

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING



February 7, 2023

The regular meeting of Public Safety, Probation, EMO, Stop DWI, Fire, & Safety was held in the Legislative Conference Room, at the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main Street, Tuesday, February 7, 2023, which started at 2:30 PM and ended at 3:39 PM.

Present:

VACANT	Chair, Public Safety
William Standinger III	Legislator {Committee Member}
Barb Roberts	Legislator {Committee Member}
Dale Weston	Legislator {Committee Member}
Marte Sauerbrey	Chair of the Legislator (<i>Arrived at 2:45 PM</i>)
Gary Howard	Sheriff, Sheriff's Office
Brian Cain	Director, Probation
Mike Simmons	Director, Office of Emergency Services
Corinne Cornelius	Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Services
Bob Williams	Ast. Coordinator, Office of Emergency Services (<i>Arrived at 2:41 PM</i>)

GUESTS: Peter DeWind, County Attorney
Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk
Keith Flesher – NEW Legislator *Not sworn in*

Public Safety Committee meeting was conducted by William Standinger III, County Legislator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The *December 6, 2022* and the *January 3, 2023*, minutes were both accepted with no corrections or changes

Motion by: Barb Roberts to accept both the *December 6, 2022*, and *January 3, 2023*, Minutes.

Second: Dale Weston

All in Favor - Carried

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – Mike Simmons:

FINANCIAL:

- January YTD Report – Budget within

OLD BUSINESS:

- Radio Project – County Attorney's office currently developing land contracts with landowners at four (4) locations. They are also reviewing the RFP's for the purchase of prefabricated concrete shelters for the tower sites. Unfortunately taking nearly a year from time of order is placed until shelter is completed and delivered. Inoperable Radio Grant – money still sitting there. No talk of when the state will release it.
- CAD Project – State Police Info Tech and Tioga Counties Info Tech have been working to get the system installed in the State Police cars. They have not been successful establishing a link between the state and the county systems. Both continue to work on the problem. Info Tech working to develop a way to allow Fire and EMS units to have access to call information and response plans utilizing the Spillman FLEX modules.
- EMS – no significant changes in county coverage. Public Meeting by Berkshire Town Supervisor were various options for cost effective ambulance coverage. Fifty (50) people in attendance – biggest attendance for that area. Spring EMT class with 10 students
- Emergency Management – Citizens Preparedness class was held at Spencer-VanEtten High School on January 14th in the afternoon – 81 people in attendance. Next one planned for Waverly. Future meetings for Owego and Newark Valley. Need minimum 50 people to hold a class.
- FIRE – January was a busy month for structure fires. The largest structure fire was Tireland USA in Nichols. Fourteen (14) Departments responding. Contacted Public Health as concerned residents near the Tireland was concerned about the air quality. Someone from Environmental Health responded and tested ground contamination – no problem with the Air Quality.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Tax Reduction for Volunteer Firefighters - Legislation was passed allowing municipalities and schools to grant Volunteer Firefighters up to 10% reduction in property taxes. This would require approval of each taxing authority to pass resolutions to grant this reduction. Many discussions regarding if the County should start the process by creating the local law but it was decided to start the process in March.

PERSONNEL:

- Position of Deputy Fire Coordinator – EMS has been posted. Six (6) applications received – interviews will start February 9th.

RESOLUTIONS:



- Re-Establish Prior Year 2022 Capital For 2023 Budget for Fire/EMO
- Transfer of Funds – Capital Appropriations

***Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward*

PROBATION – Brian Cain:

FINANCIAL:

- Budget on track for 2023

NEW BUSINESS:

- Staffing – Probation Officer Toby Foster unexpectedly resigned effective January 23, 2023. Leaves two unfilled Probation Officer positions. No valid Civil Service list. Sole applicant will be interviewed on February 14, 2023. Intentions is to hire candidates provisionally until the next Civil Service test is given. Training – since the unexpected resignation from Probation Office Foster and the need to fill, the previously anticipated cost for training in 2023 will most likely be doubled. New training requirements which took effective January 1, 2023, requiring nine (9) weeks instead of the traditional four (4). Probation may seek additional funding for training in 2023.
- IPPC Contract – as an enhancement to sex offender supervision in 2023, Probation is working to establish a contract with IPPC Technologies. They would monitor the cell phones, computers, and other devices that can access the internet on the probationers that have been convicted of a sex offense.
- Policies and Procedures – finalizing the Probation's Policy and Procedures. Expect to have it completed by the time Part-time Supervisor Joy Bennett retires at the end of March 2023.
- Employment classes – the Job Readiness/Employment classes will start on Monday, February 13th. This employment class will be in conjunction with Tioga County Employment Center to help probationers that are unemployed but employable.
- iPads for Probation Officers – Update the technology available to assist the Probation Officers in their duties. Director Cain has had initial discussions with IT Director Loveland.
- Interactive Journaling digital platform – Probation has purchased in the past interactive journaling booklets from The Change Company. Probation uses these booklets with juvenile delinquents referred to Probation. These booklets are evidence-based modality to address various issues which the youth are struggling with. Now exploring the option of purchasing The Change Companies' digital platform instead of paper. It also appears the expense may qualify for Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) funding which may reduce cost for enhanced services. Probation will be having additional discussions with Info Tech, DSS, and The Change Companies in the near future regarding this possibility.

- Juvenile Delinquency Services – one (1) JD Appearance Ticket. This juvenile was immediately referred to the crisis worker at the Tioga County Department of Mental Hygiene.
- ATI Programs – Electronic Monitoring – two (2) individuals being monitored via vCheck 24 phone app. Community Service – Weekend Work Program (WWP) is up and running effective. Court Ordered Investigations – 30 active investigations plus this week added 9 more to be completed. Supervision – 173 cases – Violation of Probation – 16 defendants/respondents have violation petitions pending against them.

PERSONNEL:

- Two vacant Probation Officer 1 positions
- One unfunded Probation Officer 1 position

RESOLUTIONS:

- Re-appointment of Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Board members
- Resolution to Approve a Sole Source Contract and Maintenance Agreement between the Tioga County Probation Department and Catalis Courts & Land Records, LLC f/k/a Automon LLC to Provide Software and Maintenance of the Caseload Explorer Product

***Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward*

SHERIFF – Gary Howard:**FINANCIAL:**

- Revenues are at \$5,244 which is 1% of the budget. Expenditures are at \$621,999 which is 5% of the budget. Inmate boarders are not completed for January.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on Labor Issues – NCEU (Jail Union) Negotiation close to completion; TCLEA (Law Enforcement Union) Negotiations still ongoing.
- Update on litigation issues – still on going.
- Update on projects – I Touch system integration with Black Creek – all complete. Microsoft 365 migration – all complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jail camera replacement project – still ongoing
- CID recording system replacement – still ongoing (95% completed)

PERSONNEL:



- Update on vacancies – Civil Office – 1 open part-time position; Corrections Division - currently 8 open Correction Officers position; 2 open part-time cooks; Road Patrol – 1 Deputy currently on light duty; 1 Deputy attending Southern Tier Law Enforcement Academy; 2 Deputy positions open (one being filled February 21st – transfer from Binghamton Police Department; E911 Emergency Communications Center – 1 open full-time; and all positions filled for Records and Administration.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Recognizing Clifford Little's 22 Years of Service
- Authorize Salary Above Hiring Base Corrections Officer
- Authorize the Submission of the Fiscal Year 2023 Body Worn Camera Grant
- Authorize the Acceptance of the 2022 NYS DCJS Body Worn Camera Grant

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Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Kallin
Secretary to the Director of Probation—February 7, 2022