

MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, August 5, 2019 1:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Verkey, Crane, Verno, Deming, Miller, Jacobs, Pagano and LeRoy, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Ken Blake, Coroner Sandy Isaac, Coroner's Clerk Keith Benjamin, Probation Director Mark Ameele, Public Defender Andy Correia, Assigned Counsel Administrator Bruce Chambers, Sheriff Barry Virts and Emergency Services Representatives George Bastedo and Dylan Maybee. Supervisor Kolczynski was not present for the meeting.

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

Supervisors were informed the Coroner's Office responded to 14 deaths in Wayne County during July, with 10 autopsies requested. Mrs. Isaac stated Coroners do not respond to deaths that occur while an individual is in Hospice. At the beginning of August the Office had 16 pending cases.

Mrs. Crane made a motion the Committee enter into executive session at 1:06 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue with the Coroner, Coroner's Clerk, Human Resource Officer and County Attorney in attendance, Mr. Verno second. The regular meeting resumed at 1:29 p.m.

Supervisor Groat arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Ameele presented the monthly activities report for the Probation Department. Through the first seven months of the year 25 non-secure bed days were served and 62 secure bed days. Investigations were opened on 24 felonies and 17 misdemeanor cases. Staff are supervising 631 cases along with 23 individuals on electronic monitoring. Through the first seven months of the year the Office collected over \$149,000 in restitution and various fees from probationers.

Mr. Ameele voiced concern with youth that come into the Probation Department and do not have adequate supplies for school. He would like to have a means for the Probation Office to supply them with the necessary items and reviewed the possibility of soliciting funds from area businesses with the County Attorney. Mr. Connors advised the group such a program would require oversight and accountability; however, he said there would be no problem with the department soliciting for these items. The Committee, with the exception of Mr. Verno who said he did not believe such a program was needed as many sources already make these items available, supported the request. Mrs. Pagano noted Rotary Clubs are always looking for youth projects to support and this organization should be requested for donations.

Ms. Bailey reported on 2nd quarter activities in the Pre-Trial Office. There were 42 individuals released into the straight release program in the first six months of the year and 12 into the enhanced release program. Goals set for both programs are being met. Ms. Bailey noted changes in the judicial system that will go into effect January 1st will affect the work flow in the Pre-Trial Office.

Mr. Connors presented a transmittal requesting authorization to clarify Local Law No. 3 of 1997. The original law prohibited any individual from bearing or having in their possession openly or

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concealed firearms or guns. The change would establish a committee that would review requests from County employees who wish to carry and/or possess firearms while being in the building. Mrs. Crane voiced concern with potential liability if County employees carry firearms. What criteria would have to be met in order for a staff member to qualify to carry a weapon was also questioned. Approved 4-0.

Mr. Correia presented the monthly activities report for the Public Defender's Office. The Office had 637 open cases as of July 26th. The final voucher was submitted for distribution #6 of the Indigent Legal Services Fund.

Mr. Correia presented a transmittal requesting authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an affiliation agreement with Roberts Wesleyan College for a student social work intern to work in the Public Defender's Office during the upcoming school year. This individual would be in the Office from the end of August through May. Approved 4-0.

The Committee was informed a full-time Assistant Attorney in the Public Defender's Office is now out on maternity leave and one other full-time Attorney position remains vacant. Mr. Correia said he has been in contact with the Information Technology Office regarding the high volume of digital transfers of information that will be coming into the Office beginning January 1st when certain judicial laws change. He wants to make sure the Department's computer system can handle the load.

Mr. Chambers presented a transmittal requesting authorization for the County to contract with him to hire a Data Entry Operator/Secretary with Hurrell-Harring grant funding in the amount of \$31,200. This individual would provide services as needed under the County's Assigned Council Program. The amount is an annual salary. Approved 4-0.

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

--Authorization to rescind Board Resolution No. 384-19 and Res. No. 386-19. These resolutions included budget adjustments for the 2020 budget; however, the Board can not authorize budget adjustments for a budget that does not exist. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with Wayne-Finger Lakes Board of Cooperative Education Services for a Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officer. The position will be utilized 12 months a year. Approved 4-0.

Supervisor LeRoy left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with the Wayne Central School District for two Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officers; both positions will be utilized by the school district 10 months a year. Mr. Miller questioned if a Sergeant has been put in charge of School Resource Officers in the County. Sheriff Virts said he has assigned a Sergeant oversight of these staff members and school districts are now being charged an administrative fee for having the Officers. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to accept the bid for flame resistant tactical uniforms for a price of \$3,558. Approved 4-0.

