

## MINUTES

### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, July 5, 2022 9:00 a.m.**

Present: Supervisors Verno, VanLaeken, Bender and Donalty, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Brian Sams, Wayne Pre-Trial Services Director Martha Bailey, Probation Director Mark Ameele, Public Defender Andy Correia, Sheriff Robert Milby, Emergency Services Director George Bastedo and 911 Project Manager Jim Lee. Supervisor Miller was not present for the meeting.

Minutes from the June 7<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting were approved as written.

Mr. Correia reviewed activities in the Public Defender's Office. At the end of June there were 410 open cases in the Office, 113 of these cases were opened last month. No ILS reimbursement requests were made in June.

Mr. Correia reviewed a training he and three other attorneys in the Office attended. The event allowed an opportunity to train, work, and hope to recruit future Public Defenders.

The group was informed, due to scheduling conflicts, the June 29<sup>th</sup> Police Reform and Reinvention Oversight Committee meeting was re-scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting the group will discuss how to set-up the Independent Advisory Committee and work that has been completed referenced in the County's Police Reform and Reinvention Plan.

The monthly Coroner's report was reviewed. During June there were six autopsies requested for the 16 deaths in Wayne County.

The monthly activities report for the Probation Department was included with the agenda. During June there were four Raise the Age cases, 23 non-secured bed days served by youth and one youth placed on electronic home monitoring in lieu of detention for 23 days. The Department opened two new PINS cases, currently having 14 youth in this program. There were seven juvenile delinquent cases opened during June, resulting in a total of 74 active cases. Staff supervised 536 Probationers during June, along with monitoring 2,852 individuals who are assigned to Community Service, Electronic Home Monitoring, Judgments, etc. The Department has 22 participants on electronic home monitoring and is supervising 256 ignition interlock cases. Through June 24<sup>th</sup> the Probation Department collected \$64,605 in fines and restitution. Mr. Ameele noted restitution collections are down; he does not know why.

Mr. Ameele noted six Probation Officers will be attending the Annual Probation Association's Conference; three will be attending on scholarships. He reviewed with the Committee actions taken by three Probation Officers during a drug overdose that saved an individual's life.

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Mr. Ameele was in discussions with the previous Social Services Commissioner, and has been in talks with the interim Commissioner, regarding the use of Steuben County's youth detention facility. He noted the difficulty in finding available youth detention sites. At this time the County has an agreement with a facility in Onondaga County to keep a bed available for one Wayne County youth. It was questioned if there was any other commitment for use of the Steuben County youth detention facility by the previous Social Services Commissioner. Mr. Ameele will keep the Committee up to date on this issue.

Ms. Bailey reviewed the monthly activities report for Wayne Pre-Trial Services. During June there were 10 new releases to Pre-Trial; there are currently 63 open cases. There are seven open Enhanced Pre-Trial Release cases and two additional defendants were placed on electronic home monitoring through Pre-Trial, resulting in a total of 11 cases now under supervision.

Ms. Bailey informed Supervisors the Pre-Trial Agency received a letter from the New York State Unified Court System saying the Agency received a score of 167 out of a possible 175 points in their certification application. This high score resulted in a Level 3—extended certification for the Agency.

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

- Corrections: During May there were 33 males and four females committed to the County Jail, one inmate from Cayuga County was boarded in. Four inmates were seen by the Jail Physician, 15 inmates were visited by private attorneys, seven by Public Defenders, six by Probation Officers and 25 by Pre-Trial Release. The Jail held 18 inmate disciplinary hearings and collected \$56,751 in bail and \$160.63 in fines. Sheriff Milby noted the Jail is more active now with the decline in COVID cases and warmer weather.
- Activities: The Sheriff's Office investigated 57 motor vehicle collisions, six missing persons, 833 miscellaneous complaints, five major crime complaints, and 356 minor crime complaints during May. The 64 motor vehicle collisions during the month resulted in four persons injured and one death. Road Patrol made nine DWI, 82 criminal and 27 vehicle and traffic arrests. The Records Division processed 41 pistol permits and 76 amendments, processed 421 mental health inquiries, and performed 55 record checks. The Civil Division processed 75 papers, served 53 Family Court papers, and performed seven evictions.
- Tickets by Town: During May a total of 163 tickets were issued by Deputies, the majority being in the Towns of Williamson, Sodus and Ontario.
- Town/Village Summary: The Sheriff's Office was contacted regarding 1,898 issues during May. At the end of the month there were 354 sex offenders residing in Wayne County.
- Court Security: A total of 1,817 individuals entered the Hall of Justice through the magnetometer during May; this number does not include staff. Sheriff Milby noted more individuals are carrying personal weapons when entering the Building. The weapons are confiscated; however, returned when the individual leaves the Building.

