

MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 9:00 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Verno, VanLaeken, Bender, Donalty, Miller, Groat and Eynor, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Brian Sams, Wayne Pre-Trial Services Director Martha Bailey, Coroner Phil Pettine, Probation Director Mark Ameele, Public Defender Andy Correia, District Attorney Mike Calarco, Sheriff Robert Milby, Undersheriff Tammy Ryndock, Emergency Services Director George Bastedo, 911 Project Manager Jim Lee and Economic Development Fiscal Assistant Jamie Corteville.

Minutes from the April 5th Committee meeting were approved as written.

The monthly activities report for the Coroner's Office was presented and reviewed. Since the last meeting there were 10 autopsies performed and Coroners were called out for 20 deaths. Mr. House informed the Committee he spoke with the Vice President of Newark-Wayne Community Hospital about the need for additional morgue space. At this time Wayne County utilizes this morgue and one at Clifton Springs Hospital. Depending on the activity, both facilities can be full. All but one funeral director in the County has signed the contract regarding services provided to the County. Wayne and Ontario Counties continue to work on wording for a memorandum of understanding regarding shared coroner services.

Mr. Calarco updated Supervisors on staffing in the District Attorney's Office. There have been no candidates applying for the vacant full-time attorney positions. The two staff attorneys who handle County court each have a caseload in excess of 130 cases and Mr. Calarco has a caseload of 65 cases. There is interest from a new attorney about joining the Office; Mr. Calarco said the individual would need to begin working in justice court, as she just passed the Bar.

Supervisors were updated on the April 27th meeting of the County's Independent Advisory and Minority Community Advocacy Committees. The Minority Community Committee would like to have their membership posted on the County website; this is being looked into. Mr. Correia said he is working with the group to determine how various County agencies accept and respond to complaints.

Secretary to the meeting, Debbie Liseno, informed members the 1st County Unity Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th at Perkins Park in Newark from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Board members were requested to sign up to be present at the function for some time during the day.

The monthly activities report for the Public Defender's Office was included with the agenda. At the end of April the Department had 386 open cases. Four grant claims were submitted for over \$146,000.

Mr. Correia updated Supervisors on the State budget. 2022 is the 5th year and final year for the Hurrell-Harring settlement; the State has committed to continue funding of this program. The

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State budget, once again, did not include an increase for assigned counsel attorneys. The last time the rate was increased was 18 years ago. It was proposed to raise the misdemeanor representation rate to \$120 per hour and the felony representation rate to \$150 per hour. Mr. Correia report there was no major overhaul to the State's Bail and Discovery Reform Act. The State budget includes additional funding to assist with delivery cost associated with Discovery Reform. Any non-Public Defender office impacted by Discovery and Bail Reform changes can work together to use this grant funding.

Supervisors were informed the approved travel request for the Public Defender's Investigator to attend training/certification in March had a change of date and location. The training is now scheduled for June 5th-10th in Virginia and should be covered by Distribution #8 funding. Any additional expenses will be covered through the Department budget funds. Approved.

Mr. Correia informed the Committee he would be attend the annual Training for Young Public Defenders for one week in June; this is a good recruiting opportunity.

The monthly activities report of the Probation Department was included with the agenda. During April there were 10 non-secure bed days served, 32 youth placed on the electronic home monitoring system in lieu of detention and one juvenile delinquent Raise the Age case. At the end of April the Department had 13 active Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) cases and 69 active juvenile delinquent diversion cases. Staff continue to work with the local Department of Social Services regarding the PINS program and supervision needed for the youth. Staff are monitoring 2,856 cases, with direct supervision of 533 Probationers. During April there were 258 ignition interlock cases being monitored and 25 community service referrals. Mr. Ameele stated the Weekend Work Program is not going well, as many of those assigned to this program do not show up, while a supervisor from the Sheriff's Office does. The program is being re-worked in hopes of improving participation. During the first four months of the year the Probation Department collected \$42,490 in fines, restitutions and fees.

Mr. Ameele said case numbers are high; but at this time he does not anticipate requesting additional staff.

The monthly activities report for Wayne Pre-Trial Services was reviewed. During April there were 16 additional inmates referred to the Pre-Trial Release Program, making 59 cases under Agency Supervision. The Agency exceeded participation rates in their 2021-22 State contract for the Pre-Trial Release Program. The State is not providing additional funding for the additional services being provided. There was one new Enhanced Release case added in April, bring the number of Enhanced cases under supervision to eight. One individual was added to the electronic home monitoring program through Pre-Trial, at this time two electronic home monitoring cases are being supervised by the Agency. Mrs. Bailey noted how busy the Office has been.

