

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
September 5, 2023

Committee members: Rick Willson, Patrick Killen (left at 2:19 p.m.), Bonnie Percy, Tim Cutler (1:04 p.m.), Doug Paddock

Others present: Dick Harper, Dan Banach, Ed Bronson, Carlie Chilson, Leslie Church, Mark Morris, Terry Button (1:50 p.m.), Jessica Mullins, Nonie Flynn (Zoom 1:13 p.m.), Emilee Miller, Todd Casella, Alyssa Palmer, Brian Winslow, Sheriff Ron Spike, Howard Davis, Dave Dowdle

Rick & Doug will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislative Zoom Attendees: 0 Other Zoom Attendees: 0

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Todd Casella

Todd reviewed his Monthly Statistics.

Todd reported that the 2023-2024 Aid to Prosecution Grant Increased to \$60,000 from \$30,200. The People v. Kelly Anderson appeal oral arguments will be held on 9/13. All Fat Daddy's cases have been resolved with a forfeiture of \$227,894.80.

PROBATION: Alyssa Palmer

Alyssa reviewed the Monthly Statistics for August 2023:

YATES CO. PROBATION	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23
Probationers	178	178	181	169	166	160	166	161	163	165	163	158	158
Investigations monthly	16	9	10	14	16	19	6	12	14	6	12	10	9
investigations year to date	91	100	110	124	140	19	25	37	51	57	69	79	88
Violation of Probation	2	1	2	3	2	2	3	1	1	3	6	3	0
VOP year to date	24	25	27	30	32	2	5	6	7	10	16	19	19
Pre-Trial Release	12	11	10	9	12	19	15	11	11	10	10	8	6
Leandra's Law													
Conditional Discharge	35/12	28/9	28/8	26/8	25/7	23/8	23/6	22/7	25/6	27/8	24/6	26/6	27/6
Probation	29/3	28/2	29/2	26/2	27/2	27/2	26/1	26/1	25/1	26/1	25/1	23/1	23/1
payment plan cases	3/1	1/0	2/0	1/0	2/0	3/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	4/2	4/2	6/2	6/2
waiver cases	5/1	5/1	6/1	5/1	5/1	6/1	5/0	5/1	3/1	4/1	3/1	2/1	2/1

Alyssa reported that 2 officers will start Basic Course for Peace Officer (BCPO) training on 9/11 at the Monroe County Training Facility.

Alyssa reported that they are asking to create an account clerk typist position in their office and the reasoning behind the request. The Committee recommended discussion at the budget meeting, to see comparisons, and to see about the position possibly being a part time position.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Brian Winslow & Dave Dowdle

OEM & Fire

Brian reviewed the meetings and trainings attended, highlighting: 2 County Meetings, 1 County Fire Meeting (County Firemen's & County Chiefs), Lake District Yates County, Apparatus EVOC-Benton FD, and SCBA-Interior Firefighter 1.

Brian provided an update on general operations:

- Highway/Office of Emergency Services/Public Health Building project meetings
- NYSEG call for gasline
- Meeting with Operations manager PYAVAC & 911
- Flood planning meeting
- Hazard Mitigation kick off meeting
- Meeting with Budget Officer on 2024 budget
- Set up a Lithium Battery training for 1st responders for October
- Meeting with OFPC about HAZ/MAT training

Brian reviewed the following responses attended:

- Assisted Penn Yan Police Department with missing children Liberty St. (found safely)

EMS

Brian provided an update on general operations:

- Fall EMS courses approved by NYS BEMS
- Working with Public Health on Harm Reduction Leave Behind Program
- Working with Public Health on multiple plan updates

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

- Authorize Chair to Sign Intermunicipal Agreement with Schuyler County to Share the Code Enforcement Officer for 2023

Dave reviewed the Monthly Call Report, Dropped Call Report, and the Delayed Response Report for July:

