

## MINUTES

### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**Monday, October 4, 2021 1:00 p.m.**

Present: Supervisors Eygnor, Verno, Bender, Lasher and Miller, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistants Ken Blake and Brian Sams, Emergency Management Director George Bastedo, Coroner Keith Benjamin, Probation Director Mark Ameele, Wayne Pre-Trial Services Director Martha Bailey, Public Defender Andy Correia, Sheriff Barry Virts and Chief Deputy Robert Milby. Supervisor VanLaeken was not present for the meeting.

Minutes from the September 7<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Committee meetings were approved as written.

The Coroners September report was included with the agenda. Coroners were called out nine times during the month, resulting in five autopsies. In the first nine months of the year, Coroners responded to 150 calls and collected \$225,000 in revenue. Mr. Benjamin stated efforts continue to obtain pending reports from the Monroe County Medical Examiner's Office.

Mr. Blake noted during the Committee's budget review meeting, the autopsies line in the Coroner's budget was increased from \$125,000 to \$175,000.

Mr. Benjamin said it was questioned if a County Coroner can work in another municipality, if they do not have a coroner available. Mr. House said he thinks a contract similar to that used for mutual aid services could be established; he will discuss this with the County Attorney.

Wayne Pre-Trial's monthly activities report was included with the agenda. During September there were 12 new participants in the Pre-Trial Release Program, at this time there are 84 open Release cases. There was one individual added to the Enhanced Pre-Trial Release Program; currently there are five individuals on Enhanced Release. There were no new Electronic Home Monitoring clients added during September; the Office has 17 clients on the system. The number of individuals being assigned to Electronic Home Monitoring is increasing.

The County is in need of a facility to provide supervised housing for youth. Mr. Ameele said he been in contact with local legislators regarding the need to house youth that have criminal issues. There have been discussion with the Social Services Commissioner about having some youth placed through the Foster Parent Program. Mr. Miller questioned if the County's Jail Annex could be renovated and utilized for this purpose. Sheriff Virts said the State require youth are out of sight and sound of adult inmates; the annex would provide this. Mr. Ameele said renovations to the facility would be covered by the State. Sheriff Virts noted the cost to provide around the clock medical oversight of youth in the facility. Mr. Ameele said an outside agency would most likely be contracted with to provide administrative services to the facility.

The monthly activities report for the Probation Department was reviewed. Mr. Ameele stated no non-secure or secure bed days were served by youth during September. The County has been involved in four Raise the Age cases since the beginning of the year. There are seven youth active

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in the PINS (Persons In Need of Supervision) Program, 20 Juvenile Delinquent cases being supervised and 15 individuals on the Electric Home Monitoring System. Probation Officers are currently supervising 520 cases. During September, the Department collected \$10,059 from various sources. There are 76 Probationers on Electronic Home Monitoring.

The Public Defender's monthly report was reviewed. As of the end of September, there were 427 open cases in the Department. Two State Indigent Legal Services reimbursement claims were filed for over \$33,500. Mr. Correia noted this was reimbursement for a position funded by the Department's only competitive grant. That position will now be funded by Hurrell-Harring funds, so the position is more stable. The position was included in the third-year Hurrell-Harring Plan.

The following transmittals were presented for the Public Defender:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an affiliation agreement with Keuka College for the provision of student social worker internships. A staff member has a Master's Degree in Social Work and will work with intern while they are working to achieve their Masters Degrees. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an affiliation agreement with Nazareth College for the provision of student social work internships. Approved 4-0.

The monthly report for the Emergency Management Services Department was reviewed. A tier 3 Refresher Public Official's Conference is scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup>. FEMA is working on re-scheduling the Ginna exercise into 2022. The Department is keeping up to date on the remediation project in Clyde. Mr. Bastedo said he is working with the County's Purchasing Department to obtain personal protective equipment to comply with the State mandates. The Department submitted three projects for FEMA reimbursement funding; Mr. Bastedo will inform the Committee when funding is received. The EMS Study Review Committee continues to meet. Mr. Bastedo met with representative from Hexagon regarding the County Radio Management System (RMS). He was requested to wait 12 months before having any additional updates done to the existing system, while Hexagon makes improvements to their system. Mr. Bastedo said American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding will be looked into to replace the current RMS system. Sheriff Virts noted the current system does not generate the reports needed by his Office. Mr. Bastedo said his Department has been looking into other successful systems in the State.

Mr. Bastedo presented a transmittal requesting authorization to accept 2021 State Homeland Security Program grant funds for \$43,829 and amend the budget. Funds will be used to purchase cyber security appliances, software licenses, installation support and maintenance, and pay a portion of a Project Coordinators salary. The Department's 2022 budget includes a portion of the Project Coordinator's salary through this grant source. Approved 4-0.

The Sheriff reviewed the following reports:

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- Corrections Division: During August, there were 44 males and one female committed to the County Jail. The Jail held 10 male and 10 female Parole Violators during the month. Four inmates were contacted by private attorneys, four by the Public Defender's Office, 21 by Pre-Trial Release and three by Probation Officers. The Jail boarded in 11 inmates from surrounding counties and received \$22,150 in inmate bail and \$248.53 in fines. There were 5,337 meals served at the Jail during August. Jail Inmates worked 1,296 hours.
- Activities: Deputies investigated 50 vehicle crashes, seven missing persons and 21 animal complaints. Road Patrol made six DWI arrests, 62 criminal and 16 vehicle and traffic arrest. There were 56 motor vehicle collisions resulting in seven injured individuals. The Pistol Permit Unit processed 63 pistol permits and 72 amendments, the Civil Division processed 54 papers, served 92 Family Court papers and performed five evictions.
- Town/Village Summary: The public reported 2,189 complaints to the Sheriff's Office during August. There are 353 sex offenders living in Wayne County; L-1 offenders are removed from the registry after 20 years, if there are no further incidents.
- Tickets by Town: There were 254 tickets issued in August, the majority in the Towns of Lyons and Williamson. Mr. Verno questioned staffing in the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Virts stated there was no one in the Police Academy in 2020; this year there will be several attending.
- Overtime: Staff worked 3,045 hours of overtime in August.
- Court Security: During August 1,602, individuals entered the Hall of Justice through the magnetometer. Staff do not need to enter the building this way.

Sheriff Virts presented a transmittal requesting authorization to accept a Shore Station Hydraulic Boat Hoist and associated hardware from the US Coast Guard for the Sheriff's Office Sodus Point sub-station. Approved 4-0.

An out of state travel request was made for a Sergeant to attend the National Computer Forensics Institute Training Course in Alabama from November 28<sup>th</sup>-December 10<sup>th</sup>. There is no local cost for attendance. Participation will provide the Sergeant with NCJS accreditation. Approved.

Sheriff Virts noted there will be a Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation presented at the October Board meeting. The Sheriff's review committee in relation to Executive Order 203 reviewed General Orders for Prisoner Admission and Prison Discipline. This group will not be meeting in October. Sheriff Virts will turn over scheduling to the Sheriff-elect for the November meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m. The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.