



MINUTES
JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 5:30PM
Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/ZeTfNgjEJjk>

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Mark Strong, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:31PM

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 and Bob Shea, Sheriff Brian Schenck, District Attorney Brittany Antonacci, Operations Officer Shereen Androsko, Chief Assistant County Attorney Richard Graham, STOP DWI Tracie Coulson, Budget Director Lynn Marinelli, IT Jodie Nickerson, 911 Administrator Denise Spingler, Assigned Counsel Lloyd Hoskins, and Deputy Clerk of Legislature Amanda Morgan

MINUTES TO APPROVE: August 10, 2022, Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

- **Denise Spingler (911) –**
 - **Training Class**
 - 4 New Dispatchers started 9/6/22
 - **Call Volumes 010122-063022**
 - Total Calls Answered: 60,241
 - Domestic - 896
 - Sick Person – 1117
 - Traffic Stops – 8605
 - Suicidal Callers – 209
 - MVA / MVAPI – 790
 - **Overtime – 010122 - 083122**
 - 391 Mandatory Overtime Shifts (3128 hrs)
 - Overtime Budget \$-5725.16
 - *significantly under budget in salaries
 - **Database Analyst – Bi-Annual Review**
 - Discovery:
 - 630 discovery cases completed
 - 9 grand jury testimony subpoenas
 - On-Going GIS tasks:
 - Troubleshooting Spillman GIS Data Issues
 - Cayuga County GIS Users Group Meeting
 - SAM Coordination w/state
 - FOIL requests for Discovery
 - Address assignments from Real Property
 - GIS data edits for streets, address pts, common places, district boundaries
 - Spillman GIS server - data updates
 - Verizon address verifications
 - Special Projects:
 - Mapping for Veterans Services
 - Auburn Traffic Signals Mapping
 - GIS data dissemination (City of Auburn)
 - Update Sheriff post mapping
 - Quickest Route implementation
 - Fairhaven 911 address review & edits
- **Emergency Communications System**

- Continuing to work through coverage issues in Southern end (Lake Como / Summerhill areas) –
 - Awaiting quotes from Motorola

- 911:**
- 9-22-JP-1 Authorizing the Chairperson of the Legislature to sign a one year contract with Eaton Corporation for maintenance of the Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) in the backup 911 center. **Motion by Daly, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.**
 - 9-22-JP-2 Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Cayuga County 911 Administrator to accept the 2021 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Grant. **Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.**
 - 9-22-JP-3 Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature to sign an agreement with Yates County to share tower space at the Ovid Tower Site to improve radio coverage for Yates County. **PULLED**

- **Lloyd Hoskins (Assigned Counsel) –**

- There were **81** arraignments at the Centralized Arraignment Program for the month of August. The Assigned Counsel office calendared sixteen attorneys to cover the 7am and 7pm arraignments. The attorney cost associated with CAP for August was \$11,980.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.* Of the 81 arraignments, **25** (31%) were for town/village courts, **56** (69%) for Auburn City Court. **47** (58%) defendants were released (ROR), and **34** (42%) defendants were held on bail or held for other reasons. Of the 81 arraignments, 40 (49%) were brought in on arrest/bench warrants. 26 Orders of Protection were issued.
- There were **77** Counsel at First Appearance for Auburn City Court and **15** 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 August was \$8,800.00. *These expenses were paid from an ILS (Indigent Legal Services) grant.*
- The Assigned Counsel office made attorney assignments to **80** defendants in Auburn City Court and **19** defendants in justice courts for August. A total of **53** assignments were made in Family Court.
- The Assigned Counsel Office submitted a three grant under “Distribution 13” in the amount of \$131,049.00. If this grant is approved by the Office of Indigent Services, Cayuga County would be reimbursed for “complexed” criminal and family court cases.
- The Assigned Counsel Office has received three applications for the supervising attorney position. Interviews have been scheduled with a goal of filling the position by mid-October.

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

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

- 9-22-JP-4 **(PULLED)** Authorizing the District Attorney to create and fill a permanent full-time Assistant District Attorney position in the District Attorney’s Office
- 9-22-JP-5 Authorizing the District Attorney to accept a grant from New York State Office of Victim Services to continue the “Victim/Witness Program” which is necessary to comply with legal requirements. **Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.**
- 9-22-JP-13 Authorizing the creation of a Temporary Leave Bank for a Cayuga County District Attorney’s Office Employee. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.**

- **Riley Shurtleff (Fire/EMO) – No updates**

EMO:

- 9-22-JP-6 Authorizing Chairperson of Cayuga County Legislature & Emergency Management Office (EMO) to accept funds from The State of New York and administered by the NY State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) to assist in New York State’s emergency preparedness efforts, and for the Finance Department to amend the 2022 EMO Budget. **Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.**

- **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; Caucus Rm. #1 @ 2:00 pm. Tentatively to be followed by the Discharge Planning Committee at 3:00 pm.
 - **Staff Vacancies and Issues;**
 - Probation Officer vacancy; candidate scheduled to start Monday, Sept. 19th. Complement of officers now up to full strength.
 - A Senior Typist remains out on medical leave. Return date is not known.
 - One Probation Officer has had some challenging health news which could lead to a substantial amount of time out of the office. Follow up surgery is reportedly necessary.
 - Both newly hired officers will be attending training in Erie Co. beginning in early October.
 - **Annual Award Notice;**
 - DCJS has confirmed that \$136,574.00 has been awarded to the department for fiscal year 2022-2023.
 - **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 159 incarcerated individuals in the jail. This includes 37 Federal board ins, 1 Local board in, 13 NY State Parolees detained for new charges and 3 Parolees 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. We are on target to start this program in the near future. We have begun moving incarcerated individuals that are struggling with substance abuse into one dedicated pod within the jail to help facilitate this initiative that will include increased peer support and programming.
 - At the time of this report we have 8 current vacancies in the Custody Division (jail). There are also 2 vacant positions in the Road Patrol Division. We recently filled 1 position on our County Office Building Security Team after 3 recent resignations and we continue to recruit.
 - We are currently partnering with Chairman Gould and multiple departments within the county to review current strategies, policies, and practices to address violent extremism in our community and prepare to draft a plan to confront domestic terrorism per State Executive Order 18 by the end of December.

SHERIFF:

- 9-22-JP-7 Authorize the Sheriff to create and fill a Licensed Practical Nurse Position within the Cayuga County Jail. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.**
- 9-22-JP-8 Authorizing the Sheriff of Cayuga County to appoint a new Confidential Secretary. **Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.**
- 9-22-JP-9 Authorizing the Sheriff to fill one vacant Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Position in the Patrol Division of the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office and any resulting backfill positions. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Daly, all in favor.**
- 9-22-JP-10 Authorize the Sheriff to fill one (1) vacant Registered Professional Nurse Position in the Custody Division of the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office. **Motion by Nightengale, 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.**
- 9-22-JP-11 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and Cayuga County Sheriff to enter into a contract with the Union Springs Central School District (USCSD) to provide a full time Special Patrol Officer employed by the Sheriff's Office to the USCSD to provide School Resource Officer Services and creating and filling one Special Patrol Officer Position for said purpose. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.**
- 9-22-JP-12 Authorizing the Chair and the Sheriff to apply for and receive grants from Domestic Terrorism Prevention Program and enter into a contract with Tetra Tech Incorporated to provide domestic terrorism prevention plan consulting. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.**

Motion by Dennison to adjourn at 6:21PM, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.