

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 4, 2023

Committee members: Rick Willson, Patrick Killen, Bonnie Percy, Tim Cutler, Doug Paddock

Others present: Leslie Church, Dick Harper, Terry Button, Dan Banach, Carlie Chilson, Mark Morris, Ed Bronson, Bill Holgate (Zoom), Nonie Flynn, Emilee Miller, Todd Casella, Sharon Dawes, Alyssa Palmer, Brian Winslow, Ryan Bailey, Ron Spike, Howard Davis

Rick & Tim will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the March 7<sup>th</sup> & March 13<sup>th</sup> meetings were approved as submitted.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Craig Densmore presented the following questions:

Yates County Ambulance Service Questions:

April 4, 2023

1. I applaud Yates County for committing to 24/7 Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance service. My question is do you need to replicate the infrastructure of the of the three existing ambulance services, in the county, to achieve this goal?
  - a. Personnel issue vs. equipment needs
  - b. Is there a need for 3 additional ambulances and a "fly car" in Yates County?
2. Wouldn't it have been normal for more public discussion on such a large project to obtain input?
3. Has the legislature investigated all the costs of ALS service and the effect on tax rates over time.
4. What will the tax payers' burden be if billing revenues don't meet estimates?
  - a. Current data, available on the internet, from IRS 990's indicate revenue, from existing ambulance services, are approximately \$850K annually. Against a projected operational budget of \$1.4 MM for full year 2024 for County service. Does Yates EMS assume capturing all (or what %) of the existing patient billing revenue?
5. Will we be able to fill all the planned positions at budgeted pay & benefits? (13 FTE & Part-time)
6. Before proceeding further do you have signed inter-agency operability agreements between the County, existing ambulance services and out of County mutual aid partners? (Atty's involved?)
7. Will any of the existing agencies oppose your Certificate of Need (CON) now, in the temporary certificate stage, or at the time the 2-year permanent certification request is introduced?
8. Have projections of costs for 5-years of operation been made under multiple scenarios? With ambulance replacements factored in?
9. Along with personnel, pension and fringe benefits have the costs of housing ambulances been included?
  - a. I understand the new County Highway/Public Health facility will be built to house the needs of the ambulance service?
10. Have crew sleeping and administrative space been accounted for & costs been factored in for ambulance base locations?

11. If the Yates County ambulance(s) are planned as back-ups to existing agencies have protocols been written and training time been accounted for at the 911 Dispatch Center and other services?
  - a. At what point will it be assumed that the Yates County Ambulance(s) be dispatched to support existing ambulance services? (Response lag)
12. Have standard operating procedures and regulations been established? (Always a poor public perception of seeing ambulances out picking up food and running personal errands.)
13. What will the effects on the existing ambulances services be, if Yates County, begins its ambulance service?
  - a. Will the County draw volunteers away to join the paid service?
  - b. Would the County have to expand its ambulance services even further if volunteer services cease operations?
14. I would congratulate the Yates County Legislature for the structure of the Yates ALS services so that you, the legislators, have financial control over the operations of the ambulance function. (Example of Monroe County Fire Districts paying \$185K to top earners.)

Craig Densmore  
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The Committee and Ryan Bailey, had discussion with Craig.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Todd Casella**

Todd reviewed his Monthly Statistics.

Todd provided Office Updates, highlighting New York State Police Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Special Recognition Award for 2023 Southern Tier Chapter Real Heros, four of the seven defendants in the Fat Daddy’s prosecution have resolved, Criminal Anarchy Indictment, and eight people were indicted in sex trafficking investigation.

**PROBATION: Sharon Dawes & Alyssa Palmer**

Sharon reviewed the Monthly Statistics:

