to put together the Part 18 Mass Gathering Permits and event application for submission to NYSDOH – Bureau of Emergency Services for the Syracuse Symphony and Fireworks event at Emerson Park on July 3rd. The first planning meeting with all of the key public safety partners in attendance was held on June 2. EMO is updating the Event Plan and Part 18 documents for submission by Parks and Trails. Submission is supposed to be 30 days before the event.
 - EMO is completing the grant applications for two (2) annual Homeland Security/FEMA grants. The Emergency Management Performance Grant [EMPG] is approximately \$35,000.00. The State Homeland Security Planning [SHSP-SLETP] is approximately \$135,000.00. The SHSP grant has very specific areas that the money must be allocated to based on the most recent NYS Homeland Security Strategy. This year the minimum amount that must go to law enforcement has risen to \$30,000.00
 - EMO has received 2 vendor price quotes and are awaiting the third for updating our County Continuity of Operations Plans. We are targeting the end of August to have the COOP plans updated to meet our grant deadlines.
 - EMO recently completed the distribution of our last shipment of KN-95 masks and COVID test kits from NYS DHSES. The materials were delivered to County employees for their use at work or home. Distribution was based on employee requests for the items.
 - FIELD OPERATIONS SUMMARY
 - Fire Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators – 17 calls
 - Fire Investigators – 5 calls
 - Fire Rehab Unit – 2 calls
 - Technical Recue- Collapse Team – 1 call

EMO:

6-22-JP-7 Authorize the use of ARPA funds for the Concept Development of the Public Safety Training Center. **Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.**

6-22-JP-8 Authorizing the filling of the Director of Emergency Management Services. **Motion by Strong, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.**

- **Jay DeWispelaere (Probation) –**
 - **Alternatives to Incarceration Board;**
 - ATI Board met Wednesday, May 25, 2022; minutes attached.
 - Next ATI board meeting; Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022; time and location TBD.
 - **Staff Vacancies;**
 - A Probation Officer has announced their intention to retire in July. HR is aware. Authorization to Fill and Resolution will be filed for July meetings.
 - Candidates for vacant Account Clerk Typist position are being contacted and interviews are being scheduled. Hope to have a replacement in house by early July.
 - **Ignition Interlock Device Conditional Discharge Monitor;**
 - No update at this time.
 - **2022 DCJS Annual Plan and Aid Application;**
 - See attached – In Dropbox
 - **Training;**
 - Reality based training; Probation in cooperation with the BOCES Criminal Justice program held “reality based training” at the Sheriff’s range May 16th & 17th. BOCES students were role players in scenarios designed to engage officers in decision making, threat identification, verbal skills and de-escalation. Thanks to instructional staff Stacey Jones and Thom Higgins. Also, thanks to the Sheriff’s Office and Lt. Dudley for loaning simuntions and safety equipment. This is the first RBT held since 2019 due to COVID. See attached photo.
 - On June 1st staff members from Probation and the District Attorney’s Office held a joint training at the Sheriff’s range; this was a really good opportunity for staff to interact and become better acquainted.
 - **COVID;**
 - No recent issues. Department continues re-opening to walk in business and in-office contacts.
- **Brian Schenck (Sheriff) –**
 - At the time of this report we are holding 110 incarcerated individuals in the jail. This includes 19 Federal board ins, 9 Local board ins, 6 NY State Parolees detained for new charges and 2 Parolees detained for violation of parole.
 - We continue 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.
 - Staff recruiting and retention remains as an ongoing challenge and concern. At the time of this report we remain down 9 positions in the Custody Division (jail) and 2 positions in the Road Patrol Division due to a recent retirement and resignation.
 - We continue to work on strategies to address the growing mental health crisis in our community and ensure that our Deputies can address crisis incidents in the most efficient and effective manner. We are assigning and implementing the use of Ipads to connect those in crisis with immediate mental health services via a virtual platform.
 - In addition to a busy call volume, our members have been busy participating in and ensuring public safety at numerous community outreach events as the summer season kicks off. Many of these are highlighted routinely on our social media pages. We currently have a following of over 12,600 individuals on our Facebook page and we have been utilizing Twitter and Instagram platforms as well to keep those we serve informed.

SHERIFF:

6-22-JP-4 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and Cayuga County Sheriff to enter into a contract with FARO Technologies Inc. to purchase a laser 3d crime scene scanner. **Motion by Didio, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.**

6-22-JP-5 Authorizing a transfer from the DSS Medicaid account to the Cayuga County Sheriff’s Office’s Doctors and Hospitals Line to cover inmate medical care. **Motion by Daly, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.**

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