

MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, April 5, 2021 1:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Eygnor, Verkey and Lasher, Fiscal Assistant Ken Blake, via ZOOM Supervisors Verno, Chatfield, Jacobs, Groat and Miller, Emergency Management Director George Bastedo, Advanced Life Support Services Director Jim Lee, Coroners Phil Pettine and Keith Benjamin, Probation Director Mark Ameele, Public Defender Andy Correia, Pre-Trial Services Director Martha Bailey and Sheriff Barry Virts. Supervisor Bender was not present for the meeting.

Minutes from the March 1st Committee meeting were approved as written.

Mr. Benjamin presented the monthly report for the Coroner's Office. During February there were 18 death investigations referred to the Coroner's Office with 12 autopsies requested. Mr. Pettine reported the human remains found in a shallow grave last fall have been identified; the Sheriff's Office has an ongoing investigation on the case.

Probation's monthly report was distributed with the agenda. There were two non-secure bed days served during the month, one was related to Raise the Age Legislation. Mr. Ameele noted there are no local non-secure detention facilities. There are currently 12 active PINS cases and 81 juvenile delinquent cases the Department is overseeing. A total of 44 new cases were received during the month, bringing the total of supervised cases to 506. The Department is also administering the Electronic Home Monitoring Program averaging 22 participates last month and the Ignition Interlock System which has 53 devices installed and monitors 193 cases. There were 61 violations of probation remaining at the end of February; the Court will address these cases in the very near future. During the month the Department collected over \$22,600 in restitution and fines.

The Public Defender's monthly report was distributed with the agenda. As of March 26th the Department has 648 open cases.

Supervisors were updated on personnel in the Public Defender's Office. An attorney in the Office will be leaving at the end of this month. Efforts are underway to fill the position. Staff attorneys will be very busy with courts re-opening, bail reform, discovery reform and cannabis legalization.

A report on Indigent Legal Services was prepared and sent to the State; resulting in the need to have the following transmittals approved:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a second extension agreement with the State Office of Indigent Legal Services for Distribution #7. This will allow the Department to continue to submit for reimbursements against this grant in 2021. Approved 4-0.

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--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an extension to the agreement with the State Office of Indigent Legal Services for Distribution #8. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a second extension agreement with the State Office of Indigent Legal Services for Contract CAF A254. Approved 4-0.

Mrs. Bailey reviewed activities in the Wayne Pre-Trial Office. Between February 23rd and March 30th Pre-Trial had 17 new releases into their program, closed 20 cases and still have 109 open cases. There were two defendants released to Pre-Trial's Enhanced Release Program; there are 11 individuals on this program. Electronic Monitoring under the Release Program is a new requirement following Bail Reform. Six additional individuals were put on the Electronic Monitoring System last month; there are as total of seven defendants on the system at this time.

Mrs. Leonard thanked all emergency response personnel who came to the haz-mat incident that occurred in Macedon over the weekend.

The monthly report for Emergency Management Services was distributed with the agenda. Mr. Bastedo noted Tele-communicator's Week is April 11th-17th; a proclamation for the event was read at last month's Board meeting. The State evaluated Ginna exercise is scheduled for July 27th. The Office will be purchasing the necessary personal protection equipment to comply with State COVID restriction requirements. The Office is working on any potential FEMA reimbursements for the pandemic. Mr. Bastedo reported staff worked with several towns to generate the information required by the vendor to update the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. A draft plan is expected in the near future. The last extended operation in the 911 Back-up Center allowed for a hardware update in the Primary Center.

Mr. Lee reviewed a request to rescind Board Resolution No. 378-20. The resolution was to have the County pay for the materials and installation of a new communications tower at the Ontario Fire Department site, pay to dismantle the existing tower and pay for building modifications needed for the housing of communications equipment. Once the work is completed by the County, the Fire District would allow the County use of the tower and building on their property at no cost. Mr. Lee stated, it has been determined it would be more cost efficient to allow the Fire District to perform building modifications for the housing of communications equipment. The change would require the County pay the entire cost of building modifications back to the Fire District in one lump-sum lease payment. As the original resolution does not state any lease payment will be made, this will need to be stated. The cost of the one-time lease payment will not add any additional cost to the project. Mr. Lee is waiting for pricing from the Fire District, and if received prior to the April 20th Board meeting, may request a transmittal go before the Board as Other Business to approve this contractual change.

Mr. Lee updated the Committee on a survey sent out by the Fitch Study Analysis Committee on ways to strengthen emergency medical services in the County, the survey was sent to EMS

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agencies, Town Supervisors and Village Mayors. The best way to do this appears to be by the County obtain a Certificate of Need and continuing to work with municipal EMS services. Not all EMS agencies provided the amount of funding they receive to operate. The Fitch Study Analysis Committee scheduled a meeting for May 19th to have all EMS agencies attend and review their needs so changes can be implemented to improve all systems. Mr. Lee estimates the additional cost to have a 24/7 Countywide EMS service with full crews at each ambulance base would be \$750,000 annually.

