

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

October 3, 2023

The regular meeting of Public Safety, Probation, EMO, Stop DWI, Fire, & Safety was held in the Legislative Conference Room, at the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main Street, Tuesday, October 3, 2023, which started at 2:29 PM and ended at 3:15 PM.

Present:

Keith Flesher	Chair, Public Safety
William Standinger III	Legislator {Committee Member}(Arrived at 2:39PM)
Barb Roberts	Legislator {Committee Member}
Dale Weston	Legislator {Committee Member}
Marte Sauerbrey	Chair of the Legislator (Arrived at 2:34 PM)
Gary Howard	Sheriff, Sheriff's Office
Brian Cain	Director, Probation
Mike Simmons	Director, Office of Emergency Services
Corinne Cornelius	Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Services

GUESTS: Peter DeWind, County Attorney
Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk

ABSENT: Bob Williams, Asst. Coordinator, Office of Emergency Services
Stew Bennett, Administrative Coroner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The *September 5, 2023*, minutes was accepted with no corrections or changes

Motion by: Barb Roberts to accept the September 5, 2023 Minutes.

Second: Dale Weston

All in Favor - Carried

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – Mike Simmons:

FINANCIAL:

- September YTD Report – Budget within. Sixty percent through the fiscal year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Communications Project –

- CAD Project – County IT and State IT are attempting to solve the issues in the network connectivity. Bryan Goodrich of the County IT has begun mapping fire district zones for use with response plans that will eventually be entered into the CAD for use by dispatchers and fire departments. Candor EMS is the first EMS agency to add mobile data terminals for the CAD system in their ambulances.
- EMS – Meetings are now conduct quarterly by Curtis Hammond. Discussions regarding the future EMS in the county. Agencies expressed a multitude of concerns regarding the future.
- Emergency Management – Assistant Bob Williams continues to conduct meetings of the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee. Stephanie J. Chapin is the new Regional Director of State Emergency Management as Tom McCartney has retired. Plans are being made to hold another Citizens Preparedness Class. This will be held in Owego. Deputy Director Corinne Cornelius attend a Grant Workshop in Syracuse, NY on September 28th.
- Threat Assessment Management Program – preparing RFP for Emergency Preparedness App for Smartphones that will provide information to the public about identifying and reporting perceived activities that could be a precursor to violent acts by others. Plan on conducting training for participants with a consulting group who have worked with several other counties.
- Fire – County Chiefs meeting was conducted at the Nichols Fire Department. Discussion was held about when NYS DOT shuts down the state highway. Personnel from Lockheed-Martin met to discuss emergency response calls received from their employees calling 911 on cellphones from their facility. Lockheed-Martin recognized as a fire brigade.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Authorize the Submission of Statewide Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant Application (SICG 23)
- Award 2023 Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMP23)
- Appropriation of Funds 2023 Homeland Security Grant Modify 2023 Budget Office of Emergency Services Sheriff's Office

***Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward*

PROBATION – Brian Cain:

FINANCIAL:

- Budget on track for 2023. Seventy-five percent through the fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Probation Department – The entry doors at Probation have been upgraded with new card entry devices. There is one door that never had card entry and

discussions are being had with IT to determine if that door can be converted to card entry as well. Jeremy Loveland (Info Tech) will be get a quote for the door which Probation needs to find in the budget.