YATES CO. PROBATION	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23
Probationers	188	189	190	184	179	178	178	181	169	166	160	166	161
Investigations monthly	12	15	13	10	7	16	9	10	14	16	19	6	12
investigations year to date	30	45	58	68	75	91	100	110	124	140	19	25	37
Violation of Probation	2	2	2	6	4	2	1	2	3	2	2	3	0
VOP year to date	8	10	12	18	22	24	25	27	30	32	2	5	5
Pre-Trial Release	8	10	7	10	14	12	11	10	9	12	19	15	11
Leandra's Law													
Conditional Discharge	39/16	38/16	38/16	39/15	36/14	35/12	28/9	28/8	26/8	25/7	23/8	23/6	22/7
Probation	29/4	30/3	31/3	30/3	28/3	29/3	28/2	29/2	26/2	27/2	27/2	26/1	26/1
payment plan cases	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	2/1	3/1	1/0	2/0	1/0	2/0	3/1	3/1	3/1
waiver cases	5/2	6/2	6/2	6/2	5/2	5/1	5/1	6/1	5/1	5/1	6/1	5/0	5/1

**EMERGENCY SERVICES: Brian Winslow & Ryan Bailey**

Brian reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. After discussion the Committee approved.

- Authorize Chairwoman to sign Letter of Intent for Finger Lakes Health

OEM & Fire

Brian reviewed the meetings and trainings attended, highlighting, 4 County Meetings, 2 County Fire Meetings, the Lake District Seneca County Meeting, 1 Haz Mat refresher throughout the County, and Basic Apparatus Operator Pump-Branchport F.D.

Brian provided an update on general operations:

- Communications calls & meetings continued
- Highway/Office of Emergency Services/Public Health building project meetings
- Steuben County & NYSDOT about Rt. 54A work
- National Weather about Flood mapping
- Conference call with Finger Lakes Health & Nonie
- Bid openings for Building project
- TAMT training

Brian reported the responses they attended, including a Car vs. Train Accident on Elmira Rd and a Possible House Fire on Flat St.

E.M.S.

Brian provided an update on general operations:

- EMS Classes have concluded. 13 Students took Practical
- Attended FL REMAC, Council and other committee meetings
- Working on new community outreach/public education
- Working on draft updates of EMS Mutual Aid and MCI plans

Dave provided a progress update.

Brian and Ryan reviewed the Dropped Call Report and the Delayed Response Report for March:

**Revenue Min/Max**

Call Type	Billable Calls	Medicare Reimb	Total	Commercial Reimb	Total
ALS Int	800	\$455.15	\$364,120.00	\$1,200.00	\$960,000.00
ALS Emerg	180	\$494.16	\$88,948.80	\$1,500.00	\$270,000.00
BLS Emerg	225	\$416.14	\$93,631.50	\$1,200.00	\$270,000.00
IFT	254	\$260.09	\$66,062.86	\$1,000.00	\$254,000.00
<b>Gross</b>	<b>1459</b>		<b>\$612,763.16</b>		<b>\$1,754,000.00</b>
8% Billing Fee			\$49,021.05		\$140,320.00
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$563,742.11</b>		<b>\$1,613,680.00</b>

### Yates County EMS Revenue and Expense Predictions

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Revenue	\$600,000.00		1,165,000	1,249,000	1,335,000	1,550,000	1,632,000
Personnel	\$811,546.00	2,427	1,367,940	1,408,978	1,451,247	1,494,784	1,539,628
Uniforms	\$10,000.00	771.96	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Vehicles	\$487,800.00	394,699	45,000				
Fuel/Maintenance	\$13,000.00	315	25,000	25,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Supplies	\$25,000.00	12,315.44	20,000	23,000	26,000	29,000	32,000
Stretcher, Stair Chair, Powerload System	\$63,000.00	62,996	63,000	63,000	63,000	63,000	63,000
aPCR, Scheduling, Inventory Software	\$11,400.00	11,400	9,400	9,400	9,400	9,400	9,400
Cardiac Monitors	\$113,000.00	113,898.24					
Radios, Pagers, Computers	\$16,000.00	9,290.68					
Insurance	\$6,000.00	1,553	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Subtotal	\$1,556,746.00	609,667	1,541,340	1,540,378	1,590,647	1,637,184	1,685,028
Net	-\$956,746.00	-609,667	-376,340	-291,378	-255,647	-87,184	-53,028

As of 03/30/2023

### **SHERIFF: Ron Spike**

Ron reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. After discussion the Committee approved.

