

MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 9:00 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Verno, VanLaeken, Bender, Donalty, Miller, Groat, Chatfield and Eynor, Fiscal Assistant Brian Sams, Coroner Phil Pettine, Wayne Pre-Trial Director Martha Bailey, Probation Director Mark Ameele, Public Defender Andy Correia, Assigned Counsel Representative Bruce Chambers, Sheriff Robert Milby, Emergency Services Director George Bastedo, 911 Project Manager Jim Lee and 911 Operations Manager Katie Dean.

Minutes from the August 31st budget review Committee meeting were approved as written.

The following transmittals were presented:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with Monroe County Medical Examiner's Office for the performance of autopsies at a cost of \$2,800 per autopsy and \$2,100 for blood and description exam. Approved 5-0

--Authorization for the County to adopt a new coroner's fee scheduled for body removal and transportation services and authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign contracts with Wayne County funeral homes both in Wayne County and in bordering counties. The removal and transportation fee for funeral directors on coroner cases will be set at \$425. Approved 5-0.

The monthly Coroner's report was submitted with the agenda. During August staff responded to 19 deaths, with autopsies performed on 11.

Ms. Bailey reviewed activities in her Office. During July and August there were 26 individuals placed into the Pre-Trial Release Program and 33 cases closed, resulting in a total of 56 open cases. There were three new cases in the Enhanced Pre-Trial Release Program, resulting in seven open cases. Three additional defendants are in the Electronic Monitoring Program and four defendants removed from the system during the month, resulting in eight defendants remaining on the system. Electronic monitoring under Release was a new requirement after Bail Reform 2020. This form of release is ordered after the least restrictive options are exhausted and/or a judge deems there is a risk that the individual will not return for future court dates. Ms. Bailey reported 75% of cases on Electronic Monitoring have serious mental health and/or substance abuse issues.

The monthly activities report for the Probation Office was included with the agenda. During August two juvenile delinquents were involved in the Raise the Age Program. The Department is overseeing 14 active PINS (Person in Need of Supervisor) cases and 68 Juvenile Delinquent cases. During August courts ordered 34 investigations, staff supervised a total of 514 cases, monitored 23 electronic monitoring participants, 220 ignition interlock cases, and 22 community service referrals. During the month the Probation Department received revenues in excess of \$8,700.

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Mr. Ameele requested approval to cover the travel cost for two staff members to drive to Eagle Point Guns/Ammo in New Jersey on August 23rd for a cost of \$275 to pick up ammunition for the Department. The ammunition was made available to the Department with trade-in of ammunition they no longer use without notice and immediate travel was required. Mr. Ameele said he received authorization from the County Administrator to perform this travel prior to it occurring. Approved.

Mr. Correia informed Supervisors there are currently 428 open cases in the Public Defender's Office. During August an Indigent Legal Services grant submission was made for \$22,778.

An out of state travel request was presented for an Assistant Public Defender to attend the Annual Defending Sex Crimes Seminar in Las Vegas, Nevada, from November 9th – 13th for a cost of \$1,491. The course is not mandated; however, will be paid for with grant funds. Approved.

The following transmittals were presented for the Public Defender's Office:

--Authorization to accept a 4th year agreement to the Indigent Legal Services Hurrell-Harring contract and amend the budget. The contract for \$1,314,975 will be used to continue to provide mandated improvements to both the Public Defender's Office and Assigned Counsel Program. Mr. Correia stated the need to add some funding to this year's budget to accommodate the laptop computers that are being put in the Jail for inmate use. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an amended contract for case management maintenance and support with the New York State Defenders Association. The additional cost is \$28,360. Mr. Correia said he does not believe the system will be put in place until December; it is badly needed. The County is responsible to pay \$2,500 of this contract's cost. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a 24-month contract amendment with West Publishing for continued access to Westlaw Edge Legal Services and an additional license for a cost of \$58,703. A large portion of the contract cost is covered by grant funds. This access is needed to accommodate a new staff member. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for a student from Nazareth College to perform a social work mitigation internship with the Public Defender's Office. Mr. Correia noted his Office has affiliation agreement with many colleges, this particular individual will work in the Office during the entire 2022-23 school year. Mr. Verno stated neither the County Administrator or County Attorney signed this request; it was noted they were out of the Office part of last week and most likely did not have the time to sign the paperwork. Approved 5-0.

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

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- Corrections: During July there were 43 males and three females committed to the County Jail; four were for parole violations. Four inmates were seen by the Jail Physician and 23 were brought to outside medical appointments. Ten inmates were seen by private attorneys in July, 21 by the Public Defender's Office and 21 by Wayne Pre-Trial. The Facility collected \$7,851 in bail during the month and \$175 in fines.
- Activities: The Office responded to over 2,000 complaints during July. Road Patrol made 10 DWI, 84 criminal and 40 vehicle and traffic arrests. There were 76 motor vehicle collisions in the County resulting in 14 individuals being injured. The Records Division processed 35 pistol permits and 105 permit amendment applications. The Civil Division processed 87 papers, served 95 Family Court papers, and performed 12 evictions. Sheriff Milby noted the increase in the number of Family Court papers being served.
- Town/Village Summary: During July, Deputies responded to three missing person requests, 30 animal complaints, 11 major crimes and 384 minor crimes. There were 364 sex offenders living in Wayne County at the end of July.
- Tickets by Town: A total of 1,142 tickets were issued by Deputies in the first seven months of the year; 140 of this number were issued in July.
- Overtime: Staff worked a total of 4,133 hours of overtime, the majority for staff shortages and training.
- Court Security: During July 2,069 individuals entered the Hall of Justice; this number does not include staff. Sheriff Milby noted the number of personal weapons being taken from individuals entering the Hall of Justice; all legal items are returned once the individual leaves the building.

