

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

November 4, 2025

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, November 4, 2025 at 2:30 PM.

Present:

Keith Flesher	Chair, Public Safety
Marte Sauerbrey	Chair, Legislator
Jake Brown	Legislator
Barb Roberts	Legislator
William Standinger	Legislator
Brian Cain	Director, Probation
Undersheriff Rich Hallett	Sheriff's Office
Corinne Cornelius	Director, Emergency Services
Bob Williams	Coroner and Assistant Fire Coordinator

Guest:

Jackson Bailey	County Administrator
Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk

Absent:

Sheriff Gary Howard	Sheriff's Office
William Ellis	Deputy Director, Emergency Services

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of October 7, 2025 minutes: Legislator Brown made the motion, seconded by Legislator Standing to approve the October 7, 2025 Public Safety minutes, as written. Motion carried.

PROBATION – Brian Cain:

FINANCIAL:

- Expenditures are on track.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Training – Utilizing Jefferson & Onondaga County Training Academies as Broome County is already full.
- New Electronic Monitoring System training – first training session was completed in October. The second session will be held in November.
- ATI funding - anticipate receiving \$60,000 from the State, however, no funds have been received as of yet.
- Arming the Department – guidelines have been established.

- Magistrates Association – Director Cain will be presenting to them in November to discuss issues which need to be resolved.
- Owego Halloween Festival – Probation staff had a table at this event, which was very well attended.
- Juveniles – 5 appearance tickets in October
- 4 individuals are on electronic monitoring.
- Weekend Work Program (WWP) – running both days.
- 37 People at Pre-Trial; Court Ordered Investigations were 59; Supervision 188 cases; Violation of Probation 10 petitions.

PERSONNEL:

- One vacant Probation Assistant position exists.
- One vacant P/T Accounting Specialist III position exists.

RESOLUTIONS:

- **Resolution to Approve a Contract Between the Tioga Co Probation Dept & the Family and Children's Counseling Services to Provide Adult & Juvenile Sexual Offender Assessment and Treatment Services in the Journey Project**
- A resolution was presented to approve a contract with Family & Children's Counseling Services.

***Committee agreed to move this resolution forward*

OFFICE of EMERGENCY SERVICES – Corinne Cornelius:

FINANCIAL:

- Budget is on track.

OLD BUSINESS:

Radio Project:

- Consultant is working on utilities; Electrical inspection is the hold up.
- Spencer Tower – everything has been completed. Tentatively scheduled for Veterans Day to install the tower.
- Apalachin tower – Legislator Brown mentioned the work being done is on a blind corner which can create a hazardous situation for oncoming traffic. Corinne will address this with the work crew.
- RFP for Prospect Driveway – changes need to be made to the RFP so it will need to be reissued and the resolution will be presented in December.
- Microwave equipment – installation has been rescheduled due to high winds.
- Motorola submitted preliminary maintenance costs. Director Cornelius stated we are locked into the advanced package since we are a member of the consortium. These would start 365 days from the date we are online. Legislator Sauerbrey asked when we would be up and running on the new system. Director Cornelius said we should be up and running by Fall of 2026. Once the towers are online, we need training for users and everything needs to be installed in the cars. Towers will be brought online as we move forward and we can tie into Broome to start testing. The 911 Center

will not be connected until the fibers are connected. The final testing of the system needs to be done with the leaves on the trees so any adjustments could be made.

- Director Cornelius mentioned Attorney DeWind wanted her to discuss giving \$1,000 to three landowners due to the noise they are dealing with during the construction period.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

- CEPA - (County Emergency Preparedness Assessment). Met with NYS DHSES on October 29th, as well as other participants with a vested interest. Legislator Standinger asked if Public Health was involved and Director Cornelius said they were in attendance.
- Director Cornelius attended a Mass Casualty tabletop in Broome County.
- Threat Assessment Team – the team has met on a regular basis. Bob Williams attended the TAMS Conference along with Deputy Zelesnikar.
- Director Cornelius and Deputy Director Ellis will be graduating from Leadership Tioga in November.