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- Overtime: During May staff worked 3,120 hours of overtime. The majority of overtime was utilized for staff shortages in the Jail and special details during the summer. Sheriff Milby voiced concern with the continued loss of Road Patrol Deputies. Staff shortages are resulting in longer response times. The Road Patrol is down 19 Deputies through the end of the year, which is requiring overtime for each staff member. At this time there are 11 in Police Academy; however, Deputies continue to resign their positions. There are also staff shortages in the Civil Division which has required other staff, including administration, to assist in performing necessary functions for the Division. Every staff member is working to fill in where needed. Three schools were denied requests to extend their School Resource Officers through the summer; they were denied because of staff shortages. Additional requests are also made for School Resource Officers for the upcoming school year, unless the number of Deputies in the Sheriff's Office increases greatly, this cannot be done. Deputies are still responding to Priority 1 calls as fast as they can; however, lower priority calls are not being responded to as quickly due to staff shortages. Sheriff Milby said if the employee situations deteriorates further, alternatives will have to be looked into.

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

--Authorization to accept a 2020 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$20,600, amend the budget and expend funds for the purchase of equipment for the County Jail. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to amend the budget and purchase one desk each for the Jail Facility and Road Patrol. Approved 4-0.

Sheriff Milby said his Office remains committed to updating their rules and regulations and keeping staff properly trained to be in compliance with the County's 203 Plan. The Office continues to move forward with staff training and improving community relations.

Supervisors were informed the Corrections Division received their State accreditation.

The monthly activities report for the Emergency Management Services Department was distributed with the agenda. Lake Ontario was at 246.33 inches as of June 26<sup>th</sup>, this is 15 inches higher than last year at the same time; however, flooding is not anticipated. Additional information for updating the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan has been requested from all towns, it is important towns respond to the request. The new Fire Coordinator continues to make purchases to accommodate the Fire Training Center classroom.

Mr. Bastedo informed Supervisors his Department was contacted by the State Department of Health regarding the July 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Motorsports Park Mud Bog occurring in South Butler. The State is concerned the program organizer will not follow health and safety regulations for the two-day event that involves camping; as there have been problems with the group in the past.

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The Emergency Management Services Department has 6,000 COVID-19 tests kits remaining. The FDA extended the shelf life of the kits until the end of the year.

Mr. Bastedo reminded Supervisors of the upcoming Ginna Drill. FEMA will be evaluating the command center during the event.

The County's Continuity Of Operations Planning (COOP) master document was updated with new staff names and information that changed since the beginning of the year. Funds are requested in the 2023 budget to allow for refresher COOP training for County staff.

The following transmittals were presented for the Emergency Services Department:

--Authorization to accept 2020 Public Safety Answering Point Grant funds in the amount of \$196,040 to be used for the purchase of 911 recording equipment and additional central storage. The request also included authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign necessary contract documents for the grant. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to appoint Jeff Rios, Mike Lowe, Lucas Nelson and Scott Schell to the Wayne County Technical Decon Team. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to appoint Aaron DiSanto as the Wayne County Deputy Fire Coordinator; the individual previously in the position retired. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to declare Finger Lakes Communications as a single source contractor for maintenance, service, equipment replacement and upgrades to the public safety radio system infrastructure. Mr. Lee noted the public safety radio system is a customized design. The vendor will carry over their current rates to the new contract. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with Fitch and Associates for project implementation services in the amount of \$12,500 monthly, plus travel, during the County's EMS Transportation Services Project. The total amount of the contract will not exceed \$300,000 plus travel. Mr. Lee stated proposals received for this service were evaluated and the one from Fitch and Associates received the highest score. County Purchasing Agent, Kaleigh Flynn, came into the meeting to review the proposal and selection process. Ms. Flynn requested Fitch and Associates define the cost of travel in their proposal; after the discussion, it was agreed travel would not exceed \$59,010 during the two-year contract. Travel costs added to this proposal were below the travel cost in the other proposal. The vendor will write all details for the establishment of a countywide EMS transportation system. Once the plan is complete, it will be brought before this Committee for review and then the full Board for approval. It is currently proposed the plan be broken down into two stages. American Rescue Plan Act funding will be paying \$1 million of this \$4 million project. The project's oversight committee will be meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month to review phases of implementation. Approved 4-0.

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Mr. Verno made a motion the Committee enter into executive session at 9:46 a.m. with Mr. House and Mr. Sams present to discuss contractual issues, Mr. Donalty second. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m. The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.