

MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 9:00 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Verno, VanLaeken, Donalty, Rose, Chatfield 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, Victim/Witness Coordinator Debbie Coons, Public Defender Andy Correia, Emergency Management Services Director George Bastedo, Deputy Emergency Management Services Director Jeff Fosdick, Fire Coordinator Jeremiah Shufelt, ALS Manager Jim Lee, Purchasing Agent Christopher O'Connor and IT Director Matt Ury. Supervisor Bender arrived at the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

K-9 Romeo and Handler Caitlin Fitzgerald were introduced to the Committee. Romeo is a trained emotional support dog.

Minutes from the July 31st Committee meeting were approved as written.

During August, Coroners responded to 15 calls, law enforcement was involved with 14 of the calls. There were 11 requests for autopsies during the month. Mr. Benjamin reported there have been 22 confirmed accidental deaths in Wayne County through the first nine months of the year and seven suicides.

Probation's monthly activities report was included with the agenda. During August, there were 18 non-secure bed days and 24 specialized secure detention days served. Two new Raise the Age cases were opened during August. There are currently 12 PINS and 79 Juvenile Delinquent cases handled in the Department. Staff are supervising 473 County residents who are on probation and monitoring over 2,700 program services. Through August 25th the Probation Department collected \$99,251 in fines, restitution and surcharges. During the month, the Probation Department averaged 18 participants daily on electronic home monitoring. Mr. Ameele noted the increase in the number of probation violations; the majority of these are technicalities. He will be discussing this issue with Probation Supervisors.

Ms. Bailey reviewed the quarterly Pre-Trial Release report. During June, July and August there were 70 individuals placed into Pre-Trial Release and 40 cases closed, resulting in 74 open cases at the end of August. There are currently three individuals on Enhanced Pre-Trial Release and 13 defendants on electronic home monitoring. The Agency exceeded service goals set in their annual contract with the State.

Mrs. Coons presented a transmittal requesting authorization to create and fill the part-time position of Victim/Witness Program Coordinator. Mrs. Coons noted \$35,000 of Discovery Grant funding the District Attorney's Office received was earmarked to assist with the cost of the position. The need for extra help in the Office was noted. Mrs. Coons has been working at least

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10 hours of overtime each week to meet the needs of victims. In the first six months of 2023, the Office was assigned 120 cases. Ms. Coons stated grant funding the program has received in the past required a 20% local match. The State is not making that requirement at this time; however, in the future, the cost of the position could be used to meet the local match if necessary. The request was approved, with the addition of a sunset clause stating the new position would be reviewed for need if there is a time when a County cost is involved in the salary. Approved 4-0.

Mr. Calarco reviewed staffing concerns with the Committee. It is becoming more and more difficult to get required Discovery work performed with the limited staff he has. During July and August, the Office arraigned 40 DWI cases, 78 felony cases and 116 misdemeanor cases. These numbers do not reflect actual indictments, arrests, citations, violations of probation, warrants, motions, trial appearances or preliminary hearings. A new part-time Assistant District Attorney began in July. Assistant District Attorney's average caseload is over 80 cases; those assigned to Justice Court average 140 cases a month. Mr. Calarco said he is assisting in Justice Court because there is not adequate staff to handle all the legal work that must be conducted. The local Office will be receiving additional NY State Aid to Prosecution funds, which will be used to continue to supplement salaries in the District Attorney's Office and offset the cost of new Discover Laws.

Mr. Calarco presented a transmittal requesting authorization to permanently continue grant-funding positions. He noted there were two Attorney position in his Department that he began to augment with State grant funding; he wants to make certain these position are not lost if, or when, grant funding stops, as they were in the budget prior to the receipt of grant funds. There is one Attorney position in his Office that was created when grant funds were made available. Supervisors agreed the positions that were in the District Attorney's budget prior to the receipt of grant funding placed against their cost, would remain in the Department even if grant funding is lost. The position that was totally grant funded would have to be reconsidered if grant funding is lost. Approved 4-0.

The monthly report for the Public Defender's Office was distributed with the agenda. The Office currently has 447 open cases.

Supervisors were informed a new Assistant Public Defender would begin in November; this position has been vacant since March. Mr. Correia noted there will be additional NY State Division of Criminal Justice Funds offered to support the cost of Discovery legislation. He is not certain when the funds will be made available.

The Sheriff presented the following reports:

- Corrections: During July there were 39 males and 12 females committed to the County Jail. The Facility housed one State Ready prisoner and boarded in one inmate. Private attorneys visited 10 inmates, the Public Defender made contact with 28 inmates and Pre-

Trial had contact with 21 inmates, releasing 19 into their program. Inmates had 62 visits to the Jail Physician, two outside doctor appointments and three emergency room visits. The Jail collected \$71,750 in bail and \$75.65 in fines during the month from 14 inmates.