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

- Corrections Division: During March there were 35 males and 6 females committed to the County Jail, along with two boarded in inmates. There were 17 private attorney visits, 10 Public Defender contacts, and 28 Pre-Trial contacts. Seventeen inmate disciplinary hearings were held during the month and inmates worked 1,120 hours in the Facility. The Jail collected \$2,301 in bail and \$88.60 in fines from 11 inmates in March. The number of doctor visits by inmates increased greatly during the month. There was a COVID breach in the Jail; 19 inmates were infected and 11 employees. The Facility continues to follow State/CDC guidelines.
- Activities: During March the Sheriff's Office investigated 67 motor vehicle collisions, 22 animal complaints, 5 major and 315 minor crimes and assisted in 8 fire investigations. There were 9 DWI arrests, 70 criminal and 33 vehicle and traffic arrests during the month. Seven persons were injured in motor vehicle collisions. There were 57 pistol permits processed during the month and 121 amendments. The Civil Division processed 97 papers, served 62 Family Court papers, and performed seven evictions.
- Town and Village Summary: The Sheriff's Office responded to 2,020 complaints, this number is high. There were 364 sex offenders living in Wayne County at that end of March. Deputies travel over 109,400 miles while in service.
- Tickets by Town: There were 228 tickets written by Deputies, the majority in the Towns of Ontario and Williamson.
- Overtime: Staff worked 2,824 hours of overtime in March; the majority due to staff shortages. Sheriff Milby noted there are 11 individuals in Police Academy for the County. Staffing in the Jail will improve once Officers are back from COVID leave.
- Court House Security: 2,212 individuals entered the Hall of Justice through the magnetometer during the month. Employees do not need to enter the building this way.

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

--Authorization to release Requests for Proposals soliciting a partner to provide correction health care services to the County Jail. Sheriff Milby said he believes having one provider of health care services at the Facility will be more cost efficient than the current system. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an affiliation agreement with Gannon University for a student intern. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to amend the 2022 budget to pay for unanticipated travel expenses. Sheriff Milby reviewed unforeseen expenses in regard to a homicide investigation that involved travel to South Carolina by two Detectives. Approved 5-0.

Mr. Verno requested additional detail regarding staff shortages for future meeting. Sheriff Milby said there are 11 individuals currently in Police Academy and efforts continue with Civil Service to fill vacancies.

Sheriff Milby reported participation in this year's DEA drug take-back program was very low.

The monthly activities report for the Emergency Management Department was included with the agenda. Mr. Bastedo report Ginna activation sirens were tested this morning. He will be talking to the County Treasurer about the Office's Grant Coordinator taking over Department grants for reimbursement requests. Any grants that require a narrative with the reimbursement request may remain at the Emergency Management Department.

The Emergency Management Department still has about 9,000 tests kits that will expire in July. Lake Ontario remains high, 21 inches higher than last year at the same time. It is forecasted to rise an additional two inches in the next month. Due to REDI projects and waterfront homeowner improvements, flooding is not expected this year. Flooding in bay areas is more of a concern, with sandbags being put in place. Mr. Bastedo reported conference calls with the State have begun regarding the potential for flooding. The Hazard Mitigation Plan Update was completed and resubmitted to the State for review prior to submission to FEMA.

Mr. Bastedo stated he is proud of the County's Emergency Response Facility, noting the County's Capital Plant includes upgrades during 2022. He is concerned, with downstate nuclear power plants closing; the County could lose revenue that is utilized to operate the Department unless the distribution formula in Article 2b is updated.

Mr. Lee informed Supervisors construction on the Ontario communications tower is underway. Efforts continue to reach an agreement with Verizon for space on their Macedon tower. Efforts continue to find a site for another communications tower in the southeast section of the County. Grant funding will cover a great deal of any new transmit/receive tower construction cost.

The following transmittals were presented for the Emergency Management Department:

--Authorization to appoint Chris Creamer as Battalion Five Deputy Fire Coordinator. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to establish an Emergency Medical Services Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee will report to the Public Safety Committee on a regular basis and will be charged with analyzing and considering the options and practices in relation to the EMS Project during its development. Mr. Lee said Request for Proposals have been issued and are due back on May 18th. At this time meetings are taking place with each emergency response agency to keep them up to date on what is proposed for the County's. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an amended frequency use and tower space agreement with Mobiletech Communications to secure the use of a third needed frequency for utilization by fire departments or other public safety agencies. Mr. Lee said this will not affect the Department budget. The additional frequency allows for better communication. Approved 5-0.

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An out of state travel request for 911 Operations Manager, Katie Dean, to attend a Center Manager Certification Program in New Jersey from June 27th – July 1st for a cost not to exceed \$1,930 was presented. Approved.

Supervisors were updated on projects included in the 2023-2027 County Capital Plan that involve Departments reporting to this Committee:

- County Jail: Upgrade to the Fire Alarm System in 2024 for \$150,000 and replacement of the K-Building in 2025-26 for a cost of \$15,350,000. Mr. Sams noted the K-Building replacement has been included in the County's Capital Plan for several years with no action taken. Sheriff Milby stated the building is no longer sustainable and the entire unit would have to be rebuilt if it were to be put back into use. The K-Building is the east wing of the Jail and was constructed in 1964. If the structure is needed, due to recent low census numbers in the Facility, was questioned.
- Hall of Justice—Roof Replacement in 2024 for \$1 million.
- Sodus Point Park Sheriff's Cottage: Construct a new substation scheduled for 2027 for a cost of \$500,000.
- 911: Replace the recorder back-up system in 2023 for \$160,000, replace CAD/MDT/RMS in 2025 for \$3 million (current system will be 10 years old then), update Call Processing System in 2026 for \$300,000 and refresh Radio System hardware in 2027 for \$350,000 (refresh needed every five years).
- Emergency Communications: Purchase improvements over the five-year plan at a cost of \$2.9 million.
- Certified Orthophotograph: (Aerial photograph that has been geometrically corrected) in 2025 for \$210,000.
- Mutual Aid: Drill tower conversion in 2023 for \$350,000 and replacement of mobile cascade truck in 2024 for \$350,000.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7th at 9:00 a.m.