- Buddi, NY LLC Contract - Probation received a proposed contract provide comprehensive monitoring services. The proposed contract has been forwarded to the County Attorney's Office for review. Upon its approval by the County Attorney, Probation will bring forth a resolution to enter into said contract. Entering into the contract will not increase the current Probation budget. Resolution will be presented at the November 2023 meeting.
- Community engagement – Probation staff attended the Family Day at the Nichols Reserve Center which was organized due to the reservists being deployed in the near future. Probation also volunteered at the Veteran's Grocery Giveaway.
- Quality Assurance Program - Probation has initiated the creation of a Quality Assurance Program within the Department in line with the best practices being recommended by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Discussions with Jeremy Loveland, Info Tech Director, can help with randomly picking cases out for this audit on a monthly basis. Awaiting word from IT as to when this may be accomplished.
- Staff – Teri Rosenberger retired from her position of Probation Supervisor effective September 29, 2023. Fred Kiechle was promoted to that position effective October 2, 2023. This now means there is one open Sr. Probation Officer position and one open Probation Officer position.
Two candidates have been interviewed for the open Probation Officer position. If one is chosen, they will be hired provisionally pending the next Probation Officer Civil Service Exam.
- Training – Probation received confirmation that the two Probation Officers who need to complete five weeks of Basic Course for Peace Officer (BCPO) training will be able to attend the class offered in Binghamton in December and January.
- Juvenile Delinquency Services - There were two Juvenile Delinquency Appearance Ticket (JDAT) received for the month of September. The JDATs alleged the respondents committed acts which if committed by an adult would constitute the crime of Burglary in the Third Degree.
- ATI Programs - Electronic Monitoring – one (1) individual being monitored via the VCheck24 phone app GPS electronic monitoring system and one defendant with the traditional ankle monitor. Community Service – Weekend Work Program continues with crews scheduled every weekend. Pre-Trial Release (PTR) – there are 11 people being supervised via PTR. Court Ordered Investigations - 36 active investigations. Supervision - 190 cases – Violation of Probation – 17 defendants/respondents have violation petitions against them.

PERSONNEL:

- One Vacant Probation Officer position
- One Vacant Sr. Probation Officer position
- One Vacant Part Time Probation Supervisor position

- One unfunded Probation Officer position

RESOLUTION:

- Approve STSJP Contract for SFY 2023-2024 Probation as Lead Agency for Application for Funding via STSJP

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SHERIFF – Gary Howard:

FINANCIAL:

- Revenues are \$458,878 which is 84% of the budget. Expenditures are at \$9,263,194 which is 81% of the budget. Inmate boarders are at \$228,196 which 152% of the Budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on Labor Issues – NCEU (Jail Union) and TCLEA (Law Enforcement Union) Negotiations are being finalized.
- Update on litigation issues – still on going.
- 2023 Budget – This recent arrest of 11 people or more is costing money to the Sheriff's Budget. So far \$21,000 Personnel; \$33,000 medical bills plus a lot of overtime; boarding out \$2,500. Overbudgeted - Road Patrol Personnel in the red \$167,000; Overtime in the red \$90,000. Jail Personnel budget okay. Discussion needs to be had.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pistol Permit database, data conversion almost complete.
- Jail camera replacement project progressing.
- Body worn camera project – fully deployed and in use.
- RFP for jail medical contract out for bids.
- Average daily inmate population for the month of September 2023 was 51. There was an average of 6 Federal inmates (180 days) and 7 board-in (211 days).

PERSONNEL:

- Update of Vacancies:
 - Civil – One Vacant part-time Civil Deputy position.
 - Corrections – Four Vacant Corrections Officer positions; Two Vacant Part-Time Cook positions.
 - None on Light Duty.
 - Two Corrections Officers still on Military Deployment.

- Road Patrol –
 - Two Open Deputy Positions.
 - One Deputy currently on Light Duty.
 - One Deputy in the field training phase of the police academy
 - Two Deputy Positions remain unfunded- request being made to fund/fill.
- E911 – Two Open Dispatcher positions.
- Records – all positions are filled.
- Administration – all positions are filled.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Authorize the Submission of the 2023-2024 NYS STOP DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Application STOP DWI
- Authorize 2023-2024 Contracts with SADD School Associates STOP DWI
- Approve 2024 STOP DWI Plan

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CORONER – Stew Bennett (not present):

Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk, presented the Resolution on behalf of Stew Bennett, Administrative Coroner.

RESOLUTION:

- Amend 2023 Budget Contingency Transfer Request Medical Examiners and Coroners

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Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Kallin
Secretary to the Director of Probation—October 5, 2023