



MINUTES
JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 12, 2019, Chambers, followed Planning

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Christopher Petrus at 5:56 p.m.

MEMBERS: Legislators Joseph Bennett, Michael Didio, Paul Pinckney, Ben Vitale

EXCUSED: Keith Batman, Tim Lattimore

OTHERS: Chairman Tucker Whitman, Legislators Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Joseph DeForest, Charlie Ripley, Elane Daly, Ryan Foley, County Attorney Christopher Palermo, Cayuga County 9-1-1 Administrator Denise Spingler, Detective Lt. Frederick Cornelius, District Attorney Jon Budelmann, Planning and Economic Development Stephen Lynch, Director, Suzanne Gauthier, Administrative Assistant, Mark Strong, Moravia Fire Department, Renee Strong, Locke Fire Department, Tricia Kerr, Ryan Franklin, The Citizen

MINUTES TO APPROVE: Joseph Bennett motioned to approve the minutes of May 8, 2019, 2nd by Paul Pinckney. All members present voted in favor, passed.

APPOINTMENTS:

Policy Review & Oversight Committee (PROC)

Neil Gallivan, 6169 Jenbrooke Court, Farmington, NY 14425, Term – 1/1/18 to 12/31/22

Michael Wellauer, 7445 County House Rd., Auburn, NY 13021, Term – 1/1/18 to 12/31/22

Michael Deyneka, 6468 East Lake Rd., Auburn, NY 13021, Term – 1/1/15 to 12/31/19

Roger Anthony, 28 S Hurd Circle, Auburn, NY 13021, Term – 1/1/15 to 12/31/19

Denise Spingler, 7445 County House Rd., Auburn, NY 13021, Term – 1/1/16 to 12/31/20

Jason Green, 204 Ridgecrest Rd., Dewitt, NY 13214, Term – 1/1/16 to 12/31/20

Larry Dygert, 10484 Jordan Rd., Cato, NY 13080, Term – 1/1/15 to 12/31/19

Motioned by Joseph Bennett to approve the appointments and present to the Legislature for approval, 2nd by Paul Pinckney. All in favor, passed

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Denise Spingler (911)

- New training class – July 1
- 2019 PSAP Grant submitted 5/31/19
- Denise Amber Lee training - <http://deniseamberlee.org/en/About-the-Foundation>
Cayuga County hosted the training; surrounding Counties attended
- Motorola Training – 6/3/19

RESOLUTION:

6-19-JP-1 Authorization the Cayuga County Legislature to support the H.R. 1629, ‘911 SAVES’ Act and the Senate companion bill.

Joseph Bennett motioned to approve and move resolution 6-19-JP-1, 2nd by Paul Pinckney. All members present voted in favor, passed.

○ Joseph Bennett inquired about the Special Needs Person sign up for 9-1-1. Director Spingler stated a press release was done and a form is available to add special data to an address as needed.

● **PRESENTATION**

E-911 Emergency Management Office (EMO) Consolidation Plan

As suggested by some legislative members, Chairman Whitman stated Director Spingler was asked to put together a concept proposal for a possible consolidation of E-911 and the Emergency Management Office. Director Spingler distributed a proposed plan which contained objectives, proposed implementation schedule and salary/cost analysis. Staff had reached out to other surrounding Counties on how such a consolidation works for their locations. The plan was developed through analyzing what the staff needs will be for EMO office in order to move forward. Director Spingler described the staff elements within the plan.

Chairman Whitman asked whether the committee wants to proceed with the development of the proposed consolidation. The committee discussed the next logical steps necessary to move forward with the plan. The committee spoke about continuing the process at least on a temporary basis, perhaps to the first of the year, to allow for further research with certain regulations and projected cost impacts to the budget. County Attorney Palermo stated will need to get an opinion from Human Resources/Civil Service Commission on the process needed to proceed with a possible interim or permanent staffing plan.

Lloyd Hoskins (Assigned Counsel/Stop DWI)

- Statewide Settlement Agreement contract indigent defense services has been signed. Cayuga County's portion will be \$3.1 Million over the next five years.
- Centralized Arraignment Plan (CAP) for the Public Safety Building. Each County needed to submit for authorization for pre-arraignment detention cells. The State Senate and Assembly have approved the authorization for all Counties with an approved CAT plan. As soon as the legislation is finalized by the Governor, the County will begin the new process. Director Hoskins gave an overview of the new system for arraignments within the County. The settlement funds will provide the costs of the change.
- Lloyd Hoskins stated he has been meeting with the County Attorney every morning to determine the needs within the County each day.

