

MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 9:00 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Verno, Bender, VanLaeken, Donalty, Miller, Leonard and Eygnor, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Brian Sams, Coroner Keith Benjamin, Probation Director Mark Ameele, Sheriff Robert Milby, Undersheriff Tammy Ryndock, District Attorney Mike Calarco, Wayne Pre-Trial Services Director Martha Bailey, Public Defender Andy Correia, Emergency Management Services Director George Bastedo, Fire Coordinator Jeremiah Shufelt, Deputy Emergency Management Services Director Jeff Fosdick, 911 Project Manager Jim Lee and Purchasing Agent Christopher O'Connor.

Minutes from the May 2nd Committee meeting were approved as written.

The monthly report for the Coroner's Office was included with the agenda. During May, Coroners were called out 15 times and five autopsies were requested. There was one reported suicide during the month.

Mr. House asked if funeral directors have voiced any issues regarding their contracts with the County for body removal. Mr. Benjamin said they have not.

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

- Corrections: There were 44 males and eight females committed to the County Jail in April along with four State-ready inmates. Fourteen inmates were visited by private attorneys, 25 by Public Defenders, 14 by Probation Officers and 18 by Pre-Trial Release. There was \$116,257 collected in bail and \$256.98 in fines during the month.
- Activities: During April, there were 48 crash investigations performed involving 54 motor vehicles. Deputies addressed three missing person requests, 22 animal complaints, 611 minor crime complaints, six major crime complaints and assisted with eight fire investigations. Deputies made seven DWI arrests, 22 criminal and eight vehicle and traffic arrests. The Civil Office processed 65 papers, served 82 Family Court papers, and performed nine evictions.
- Tickets by Town: During April, there were 183 tickets issued, the majority in Williamson and Sodus.
- Town/Village Summary: There were 11 pistol permits processed in April, 11 mental health inquiries made and 60 FOIL requests responded to. Of the 355 sex offenders living in Wayne County, 22 reported to the Jail for verification and 46 were verified at their home.
- Overtime: During April, staff worked 3,205 hours of overtime, the majority for training and staff shortages.
- Court Security: 2,770 individuals entered the Hall of Justice during the month.

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Sheriff Milby noted some incorrect information in the newspaper last week. The Office is not fully staffed; they are down five full-time Deputy positions. Thirteen Deputies are in training, with 11 in the academy and two in field training.

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

--Authorization to amend Board Resolution #147-23 in relation to utilizing the remaining balance of a 2019 State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program Grant. The actual balance in the account was about \$40,000 more than stated in the original request. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to create six part-time Deputy Sheriff Road Patrol positions. Sheriff Milby noted there are four part-time Deputies in the budget; however, more are needed to increase the pool of candidates to work when needed. Additional funding will not be needed, as there are funds in personnel lines due to staff vacancies. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES for one 12-month Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officer for a total cost of \$102,347. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with Wayne Central School District for two Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officers for the entire 2023-24 school year at a cost of \$204,694. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to create the new position of Sergeant and pay the \$60,787 expense with 2022 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Program grant funding and amend the Sheriff's budget. The new position will assist with the creation and supervision of the Threat Assessment Monitoring Team. Approved 5-0.

An out of State travel request was presented for the Sheriff to attend the National Sheriff's Association Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from June 25th-30th for a cost of \$2,356. The County will be reimbursed \$500 towards the expense, as the Sheriff received this in scholarship funds. Approved.

The monthly activities report for the Probation Department was included with the agenda. During May there were 25 specialized secure detention days served, all by the same youth. Staff handled three Raise the Age cases and opened two new PINS and 13 new juvenile delinquent cases. Officers are supervising 243 individuals with felonies, 206 with misdemeanor charges and eight individuals enrolled in Drug Court. The Department has a total of 2,569 cases they are monitoring. During May, the Department received \$14,203 in revenue, the majority from restitution payments.

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Mr. Ameele informed the Committee he would be requesting the purchase of taser guns for Officers, as this is a less lethal weapon for them to carry. He plans to include six in the 2024 budget and an additional six each year until all staff that want to carry the units have one.

Ms. Bailey reviewed her activity report for May. During the month there were 16 individuals placed into the Pre-Trial Release Program, resulting in a total number of 50 open cases. There was one new case for the Enhanced Pre-Trial Release Program, making the total number of open cases three. Staff are monitoring four defendants that are on electronic monitoring. Ms. Bailey noted the Agency surpassed the number of contracted cases for this fiscal year's Pre-Trial Program; the Division of Criminal Justice Services will not reimburse the Agency for the cost of the additional clients served.

The monthly activities report for the Fire Coordinator's Office was distributed with the agenda. During May, the Department responded to 15 fire calls, one rescue and two motor vehicle accidents. There are currently 37 open fire investigations. Firefighter Self Rescue Class is being held with 13 students. An Engine Company Operations class will start on June 12th; this the first time this class will be held in Wayne County. Mr. Shufelt informed Supervisors the temperature monitoring system in the County burn building needs replacement; this will cost \$4,800. There are funds available within the budget to pay for a new unit. Mr. Shufelt stated the importance of minimizing any type of burning due to the extreme dry conditions. He will include pricing in his 2024 budget request to replace the five radios currently used by staff, as current units are no longer approved for fire response.

