

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

December 5, 2023

The regular meeting of Public Safety, Probation, Office of Emergency Services, Coroner, and Stop DWI was held in the Legislative Conference Room at the Ronald E. Dougherty Office Building, 56 Main St., on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 2:30 PM.

Present:

Keith Flesher	Chair, Public Safety
Marte Sauerbrey	Chair, Legislator (<i>in at 3:01</i>)
Dale Weston	Legislator
Barb Roberts	Legislator
William Standinger	Legislator
Brian Cain	Director, Probation
Sheriff Gary Howard	Sheriff's Office
Mike Simmons	Director, Emergency Services
Bob Williams	Assistant Fire Coordinator (<i>in at 2:36</i>)

Guest:

Curtis Hammond	EMS Coordinator, Emergency Services
Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk
Peter DeWind	County Attorney (<i>in at 2:40</i>)

Absent:

Corrine Cornelius	Deputy Director, Emergency Services
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of November 7, 2023 minutes:

Legislator Roberts made the motion, seconded by Legislator Weston to approve the November 7, 2023 Public Safety minutes, as written. Motion carried.

PROBATION – Brian Cain:

FINANCIAL:

- 2023 Budget is on Track.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Projects in progress – working with IT to upgrade the rear entry door camera/intercom system.
- Buddi Contract was signed and executed today. GPS Monitors have been shipped and are on their way.
- Community Engagement – Focus on expanding Community presence in 2024.
- Decision Points – Discussions with Waverly High School and Owego Free Academy today to get schools in place for the beginning of the year. Also have meetings with Candor and Spencer.
 - Partnering with CASA Trinity to incorporate Drug and Alcohol information.

- Teri Rosenberger has returned part time as a supervisor after retiring. Sydney Blinn and Briana Ward completed their fundamentals. Moving on to the Basic Course for Peace Officer beginning December 18, 2023.
- Juvenile Delinquency Services – four juvenile appearance tickets were received in the month of November. Total 16 JDATS were received this year.
- Electronic Monitoring – one person is being monitored using the phone application; 2 individuals are being monitored with the ankle bracelet.
- Community Services – Weekend Work Program continues to roll along; crews doing well.
- Pre-Trial Release – 17 people are currently in the program.
- Court Ordered Investigations – 44 Investigations opened.
- Violation of Probation – 18 in progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Going in to Court for modification of petitions on all sex offenders to include monitoring technology.

PERSONNEL:

- One Vacant Probation Officer 1 position exists; will be filled as of January 2, 2024.
- One Vacant Sr. Probation Officer position.
- One unfunded Probation Officer 1 position remains unfunded.

RESOLUTIONS:

- None

SHERIFF – Gary Howard:

FINANCIAL:

- 2023 Budget:
 - Revenues are at \$525,155 which is 76% of the budget. Expenditures are at \$11,084,856 which is 95% of the budget. Inmate Boarders are at \$275,932 which is 184% of the budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

- TCLEA Contract is being finalized.
- NCEU Contract is being finalized.
- Jail Camera replacement project is still ongoing.
- E911 Center system upgrades are still being worked on.

NEW BUSINESS:

- RFP is in for inmate Jail Medical contract bids.
- Beginning discussions on building a garage for patrol cars to keep them out of the weather.
- Jail daily population for November was 45.

PERSONNEL:

- Update of Vacancies:
 - Civil – One Vacant part-time Civil Deputy position.
 - Law Clerk on Maternity Leave.
 - Corrections – Two Vacant Corrections Officer positions; Two starting this week. One Vacant Part-Time Cook position.
 - One Corrections Officer on Light Duty.
 - Two Corrections Officers still on Military Deployment.
 - Road Patrol – Two Vacant Deputy positions.
 - One being filled by a lateral transfer and One being filled by a New Hire.
 - None on Light Duty.
 - Two Previously unfunded Deputy Positions being filled after January 1, 2024.
 - E911 – Two Vacant E911 Dispatcher Trainee Positions.
 - Records – all positions are filled.
 - Administration – all positions are filled.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Award Contract CBH Medical and Mental Health Services
- Approve Salary Above Hiring Base Deputy Sheriff Position
- Authorize Salary Reallocation within CSEA Salary Schedule for Civil Law Clerk
- Authorize Civil Manager Title Salary Increase

***Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward, with the exception of Legislator Standinger who was not in favor of the Award Contract CBH Medical and Mental Health Services Resolution*

OFFICE of EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Mike Simmons:

FINANCIAL:

- 2023 Budget is On Track.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Communications Project – moving forward; surveyors from Tectonic Engineering began surveying the four new sites that need to be built.
 - Arrangement for the geological and archeological studies to start & Motorola may begin permitting process if they do not find arrowheads, fire cracked rocks or any evidence indicating there had been inhabitants at future tower sites.
 - Permission to visit the Roundtop Park in Athens, PA to determine what the needs are.
 - Dispatch Center – has been measured and priced for furniture and carpeting.
 - Radio at Ballou Road owned by NYSEG; working with IT to see how much space they need for their equipment.

- CAD Project – network connectivity; being worked on. Mapping is not working properly in other locations.
- EMS – Curtis Hammond, EMS Coordinator is still working on potential plans to aid local agencies. He gave the Committee an overview of Flycars and the cost.
 - County applying for Basic Life Support; First Responder Certificate of Need (CON). Permission to operate in the County with staff we have already certified.
 - Hammond discussed reclassification of the EMS Coordinator position title and description.
- Threat Assessment Management Plan – Moving forward. Have some RFPs for a consultant to come in and assist with the plan.
- Fire – Fire Chiefs Meeting was conducted at the new Richford Town Hall.
 - Reviewed the Tioga Downs Barn Fire.
 - County Tanker Task Force; plan of putting groups of tankers together.
 - Concerned on the declining number of people in the Fire Departments.
 - State plan to pay student to take Firefighting classes (eligible to receive \$750 or \$1000).

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

PERSONNEL:

- None.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Transfer of Surcharge Funds – Purchase Workstations/Carpet Communications Division Office Of Emergency Services
- Authorize Acceptance of 2023 SICG Formula Grant, Appropriation of Funds & Modify 2023 Budget

***Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward*

ADJOURNED:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Gilligan

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