Delayed Response Report													
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Barrington	0	3	0	3	1	1	4						12
Benton	3	0	0	0	0	0	0						3
Italy	0	0	0	0	1	0	0						1
Jerusalem	0	1	0	0	0	0	0						1
Middlesex	1	1	1	1	2	2	1						9
Milo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Potter	0	1	0	0	1	0	0						2
Starkey	3	2	3	3	0	1	1						13
Torrey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Dresden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Dundee	8	5	12	4	15	15	6						65
Penn Yan	3	0	0	0	0	0	0						3
Rushville	2	0	0	2	2	2	0						8
Subtotal	20	13	16	13	22	21	12						117
2022 Totals	33	34	30	29	51	57	42						276

Dropped Call Report

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Barrington	1	0	0	0	0	0	2						3
Benton	2	0	0	0	0	0	0						2
Italy	6	0	0	1	2	1	3						13
Jerusalem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Middlesex	2	1	0	0	0	0	1						4
Milo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Potter	0	1	1	2	1	1	0						6
Starkey	0	2	0	1	2	2	4						11
Torrey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Dresden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Dundee	3	1	2	5	3	3	16						33
Penn Yan	1	0	0	0	1	1	0						3
Rushville	1	3	0	0	1	1	1						7
Subtotal	16	8	3	9	10	9	27						82
2022 Totals	9	12	16	11	28	27	29						132

Monthly Call Totals

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Dundee Ambulance	28	24	36	34	43	35	49						249
Middlesex Ambulance	36	28	19	18	28	36	39						204
Penn Yan Ambulance	142	131	121	136	147	148	189						1014
Medic 55/ALS After Hours	67	62	59	75	51	16	9						339
Yates County EMS						36	79						115
Subtotal	273	345	235	263	269	271	365						1921
2022 Totals	331	296	304	326	355	371	406						2389

SHERIFF: Ron Spike

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

- Recognition of 2023 NYS Sheriffs' Week
- Authorize Chairman and Coordinator to sign 2024 STOP-DWI plan for GTSC

Ron reported that there would be an additional resolution, but it was not yet ready.

- Authorize Sheriff to create and fill Temporary Correction Officer position

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

Car/Deer Accidents: 30	Injury Accidents: 11	Fatal Accidents: 1
Animal Related: 74	Domestic Violence: 25	Larceny: 14
Mentally Ill Person: 17	Sex Offenders in County: 100	Foil Requests: 81
Jail Visitors for Inmates: 227	Telephone Call Total: 10,710	

Ron reported that there are currently 23 Yates County inmates, 9 US Marshals, and 2 from Seneca County, totaling 34. They had some that went to State Prison in the last couple of weeks, and some others that went back to other counties that took them back based upon their population. Yates County's jail population decreased and the dorm is closed presently.

Ron reviewed the appropriations report, the total for boarding was \$37,595.00, the total for transportation was \$829.97, and the total revenue as of July 2023 was \$253,843.64. Their target for the year was \$250,000 and they have exceeded this goal by \$3,843.64 as of July 2023.

Ron reported that they have an individual that's been committed to State docs on a commitment out of Yates County to serve time in State prison. After he got sentenced, they have had some mental issues. Based upon their examinations, they had to put them on constant watch. They notified the state that they had one ready for them on the ready list. The State says they won't take them if he is on constant watch. They were going back and forth. Last week they were told to take him off constant watch and take him out of the system. The problem with that is that the system is set up, that if a county jail keeps somebody more than 10 days, once they notify the state that they're ready then the State has to start paying the County for every day that they hold that individual. They would not take him off constant watch and so they got the State sheriff's attorney involved. They wanted to do their own examination and asked them to take him off constant watch again, which they won't do. He's still on constant watch, and he's still on the ready list. Today's the tenth day, so they will see they will see what happens.

Ron reported that they have to have a jail physician at the jail. That physician can be an employee, or that physician can be on a contractual basis. They have done it both ways over the years. The jail physician and a nurse practitioner are part-time employees of the County jail. The Doctor has asked to change that status either to a statutory employee or back to contractual in some regard based upon her accountant and tax advisor. They are looking into this.

