

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA**  
**April 5, 2022**

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

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

Rick & Tim will do the audit this month.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as submitted.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Todd Casella**

Todd reviewed the monthly Statistics.

Todd reported that next week, he will be starting a homicide trial in Monroe County and then in May he starts into the next trials. He is having two or three at once right now, but he will get a little hiatus in June.

**PROBATION: Sharon Dawes**

Sharon reviewed the following monthly statistics:

YATES CO. PROBATION	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22
Probationers	189	196	196	201	196	198	199	193	192	195	191	193	188
Investigations monthly	18	39	25	10	7	25	6	11	14	11	11	7	12
investigations year to date	36	75	100	110	117	142	148	159	173	184	11	18	30
Violation of Probation	4	2	4	0	1	3	2	2	11	2	3	3	2
VOP year to date	13	15	19	19	20	23	25	27	38	40	3	6	8
Pre-Trial Release	7	9	7	11	8	14	10	11	11	10	11	9	8
Leandra's Law													
Conditional Discharge	28/10	28/12	29/12	27/11	29/11	32/11	35/11	33/8	35/10	35/10	39/12	41/13	39/16
Probation	20/2	21/2	24/3	27/3	31/3	34/4	33/4	33/3	31/3	32/4	31/4	29/4	29/4
waiver cases	2/0	4/0	4/1	4/1	5/1	5/1	5/1	5/1	6/1	6/1	7/1	7/1	5/2
payment plan cases	3/2	3/2	2/2	1/1	2/1	2/1	2/1	2/1	3/1	3/1	4/2	4/2	4/2

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Brian Winslow**

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

- Authorize Chairwoman to Sign Contract (David Dowdle)

OEM & Fire

Brian reported that he has attended various County meetings and the Lake District Seneca County meeting. They have finished the HAZMAT refreshers and various other trainings.

Brian reported that they continue to meet about the radio project, continue to meet on the Highway/OES building, have met with Empire Emergency, have met with the Village of Penn Yan about grant information, and attended the NYSEMA meeting.

Brian reported that his and Ryan's new vehicles will be in service this week or next.

Brian reviewed the various responses they had: PIMVA Water & Liberty St., house fire in Ontario County, and a house fire on Charles St. in Dresden.

## EMS

Brian reported that they continue distributing COVID Test Kits throughout the County. They attended FL Region EMS Training and Ed Committee meeting. There have been 5 CME Recertification's submitted to NYS BEMS. They are planning for upcoming trainings/classes with instructors and Ryan has completed module 2/6 of NYS Code Enforcement Training.

## **SHERIFF: Ron Spike**

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

- Authorize Chairwoman and Sheriff to Sign Jail Renewal of Inmate Legal Library Agreement
- Authorize Sheriff/Chairwoman to Renew Inmate Medical Services Agreement with S&S Memorial Hospital
- Authorize Sheriff to Donate Surplus Property
- Recognize 2022 National Crime Victims' Week
- Recognize National Public Safety Telecommunications Week for 2022
- Grant Unpaid Military Leave of Absence (Schafer)
- Amend Resolution 46-22 (Empire Access)

Ron reviewed the monthly agency statistics for February 2022. Highlights follow:

Accidents/Crashes-Car/Deer: 31	Alarms: 24	Animal Related: 65
Sex Offenders in Yates: 97	Legal Papers Served: 81	Family Court Summons: 28
Monies Collected: \$30,089	Complaints Investigated: 50	Transports Local, etc.: 50
Visitors to the Courthouse: 1,081		

Ron reviewed the Jail Population report, there are 9 Federal, 29 Yates County, 30 males and 8 females, for a total of 38. The youngest in Jail is age 23 and the oldest is age 64. Ron reported that they did restart in person contact visitation and they put some restrictions on that. The state allowed them to have a variance for the next 30 days for the restrictions, so it is not full contact visitations yet.

Ron reported that they took in \$28,621.42 for February revenue.

Ron reported that they are down 11 positions from what their total allocation should be and that has resulted in mandatory overtime, mandated overtime, and some other creative issues with the schedule. The numbers are low for those who even take the civil service exams.

The Committee discussed lateral transfers from surrounding counties and making the County's wages more competitive.

Bill stated that in Monroe County in Florida, is offering cash bonuses and that sort of thing. They need to start looking at that, whether it comes to law enforcement, corrections, dispatch, any of these Public Safety positions. That seems to be the trend taking place across the country, not only sign on bonuses, but retention bonuses too.

Ron stated that another thing with law enforcement that doesn't really get talked about is that people are by themselves. If it is 2:00 a.m., and they are investing something in the Village of Rushville, it is at least 20-30 minutes before someone gets there to help them out. They really have to train them to carefully approach things and be very careful what they get themselves into sometimes. If they were in a place that had a more concentrated population, then backup is only a minute or two away. That is something factored in when people are interviewing.

Ron stated that both Geneva PD and Ontario County are looking for lateral transfers and it is logical. A Deputy Sheriff, for example, once they hire them and put them through the Training Academy, they don't get to use them for 9 or 10 months. A lot of people don't understand that. By the time they go through the process they could have \$240,000-\$250,000 into someone between training, class, and salary. That person doesn't have to pay anything back and then they can decide to leave and another agency grabs them and they don't have to pay all those training costs. It is a good deal because it saves a lot of money in the budget and someone who is all trained just has to go through field training to understand specifics.

