

# **PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING**

**May 8, 2024**

The regular meeting of Public Safety, Probation, Office of Emergency Services, Coroner, and Stop DWI was held in the Legislative Conference Room at the Ronald E. Dougherty Office Building, 56 Main St., on Tuesday, May 8, 2024 at 2:30 PM.

## **Present:**

Keith Flesher	Chair, Public Safety
William Standinger	Legislator
Marte Sauerbrey	Chair, Legislator
Chad Post	Probation Officer, Probation
Sheriff Gary Howard	Sheriff's Office
Corinne Cornelius	Director, Emergency Services
Bob Williams	Deputy Fire Coordinator

## **Guest:**

Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk
Peter DeWind	County Attorney

## **Absent:**

Brian Cain	Director, Probation
Barb Roberts	Legislator

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Approval of March 5, 2024 and April 2, 2024 minutes will be carried over to the June 2024 Meeting due to lack of Quorum.*

## **PROBATION – Chad Post:**

### **FINANCIAL:**

- 2024 Budget is on Track.
- \$2,395 in restitution and surcharge collected in April 2024.
- \$80,000 in restitution and surcharge collected in the past week.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Two JDAT received for April. One youth referred to the County Attorney's Office due to having needs which could not be met during a diversion period. The other youth appeared appropriate for Diversion and was scheduled to sign a Diversion contract.
- One individual being monitored electronically
- Community Service- at the Tioga County Jail continues.  
The program will only function for one day of the weekend if the numbers drop too low.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Probation Officers continue to attend trainings throughout the state while working toward fulfilling their yearly minimum training requirement of 21 hours.
- Training: All Probation Officers will be attending three day training from May 21-23, 2024 at the Tioga County Sheriff's Office organized by the Tioga County Threat Assessment Management Team and the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Unit.
- All Probation access doors have now been rewired to enable Probation staff to access the Department without a physical key, by using their County ID card or wristbands provided by IT to access the Department. In addition an installation of security camera and control pad which allows Probation Staff to view who is at the rear entry door and allow them access remotely.
- Probation staff and their families teamed up with Tioga County Court Staff and their families to participate in the TC Spring Clean-Up Day on April 13, 2024, organized by Sister Mary O'Brien of Tioga County Rural Ministries. Three properties of elderly citizens were assisted with Spring clean up at their homes.
- Probation would like to begin discussions with the Committee regarding possibility of requesting an increase of all Probation series positions in the salary schedule by one pay grade. Probation Director plans to bring detailed proposal to the June committee meeting.

**PERSONNEL:**

- Two Vacant Probation Officer 1 positions exists.
- One unfunded Probation Officer position

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- None

**OFFICE of EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Corinne Cornelius:**

**FINANCIAL:**

- 2024 Budget is on Track.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Motorola completed site testing, bore holes to conduct soil samples. Campville Fire assisted with providing water at some of the tower locations.
- MNI and Motorola site visit on April 30-May 2 to update the microwave study and to ensure all coverage will continue to match the path studies conducted previously. Updated coverage maps will be provided.
- NYSP and Candor EMS are live on the CAD map. Other EMS agencies and Candor Village Police are working to join the CAD system.
- No significant changes in county EMS coverage. The same issues continue to exist in regard to manpower shortages.
- There were no issues associated with the Solar Eclipse.
- The Route 17 paving project is underway. Apalachin Fire Dept. has created a response plan for incidents that occur while the highway has limited access for two years. There is also paving project on Route 38B in Newark Valley.

- We have put out an RFP for a threat assessment report app. There is a resolution to accept a bid from MYEMO.
- Threat Assessment Team trainings have been conducted and are scheduled for May to continue to get all stakeholder trained appropriately.
- Fire – Burn ban is in effect until May 15, 2024.
- Attended the Fire Coordinator’s Conference in Watkins Glen. This conference had updates to changes in the fire services, including potentially impactful OSHA changes that have been proposed.
- The HAZMAT team received a donation of a fuel transfer pump from Scott Smith & Son to help them off-load leaking tanks. We will be publishing a press-release shortly as soon as additional information is received from Scott Smith & Son.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- None.

**PERSONNEL:**

- Deputy Director position is still posted.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- Authorize submission of Homeland Security Grant Application (SHSP24)
- Award Bid For Emergency Preparedness Smartphone Application
- Authorize Submission of Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant Application (SICG24)

*\*\*Resolutions will need to move forward to the Legislative Worksession due to lack of Quorum*

**SHERIFF – Gary Howard**

**FINANCIAL:**

- 2024 Budget:
  - Revenues are \$82,805 which is 17% of the budget. Expenditures are at \$4,036,694 which is 32% of the budget. Inmate Boarders are at \$41,999 which is 28% of the budget.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Jail Camera replacement project is still ongoing.
- New building/garage project starting – in the planning stage

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- In the planning phase for the VESTA Next Gen 911 system
- E911 dispatch center upgrades.
- Planning for new License Plate Reader – grant funding

**PERSONNEL:**

- Update of Vacancies:
  - Civil – One Vacant part-time Civil Deputy position.
  - Corrections – Four Vacant Corrections Officer positions; One Vacant Part-Time Cook position.
    - No Corrections Officers on Light Duty.
    - One Corrections Officer on Military Deployment.
    - Three Corrections Officers in the Academy-Graduation 5/10/24.
  - Road Patrol – Two Vacant Deputy positions.
    - Two Deputies currently attending the Police Academy.
    - One on Light Duty.
    - One on Military Deployment.
  - E911 – Two Vacant E911 Dispatcher Trainee Positions.
  - Records – all positions are filled.
  - Administration – all positions are filled.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- Authorize the Submission of the 2024 PSAP Operations Grant, Sheriff's Office.

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**ADJOURNED:**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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4/2/2024