The following monthly reports were reviewed by Sheriff Virts:

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- Court Security: During June 3,116 individuals entered the Hall of Justice through the magnetometer, 119 contraband items were confiscated and returned when the individuals left the building.
- Corrections Division: During June there were 51 males and 11 females committed to the County Jail along with 11 State ready and 6 boarded in inmates. The number of boarded in inmates remains low; this will affect a revenue source in the budget. There were 11 private attorney visits during the month, 17 Public Defender contacts and 39 Pre-Trail Release contacts with 11 inmates released to their program. Seven inmates attended Wayne CAP Parenting classes. A total of 1,890 hours were worked by inmates in June. The Jail collected \$108,790 in bail and \$23.12 in fines. The Facility served 5,279 meals during the month.
- Town/Village Summary: The Sheriff's Office responded to over 2,000 complaints in June. There were 10 DWI, 29 criminal and 33 vehicle and traffic arrests made. There are 341 sex offenders living in Wayne County.
- Tickets by Town: Deputies issued 229 tickets in June; the majority in the Towns of Ontario and Williamson.
- Activities: The Office processed 48 pistol permits and 39 amendments in June. Deputies traveled over 154,000 miles, investigated 97 motor vehicle collisions, processed 103 legal papers and served 12 Family Court papers during the month.
- Overtime: Staff worked 3,820 hours of overtime in June.
- Stop DWI: All agencies in the County made 16 DWI arrests. Sheriff Virts commended the District Attorney's Office, noting Wayne County is fourth in the State for DWI prosecutions.

Supervisors were informed State Police have said they will have a presence in Sodus through Labor Day.

Mr. Calarco presented a transmittal requesting authorization to fill the vacant full-time position of Assistant District Attorney at an annual salary of \$79,184. This is the same salary the individual leaving the position was earning; he is also requesting a 2.5% salary increase after a successful six-month probationary period. Mrs. Crane noted this request does not following the procedure set forth for salary increases in the County's confidential/managerial salary schedule. The qualifications of the candidate were reviewed, along with the difficulty in filling full-time attorney positions in the Office. The candidate currently resides in Monroe County; however, realizes they will need to relocate to Wayne County at a future date. Mr. Calarco questioned the status of the amendment to the Public Officers Law that states District Attorney's must reside in the county they are employed in. He noted State legislation will increase the workload in his Office beginning January 1st with no accompanying funds to pay for it. Mr. Verno stated the need to review all attorney salaries if the County wants to fill positions in the Office with qualified individuals. Approved 3-1, Supervisor Crane opposed the request.

The Committee was updated on the CAD/Mobile/RMS Software Program. There were 41 service requests on CAD/MPS at the beginning of August and 25 on the WebRMS program; these numbers are decreasing. Mr. Maybee reported Hexagon is on site this week beginning customer acceptance testing. March NIBRS incidents were submitted to the Division of Criminal Justice Services on July 26th; there was a critical error in the submission and the file was prevented from being processed. Issues are being resolved.

The monthly activities report for the Emergency Services Office was presented. Lake Ontario appears to have peaked and is slowly trending downward; a new record high was reach this year. The first Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Workshop was held on August 1st. The Newark

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communications tower is up and running, the foundation for the Wolcott tower is in place and the building can be installed as soon as electric is trenched. Sites have yet to be determined for the Macedon and Ontario towers.

An out of state travel request was presented for Greg DeWolf to attend an APCO Atlantic Chapter Conference in Massachusetts for a price of \$159 from November 10th-14th. Approved.

Another out of state travel request was presented for Dan DeWolf and one certified training officer to attend the APCO Atlantic Chapter Conference in Massachusetts from November 10th-13th for a price of \$1,492. Supervisors questioned the need for three staff members to attend the same conference; Mr. Bastedo reviewed the program, noting different sessions each individual would be attending. Approved.

Supervisor were informed Ginna would be hosting a Community Night on August 6th. The next Ginna FEMA evaluated exercise is scheduled for August 20th. The State evaluated exercise on July 23rd went very well.

The following transmittals were presented for the Emergency Services Office:

--Authorization to amend the budget for the purchase of equipment for the Public Safety Radio System. Mr. Bastedo said \$3,705 is needed to be transferred within the Public Safety Communications budget for the purchase of a NetXpress unit. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to utilize 2018 Public Safety Answering Point Grant funds for the purchase of a microwave backhaul system for a price of \$117,000. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a cooperative purchasing agreement with the State of Texas to allow for better purchasing opportunities for the Department. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to utilize 2018 Homeland Security Grant funds for the purchase of switches for the Backup 911 Center for a price of \$10,950. Approved 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m. The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3rd at 1:00 p.m.