

MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 1:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Verkey, Crane, Verno, Deming, Groat, Baldrige, Jacob and LeRoy, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Ken Blake, Coroners Sandy Isaac and Phil Pettine, District Attorney Mike Calarco, Victims Witness Coordinator Debbie Coons, Pre-Trial Release Director Martha Bailey, Probation Director Mark Ameele, Public Defender Andy Correia, Sheriff Barry Virts, Undersheriff Jeff Fosdick and Emergency Services Representatives George Bastedo and Dylan Maybee. Supervisor Kolczynski was not present for the meeting.

Minutes from the August 5th Committee meeting were approved as written.

The monthly report for the Public Defender's Office was presented. As of August 23rd there were 642 open cases in the Office.

Mr. Correia updated Supervisors on the status of the five-year Hurrell-Harring reimbursement funding contract. His proposed 2020 Department budget does not include the second year of this funding stream; he will do a budget amendment once funding is formally announced.

The Committee was informed the First Assistant to the Public Defender has made four unsuccessful attempts to purchase a house in Wayne County. At this time her house in Monroe County is up for sale, with the intent to relocate here.

The monthly Coroner's report was presented. Twelve calls came into the Office in August, with six autopsies performed. During the first eight months of the year the Office received 104 calls and had 50 autopsies performed.

The monthly activities report for the Probation Office was distributed. There were 31 non-secure bed days during August; four of the youth were sentenced under Raise the Age Legislation. Forty secure bed days were served during the month, there are 39 active PINS cases in the Office and 96 active juvenile delinquent cases. Staff are currently supervising 610 Probationers, with 21 of this number on the Department's Electronic Home Monitoring System (EHM). The EHM system can be used on youth; Mr. Ameele said utilization of the system is written in the County's Raise the Age Plan. Through the first eight months of the year the Probation Department collected \$160,609 in fines and fees.

The 11-county consortium for Raise the Age still exist, although has not been very active. Wayne County's contract with the Grant Management System was returned to the Division of Criminal Justice Services for a wrong financial entry DCJS made. Because of the error the signatory had to resign the contract. The corrected version of the contract was sent to the State Attorney General's Office and the State Comptroller's Office for final authorization.

Mr. Ameele informed Supervisors the State would be performing an audit on the restitution program through his Office.

The District Attorney's Office new Victims Witness Coordinator, Debbie Coons, was introduced to the Committee.

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Mr. Calarco presented a transmittal requesting authorization to accept grant funding in the amount of \$255,003 through the New York State Office of Victim Services. This three-year grant will be used to fund the District Attorney's Victims Witness Program; a \$45,984 local match will be required over the three-year grant. Approved 4-0.

Mr. Calarco reviewed the increase in activity his Office will have after the first of the year when Criminal Discovery Rules will require the DA's office disclose their evidence for court prior to a trial; this was not done in the past. The change will result in a member of the DAs staff spending the majority of their time transferring large amounts of paperwork digitally to opposing counsel on all matters. Mr. Calarco said he is not certain of the amount of time this new work will take from staff and if it can even be accomplished by current staff. He has spoken to the IT Department about the additional computer storage the new program will require. He will keep the Committee updated on this issue.

Supervisor Miller arrived at the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Sheriff Virts presented a transmittals requesting authorization to expend funds under the 2018 State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program in the amount of \$42,488 for the purchase of a small unmanned aerial system. Approved 4-0.

The following monthly reports were presented by the Sheriff:

- Corrections Division: Both monthly and quarterly reports were presented. During July there were 49 males and 8 females committed to the Wayne County Jail. There were 15 private attorney visits during the month, 12 Public Defender and 71 Pre-Trial contacts that resulted in the release of 27 inmates. The Jail also housed 12 State Ready inmates and 16 parole violators. There were three inmates boarded in from surrounding counties. A total of 25 inmates paid bail in the amount of \$60,550 during the month. Mental health and physical issues with inmates remain high.
- Activities: The Office processed 20 pistol permits and 33 amendments. As of the end of July there were 343 sex offenders living in Wayne County. Deputies investigated 65 motor vehicle collisions, resulting in 10 persons being injured. The Civil Division processed 115 papers and served 114 papers for Family Court.
- Town and Village Summary: Deputies made 6 DWI, 59 criminal and 22 vehicle and traffic arrests during July.
- Tickets by Town: There were 203 tickets issued in July; the majority in the Town of Lyons.
- Court Security: During July 3,701 individuals entered the Hall of Justice through the magnetometer; in the first seven months of the year over 20,000 individuals have entered the building; excluding staff.

The Sheriff's Office has a phone app that can be obtained through the Play Store at Wayne County Sheriff NY. The app will provide a variety of information that is available through the Sheriff's Office.

Supervisors were informed the speed restriction that has been on Sodus Bay all summer has been lifted.

Mr. Maybee updated members on the CAD/MPS/RMS Project. As of the beginning of September there were 21 open service requests for the CAD/MPS project and 12 open service requests on the WebRMS project. An executive session will be requested at the end of this meeting to discuss the project vendor.

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Mr. Bastedo noted his Department has in place an agreement that was approved by Board Resolution several years ago allowing the County's Emergency Management Office to assist other counties, when needed. He questioned if this request should be updated; Supervisors agreed former approval was all that was needed.

Mr. Bastedo presented a transmittal requesting authorization to accept the resignations of five members of the Technical Decontamination and Hazard Assessment Team. Approved 4-0.

The monthly activities report for the Emergency Management Office was distributed with the agenda. Changes to the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan will be reviewed at a public hearing during the September Board meeting; this should only take a few minutes. A public meeting regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan will be held following the October 15th Board meeting; this meeting will take about 40 minutes. The Annual Public Official's Workshop is scheduled for January 30th; more details to follow. The August 20th Ginna FEMA evaluated exercise went very well. A list of meetings, events and trainings attended by the County's EMS Coordinator was included with the report.

Mrs. Crane made a motion the Committee enter into executive session at 1:51 p.m. to discuss a matter of potential litigation with County Attorney Dan Connors, Mr. Bastedo, Mr. Maybee, the Sheriff and several members of the County's IT Department in attendance, Mr. Verno second. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 12th at 1:00 p.m. for budget review.