



MINUTES
JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 5:30PM
Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/Vuf8s6FWRik>

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: Chris Petrus

OTHERS: Chairman David Gould, Legislators; Hans Pecher, Lydia Patti Ruffini, Jim Basile, Aileen McNabb-Coleman and Bob Shea, Sheriff Brian Schenck, Chief Assistant County Attorney Rich Graham, EMS Director Dale Currier, District Attorney Brittany Antonacci, 911 Administrator Denise Spingler, Undersheriff Steve Smith, Probation Supervisor John Madden, Assigned Counsel Lloyd Hoskins, and Deputy Clerk of Legislature Amanda Morgan

MINUTES TO APPROVE: June 8, 2022 – Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Kerr, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.

Traffic Safety Committee

Monica Sacco, 1551 Clark Street Rd., Auburn, NY 13021, Term – 1/1/22 to 12/31/24

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

- **Denise Spingler (911) –**
 - **Emergency Communications System**
 - Continuing to work through coverage issues in Southern end (Lake Como / Summerhill areas)
 - Discussion re: need for new tower sites
 - Met with group of southern responder / Motorola
 - Awaiting information from Motorola

911:
7-22-JP-1 Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature to sign an agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) for the utilization of their Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). **Motion by Dennison, 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 **72** arraignments at the Centralized Arraignment Program for the month of June. The Assigned Counsel office calendared sixteen attorneys to cover the 7am and 7pm arraignments. The attorney cost associated with CAP for June was \$10,870.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.* Of the 72 arraignments, **24** (34%) were for town/village courts, **47** (65%) for Auburn City Court and **1** (1%) for Family Court. **42** (58%) defendants were released (ROR), and **30** (42%) defendants were held on bail or held for other reasons. Of the 72 arraignments, 26 (36%) were brought in on arrest/bench warrants. 30 Orders of Protection were issued.
- There were **82** Counsel at First Appearance for Auburn City Court and **12** 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 June was \$8,550.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.*
- The Assigned Counsel Program made attorney assignments to **80** defendants in Auburn City Court and **24** defendants in justice courts for June. A total of **38** assignments were made in Family Court.
- The Assigned Counsel Program has approval from the Cayuga County Civil Service on classification for Supervising Attorney position. Grade and salary have been set. Resolution submitted for Judicial and Public Safety committee consideration.

ASSIGNED COUNSEL:

7-22-JP-2 Authorizing the creation and filling of the position of Supervising Attorney in the Assigned Counsel Program.
Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.

- **Dr. Adam Duckett (Coroner) – No updates**
- **Brittany Antonacci (District Attorney) –**
 - 2022-23 Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Grant funding in the amount of \$270,714
- **Dale Currier (Fire/EMO) –**
 - PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER IMPROVEMENTS – EMO staff and other stakeholders will be meeting with representatives of Bergmann Associates on July 14 to review conceptual drawings for the Public Safety Training Center.
 - EMO and the Parks and Trails staff were successful in getting the Part 18 Mass Gathering Permit from NYSDOH – Bureau of Emergency Services for the Syracuse Symphony and Fireworks event at Emerson Park on July 3rd. Numerous EMO full-time and part-time staff worked the event as it was a “packed-house” crowd estimated at well over 15,000. We made a significant change and used Sheriff’s Department Mobile Command Post as the Event Command Post this year for what turned out to be a very quiet evening.
 - EMO has secured a vendor for the County Continuity of Operations Plan [COOP], Volume 2. COOP Volume 2 prepares COOP plans for individual County Departments. The first meeting with department heads will be on July 12 and we expect to have the COOP plans updated to meet our grant deadlines at the end of August.
 - The recent County EMO EMT class has ended with all 6 students passing the Practical Skills Test making them eligible to take the NYS EMT FINAL WRITTEN EXAM. Five of the students have taken the exam and passed as of July 10. The last student has a test scheduled soon.
NOTE: EMT students now take the EMT FINAL PRACTICAL SKILLS TEST locally. The Final EMT Written Exam is taken on-line within one year of completing the coursework.
 - FIELD OPERATIONS SUMMARY
 - Fire Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators – 9 calls
 - Fire Investigators – 1 call
 - Fire Rehab Unit – 2 calls
 - Technical Recue- Collapse Team – 1 call
 - FIRE TRAINING SUMMARY
 - Basic Exterior Fire Operations [BEFO] – ends July 20.
 - Interior Fire Operations [IFO] begins on July 21.
 - Live Fire Refresher Courses scheduled for July 28 and 29 [3 class offerings]
- **Jay DeWispelaere (Probation) –**
 - **Alternatives to Incarceration Board;**
 - No current updates
 - Next ATI board meeting; Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022; time and location TBD.
 - **Staff Vacancies and Issues;**
 - Probation Officer Angela Criazzo has announced her retirement. Her last day in the office was July 8th. Angela had 28 years with Cayuga County in both Social Services (CPS) and Probation; see resolution to fill.
 - Candidates for vacant Account Clerk Typist position; of 6 candidates only 2 have agreed to interviews. One candidate interviewed had no applicable skills or experience. One interview is scheduled for July 11th.
 - A Senior Typist is currently out on medical leave and will likely not return until August. They will then be out for an additional period later in the year for follow up surgery. Due to the lack of an Accounts Clerk, this absence is putting additional pressure on clerical staff to keep up. Temporary help may be needed to meet time requirements for processing investigations and supervision cases.
 - **COVID;**
 - No recent issues. Department continues re-opening to walk in business and in-office contacts.