The monthly report for the Public Defender's Office was distributed with the agenda. The Office currently has 448 open cases.

Mr. Correia presented a transmittal requesting authorization to accept a New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services grant in the amount \$317,250. This is a three-year grant with funds being used to pay contracted attorneys for services rendered at first appearance and interpreter services. These funds will continue where the previous grant for these same services concluded. Approved 5-0.

Mr. Correia reported the position of Services Assistant has been filed. The individual will assist the Staff Social Worker to help those offenders who are in need of additional social, medical or mental health support. The Office still has one open full-time Public Defender position.

The monthly report for the District Attorney's Office was included with the agenda. During May, the Office arraigned 23 DWI cases, 25 felony and 84 misdemeanor cases. There were no jury trials in May. The vacant position of Senior Clerk Typist was filled and the individual will start later this month. A full-time vacant District Attorney position has been filed, with the new staff member will start at the beginning of July. Mr. Calarco voiced concern with the lack of space in

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his current location has. The District Attorney's Office is handling approximately 1,343 active cases, with six full-time DAs and three part-time DAs. The amount of time it takes staff to obtain mandated discovery information puts an exceptional burden on staff. The Office tracked 12 cases that were dismissed due to discovery/speedy trial issued.

Mr. Calarco updated the Committee on the \$279,456 Division of Criminal Justice Services grant his Office received. Allocations totaling \$100,063 have been given to the Probation Department, Pre-Trial Agency, Sheriff's Office, State Police and Palmyra, Clyde and Newark Police Departments.

The following transmittals were presented for the District Attorney's Office:

--Authorization to fill the position of full-time Assistance District Attorney and set the salary at \$92,196. This employee will handle both County and Justice Courts. Mr. Calarco reviewed the individual's credentials for the position. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to create the position of part-time Assistant District Attorney and set the salary at \$52,701. Mr. Calarco noted the need to have additional legal staff during the summer due to the extended leave of two Assistant District Attorney's. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a renewal contract with Thompson Reuters for access to Westlaw Legal Research Services for a price of \$20,359. Approved 5-0.

The following transmittals were presented for the Emergency Services Department:

--Authorization to release and award the purchase of two ambulances for Wayne County EMS for a cost not to exceed \$450,000. Mr. Lee reviewed the time it takes to have ambulance orders filled. The EMS Project Oversight Committee believes it is prudent to place the order now, in the hopes of receiving the vehicles this year. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with FoamFrat to continue use of the Education Learning Management System EMS personnel already have access to. The contract extension will cost \$5,000 annually. Mr. Lee said the updated educational system is very interactive. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to issue request for quotes for professional services to upgrade the WebEOC Crisis Information Management Software System. Mr. Bastedo said this software runs the emergency center and is an important product. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to purchase intubation equipment as part of the County Emergency Medical Services ambulance project. The two units will cost \$5,778. Mr. Lee said most of the major

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equipment for the ambulances is covered through one source. It was agreed this request would be pulled, as it can be purchased utilizing a purchase order. The competitive quotes will bring the cost of the equipment down.

Mr. Lee informed the Committee the Emergency Medical Transport System is slated for service on July 1st. Final inspection of the service will take place on June 29th. The State has issued an Agency Code, which is needed for billing purposes. The County filled the 16 positions needed to begin the emergency transport system. These individuals will begin on June 19th with training on the system's process and ride time with County fly cars. Mr. Lee stated the current emergency medical response system in the County is not good, especially on weekends. There are many times crews are not available and response time is becoming longer. He questioned the continued status of existing municipal ambulance services.

The next meeting of the Project Oversight Committee is June 21st.

The monthly activities report for the Emergency Services Department was distributed with the agenda. The water level of Lake Ontario has not risen due to the extremely dry conditions. Planning is underway for the August 1st Ginna State Evaluated Drill. Mr. Bastedo noted a long-time employee who is involved with the drill has announced his retirement for June 2024. Staffing at 911 is improving, applications are increasing. If sunny and clear, Wayne County should expect many people for the eclipse. Schools will be closing that day.

Mr. Bastedo said he continues to work with large County Departments on the Continuation of Operations Plan to determine which employees are essential and which can work remotely if County facilities are not available to work at. Some sites the County thought might serve as an emergency backup location for office space are not available.

Mr. Fosdick informed the Committee one 911 Supervisor left for work in another County Department, one Dispatcher retired, one resigned, two were terminated after they failed to complete their training requirements and four Dispatchers were fired during the month. Mr. Fosdick thanked the County for eliminating the Civil Service test requirement for the Dispatcher position; this has made more people interested in applying for the post. The need to work 18-hour shifts has been greatly reduced.

Mr. Bastedo said the upgrade of the County's CAD/MDT/RMS system is being evaluated. At this time, he is gathering input from all system users.-

Sheriff Milby noted last month's award as a New York State Women of Distinction, Undersheriff Tammy Ryndock, was the only candidate with a law enforcement background to ever receive this honor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Thursday, July 6th at 10:00 a.m.