

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

July 2, 2024

The regular meeting of Public Safety, Probation, EMO, Stop DWI, Fire, & Safety was held in the Legislative Conference Room, at the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main Street, Tuesday, July 2, 2024, which started at 2:30 PM and ended at 3:36 PM.

Present:

William Standinger III	Legislator
Barb Roberts	Legislator
Marte Sauerbrey	Chair of the Legislator
Rich Hallett	Undersheriff, Sheriff's Office
Brian Cain	Director, Probation
Corinne Cornelius	Director, Office of Emergency Services

GUEST: Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk
Jackson Bailey, County Administrator
Peter DeWind, County Attorney

ABSENT: Keith Flesher Chair, Public Safety
Gary Howard Sheriff, Sheriff's Office
Bob Williams Asst. Coordinator, Office of Emergency Serv.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of June 4, 2024, minutes will be moved forward to August 2024, due to lack of quorum.

SHERIFF –Rich Hallett, Undersheriff:

FINANCIAL:

- Revenues are \$368,113 which is 31% of the budget. Expenditures are \$5,547,192 which is 52% of the budget. Inmate boarders are \$71,300 which is 48% of the budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Average daily inmate population for the month of June 2024 was 51. There was an average of 5 Federal inmates (150) days and 9 board-ins (267 days) for the month.
- New building/garage project started – The footers are in, ½ of slab is poured
- Planning for new License Plate Reader (LPR)

PERSONNEL:

- Update on vacancies – Civil Office – 1 open part-time position; Corrections Division - currently 5 open Correction Officers position; 1 open part-time cook position; 1 Correction Officers on light duty; and 2 Correction Officer graduated from the Corrections Academy; Road Patrol – 3 open Deputy positions; 2 Deputies currently attending the police academy; 0 Deputy currently on light duty; 1 Deputy out on medical; 1 Deputy on military deployment; E911 Emergency Communications Center – 2 open full-time; and all positions filled for Records and Administration- 1 open position as of July 12th.

RESOLUTION:

- Resolution recognizing Jessica Williams' 27 years of dedicated service to Tioga County
- Approve salary above hiring base Deputy Sheriff position Sheriff's Office.

Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – Corinne Cornelius:

FINANCIAL:

- June YTD Report – Budget within

OLD BUSINESS:

- The VESTA phone system equipment was delivered and is set up downstairs to conduct training and to ensure all equipment is complete. There will be training starting in the next few weeks for dispatchers. This will allow for the live cutover of the system. Furniture and equipment is scheduled for early August.
- Motorola climbed towers for the final tower mapping the week of June 3. Once the reports are completed, we are able to begin installation at existing tower sites.
- The current radio installer/maintenance company, Capital Area Communications, are assisting more with keeping the project going.
- Candor Village PD is now on the CAD system, we will be monitoring to ensure that they are on the map and active. Have not heard back from Spencer PD at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Deputy Director position was closed and interviews are scheduled.

PERSONNEL:

- None

RESOLUTIONS:

- None

PROBATION – Brian Cain:**FINANCIAL:**

- \$1,235 of DWI Supervision fee collected in June. \$5,415 collected in 2024
- \$1,322.43 in restitution and surcharge collected in June. \$92,438.42 collected to date in 2024

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Staffing - There is currently one unfilled Probation Officer position. There were two unfilled positions, however, a candidate was offered a provisional appointment and accepted the position. His first day will be July 15, 2024. The Civil Service Exam was given on June 15, 2024. At this time, Probation intends to wait to fill the remaining position until after the Civil Service exam results are received.
2. Training - This Director attended the annual Summer conference of the Council of Probation Administrators (COPA) in Oswego from Sunday, June 23, 2024, to Wednesday, June 26, 2024. Five Probation staff received scholarships to attend the NYS Probation Officer Association conference in Syracuse July 24, 2024, to July 26, 2024,
3. Probation in conjunction with the Tioga County Department of Social Services would like to explore the creation and development of a Tioga County Gaming Center for Youth. In joint discussions with TCDSS regarding the availability of pro social activities for youth in the county, the issue of "gaming" was discussed. Gaming has become more and more accepted in mainstream culture and an activity participated in by the majority of youth we interact with. It is an activity inclusive to individuals of all abilities, socioeconomic status, and gender.
4. Probation completed the Raise the Age State Plan in conjunction with the Department of Social Services. In addition, the Probation Annual Plan has been submitted to NYS in order to receive the yearly state aid provided to Tioga County. Probation is also in the process of completing the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) Plan as well as the County

budget. The RTA and STSJP Plans help to recover some of the money spent on services for youth in Tioga County.

- 5. Probation is working on the creation of a formal training manual to ensure all newly hired probation staff receive the same training in the same manner as previously hired officers. The manual will reflect the most recent best practices recommended by New York State in relation to the supervision of offenders. The manual can also be used as documentation of training in certain content areas which can be helpful during testimony in the courts.

6. Juvenile Delinquency Services:

June of 2024- There were two Juvenile Delinquency Appearance Tickets (JDAT) received for the month of June. Both male respondents allegedly committed an act which if they were adults would constitute the crime of Criminal Trespass in the Third Degree, a Class B Misdemeanor. Both respondents are alleged to have unlawfully entered the old Elm Street School in Owego. The youth were interviewed at Probation and both have been offered Diversion services

- Community Service: WWP has resumed with a new Officer at the TCSO supervising the program following the retirement of Correction Officer Roy Schreiner. At times the program will only function on one day of the weekend if numbers drop too low. WWP is also being used as a graduated sanction on Probation Violations.
- Pre-Trial Release – There are 22 people being supervised via the Pre-Trial Release program.
- Court Ordered Investigations – 37 active investigations for Tioga County courts (Criminal, Family & Surrogate)
- Supervision – 181 cases ordered by Tioga County courts and Family Court (includes JD Diversion cases). Numbers are on the rise.

PERSONNEL:

- One vacant Probation Officer 1 positions
- One unfunded Probation Officer 1 position

RESOLUTIONS:

- Resolution to hire newly hired Probation Officer at the higher end of the Probation Officer 1 payment range.

Committee agreed to move this resolution forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Brian Cain requested an Executive Session. Legislator Roberts motioned to move into Executive session at 2:58 PM seconded by Legislator Standinger to discuss employment matters of particular employees. Executive Session adjourned at 3:36 PM.

In attendance were Legislator Roberts; Legislator Standinger; Legislator Chairperson Sauerbrey; Brian Cain, Probation Director; County Attorney Peter Dewind; County Administrator Jackson Bailey and Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell.

Meeting adjourned at 3:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debora J. Stubecki
Office Specialist III