

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 3, 2021

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

Others present: Terry Button, Rick Willson, Sharon Dawes, Ron Spike, Dan Banach, Connie Hayes, Brian Winslow, Carlie Chilson, Pat Killen, Todd Casella, Nonie Flynn, Doug Paddock.

Tim and Leslie will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment:

John Prendergast addressed the Committee regarding proposed Local Law 2-21 Banning the Possession of Firearms and Dangerous Weapons in Buildings Owned Leased or Operated by the County of Yates. Mr. Prendergast is concerned about the cost if additional equipment and deputies that may be needed.

Mr. Prendergast also expressed his concern regarding the construction of a Specialized Secured Detention.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Todd Casella

Todd reviewed his monthly statistics which showed 456 open cases year to date and 374 have been closed year to date.

PROBATION: Sharon Dawes

Sharon reviewed the following statistical report.

YATES CO. PROBATION	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21
Probationers	205	200	208	209	207	202	198	191	189	196	196	201	196
Investigations monthly	17	23	13	9	15	11	8	10	18	39	25	10	7
investigations year to date	93	116	129	138	153	164	8	18	36	75	100	110	117
Violation of Probation	2	0	4	2	4	2	8	1	4	2	4	0	1
VOP year to date	16	16	20	22	26	28	8	9	13	15	19	19	20
Pre-Trial Release	7	6	6	8	8	9	8	7	7	9	7	11	8
Leandra's Law													
Conditional Discharge	31/13	28/11	26/10	27/10	26/10	26/10	25/9	24/7	28/10	28/12	29/12	27/11	29/11
Probation	19/4	19/4	21/3	20/3	17/2	18/2	18/2	19/2	20/2	21/2	24/3	27/3	31/3
waiver cases	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	3/1	2/1	1/1	0/0	2/0	4/0	4/1	4/1	5/1
payment plan cases	1/0	1/0	1/0	2/0	2/1	2/1	2/1	3/1	3/2	3/2	2/2	1/1	2/1

Sharon reviewed the following Alternatives to Incarceration report.

Pre-trial Release Program

Yates County Three people released to PTR
Village of Penn Yan Two people released to PTR
CAP Court Two people released to PTR

SUMMARY: Seven individuals were supervised by the Pre-trial Release program at the end of the quarter. There were three individuals that successfully completed their PTR during this quarter. All three of those individuals were sentenced to probation supervision. There was one individual that was dismissed from the PTR program due to the fact that the individual was under probation supervision already out of Seneca County.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Two people successfully completed their community service obligation this quarter. As of June 30, 2021 there were 18 active community service cases.

Sharon updated the Committee on Specialized Secure Detention. Sharon feels that the construction and maintenance costs are too high for Yates County. Sharon explained that Yates County has not had a need for a secured bed and feels that if the facility is built that Yates County be able to get a bed. The consensus of the Committee was to withdraw from the LDC. Sharon will talk with the County Attorney to see what needs to be done and report back to the Committee.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Brian Winslow

Brian reported there have been a lot of serious events during July that emergency personnel were having to attend. Brian explained the events ranged from accidents, weather related and fires.

Brian reported Ryan has been working on the fall courses. There are 26 individuals registered between the CFR and EMT courses.

SHERIFF: Ron Spike

Ron reviewed a vacancy review for a sergeant position. The Committee approved.

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

- Authorize 2021-22 MOU with Dundee school for SRO services
- Sgt. Deputy Sheriff position vacancy
- Set Date for Public Hearing on proposed local law 2-21 entitled A Local Law Banning the Possession of Firearms and Dangerous Weapons in Buildings Owned, Leased or Operated By the County Of Yates

Ron report on the General and divisional statistics report for June 2021. Highlights follow:

- Accidents/Crashes – car/deer: 36 Alarms: 14 Animal Related: 96
 - Domestic Violence: 34 Vehicle/Traffic related: 81 Traffic stop/warning: 190
 - Sex Offenders in Co.: 98 Pistol permits processed: 25 Highest pop. any day: 44
- Total Law Enforcement/EMS/Fire Department calls for services thru E911: 2,159

Ron reported the Wellness Project (Cardiac) for staff and First Responders was held on 7/29/2021 and went well.