FIRE:

- Continues to be very busy with calls across the county.
- We are trying to encourage safe heating practices during this heating season.
- Attended the NYS Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Albany.

PERSONNEL:

- EMS position – job description has been updated and posted.

RESOLUTIONS:

- **Modify 2025 Budget and Transfer Funds**
A resolution was presented to transfer funds and modify the 2025 budget to cover the cost of the I Am Responding Program.
- **Modify 2025 Budget and Transfer Funds**
A resolution was presented to transfer funds from the Sheriff's overtime budget line to the Equipment not Car budget line.
- **Amend Reso No 135-25; Award Contract Radio Consulting Services**
A resolution was presented to amend Reso No 135-25 to fund the consultant through March 2026.

***Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward*

SHERIFF – Undersheriff Rich Hallett:

FINANCIAL:

- Revenues are at \$344,675.81 which is 67% of the budget. Expenditures are at \$10,458,557.88 which is 81% of budget. Inmate boarders are at \$143,025.78 which is 95% of the budget.

PERSONNEL:

- Update on Vacancies:
 - Civil:
 - All positions are filled.
 - Corrections:

- Corrections Officers – all positions are filled.
- 1 part-time Cook position.
- There are 2 Corrections Officers on light duty
- 1 Corrections Officer is on military deployment.
- Road Patrol:
 - 6 vacant Deputy positions
 - No Deputies are on light duty
- Communications:
 - 2 vacant E911 Dispatcher positions
- Records:
 - All positions are filled.
- Administration:
 - All positions are filled.

NEW BUSINESS:

- New cameras were installed on building.
- Inmate population is 51 for the month of October.
- Both unions are still in negotiations.
- Discussed K9 Program - planning for anticipated implementation.
- Car Funds – resolution will be done next month to carry funds over from our car account to help fund a K9 car.
- 207C Issues – we have a Corrections Officer who incurred an injury while at the academy and now needs surgery. Personnel denied his 207C paperwork. An appeal is in the process.

RESOLUTIONS:

- **Authorize Acceptance of 2025-2026 NYS Stop-DWI High Visibility Engagement Grant and Appropriation of Funds**

A resolution was presented requesting authorization to accept the 2025-2026 NYS Stop-DWI High Visibility Engagement Grant and appropriate funds.

- **Modify 2025 Budget and Transfer Funds**

- A resolution was presented to transfer funds from the Sheriff's overtime budget line to the Equipment no Car budget line.

- **Resolution Recognizing Tina Kidney's 25 Years of Dedicated Service to Tioga County**

A resolution was presented recognizing Tina Kidney's 25 Years of dedicated service to Tioga County.

- **Approve Purchase of a Utility Task Vehicle**

A resolution was presented requesting authorization to purchase a Utility Task Vehicle.

(Legislator Flesher asked if the trailer came with it and if we had a vehicle to use to tow it. Undersheriff Hallet responded that we are buying a trailer separately and that we have multiple cars that can tow it. County Administrator Bailey asked if EMO could utilize it and Undersheriff

Hallett said that most Fire Departments already have them and we would be happy to assist with ours if needed).

- **Authorize Position Reclassification**

A resolution was presented requesting authorization to reclassify the Office Specialist II position to Office Specialist III effective September 29, 2025.

- **Authorize Acceptance of SY2025 Next Generation 911 Grant Program (NG911) Appropriation of Funds & Modify Budget**

A resolution was presented requesting authorization to accept the Next Generation 911 Grant and to appropriate the funds.

***Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward*

CORONER – Robert Williams, Coroner:

- There was an industrial death at Upstate Shredding.

RESOLUTIONS:

- **Authorize Annual Stipend**

A resolution was presented requesting authorization to continue the \$7,500 stipend to Cathy Haskell for her administrative tasks with the Coroner's Office.

- **Increase Coroner Case Rates**

A resolution was presented requesting authorization to increase the rates paid to the Tioga County Coroners to \$150 for non-autopsy cases and \$225 for autopsy cases effective January 1, 2026.

ADJOURNED

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Rockwell

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Secretary to the Sheriff

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