- Recognize 2023 National Crime Victims' Rights Week
- Recognize National Public Safety Telecommunications Week for 2023
- Recognize Yates County Sheriff's Officer of the Year
- Grant Unpaid Military Leave of Absence (P. Skelly)
- Authorize Sheriff to Fill Emergency Services Dispatcher Position
- Authorize Sheriff to Fill Food Service Helper Position

Ron reviewed the general monthly statics for February 2023. Highlights to follow:

Animal Related: 56    Fraud: 18    Suspicious Incident: 18    Sex Offenders in County: 91

Ron reported that they issued the 2022 Annual Report for YCSO.

Ron reported that there are currently 24 Yates County inmates, 6 Feds, 4 from Seneca County, 1 from Tompkins County, totaling 35. There are 26 males and 9 females.

Ron reviewed the appropriations report, the total for boarding was \$29,966.00, the total for transportation was \$1,451.01, and the total revenue for February 2023 was \$31,417.01. Their target for the year is \$250,000 and they need to raise \$186,716.31 more, if they continue at this rate, they will exceed the target.

Ron reviewed the overtime report.

Ron reported that there was a State Commission of Corrections jail inspection.

Ron reported that they continue to monitor inmate medical costs. Thankfully, they can be charged Medicare rates, which took \$12,000 to \$1,800 for one incident.

Ron reported that the SRO at Dundee School was given a Sargent promotion. A part time Deputy will be assigned there temporary.

Ron reported that the Drug Take Back is scheduled for 4/22/23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the rear of courthouse with DEA.

Ron reported that the TAMT stakeholder training by Squad 9, LLC had 30 attendees.

Ron reported that they assisted the Milo Code Enforcement Officer reviewing a draft of a proposed Local Law pertaining to noise level and possible enforcement.

Ron reported that there is one new ESD in training.

### **COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT: Doug Paddock**

Doug reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. After discussion the Committee approved.

- Declare as Surplus Property Shelters with Generator Sets at Legacy Dundee and Italy Hill Public Safety Communications Tower Sites and Authorize Sheriff to Dispose of Same

Doug provided an update on the Microwave (MW) System, highlighting that the antennas shipped 3/30-3/31, the sequencing plan has been forwarded for review, MNI evaluated ability to utilize their temporary DC power systems in the case of a power failure at tower site(s) and their systems can be of some assistance, but they are not a sufficient approach, shelter layouts and equipment placement plan has been prepared by Motorola and shared with MNI, and semi-monthly progress meetings are continuing but may need to be scheduled more frequently.

Doug provided an update on the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) System, highlighting that Motorola is finalizing fiber needs and paths for PSB with IT and B&G, shelter layouts and equipment placement is finalized, Motorola has contracted with BearCom for equipment installation and has initiated at Bluff Point, Dundee, Italy Hill, Sherman and Ovid. Equipment has been placed in Shay and South Hill but has not yet been bolted down, equipment installation at the PSB is pending the existing Bluff Point shelter move, Mid-State has completed some of the activities authorized at last month's meeting as professional services, and semi-monthly progress meetings are continuing but may need to be scheduled more frequently.

Doug reviewed the updates for the Bluff Point, Dundee, Italy Hill, Ovid, and South Hill Towers.

Doug reported that final connections for four new generators (Bluff Point, Dundee, Italy Hill and Ovid) were planned for week of March 26. Start-up/Commissioning tentatively scheduled for week of April 9.

Doug reported that Mid-State is attempting to improve delivery dates with power plant vendors. Current shipment schedule for power plants is March 31, inverters April 14 and batteries July 18 and alternate approaches for temporary 48 VDC supply are being investigated.

Doug reviewed the following activities planned for April:

- a. Complete factory commissioning for new shelters and generator sets at Bluff Point, Dundee, Italy Hill and Ovid.
- b. Move existing shelter from Bluff Point to PSB.
- c. Complete construction cleanup at Bluff Point, Dundee, Italy Hill, Ovid, PSB and Sherman.
- d. Complete construction cleanup at South Hill.
- e. Initiate Microwave Networks, Inc. microwave (MW) equipment installation.
- f. Continue Motorola land mobile radio (LMR) equipment installation.

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Nonie Flynn**

Nonie reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. After discussion the Committee approved.

- Appoint Probation Director

Mr. Killen moved to enter into executive session on the basis of the employment history of a particular individual, attendees being members of the Committee, other legislators present, and the County Administrator.

Seconded by Mrs. Percy.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.