- Activities: During July the Sheriff's Office received 2,289 complaints, the Road Patrol made 14 DWI, 33 criminal and 14 vehicle and traffic arrests. There were 70 motor vehicle collisions in the County during the month, resulting in 12 injuries. Twelve pistol permits were applied for, no amendments. The Civil Division processed 47 papers, served 60 papers for Family Court and performed 10 evictions.
- Tickets by Town: 242 tickets were issued during July, the majority in the Towns of Ontario and Sodus.
- Town/Village Summary: There are currently 352 sex offenders living in Wayne County.
- Overtime: During July, staff worked 3,345 hours of overtime, 1,412 of these hours were for over time in the Jail and 997 hours of overtime by Road Patrol.
- Court Security: 2,286 individuals entered the Hall of Justice in July through the magnetometer. This number is exclusive of building employees.

An out of state travel request was presented for one Sergeant to attend a Digital Recorder Class from October 23rd-27th in Birmingham, Alabama. There is no cost for attendance at this NYS accreditation class. Approved.

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

--Authorization to surplus K-9 Ruby from the Sheriff's Office and sell her to her handler Deputy Megan King for \$1. Sheriff Milby noted this bloodhound was donated to the Department in early 2023; however, is not responding well to training. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to purchase a dog for the Sheriff's K-9 Division for a price not to exceed \$10,000. There is an available police certified K-9 for sale from a facility that specializes in breeding and training police K-9s. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to amend the budget and purchase a security camera system for the Sodus Point Substation for a price of \$50,000. The need to have a security system in this high volume public park was stated. The transfer of funds to pay the expenses will be made within the Sheriff's budget. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to amend the budget for the purchase of touchscreen security updates to the Black Creek Integrated Jail Management and Security System for a cost of \$108,000. The current Jail security system operates with Windows 7 and is in need of an update. Funds to cover the expense will come from within the Sheriff's budget. Mr. Ury noted this security system is on its own network for security purposes. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with CLPS, LLC for the purchase and implementation of TAP app fourDscape. The \$115,000 cost is reimbursed through

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grant funding from the NY State Department of Justice. The system will allow for greater access and situational awareness in the event of a critical incident within a school building(s). Sheriff Milby believes it is in the best interest of schools in the County if they are all on one integrated system that would provide notification of an emergency and allow the Sheriff's Office to have access to all school cameras. Each school within the County will have a contract with this vendor. Approved 4-0.

Sheriff Milby informed the Committee eight candidates are anticipated to graduate from Police Academy in October. They will have to ride along with a Wayne County Deputy for the next few months before they can be on the road by themselves. Eleven graduated from the Corrections Academy last week. A part-time Corrections Academy is being held to accommodate interested employees that have full-time employment.

The Sheriff has been vetting people for the position of Office Chaplin; the need for this resource was stated.

Mr. Shufelt informed the Committee staff were called out for 27 fires during July. There are currently 25 open fire investigations. A Battery Emergencies and Electric Storage class is scheduled. A Basic Exterior Firefighters Class began in late August.

The monthly activities report for Emergency Management Services was included with the agenda. The Office continues preparation for the April 8th solar eclipse. The County formed an Eclipse Planning Group; their first meeting will be on September 12th. Mr. Bastedo is scheduled to make a brief presentation to the Board of Supervisors at their September 19th meeting regarding the event. He is working with local law enforcement to minimize traffic issues that day. Mr. Bastedo said the County will have to make a decision if they will be funding any additional services related to the event. The need to be prepared for tens of thousands of people coming into the County to view the eclipse was noted.

Mr. Bastedo voiced concern that Lake Ontario is currently 13 inches higher at this time than it was last year. This could result in spring flooding.

Mr. Fosdick reported there are nine individuals in training to be 911 Dispatchers. Since April the Department added seven Dispatchers. Five of the seven Supervisory 911 positions are filled.

Mr. Bastedo requested Supervisors keep open January 25th for the Public Official Conference. More details will follow.

An activities report from EMS Coordinator Bill Liddle was included with the agenda. He was busy during summer months assisting agencies and EMS providers in meeting certification and training requirements. Mr. Liddle continues to assist agencies in updating their operating policies and procedures and continues his involvement in the new Countywide EMS Project. He prepared and

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presented several programs for local agencies and County Departments. A list of meeting Mr. Liddle attended during June and July was included with the report. He participated in the New York State Bureau of EMS Inspections on Wayne County EMS ambulances. The position is part-time, but activities remain high. Mr. Bastedo reported Mr. Liddle will be retiring from his position at the end of September.