Sheriff Milby reviewed staff concerns. There are shortages in criminal investigation staff, Civil and the Road Patrol. There are requests for School Resource Officer positions that cannot be filled at this time due to the priority to keep Deputies on the road. There are nine recruits currently in Police Academy.

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

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with Wayne Central School District for the provision of two Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officers. Sheriff Milby said only one position will be filled at the beginning of the school year due to staff shortages. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with the Lyons Central School District for one Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officer. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with Wayne FL BOCES for one Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officer. Approved 5-0.

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--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District for three Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officers. Sheriff Milby noted only one Officer will be available at the beginning of the school year. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with the Sodus School District for one Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officer. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with the Newark Central School District for one Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officer. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with the Clyde-Savannah Central School District for one Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officer. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with the Red Creek School District for one Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officer. Approved 5-0.

---Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with the Unified Court System for court security services at the Hall of Justice. The State will pay the County up to \$752,027 for these services for a 12-month period. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with Preventive Diagnostic Image for the provision of preventive diagnostic imaging and ultrasound services at the County Jail. Approved 5-0.

Supervisor Donalty questioned if retired police officers are being sought to fill School Resource Officer positions. Sheriff Milby said this was unsuccessfully looked into in the past and could be looked into again.

An out of state travel request was presented for a Detective Sergeant to attend a Sex Offender Interview Course from September 18th-23rd in Annapolis, Maryland for a price of \$1,999. Approved.

The EMS work group committee continues with regular meetings. Mr. Lee noted the lengthy wait time for an ambulance to be received once ordered. Other counties that have emergency medical service transporting agencies have been visited. Fitch and Associates continue to work with the County on the project. A resolution is proposed for the October Committee meeting that would identify potential ambulance housing sites in northern and eastern Wayne County. If the project's timeframe stays on track, Phase I will be funded in 2022 and 2023 and implemented in 2023. Mr. Lee stated the need for emergency medical transportation services in the County, especially on weekends.

Mr. Lee reported there is a lot of work needed for the Radio Project. The Ontario site is still not operational, as all equipment needed for the tower has yet to be received. If the County can put

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their equipment on the Macedon tower has yet to be determined. A site is still needed in Sodus and the southeast section of the County so those areas are better served.

Emergency Management Services monthly activities report was included with the agenda. Supervisors were informed a Rapid Needs Assessment Course, primarily for Code Enforcement Officers, will be held on September 22nd and the Public Officials Conference will be held on September 27th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Department still has about 3,000 COVID test kits; the expiration date on the kits was extended by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to the end of the year. Mr. Bastedo said he would like to keep a small stock of test kits available in case there is another surge in the disease. The 2023 Emergency Management budget includes funding for County staff to receive updated training on Continuity of Operations Planning. The County's Hazard Mitigation Plan Update was submitted to FEMA for their review and approval. Mr. Bastedo noted the amount of time it has taken to update this Plan. Once approved by FEMA, towns, villages and the County will need to pass resolutions adopting the Plan. E-911 continues to be at a staffing crisis level; three trainees are currently working at the 911 Back-Up Center. A 911 recorder has been selected that is on General Service Administration (GSA) contract. The Department will need to bid out support and installation of the system, as that was not included in the State contract. The Fire Coordinator' booth at the Wayne County Fair received Best Booth Award.

Mr. Bastedo thanked those in the room that participated in the recent Ginna Drill. He noted the County received high marks from State and Federal evaluators for their efforts that day. Supervisor Eynor commend Mr. Bastedo for his leadership during the drill.

An out of state travel request was presented for a paramedic to attend the Tactical Medicine and Rescue Symposium in Indiana on October 17th and 18th for a cost of \$1,113. Mr. Bastedo said this individual will bring back information that will be useful to both County EMS and the Sheriff's Office. Approved.

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

--Authorization to transfer 2020-21 Public Safety Answering Point Operations Grant funds. Mr. Bastedo noted the funds are in his current budget; however, not in the correct budget line. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to accept State 2021-22 Public Safety Answering Point Operations Grant funds totaling \$186,856 to be utilized for public safety call-taking and dispatching expenses. These funds require no local match. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to accept 2021-22 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant funds and amend the budget. The \$971,579 grant is to be utilized to continue to buildout public safety

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radio infrastructure and improve radio system performance in areas where coverage studies show improvement is most needed. Mr. Lee said there is no local match for this grant. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a training affiliation agreement with SUNY Upstate Medical Center for the provision of field training with Wayne County ALS by students enrolled in Upstate EMS education programs. Approved 5-0.

Mr. Verno made a motion the Committee enter into executive session with Mr. Bastedo, Mr. Lee, Ms. Dean and Mr. Sams present to discuss a contractual issue at 9:43 a.m., Mrs. Bender second. Carried.

The regular meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Verno made a motion just Supervisors enter into an executive session at 10:01 a.m. to discuss a contractual issue, Mr. Donalty second. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4th at 9:00 a.m.