Ron reported that they assisted Penn Yan Police Department with CID crime scene processing for homicide. They are negotiating software renewal maintenance agreements with EM Systems for RMS, LEMS, CAD, JMS, ACL mobile data and CAD Texting. The Deputy Sheriff civil Service test is scheduled for 9/9, 13 are taking the test, very low amount, and they anticipate at least two openings in January 2024.

Ron reported that they did lose another canine dog, Kinni who was an older dog, but was very faithful, was still a good worker. Brandon Jensen was the handler there, and he'd had him at a school up here at the middle school that morning to do a demonstration, and then that afternoon he laid down and wouldn't get back up. They took him to the vet, and they called to do emergency surgery, and once they opened him up he had a cardiac arrest on the table. They appreciate Kinni's faithful service.

Ron reported that they have 1 new ESD hired to start training and another in process for hire.

Ron reported that the person in the Senior Communications Mechanic position as it's titled, is going to retire at the end of the year. With some leave time and stuff, he may go sooner. That's one of those jobs that has evolved over the years to something that it wasn't. He rewrote the job description as to more fittingly fit the actual duties. He's looking at changing the title of that job to a Communications Support Specialist. This particular job was destined to be a competitive position, which never happened. State Civil Service will say that particular job at that position should take a Civil Service test. He has sent over the job description to Kerry Brennan and she's put some information together to send it into the State to see if they can get this to be a non-competitive position. Ron reported that they completed the MNI alarms training this week.

Ron reported that one of the newest coroners seeks to see if the County would pay \$825 for the Coroner to take an online medical legal death investigation course that he feels would be very beneficial to his position. They normally only fund \$350 in that training budget for Coroners.

The Committee discussed the request and the support was divided. The Committee decided that the Sheriff can proceed if he can find other budgetary monies to support training.

Ron reviewed the Bicentennial events that took place on 8/12 in Penn Yan and on 8/26 in Rushville. He reported that he would be attending the Municipal Police Training Council in Albany (MPTC) on 9/13 and that he would be stopping at the NYSAC Conference.

COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT: Doug Paddock

Doug reported that the training on Microwave Networks' system occurred during the week of 8/28 and the training on Motorola's system occurred 8/1-8/3.

Doug reported that there was no change to the towers:

- Legacy Angus – Internet and power connections terminated. Highway contacted to determine if the department has the capability to remove the tower and cabinet.
- Legacy Dundee –Radio antenna removal rescheduled until sometime in September due to migratory (protected) birds.

Doug reported that they are continuing to monitor intermittent low audio levels from dispatch to identify and remediate causes. The Sheriff has ordered radios and antenna to make the Court Security and Buildings and Grounds radios work on the new system. The new antenna are to be mounted on the Public Safety Building monopole, additional time sync equipment will be installed at Sherman, and the transmit power levels are being adjusted to improve fire department paging.

Doug reported that the inverters and cabling for the four new/upgraded sites (Bluff Point, Dundee, Italy Hill and Ovid) have been installed. The land mobile radio (LMR) equipment has been transitioned to the permanent DC power plants at the Sherman site and C & S is preparing requirements for small UPS devices to be procured and installed at Shay, Sherman and South Hill for a few critical AC units.

Doug reviewed the following activities planned for September:

- Remove legacy tower at Angus
- Remove antennas at legacy Dundee site
- Install new Court Security and B&G base radios tied to 911 PSAP with antenna on PSB monopole
- Install time sync equipment
- Microwave (MNI) equipment transferred to the permanent Eltec 48 VDC power plants at Sherman and temporary 48 VDC power supplies to be removed
- Procure and install small UPS devices at three existing (Shay Road, Sherman and South Hill) sites
- Investigate transmit power level increases at new Dundee, Italy Hill and Ovid sites to further improve Fire/EMS paging.
- Address shortfalls discovered
- Complete closeout of contracts

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Nonie Flynn

- Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.