The following transmittals were presented for the Emergency Management Services Department:

--Authorization to appoint David Conney, Frank Smith and Matt Creamer to the Wayne County Technical Decon Team. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to remove Patricia Henry as a member of the County's Technical Decon Team. This individual requested to be removed from the Team. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to accept a donation of \$10,383.86 from Northern Wayne Advanced Life Support (Medic 88). Mr. Lee reported this emergency response service is no longer in operation and the organization would like to donate their remaining funds to Wayne County to be utilized for paramedic education. When this organization disbanded, their equipment was given to the Sodus Ambulance Corp; however, the scholarship funds remained with Northern Wayne Ambulance Life Support. Mr. Lee stated an individual from this group will be presenting a check for this amount to the County at their September Board meeting. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to purchase a MedixSafe upgrade and technical support services. Mr. Lee noted the County utilizes safes for the storage of controlled substances. Existing safes need to be updated, this will cost \$9,470. It was agreed the cost would come from the Department budget, not the project account. Approved 4-0.

Mr. Lee showed an AED unit to the Committee; the unit recommended for placement in County buildings, Sheriff's vehicles, highway patrol cars and emergency response units. He noted existing units are between twelve and two years old and at previous meetings discussions have taken place on their upgrade/replacement. Mr. Lee said a review of the placement of all current units has been performed and additional units will be added to vehicles and County buildings that are deemed necessary. Three purchasing options for the replacement of AED units were presented. The first option is to replace all AED units in County buildings and vehicles—116 units. There would be a one-time cost to the County of \$212,946; the County would own the equipment and the units would come with an eight-year warranty. The second option is to trade in the existing 108 AED units the County has for a credit of \$42,800, and purchase, with financing, 116 units at an annual cost of \$49,595 over five years---total cost \$247,977. The third option would be to lease 116 AED units for a cost of \$1.4 million. Units would be replaced at five years and returned to the vendor at the end of the 10-year lease. At this time, there is an employee from the County's Public Health Office who inspects County AED units monthly, if the units are leased

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this would not need to be done by County staff. Mr. House said he favors the first option; it has the least cost and the County is the owner of the equipment. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed Mr. Lee would prepare a transmittal for the October Committee meeting to authorize the purchase of 116 AED units for a cost of \$212,946.

Supervisor Bender arrived at meeting at 10:04 a.m.

It was noted EMS staff will train County employees on how to use new AED equipment.

Deputy Superintendent of Public Works, Scott Kolczynski, reviewed with Supervisors the cost to construct the Lyons Ambulance Bay Station. Design and engineering cost \$149,800, construction \$5 million, construction management and administration \$375,000, miscellaneous \$130,000, building permit/inspections \$15,000, special construction inspection \$15,000, furnishings \$75,000 and contingency \$290,000. The total project will cost \$6.1 million. He noted this cost is only for the ambulance bay station in Lyons, a separate bid will have to be issued for the Sodus bay station. The Lyons bay station is anticipated to be complete by August 2024. Mr. Donalty stated his strong opposition to the New York State Department of Labor's Prevailing Wage Schedule saying it is ridiculous that paying the high wages set by the State on public projects adds thousands, evens millions of dollars, to the final cost of municipal projects.

Mr. Bastedo informed the Committee the Radiological Haz-Mat Officer is scheduled to retire in April 2024; it will be difficult to fill the position due to the specific requirements for this unique job. He would like the new hire to work under the current Radiological Haz-Mat Officer for a few months. It was agreed Mr. Bastedo could begin a 'soft' look for someone to fill the position, until the Board approves filling the position. Mr. Verno noted this might end up being a contracted service if an individual cannot be found to fill the vacancy. Mr. Bastedo will bring a transmittal to the October Committee meeting requesting authorization to fill the position.

Supervisors were requested to address a resolution tabled at the August 14th Board meeting requesting authorization to create and fill an additional Public Safety Technology Coordinator position. The request stating the new position would serve as back up for the existing Coordinator and ensure proper operations of 911 computer and dispatch system, mobile computer system, radio, telephone and communications equipment. Mr. House reviewed the need for this position to provide a succession plan for the County's Public Safety Communications system. He believes all IT functions should come under that Department. The title of the transmittal was re-written to say: Authorization to create and fill the full-time position of Network Technician in the Information Technology Department to provide assistance and succession for the Public Safety Communications Department. Mr. Verno said he requested the resolution be tabled at the last Board meeting because he did not agree with who would be overseeing the position. Information Technology Director, Matt Ury, said he will be working with Dan DiSanto, the County's Public Safety Technology Coordinator, when filling the post. Approved 5-0.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3rd at 9:00 a.m.