

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

June 1, 2020

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

Others present: Carlie Chilson, Dan Banach, Doug Paddock, Ed Bronson, Jim Multer, Pat Killen, Rick Willson, Terry Button, Nonie Flynn, Connie Hayes, Tim Groth, Todd Casella, Ron Spike Sharon Dawes, Brian Winslow, Howard Davis.

Tim and Dick will sign the audit

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as presented.

District Attorney – Todd Casella

Todd reviewed his monthly statistics which showed 496 open cases year to date and 466 closed cases year to date.

Todd reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Resolution to Adopt Local Law 3-2020 Entitled A Local Law Authorizing A Yates County Traffic Diversion Program

Probation – Sharon Dawes

Sharon reviewed the following statistical report.

YATES CO. PROBATION	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20
Probationers	246	249	246	238	244	247	240	236	228	221	218	214	207
Investigations monthly	19	25	24	12	19	12	12	13	29	25	14	0	4
investigations year to date	88	113	137	149	168	180	192	205	29	54	68	68	72
Violation of Probation	1	2	18	2	6	3	3	5	2	4	3	1	0
VOP year to date	25	27	45	47	53	56	59	64	2	6	9	10	10
Pre-Trial Release	4	4	3	7	6	7	5	7	7	7	6	6	8
Leandra's Law													
Conditional Discharge	44/19	43/17	40/17	42/18	47/18	46/20	45/15	40/13	39/13	42/16	38/14	36/14	35/14
Probation	30/3	29/3	29/4	30/5	30/4	31/4	31/4	29/5	31/5	24/4	23/5	23/5	21/5
waiver cases	4/0	4/0	3/0	3/0	3/0	3/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	4/1	3/1	3/1	3/1
payment plan cases	4/2	4/2	0/0	0/0	1/0	1/0	1/0	1/0	1/0	1/0	1/0	1/0	1/0

Emergency Management – Brian Winslow

Brain reported all trainings are suspended per the state. Brian is working on a new schedule for when there is a start date.

Brian reported he continues to pick up PPE weekly and distribute to facilities. Brain delivered cloth masks to all restaurants that he is aware of that are open, and every gas station in the County.

Brian report on the emergency responses.

Brian reported Diane is helping students with the State so they can test out for EMT class & CFR virtually.

Sheriff – Ron Spike

Ron made the following statement:

I have been in law enforcement and public safety for nearly fifty years, and when you think you may have seen it all, I was shocked and disappointed to see what appeared to be a video of unacceptable arrest techniques with four officers from Minneapolis MN police arrest of George Floyd.

All should know that law enforcement officers have taken an oath, and that we have values in serving and protecting the public. What I viewed was very contrary to the training and practices of law enforcement professionals. “Them and Us,” attitudes are harmful for this profession.

We must always value human life and dignity of all people, and take whatever action necessary to protect and serve our citizens and communities. We must value and defend the rights of all as guaranteed under our state and US constitutions. We must recognize that holding public service positions that public trust is vital. Our critical role is not that of a “Warrior,” but as a “Guardian” of our communities. Our brothers and sisters in law enforcement support each other, and should one violate their oath they are no longer welcomed, and we must intervene and hold them accountable. As Sheriff, my greatest asset is the men and women that work in this office 24X7; and I vow to keep them well-trained and equipped professionals as both peace officers and county police officers, as I appreciate and support their services in these contemporary challenging and often-unsafe times. Yes, I did say as both peace and police officers. Law Enforcement leadership and trainers cannot let that policing concept be lost or misguided for to be in this noble profession we wear both hats. The only President to have ever been a Sheriff was Grover Cleveland who said, “a public office is a public trust,” and for some doubting communities the police administration and the municipalities political leadership needs to repair the legitimacy of law enforcement with support, partnerships, and enhanced community policing concepts. We also need to remember that there are many examples every day of good policing that we can say “yes” too, and our police officers need to have political leadership support as retention and recruitment is a contemporary issue. The good everyday cop in a crisis does the right thing, and does what they are properly trained to do. Protesting will get police protection, but looting and vandalism is criminal conduct.

We must always be conservators of the peace and public safety, and if that requires an arrest, then we take action, not using dangerous and unacceptable techniques as recently seen in Minneapolis, but do that function appropriately using only that force reasonable and necessary as professional law enforcement officers. Thank you.

Ron reviewed the resolutions that are needed. The Committee approved.

- Amend res. 528-19 (extend Temp CO position)
- Vacancy Review (two CO positions amid hiring freeze)
- Res : Authorize Sheriff to fill two Correction Officer positions

Ron’s revenue report was reviewed which showed \$149,049.66 in revenue received through April 2020, and \$325,000 was budgeted.

Ron reported there are multiple issues in the jail with locks, alarms and temperature. With the warmer weather coming on maybe it will be ok.

Ron reported he has had to do a lot of schedule adjustments due to vacancies.

Ron reported the SWEAP program has been stopped because of the COVID-19 issue and may be in jeopardy after the pause due to staffing issues.

Ron reported Plexiglas has been installed on the visitation tables for added protection. Plexiglas has also been installed in the Courthouse entrance.

Ron reported on May 16th there was a body recovery from Seneca Lake.

Ron reported Dive Team Training was conducted and he also put out a directive on Worship services prior to the Governor.

Ron reported there are vehicle maintenance issues as to whether to repair or not. There is also a concern regarding the new vehicle order being canceled. The County Attorney is involved.

Ron reported 2020-21 grants have been applied for and new Tasers have been issued.

Ron reported there are multiple radio communication difficulties between police and fire as far as finding parts.

Ron thanked the Yates County Highway for help with the foundation for the anticipate Communication Shelter. He also thanked Chairman Paddock for his assistance with the Italy Tower issue.

Ron reported the Victims Impact panel is scheduled for July 14th in the County Auditorium.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) –

- Meetings will be deferred until further notice.

County Administrator – Nonie Flynn

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

Bill moved to enter into executive session to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property with the Committee members, Legislators, County Administrator, the Sheriff and Tim Groth, seconded by Bonnie. To be held after the Finance Committee meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.