



MINUTES
JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 5:30PM
Live Stream Link: https://youtu.be/18_0Zul0ouw

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, Lydia Patti Ruffini, Jim Basile, Aileen McNabb-Coleman and Bob Shea, Sheriff Brian Schenck, EMS Director Dale Currier, District Attorney Brittany Antonacci, Operations Officer Shereen Androsko, A911 Administrator Denise Spingler, Sheriff Brian Schenck, Assigned Counsel Lloyd Hoskins, and Deputy Clerk of Legislature Amanda Morgan

MINUTES TO APPROVE: July 13, 2022, Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.

PRESENTATION:

- Lynn Marinelli, re: Emergency Operations Center discussion
- Paul Rigby, CNY Bureau Chief- State Parole Office

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

- **Denise Spingler (911) –**
 - Assisting with EM Director interviews 8/8 & 8/9
 - 911 ESD Training
 - Interviews Conducted 6/21/22
 - 3 Candidates working through background process
 - Additional interviews conducted 8/3
 - 14 Candidates; 6 declinations / 1 failed typing
 - 7 reachable for 4 positions
 - 5 - didn't wish to take typing test/didn't return calls for test
 - 3 left on list
 - Training Class – anticipated start 9/6/22
 - Salary Discussion – item for discussion during negotiations
 - Participated in APD Night Out with staff – 8/3/22
 - Thank you to Cayuga County IT
 - Major CAD/server project in July; IT staff dedicated to the project
 - Consistent positive efforts by IT
 - **GRANT AWARDS**
 - PSAP – awarded \$220,950 (1/1/22 – 12/31/22)
 - New dispatch chairs
 - Salaries
 - SIEC – awarded \$1,413,337 (Jan 22- Dec 24)
 - Emergency Communications System
 - New Recorders at Primary & Backup Centers
- **Emergency Communications System**
 - Continuing to work through coverage issues in Southern end (Lake Como / Summerhill areas) – see attached Status Report and associated information
 - **2022 Maintenance costs** – above and beyond contractual expenses; outlined below:

Date	Site	Project	Vendor	Cost	Fund
22-Feb	Sterling	Antenna	Northeast Tower	\$2,504.89	911 Budget
22-Apr	Cato	Roof repair	T&J Contractors	\$4,250.00	911 Budget
22-Apr	Locke	Antenna	Northeast Tower	\$3,897.65	911 Budget
22-Jul	Locke	Light Repair	Northeast Tower	\$975.00	911 Budget

Full Replacement Needed

22-Jul	PSB	Light Repair	Northeast Tower	\$770.00	911 Budget	Full Replacement Needed
22-Jul	Cato - OLD	Site demolition	Northeast Tower	\$13,200.00	Contingency	
22-Jul		Cooling Motors	Weedsport Motors	\$604.00	911 Budget	
22-Aug	PSB	Site cleanup	Northeast Tower	\$7,000.00	911 Budget	
22-Aug	All Sites	Transfer Pump	Weedsport Motors	\$193.79	911 Budget	
22-Aug		Contactors	Weedsport Motors	\$100.00	911 Budget	
				\$33,495.33		

• **Lloyd Hoskins (Assigned Counsel/Stop DWI) –**

- There were **79** arraignments at the Centralized Arraignment Program for the month of July. The Assigned Counsel office calendared fifteen attorneys to cover the 7am and 7pm arraignments. The attorney cost associated with CAP for July was \$12,510.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.* Of the 79 arraignments, **25** (32%) were for town/village courts, **54** (68%) for Auburn City Court. **50** (63%) defendants were released (ROR), and **29** (37%) defendants were held on bail or held for other reasons. Of the 79 arraignments, 36 (46%) were brought in on arrest/bench warrants. 28 Orders of Protection were issued.
- There were **73** Counsel at First Appearance for Auburn City Court and **12** Counsel at First Appearance in town/village courts. The Assigned Counsel office calendared fourteen attorneys to cover the “on-call” arraignments. The attorney cost associated with Counsel at First Appearance for July was \$7,600.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.*
- The Assigned Counsel Program made attorney assignments to **71** defendants in Auburn City Court and **18** defendants in justice courts for July. A total of **45** assignments were made in Family Court.
- The Assigned Counsel Program received notification on 07/06/22 that our amended contract under the Hurrell-Harring Reform in the amount of \$3,081,747.39 has been approved.
- The Assigned Counsel Program has received notification of the availability of funds to develop innovative programs and practices to improve the quality of legal representation in child protective matters. This office will meet this month with those personnel who may be able to assist in submitting a proposal.
- The Assigned Counsel Program has received notification that our three year “Distribution #13” in the amount \$131,049.00 will be due October 11, 2022.

ASSIGNED COUNSEL:

8-22-JP-1 Authorizing the Administrator of the Assigned Counsel Office to appoint Deputy Administrator Indigent Defendants (PT) and setting the rate of compensation.

Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Daly.

Motion by Petrus to amend the term to ending January 25, 2023, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.

Motion by Dennison on resolution as amended, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.

8-22-JP-2 Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature to sign contract with Thomson Reuters for Westlaw services. **Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.**

- **Dr. Adam Duckett (Coroner) – No updates**
- **Brittany Antonacci (District Attorney) – No updates**

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

8-22-JP-3 Authorizing salary adjustment for Assistant District Attorney.

Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Petrus.

Motion by Dennison to refer to Ways, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

8-22-JP-4 Authorizing the construction of a wall to create new office space in the District Attorney’s Office. **Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.**

- **Dale Currier (Fire/EMO) –**
 1. PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER IMPROVEMENTS –Bergmann Associates continues to work on the site evaluation for constructing new classroom facilities and other training outbuildings.
 2. EMO staff is working with Parks and Trails to assist the organizers of The Great Race scheduled for August 14th. The event, which starts and ends at Emerson Park, is much smaller this year than in the past. On August 3 there were about 225 athletes registered, so the final total may be 300. AS we have seen with other special events getting sufficient EMS and other public safety resources has been a challenge for the event organizer.
 3. EMO continues to support and guide the Continuity of Operations Plan [COOP] process which involves all County departments. An overview of the project was provided at the recent Department Head meeting. The County’s Director of Operations has been providing additional support to the project and in coordinating information between the COOP Plan contractor and department heads.
 4. The results are in form the last EMT class – all 6 students passed the NYS certification test. Emo is looking at whether to host a Refresher class this fall or an EMT Original in January. As indicated by the last class, people are not interested in becoming EMTs or paramedics. If they do come into the EMS field they are generally going to paid positions. EMO has spoken with the workforce Development department to include EMS jobs in a new “workplace shadowing” program.
 5. A Interior Firefighter class is being taught at the training center by NYS Fire Instructors.
 6. The EMO was recently visited by personnel from the NOAA - National Weather Service [NWS] - Buffalo Forecast Office as part of our recertification as a NWS Storm-Ready County. As Cayuga County is served by 2 NOAA/National Weather Service offices, additional program review will now be conducted by the NWS office in Binghamton. We anticipate a decision on our recertification sometime in September.\

- **Jay DeWispelaere (Probation) –**
 - **Alternatives to Incarceration Board;**
 - Currently operating under the 2022=2023 Work Plan;
 - No changes or updates to report.
 - Next ATI board meeting; Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022; time and location TBD.
 - **Staff Vacancies and Issues;**
 - Probation Officer vacancy; we hope to have responses from the canvass soon and make an offer. A preferred candidate has been identified.
 - Account Clerk Typist position; an offer was made and accepted and the new clerk is scheduled to start August 8th
 - A Senior Typist is currently out on medical leave and will likely not return until September. They may then be out for an additional period later in the year for follow up surgery. Clerical staff have indicated they are keeping up with business; extra OT and comp have been offered if needed.
 - One Probation Officer has had some challenging health news which could lead to a substantial amount of time out of the office. Hopefully more information will be available soon.
 - **COVID;**
 - No recent issues. Department has returned to functioning near to pre-COVID operations.

- **Brian Schenck (Sheriff) –**
 - At the time of this report we are holding 138 incarcerated individuals in the jail. This includes 33 Federal board ins, 2 Local board ins, 10 NY State Parolees detained for new charges and 1 Parolee detained for a violation of parole.
 - We continue to partner with Cayuga County Mental Health and other community partners to establish a state mandated Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program within our jail. It appears that we will have the program started before the October deadline set by the state.
 - At the time of this report we have 8 current vacancies in the Custody Division (jail). There is also 1 vacant position in the Road Patrol Division with an additional pending retirement this month.
 - Federal grant funding has been released to enhance our inmate transition program in partnership with Cayuga Counseling Services. We are in the process of imbedding Cayuga Counseling staff into the jail to move this initiative forward.
 - Inmate visitation is set to resume on August 15th after having been suspended since the start of the COVID pandemic.
 - All divisions are experiencing a sharp increase in workload this summer as compared to 2021 and 2020. Within our Road Patrol Division from 2021 to 2022, call volume increased 24% in May, 36% in June, and 20% in July.

SHERIFF:

8-22-JP-5

Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Cayuga County Sheriff to enter into a contract with Seneca Stone Corp. to pave a portion of the parking lot at the Cayuga County Public Safety Building.

Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.

LEGISLATURE:

8-22-LEG-1 **(INFORMATION ONLY)** Resolution opposing recently enacted New York State Legislation regulating legally authorized concealed carry gun permits and banning concealed carry in public places as being an unconstitutional attack upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Motion by Petrus to adjourn at 7:04PM, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.