

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

September 2, 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, September 2, 2025 at 2:30 PM.

Present:

Keith Flesher	Chair, Public Safety
Marte Sauerbrey	Chair, Legislator
Jake Brown	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
Pete DeWind	County Attorney
Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk

Absent:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of June 3, 2025; July 8, 2025; and August 5, 2025 minutes: Legislator Brown made the motion, seconded by Legislator Standinger to approve the June 3, 2025; July 8, 2025; and August 5, 2025 Public Safety minutes, as written. Motion carried.

PROBATION – Brian Cain:

FINANCIAL:

- Expenditures are on track.

NEW BUSINESS:

- \$60,000 in ATI funding is anticipated as being awarded to us.
- Electronic Monitoring: Adding additional options of cell phone and watches. Watches monitor the pulse and proximity. If no pulse is detected, it sends an alert. The watches are \$5/day; cell phones are \$1/day as opposed to \$6.75/day for the ankle bracelets. County Attorney DeWind has reviewed the contract. A resolution will be brought forward next month.
- Director Cain will be on vacation for two weeks, effective September 8th. Chad Post and Frank Kiechle will be in charge.
- Juveniles – 3 appearance tickets in August
- 10 individuals are on electronic monitoring.
- Weekend Work Program (WWP) – running both days with almost full crew.
- 37 People at Pre-Trial; Court Ordered Investigations were 61; Supervision 192 cases; Violation of Probation 14 petitions.

PERSONNEL:

- One vacant Probation Officer I position exists.
- One unfunded Probation Officer position exists.
- One vacant Accounting Specialist III position exists. Working with Personnel on reclassifying the Accounting position to part-time.

RESOLUTIONS:

- None

OFFICE of EMERGENCY SERVICES – Corinne Cornelius:

FINANCIAL:

- Budget is on track.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Radio Project:** Working on getting utilities connected to the new tower sites. The Nichols tower is constructed in sections and will need to be lit as soon as it is erected. Director Cornelius and Deputy Ellis visited Onondaga County to see the core and how they operate with their system.
- Nothing new on CAD project;

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

- Updating the County Emergency Plan
- Director Cornelius spoke to the Lions Club about the radio project.
- Director Cornelius will be on vacation from 9/4 thru 9/9.
- Threat Assessment Team – continues to meet on a regular basis.

FIRE:

- Continues to be very busy with calls across the county.

PERSONNEL:

- Nothing to report

RESOLUTIONS:

- **Modify 2025 Budget and Transfer Funds**
A resolution was presented to transfer funds and modify the 2025 budget to cover the cost of equipment for the Radio Tower Project.
- **Amend Resolution No. 291-19; Authorize Amended Agreement with Motorola Solutions Change Order #8**
A resolution was presented to authorize change order #8 with Motorola Solutions.

***Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward*

SHERIFF – Undersheriff Rich Hallett:

FINANCIAL:

- Revenues are at \$272,538.06 which is 55% of the budget. Expenditures are at \$8,085,504.75 which is 65% of budget. Inmate boarders are at \$107,838.74 which is 72% 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 3 Corrections Officers are on light duty
 - 1 Corrections Officer is on military deployment.
 - Road Patrol:
 - 4 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:

- Inmate population is 57.
- Both unions are still in negotiations.
- Only have one federal inmate right now.
- Working on K9 implementation. County Administrator Bailey asked Undersheriff Hallett to talk to Personnel about OT as a paycode will need to be created.
- DWI Simulator – Legislator Flesher inquired as to how it was working. Undersheriff Hallett stated it has been used at all of the school districts in the county and is working well.
- Legislator Brown discussed the Yates County program “Amish and Slow Moving Vehicles.” He thought it might be beneficial to bring the program here. EMO Director Cornelius said they could host this program in conjunction with some of their presentations.
- Legislator Brown wanted to make us aware that the Lions Club in Spencer has an emergency alert shed in Spencer, which includes generators and hand tools. He could arrange a tour if needed. EMO Director Cornelius said she is getting COAD involved.

RESOLUTIONS:

- **Authorize 2025-2026 Contracts with SADD School Associates – STOP DWI**

A resolution was presented requesting authorization to authorize the SADD School Associates for the 2025-2026 school year.

- **Extend Contract CBH Medical for Jail Medical and Mental Health Services**

A resolution was presented requesting authorization to extend the current CBH Medical contract for an additional year at a cost of \$910,345.

- **Authorize Acceptance of 2026 NYS PTS Grant; Appropriation of Funds & Modify 2025 Budget**

A resolution was presented requesting authorization to accept the 2026 NYS PTS Grant and modify the 2025 budget.

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CORONER – Robert Williams, Coroner:

- Coroner Williams gave a brief update on their stats:
 - Bob Williams 30 cases
 - Ryan Kline 30 cases
 - John Olsen 9 cases
 - Keith Lewis 2 cases

ADJOURNED

Meeting was adjourned at 2:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Rockwell

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Secretary to the Sheriff
9/2/25