Ron reviewed the Jail Population report: Yates County: 34, US Marshall: 8, for a total of 42. Of those there are 36 males and 6 females.

Ron reviewed the Revenue & Overtime Report June 2021 which showed \$135,045.74 has been received so far this year and \$325,000.00 was budgeted.

Ron reported on issues he has been dealing with in the jail. There are Mental Health issues, and a lot of issues with getting services for mental health at the jail. George Roets did contact someone from Seneca County to help with some issues. Ron explained there was an inmate on constant watch for 10 days 24/7, 3 extra post everyday which increases the cost of overtime. He has since been taken off the watch.

Ron explained that there is a pregnant inmate and he may have to setup a nursery this fall. There are complications and right now the individual is at Strong Hospital with two officers guarding her as she is an escape risk.

Ron reported manpower is concerning with corrections currently. As of the last test that was given in June, 9 people took the test, there were only 5 of the applications that were approved and 3 passed the test and Ron was able to hire one and is currently doing background checks on 2 and he currently needs 4. If things go through that are currently being discussed he will need 6. Ron explained that he may have to hire provisional people that haven't taken the test.

Ron reported a Child Passenger Safety Seat event was held on July 31st and went well.

Ron reported there were two slow moving vehicle related crashes in July, one with a fatality and the other with serious injury. Ron explained the latest one is still under investigation. Discussions are ongoing with the DA if it is applicable to go to the Grand Jury for discussions on criminal negligence or recklessness. Ron also reported he is also discussing with the DA a boat incident on Seneca Lake. Investigators are still finalizing the report.

Ron reported a meeting was held on slow moving vehicles issues. Ron is working with a group of Mennonites on the use of a strobe light mounted on the top backside of a buggy. They come with white or amber lights. Ron is looking into this and basing it on the same rules and regulations that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles has established for a white strobe light mounted on the top of a school bus which is mounted for hazardous purposes.

Ron reported 911 has been reaccredited and Peter Kehoe from the New York State Sheriff's Association will be at Monday's Legislative meeting for a presentation.

Ron reported he will be changing maintenance providers for radio communications, radio system, microwave, and base radios from Mid-State to Motorola Field Service Group.

Ron reported he attended the Barrington Town Board meeting with Bonnie Percy and did a presentation. Doug will be updating a little later on the Communications Project.

Ron reported the next Victims Impact Panel is scheduled for September 29th, Marianne Angelillo of Skaneateles, NY will be the speaker.

Doug reported Robert Tyson, Bond, Schoeneck and King Attorneys and Eric Kenna, C&S Engineers, joined the meeting by Zoom to explain the environmental assessment requirements and processes that need to be followed for the communication project. A resolution will be on the agenda for Monday's meeting.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Nonie Flynn

Nonie reported on a meeting with the Mennonite Community. Brian Zerges set up a meeting on July 27th with members of the Mennonite community, DOT representatives, Ron, Craig, Doug Rapalee, Chelsey and myself to discuss possible solutions to the unfortunate vehicle/buggy crashes that have occurred in Yates County. We will be meeting again with follow up recommendations.

CHAIRMAN: DOUG PADDOCK

Doug updated the Committee on the Communications Project. An amendment to the purchase and sale contract has been executed for the Italy tower site that better defines access and eliminates some contingencies. The consultant (C & S Engineers) held a kick-off meeting with the committee on Monday, July 26 to review the project and schedule.

As part of the meeting, the consultants and some committee members visited proposed and potential tower sites. All were deemed acceptable for towers from a “buildability” standpoint. The consultants will next analyze microwave and land mobile radio (LMR) coverage.

The Barrington property agreement is in process with Scott and the property owners’ attorney.

Also, a potential Angus Road tower site has been identified and the property owner is willing to work with the county.

Bonnie moved to enter into executive session to discuss the proposed acquisition of real property with committee members, legislators and the county administrator present. Seconded by Earle.
VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.