Mr. Lee stated County EMS workers are providing COVID vaccinations to homebound individuals. If you are aware of an individual that is in need of this service, you can call Mr. Lee at 946-5712 or the Public Health Office.

The following transmittals were presented for the Emergency Services Office:

--Authorization to declare a sole source vendor and purchase parts for Lifepak 15 monitor/defibrillators. Mr. Bastedo noted Stryker Medical is the provider of these devices in the County and an accessory to the system is desired that can only be purchased from this vendor at a cost of \$6,200. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to declare a single source supplier and pay in advance for the Verint Recorder maintenance contract in the amount of \$11,470. Mr. Bastedo stated this request might not be needed; however, if it is not it will be pulled prior to the Board meeting. Approved 4-0. (Following the meeting it was determined the transmittal was not required.)

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a memorandum of agreement with CSEA to allow Wayne County ALS Technicians to administer the additional duties as Quality Assurance /Quality Improvement Coordinator and receive a shift differential in wages and salary according to the existing CSEA contract for all hours worked while serving as the QA/QI Coordinator. The cost will not exceed \$1,456. Approved 4-0.

The following monthly reports were submitted with the agenda for the Sheriff's Office:

- Corrections Division: During February there were 39 males and six females committed to the County Jail. The Jail housed eight State Ready prisoners, eight individuals on parole and two boarded in inmates from other counties. Inmates worked 1,190 hours in the Jail. The Sheriff's Office collected \$22,500 in inmate bail and \$81.74 in fines from seven inmates. Three parole hearings and 17 inmate discipline trials were held during the month. Sheriff Virts said efforts are being made to open up inmate visitation while following COVID restrictions.
- Sheriff's Office: Both quarterly and monthly reports were presented. Officers addressed 68 vehicle crashes during February, 1,417 miscellaneous complaints, two major crime complaints and 347 minor crime complaints. Road Patrol made 13 DWI, 87 criminal, 53

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misdemeanor vehicle and 23 mental health arrests. There were 90 motor vehicle collisions during the month resulting in eight injuries. The Records Division issued 61 pistol permits and 62 amendments. The Civil Division processed 44 papers and had 93 Family Court papers served.

- Town/Village Summary: During February, Officers addressed nearly 2,500 complaints. There are 352 registered sex offenders living in Wayne County.
- Tickets by Town: During February there were 354 tickets issued, the most being in the Town of Lyons.
- Overtime: Staff worked a total of 2,369 hours of overtime during February, the majority for staff shortages.
- Court Security: During February 967 individuals entered the Hall of Justice; this does not include staff.

The following transmittals were presented for the Sheriff's Office:

--Authorization to accept 2020 Operation Stronegraden Grant funding of \$56,000, amend the County budget and expend funds. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to amend the State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program budget due to receipt of \$40,571. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Sheriff to sign an agreement with Krenser Marine for boat space rental for a cost of \$1,075. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement extension with Black Creek Integrated Systems for annual maintenance of the sally port jail management software and security system, for a price of \$71,567. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to award the bid for cleaning supplies to The Cleaning Solution Inc., for \$60,000. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to fill the position of Chief Deputy and set the salary at \$93,712. Sheriff Virts noted Chief Deputy Steven Sklenare will be retiring from the Sheriff's Office with 47 years of service. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to award a bid to New York State Public Safety Emergency Lighting and sign an agreement for emergency vehicle equipment/accessories, maintenance, repair and installation of equipment. Sheriff Virts thanked Purchasing Officer Kaleigh Flynn for her assistance in preparing the bid. Approved 4-0.

Sheriff Virts thanked Probation Department staff for assisting in the Victims Impact Panel held a few weeks ago; prior to the pandemic this event was held four times a year. He informed

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Supervisors the 19-foot Boston Whaler is ready to go on the canal in case of an emergency. Two other boats are ready to go on Lake Ontario, depending on weather. Mr. Bastedo reported the level of Lake Ontario is 244.7" today. Levels are anticipated to increase next month; however, flooding does not appear to be an issue this year.

Sheriff Virts stated the Police Reform Policy and Procedure Review Subcommittee will continue to meet following submission of the County's Police Reform and Reinvention Plan to the State. Mr. Eygnor said he has been in discussions with the Board Chairman about the County following through on items listed in this Plan and on items that were brought forth during public listening sessions. The Public Safety Committee will need to discuss how they will handle reports they will receive regarding State Executive Order 203. New legislation regarding cannabis will play a part in these discussions. A discussion took place on the number of rules and regulations that accompany the legalization, sale and distribution of cannabis. All Board members were sent three short videos that were presented at this morning's Health and Medical Services Committee meeting regarding establishment of a 24/7 behavioral health response services. Sheriff Virts said he was not in favor of the passage of this legislation, but will enforce the laws of New York State. He noted there is a lot of work municipalities are required to do regarding the new legislation.

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m. The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Monday, May 3rd at 1:00 p.m.