PROBATION:

7-22-JP-3 **(PULLED)** Authorization to enter into a contract between the County and Aguirre Language Services, Inc.

7-22-JP-4 Authorization to fill one (1) Part Time Clerk Typist Title in the Cayuga County Probation Department. **Motion by Daly, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor except Dennison.**

7-22-JP-5 Authorization to fill one (1) Probation Officer Title in the Cayuga County Probation Department. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.**

- **Brian Schenck (Sheriff) –**

- At the time of this report we are holding 131 incarcerated individuals in the jail. This includes 25 Federal board ins, 4 Local board ins, 9 NY State Parolees detained for new charges and 2 Parolees detained for violation of parole.
- On June 28 members of our agency including administrative and medical staff, Community Mental Health Director Lauren Walsh and her staff, Peer Support Advocate Bryan Bush from CHAD, and Jail Physician Dr. Duckett were hosted by Saratoga County Sheriff Mike Zurlo and members of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office to learn about their Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program in their jail. It was a great learning experience as we continue to build our program locally. State Law has mandated that our program be in place by October of this year.
- Staff recruiting and retention remains a priority and challenge. At the time of this report we remain down 9 positions in the Custody Division (jail) and 1 position in the Road Patrol Division.
- June was an extremely busy month for our Road Patrol Division with 1,796 reports for service. We have also been involved in coordinating traffic and event safety at numerous parades and events throughout the county this summer.
- Our Navigation Division did begin patrolling our waterways in June with primary coverage being on Cayuga and Owasco Lakes as well as Lake Ontario. Generally we are patrolling on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays during the day when staffing allows; however, we are providing additional coverage when specific events are held such as the fireworks at Emerson Park.

SHERIFF:

7-22-JP-6 Authorize the Sheriff to create and fill one (1) Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Position within the Road Patrol Division of the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office. **Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by Kerr, all in favor.**

7-22-JP-7 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Cayuga County Sheriff to amend a current contract with the Port Byron School District to provide a full time Special Patrol Officer employed by the Sheriff's Office to the school district to provide School Resource Officer Services. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.**

7-22-JP-8 Authorize the Sheriff of Cayuga County to fill one (1) Seasonal Personnel Position for the Marine Patrol Unit. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Strong, all in favor.**

7-22-JP-9 Authorizing the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office to enter Memorandums of Agreement with other law enforcement agencies for usage of the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office Weapons Range. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Kerr, all in favor.**

7-22-JP-10 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and Cayuga County Sheriff to enter into a contract with the Moravia School District (MSD) to provide a full time Special Patrol Officer employed by the Sheriff's Office to the MSD to provide School Resource Officer Services and creating and filling one Special Patrol Officer Position for said purpose. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.**

7-22-JP-11 Authorizing changes to the 2022 Cayuga County Compensation Plan to reflect salary increases of certain Non-Bargaining Positions in the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.** \

Motion by Dennison to adjourn at 6:37PM, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.