Vacant (Fire/EMO) - (Lynch Update on EMO)

Reported Updates

- EMO Coordinators, local elected officials and State agencies have been monitoring rising lake levels in Lake Ontario at Fair Haven and Sterling for shoreline and flooding impacts. Sandbags have been deployed to commercial and residential properties around Little Sodus Bay and the lakeshore. State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) are focused on Cayuga County assistance during this EMO transition and have been managing the NY RESPONDS requests for preparatory actions and specific needs. These requests are being coordinated through the EMO Deputy Director-Fire Service, Mr. Larry Dygert.
- As of June 3rd, lake levels exceeded the record highs/flooding levels from 2017. EMO continues to participate in standing calls between State and local partners every other day (M, W, F, and Sunday).
- Annual Tier III Training is mandated for local elected officials by the state. State Office of Emergency Management conducts the training and have confirmed Cayuga County's training date for Wednesday, August 21. The state-sponsored training session will be held at BOCES in Aurelius from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Full training notices and agenda outlines will be circulated to the legislature and to each Town Supervisor and Mayor in the County as soon as they are provided by State OEM.
- EMO and 911 have been in contact with State OEM to request a long-overdue County training for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the basement of the COB. This training will involve EMO staff, County Department Heads and Senior Supervisors, and certain County Elected Officials. E-911 Director Denise Spingler will be the primary contact with OEM to set this up. September is being targeted for the 1-2 day training session.
- Following the Conditions Assessment of the County Fire Training Tower, a priority list of repairs/upgrades and associated costs is being finalized. Without this work, the County Fire Tower cannot host live fire training.
- EMO event planning for Emerson Park July 3rd Fireworks and Symphony has been finalized and ES Coordinators are working closely with Dough Dello Stritto at County Parks. Event planning for the Great Race (8/11) is well underway and communication and coordination with sponsors for the Cayuga Lake Bass Pro Fishing Tournament (8/22 – 8/25) has been established.
- ES Coordinator Meetings were held twice in May (8th & 21st). Regional OEM/DHSES Region 5 Coordinator, Bill Correa and Deputy Chief for State Fire Training/Ops Western Region attended a June 3 Coordinators meeting to discuss current and future emergency response needs for the County.

(Spingler Update on EMO)

Reported Updates

- Current grant projects
- Tetra Tech – CEMP kickoff meeting 5/23/19
- Equipment purchases
- New Grants
 - TRGP 18 – Submitted 5/30/19
 - Hazmat 19 – Submitted 5/30/19 – M. Fritz
- Continuing to work with Fire/EMS agencies w/regards to radio distribution
- 911 staff continuing to update the municipal binders in the EMO office
 - Box alarm updates
 - Fire Department Chief listings
 - Department unit information

Dr. Adam Duckett (Coroner) – No updates

Jay DeWispelaere (Probation)

Reported Updates

- Probation Officers Alexander and Walawender graduated from Fundamentals of Probation in Rochester, May 17, 2019. They will undergo further training in June and August, at which point their formal training will be complete.
- DCJS and NYS Office of Budget have approved the County's Raise the Age Plan; involved departments are coordinating claiming for RTA related expenses. The formal claiming instrument has yet to be provided by the state. Contracts for services and claiming are being prepared by involved state agencies.

RESOLUTION:

6-19-JP-2 Authorization to transfer three (3) vehicles to the Cayuga County Probation Department

Joseph Bennett motioned to approve and move resolution 6-19-JP-2, 2nd by Paul Pinckney.

Discussion: The committee has concerns on the costs and safety of this plan going forward. The departments will need to plan for the budgeting of the replacement of these vehicles. Director DeWispelaere explained currently the funds which were originally budgeted in–County mileage line for use of the officers personnel vehicles, will be used for the maintenance of these vehicles. The department will need to further research the costs going forward. Safety issues and liability issues were also discussed on probation officers using their own vehicles for site visits. The committee recommends the Sheriff and Probation work together to present a five year plan on the distribution of older vehicles and possible repurchase/ re-lease of new vehicles for the departments.

