

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**April 6, 2021**

Committee members: Tim Cutler, Bonnie Percy, Leslie Church, Earle Gleason, Dick Harper, Bill Holgate

Others present: Rick Willson, Connie Hayes, Nonie Flynn, Ed Bronson, Pat Killen, Carlie Chilson, Leslie Church, Dan Banach, Ron Spike, Howard Davis, Brian Winslow, Doug Paddock, Sharon Dawes, Ryan Dailey, Matt Kelly, Terry Button.

Tim and Bill will sign the audit.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as presented.

**Public Comment:**

Wesley Smith commented that he called the DMV 3 weeks ago and never received a call back. He feels the DMV should be open now, everything else is. Social distancing can be done and masks can be worn. Mr. Smith is also concerned about the Mennonite Community not cleaning up after their horses.

Chairman Cutler explained that the DMV being closed is because of the Governor's executive order which was just extended for another 30 days. Mr. Smith was advised to attend a Village of Penn Yan meeting to discuss his concerns regarding droppings being left by Mennonite horses.

**Probation – Sharon Dawes**

Sharon reviewed the following statistical report.

YATES CO. PROBATION	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21
Probationers	218	214	207	201	205	200	208	209	207	202	198	191	189
Investigations monthly	14	0	4	4	17	23	13	9	15	11	8	10	18
investigations year to date	68	68	72	76	93	116	129	138	153	164	8	18	36
Violation of Probation	3	1	0	4	2	0	4	2	4	2	8	1	4
VOP year to date	9	10	10	14	16	16	20	22	26	28	8	9	13
Pre-Trial Release	6	6	8	8	7	6	6	8	8	9	8	7	7
Leandra's Law													
Conditional Discharge	38/14	36/14	35/14	33/12	31/13	28/11	26/10	27/10	26/10	26/10	25/9	24/7	28/10
Probation	23/5	23/5	21/5	20/4	19/4	19/4	21/3	20/3	17/2	18/2	18/2	19/2	20/2
waiver cases	3/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	3/1	2/1	1/1	0/0	2/0
payment plan cases	1/0	1/0	1/0	1/0	1/0	1/0	1/0	2/0	2/1	2/1	2/1	3/1	3/2

Sharon reported her intern will be done in May and will return in August while completing her master's degree.

Sharon reported her yearly conference has been canceled again this year.

### **Emergency Management – Brian Winslow**

Brian introduced Matt Kelly who has been working with Brian and Diane on the recruit and retention grant. Matt played a short video that will be used and also explained there will also be mailings done as an effort to recruit individuals for emergency services.

Brian introduced Ryan Bailey the new EMS Coordinator.

Brian reported trainings are starting and the state has put in some new requirements. They are changing the way they are tracking all the trainings. Emergency Management, Fire and EMT are being combined into one program. Brian and Diane along with all the state trainers have taken the training for the program.

Brian reported Zoom meeting are still going on.

Brain reported he met with Karyn Tareen from GoCove on GIS.

Reviewed emergency responses.

### **District Attorney – Todd Casella**

Todd reviewed his statistical report which showed 270 open cases year to date and 173 closed cases year to date.

Todd reviewed a position review form and resolution need for the Confidential Secretary position that has become vacant. The Committee approved.

Todd reported trials have started up again.

Todd reported he applied for a grant and was awarded approximately \$55,000 and will need a resolution to ratify a letter of support. The Committee approved.

### **Sheriff – Ron Spike**

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

- Recognize 2021 National Crime Victim's Week
- Recognize National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

Ron reviewed position review forms for a Criminal Investigator position and a Correction Officer position. The Committee approved.

- Authorize Sheriff to fill Dep Sheriff Criminal Investigator vacancy
- Authorize Sheriff to fill Correction Officer vacancies
- Authorize Sheriff to fill Jail Physician position
- Authorize Sheriff to fill (part-time) Jail Nurse Practitioner position

Ron reported his annual report for 2020 has been submitted.

Ron reviewed the general statistics for February 2021 explaining categories that were added to the report because of the police reform.

Ron reported a Take Back Drug (DEA) event is scheduled for 4/24/21 from 10AM-2PM at the rear of the courthouse.

Ron reported on the Jail Population: Yates County: 46, Federal 8 for a total of 54 of those there are 44 males and 10 females. There is 1 Yates County individual in the Chemung Co. Jail at no charge.

Ron reported the Jail Dormitory housing is open due to population, classification and quarantine challenges.

Ron reported jail visitation is still suspended, along with the SWEAP program. However, an additional virtual court has been set up in the jail lawyer conference room.

Ron reported the NYS Commission on Corrections did a Jail Inspection on 3/24/21 for validation that we are following COVID protocols. The inspector stated he had been to several jails so far and Yates County is the best in compliance. Kudos to Chief Bailey and staff.

Ron reviewed the Revenue/Board Cost & Overtime Report as of February 2021 which showed \$41,384.78 has been collected so far in revenue and \$325,000 has been budgeted for the year.

Ron reported he had some unanticipated cost for 911. The 40 channel recorder and playback system was replaced along with a network switch.

Ron reported work continues at the alternative PSAP site. Xybix will be installing the consoles, then Finger Lakes Communication will be installing the radios and Yates County I. T. will work on connectivity. Ron has also been working with Soil and Water on the location of the water well.

Ron reported on the recent Fox bite case at the 900 block E Lake Rd.

Ron reported the next Victims Impact Panel is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ron reported NMS labs has a new post mortem charge.

### **Chairman Paddock**

Doug reported the Law Enforcement Collaborative Report and Plan was submitted to the New York State Office of Budget on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and the Office acknowledged receipt thereof.

Doug reported the Communications Project, as proposed, will construct at least one new county-owned tower. Scott has determined that a State Environmental Review Act (SEQRA) review will be necessary. His recommendation is to engage a consulting legal firm with expertise in environmental law to assure the process is properly conducted and all necessary factors are considered. The greatest challenges (i.e. – lawsuits) for previous county projects were completeness of the Environmental Impact Statements (EISs).

### **County Administrator – Nonie Flynn**

Nonie reviewed the Project status report as it relates to Public Safety.

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.