

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

September 8, 2026

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, September 8, 2026 at 2:30 PM.

Present:

Keith Flesher	Chair, Public Safety
Tracy Monell	Chair of the Legislature
David Cantella	Legislator
Brian Cain	Director, Probation
Kurt Zumbach	Deputy Director, Probation
Will Ellis	Deputy Director, Emergency Services
Rich Hallett	Undersheriff, Sheriff's Office
Bob Williams	Assistant Fire Coordinator

Guest:

Jackson Bailey	County Administrator
JoEllen Rose	Legislature
Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk

Absent:

Corinne Cornelius	Director, Emergency Services
Ron Ciotoli	Legislator
Jake Brown	Legislator
Sheriff Gary Howard	Sheriff's Office

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of August 4, 2026 minutes:

Minutes from August 4, 2026 were not approved due to no quorum. They will need to be approved next month.

PROBATION – Brian Cain:

FINANCIAL:

- Expenditures are on track.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Kurt Zumbach, Deputy Probation Director, was introduced to the committee.
- We are looking at reconfiguring the office space.
- Two new Probation Officers continue to complete their training requirements.
- Looking for a new vendor for lab services as the current vendor does not meet NYS requirements.
- Submitted STSJP plan to the State.
- Joe Popcun and Matt Charton, from DCJS, visited Probation to discuss challenges our Probation Officers experience.

- Director Cain met with Liz Meyers, DSS Commissioner, to see about funding another position through the STSJP and RTA grants.
- Juveniles – 1 appearance ticket in August.
- 1 JD ticket for the month of August.
- Electronic Monitoring – 9 individuals are currently being monitored.
- Community Service - Weekend Work Program (WWP), crews number continue to decline, but hopefully we will get more sentencing orders in the future.
- Pre-Trial Release – 16 people are being supervised; Court Ordered Investigations are 43; Supervision 189 cases; Violation of Probation 19

PERSONNEL:

- One Office Specialist I position is vacant as well as one Probation Officer position.

RESOLUTIONS:

- **Authorize Transfer of Funds from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice for County Pre-Trial Services Grant Award to Various Accounts**

A resolution was presented requesting authorization to transfer funds to various accounts.

***Resolution needs to be discussed at work session.*

OFFICE of EMERGENCY SERVICES – Will Ellis:

FINANCIAL:

- Budget is on track.

Radio Project:

- Microwaves continue to be installed at the different sites.
- Candor Tower power upgrade – the conduit is in place. Need to finish running lines and make the connections.
- Change Order #9 has been approved and work will begin shortly.
- CAD is still running well.
- EMS – Fall EMT classes started.
- Working with DHSES to get plans updated.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

- TAMS Team continues to meet monthly.

FIRE:

- Has been very busy due to numerous fires. The Fire Investigation Team has been very active.

PERSONNEL:

- Director Cornelius is out on maternity leave until October.

RESOLUTIONS:

- **Contract with AFT Mechanical, LLC for Electrical Services – Prospect Tower**
A resolution was presented requesting authorization to contract with AFT Mechanical, LLC for electrical services for the Prospect Hill Road tower.
- **Acceptance of the Application for Joshua May to the Tioga County Haz-Mat Team**
A resolution was presented requesting authorization to add Joshua May as a member of the Tioga County Haz-Mat team.

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SHERIFF – Rich Hallett:**FINANCIAL:**

- Revenues are at \$250,632.51 which is 53% of the budget. Expenditures are at \$8,970,126.63 which is 64% of the budget. Inmate boarders are at \$68,591.27 which is 55% of the budget. Conversation took place on capital expenses. Black Creek upgrades – Undersheriff Hallett is still waiting for estimates which could be \$350,000. There are 4 vehicles scheduled to be replaced next year. We will need to look at upgrading the CID cars. A car needs to be provided for the SRO in Spencer.

PERSONNEL:

- Update on Vacancies:
 - Civil:
 - All positions are filled.
 - Corrections:
 - Corrections Officers – currently 2 vacancies exist.
 - 1 part-time Cook position.
 - 1 Corrections Officer on light duty.
 - There are no Corrections Officers on Worker's Comp.
 - There are no Corrections Officers on military deployment.
 - Road Patrol:
 - 7 vacant Deputy positions
 - There is 1 Deputy on workers comp.
 - Communications:
 - All E911 Emergency Dispatcher positions are filled.
 - Records:
 - All positions are filled.
 - Administration:
 - All positions are filled.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Buildings and Grounds have been working on installing the new boiler in the wash bay.

- There is a significant issue with dogs and cats in our county. There is no place to take the dogs or cats when we respond to a call and there are numerous dogs and cats that need to be placed. We are looking at contracting for kennels for the year. Director Cain said he had a problem as well with someone going to Jail and they had numerous dogs that needed to be placed somewhere. Future discussions will need to take place as this is becoming very problematic.

RESOLUTIONS:

- **Authorize the Submission of Law Enforcement Technology (LETech) Grant**
A resolution was presented requesting authorization to submit the application for the LETech grant.
- **Extend Contract CBH Medical for Jail Medical and Mental Health Services**
A resolution was presented requesting authorization extend the contract with CBH for an additional year.
- **Authorize Acceptance of NYS 2025-2026 PSAP Operations Grant and Modify 2026 Budget**
A resolution was presented requesting authorization to execute the NYS 2025-2026 PSAP Operations Grant for \$244,860
- **Authorize 2026-2027 Contracts with SADD School Associates**
A resolution was presented requesting authorization to contract with SADD School Associates.

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CORONER – Bob Williams:

- There have been a couple of youth cases lately.
- There also was a case in which they overdosed on Benadryl.
- There was a suicide in Spencer.
- Legislator Fletcher asked how the coroners were doing with their reporting. County Administrator Bailey said there was some improvement.

ADJOURNED

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Rockwell

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Secretary to the Sheriff
9/8/26