Members Joseph Bennett, Michael Didio, Paul Pinckney voted in favor, Ben Vitale opposed, motion passed.

Detective LT Fred Cornelius for Brian Schenck (Sheriff)

Reported Updates

- Update on Enterprise Lease – Enterprise did deliver the first completed marked patrol vehicle during the week of May 27th from Nu-Look Collision and it appears that routine deliveries of completed vehicles in the coming weeks will be completed.
- Inmate Pharmaceuticals – Transfer to Omnicare for prescription medication services in our Custody Division has been completed and appears to be working smoothly.
- Inmate Board in Revenue - Revenue generated from inmate board-ins still remains strong. We continued in May to have a steady population of Federal inmates along with local inmates from Cortland County. The Sheriff has been working with the Cortland County Sheriff's Office to assist them as they continue to work on repairing their jail roof that has forced them to utilize our jail as well as others.
- Inmate Hair Cuts – Our contractor for providing inmate haircuts advised in April that he could no longer provide this service. We have completed the bid process and have submitted a resolution to address this area.
- Jail Transition Coordinator – Michelle Applebee, formerly with Cayuga County Social Services, was hired as the Jail Transition Coordinator, starting in that position on May 27th.
- Sheriff Schenck did meet with the Union Springs School District's Board of Education on May 28th to continue discussing options for a School Resource Officer or Special Patrol Officer to serve in the school under the authority of the Sheriff's Office upon authorization by the Cayuga County Legislature. Additional discussions with Sheriff Schenck and the Deputy Sheriff's Police Association (patrol union) have been taking place relative to this area due to potential labor complications with the creation of a Special Patrol Officer position.

Additional Updates

- Out of County Board ins are consistently around 35 -50 inmates
- Centralized Arraignment: As soon as the Governor signs the bill, the Jail is ready to start the arraignments.

RESOLUTIONS:

6-19-JP-4 Authorizing the Sheriff to fill one vacant Sheriff Custody Corporal Position in the Cayuga County Jail.

Joseph Bennett motioned to approve and move resolution 6-19-JP-4, 2nd by Michael Didio. All members present voted in favor, passed.

6-19-JP-5 To establish a contract with Paul Saltarello (Mr. Paul's Barber Shop) to provide inmates incarcerated at the Cayuga County Jail the services of haircuts and/or trimming of facial hair Discussion: The committee discussed the bid process which was followed. The contract is for one and half years.

Joseph Bennett motioned to approve and move resolution 6-19-JP-5, 2nd by Michael Didio. All members present voted in favor, passed.

Jon Budelmann (District Attorney)

Updates:

- DA Budelmann gave a brief update on the recent NYS budget bills (speedy trial discovery, bail elimination act, etc.) which will change the process and procedures for the criminal justice system.
- Update on current/recent trials.

RESOLUTION:

6-19-JP-3 Authorizing the District Attorney to fill FT ADA vacancy in the District Attorney's Office

Michael Didio motioned to approve and move resolution 6-19-JP-3, 2nd by Joseph Bennett.

Legislator Vitale inquired whether the funds are allocated from the CARP grant. DA Budelmann explained currently 20 hours are designated from the CARP grant. The committee discussed the working of the CARP grant. In the future, if the revenue from the grant drops, the position status may need to be adjusted.

All members present voted in favor, passed.

LEGISLATURE:

6-19-LEG-1 Resolution in opposition to make New York State a Sanctuary State.

Michael Didio motioned to approve and move resolution 6-19-LG-1, 2nd by Paul Pinckney.

Ben Vitale motioned to table the resolution, no second. No further discussion.

Members Petrus, Didio, Pinckney voted in favor, Vitale and Bennett voted no, motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ben Vitale motioned to adjourn the Judicial and Public Safety Committee meeting at 7:05 p.m., 2nd by Paul Pinckney. All members present voted in favor of the motion, passed.

Next Judicial and Public Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2019 to follow Planning and Economic Development meeting, at the Cayuga County Office Building, Sixth Floor County Chambers, 160 Genesee Street, Auburn, New York 13021