Ron reported that they had the SCOC jail inspection March 29-30 and they are awaiting their report. They are very thorough, even to the point where they took the time to look at security video footage.

Ron reported that he met with George Roets to discuss mental health issues as it is really cutting into his budget. They discussed different options such as, MAT, FLACRA, JD Kelly/FLH Jail Psych services, transitioning to community, Behavior Health Court, Respite for youth, and Insight partnership.

Ron reported that Drug Take Back Day is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. It will be held at the rear of the Courthouse with a DEA as they always do it.

Ron reported that they had a big meeting with Monroe County Crime Analysis Center. They talked about all the intelligence and all the capabilities that they have to assist them. He thinks it is going to be a good relationship.

Ron reported that he had a meeting with his staff and Tim Groth regarding the alternate PSAP security issue. They received a \$10,000 grant from Homeland Security to help secure that site. They are looking into either alarms or cameras and they are trying to see what is feasible. Right now they are waiting on Finger Lakes Radio to finish that installation. Ron thinks they are about 95% ready to operate out of there, but they have to get the radios completely connected.

Ron reported that he put together formal letters to both Crown Castle and American Tower regarding the Dundee and Italy tower sites to memorialize their tenant at will lease agreements. Challenges with the schedule and materials for the project make it crucial to have those agreements in place.

Ron reported that he received a letter in writing from New York State Governors Traffic Safety that their 2022 STOP-DWI Program was accepted and approved.

The Committee and Ron went back to discuss the mental health issues and what they could possibly do to help resolve them.

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

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

- Accept Bid for Public Safety Communications Project Tower Site Construction
- Authorize Sheriff and Chairwoman to Enter into Tenant-at-Will (Month-to-Month) Lease Agreement (Dundee-Crown Castle)
- Authorize Sheriff and Chairwoman to Enter into Tenant-at-Will (Month-to-Month) Lease Agreement (Italy Hill-American Towers)

Doug reported that all the regulatory processes have been completed and the NYSDEC has advised that no further authorization is required from them, providing that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers concurs with the County's request for Section 404 Nationwide Permit coverage. They are awaiting determination.

Doug reported that the negotiations continue with the preferred Land Mobile Radio (LMR) vendor. The proposed contract has been reviewed by the County Attorney and returned to C & S. Zoom meetings to review scope and equipment are being scheduled for the week of April 3. Negotiations also continue with the preferred Microwave (MW) vendor. The proposed contract has been reviewed by the County Attorney and returned to C & S. Zoom meetings to review scope and equipment are being scheduled.

Doug reported that the contract for shelters with Sabre has been signed.

Doug reported that a pre-construction meeting with the Dundee and Italy tower site contractor, Kaplan-Schmidt Electric, has been scheduled for April 6. The County Attorney has reviewed survey maps and commented thereon for the Bill Bailey Road and Emerson Road properties, they will need to be closed on soon. They expect construction to start early this month, depending on the weather.

Doug reported that an additional construction bid package is being assembled for the Bluff Point and Ovid tower sites.

Doug engaged the Committee in discussion regarding the shelters. Initially, they were going to relocate the old towers and generators to the new sites, but the shelters are not in the best condition. The current Italy Hill shelter has visible cracks over the door and may not survive relocation. If the shelters break while moving them, they will need to order a new shelter and that takes about 16-20 weeks for delivery. They would not know until July or August if the existing shelter would make it, putting them very behind if it does break. Doug suggested an alternate, which is to order two new (additional) shelters and generators for both Bluff Point and Ovid. The benefits of this are that it reduces the risk of getting very behind schedule significantly and may eliminate relocation of the legacy radio equipment. Doug reported that the costs of relocating the legacy equipment quoted by Motorola is \$237,342. The cost for two new shelters and 2 new generators totals \$253,952. They also, may be able to sell the existing Dundee and Italy Hill shelters.

The Committee questioned if they would need a resolution to purchase the new shelters and generators. They would not need a new resolution, this can be done with change orders, but they should have an agreement as to how this goes forward. They questioned Nonie as to how this

can be paid for budgetary wise. Nonie stated that they don't know the full expenditures for a lot of other items in the budget, but she thinks that this is within 3%, between 2-5% of the budget, she thinks they will be fine. There are also some potential for grants for these tower sites or equipment. The consensus of the Committee was to get more information from C & S regarding dates, etc., but they will likely purchase the two new shelters as the schedule is critical. They need to get these towers up and running, so they stop paying rent bills every month. Doug is going to gather more information from C & S and they will come back to this discussion Monday at the legislative meeting.

Mrs. Percy moved to enter executive session to discuss:

1. The employment history of particular individuals, with members of the Committee, other members of the legislature present, the County Administrator, the Emergency Management Director; and
2. Matters that will imperil Public Safety if disclosed, with members of the Committee, other members of the legislature, the County Administrator, the Sheriff, and the Buildings & Grounds Supervisor.

Seconded by Mr. Killen.

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.