

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
September 7, 2021

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

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

Tim and Bonnie will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment

Kathleen Robinson stated that there have been fireworks going off all hours of the night and wondered what time the noise ordinance took effect. She lives in the Town of Milo.

Pat stated that it depends on the town. Each township has its own ordinance.

Leslie explained that the Town of Milo does not have a noise ordinance.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Todd Casella

Todd reviewed his monthly statistics which showed 457 open cases year to date and 386 closed year to date.

Todd reviewed upcoming trials.

PROBATION: Sharon Dawes

Sharon reviewed the following monthly statistics:

YATES CO. PROBATION	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21
Probationers	200	208	209	207	202	198	191	189	196	196	201	196	198
Investigations monthly	23	13	9	15	11	8	10	18	39	25	10	7	25
investigations year to date	116	129	138	153	164	8	18	36	75	100	110	117	142
Violation of Probation	0	4	2	4	2	8	1	4	2	4	0	1	3
VOP year to date	16	20	22	26	28	8	9	13	15	19	19	20	23
Pre-Trial Release	6	6	8	8	9	8	7	7	9	7	11	8	14
Leandra's Law													
Conditional Discharge	28/11	26/10	27/10	26/10	26/10	25/9	24/7	28/10	28/12	29/12	27/11	29/11	32/11
Probation	19/4	21/3	20/3	17/2	18/2	18/2	19/2	20/2	21/2	24/3	27/3	31/3	34/4
waiver cases	4/2	4/2	4/2	3/1	2/1	1/1	0/0	2/0	4/0	4/1	4/1	5/1	5/1
payment plan cases	1/0	1/0	2/0	2/1	2/1	2/1	3/1	3/2	3/2	2/2	1/1	2/1	2/1

Sharon reported there has been no new developments with the Specialized Secured Detention LDC. The County Attorney put together a resolution for the County to withdraw from the

collaborative. Sharon explained that the LDC is still waiting on direction for the project, but it appears that things will be delayed as a result of changes going on in Albany.

Doug questioned if maybe we are being premature in withdrawing from the collaborative and would it matter if we waited a month or two to see what the changes might be.

Sharon stated that waiting would not be a problem. She will continue to report on the issue but will hold the resolution until a later date.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Brian Winslow

Brian reported he attended meetings with NYSEG, the Sheriff and Highway in reference to some traffic emergencies. Brian explained that there have been some issues with fire departments having to be out longer than necessary and he has been working with NYSEG on this. Brian will be monitoring this for everyone so that volunteers are not taken advantage of.

Brian reported he met with NYSEG regarding a broken gas line due to storm damage on Rt.54. The line was down in a creek bed underneath a large tree that came down.

Brian reported with the storm on August 18, crews and volunteers were out for a long time. There was a lot of activity between the Town of Italy, