

## **PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING**

**April 8, 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, April 8, 2025 at 2:30 PM.

### **Present:**

Keith Flesher	Chair, Public Safety
William Standing	Legislator
Jake Brown	Legislator
Marte Sauerbrey	Chair, Legislator
Barb Roberts	Legislator
Brian Cain	Director, Probation
Corinne Cornelius	Director, Emergency Services
Bob Williams	Assistant Fire Coordinator

### **Guest:**

Peter DeWind	County Attorney
Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk
Jackson Bailey	County Administrator

### **Absent:**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

#### **Approval of March 4, 2025 minutes:**

Legislator Brown made the motion, seconded by Legislator Roberts to approve the March 4, 2025 Public Safety minutes, as written. Motion carried.

### **PROBATION – Brian Cain:**

### **FINANCIAL:**

- At 28% of Budget. On Track.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Training: Staff are attending Threat Assessment Management, Drug Treatment Court, Domestic Violence and Trauma & Self Care during March 2025.
- Staff are providing trainings; Two different counties came down to meet with Lisa Baker – Authority on the Financial side of Caseload Explorer. Jean Regis was trained to be a trainer in the Domestic Violence Assessment Tool we use; going to Saratoga next week to train their department.
- Atlas Onboarding Training for the whole department being held April 9, 2025.
- Juvenile Delinquency Services: One received for the month of March 2025.
- Three Youth currently in juvenile sex offender treatment.

- WWP: three orders.
- Postponed last high profile trial; no solid date.
- Electronic Monitoring: seven people being electronic monitored.
- Pre-Trial Release: 32 people are being supervised.
- Court Ordered Investigations: 48 active cases opened.
- Supervising: 175 people currently.
- Violations: 9 have violated.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Had a meeting with IT Director Jeremy Loveland – discussed getting cell phones for all Officers.
- Working on arming the department; non lethals. Continue to move that forward.
- Staff will be participating in the Drug Take Back event at the end of April.
- Quality Assurance Program in place within the department – reviewing files.
- Working with Threat Assessment Management & a Tioga County School District to manage a case.

**PERSONNEL:**

- One Vacant Probation Officer 1 position exists.
- One unfunded Probation Officer 1 position remains unfunded.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- Authorize Salary Above CSEA Base for Probation Officers

*\*\*Committee agreed to move this resolution forward*

**OFFICE of EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Corinne Cornelius:**

**FINANCIAL:**

- Within Budget

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Radio Project: Construction has begun at Hanson Farm in Richford; Nichols permitting has been resolved – will need to light that tower for the town; Microwave installer was on site at the end of March; Waiting for an update on Carmichael and Popple to bring them up to compliance; Began discussions on fleet mapping and talk-group committee has had a few meetings discussing channel layout; Frank Yoder has been brought on as a consultant April 7, 2025 to assist in the construction of the project.
- CAD Project: No changes.
- EMS: Spring EMT classes have been moving along – Finish up in May 2025.
- Emergency Management: Corinne got to go to the Newark Valley Elementary School and read to students during “Read Across America” week; Preparing for Open House on May 17, 2025 from 10-2; Focusing on closing existing Grants to wrap up some projects.

- Threat Assessment Team: Continuing to meet and hear cases; working to update their plan that is due June 1, 2025; Corinne assisted with a course in Ithaca, Tioga is hosting the TERC course with NYS DHSES DTPU in May 2025.
- Fire: New requirements for Fire Investigation Teams NFPA 1321 – looking in to the best way to move forward; As of April 1, 2025 Fire Investigation has had 17 Investigation (244 hours) – has been extremely busy; Corinne, Bob, Will & Dave attended the Fire Coordinator Conference - highlight on Tioga County.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- None.

**PERSONNEL:**

- None.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- None.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- In Memory of Kenneth Franklin Easton

*\*\*Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward*

**CORONER'S OFFICE – Bob Williams**

**FINANCIAL:**

- None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- First Quarter 2025: Bob had 17 Cases; Ryan had 21, & John had 2.
- John Olsen has attended the Coroner 101 and the Conference, Bob went as well.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- None.

**PERSONNEL:**

- None.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- None.

**SHERIFF – Keith Flesher on behalf of Sheriff Gary Howard:**

**FINANCIAL:**

- Revenues are \$43,193.48 which is 9% of the budget. Expenditures are at \$2,969,211.09 which is 31% of the budget. Inmate Boarders are \$22,354.00 which is 15% of the budget.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- All Contracts have been finalized.
- Daily inmate population was 46.
- New LPR installed and deployed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Jail Camera replacement project is still ongoing.
- VESTA NextGen 911 System: Planning phase.
- New Cameras and door monitors for the E911 dispatch center have been installed.
- Patrol garage door installation completed.

**PERSONNEL:**

- Update of Vacancies:
  - Civil – One Vacant part-time Civil Deputy position.
  - Corrections – Three Vacant Corrections Officer positions; One Vacant Part-Time Cook position.
    - One Corrections Officers on Light Duty.
    - One on Military Deployment.
  - Road Patrol – Four Vacant Deputy positions.
    - One Deputy on Worker's Comp Light Duty.
  - E911 – Two Vacant E911 Dispatcher Positions.
  - Records – all positions are filled.
  - Administration – all positions are filled.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- Authorize Acceptance of NYS 2024 PSAP Operations Grant
- Approve Purchase of Radar Equipment and Modify 2025 Budget
- Resolution Recognizing Brian Henry's 28 Years of Dedicated Service to Tioga County

*\*\*Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Legislator Standinger made a motion, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to go into executive session at 3:09 PM to discuss Personnel Issues. In attendance was Legislators Flesher, Roberts, Standinger & Brown; Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell; Legislative Chair Sauerbrey; County Administrator Jackson Bailey; and Director of Emergency Services Corinne Cornelius.

Legislator Standinger motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 3:59 PM, seconded by Legislator Roberts.

Respectfully Submitted,

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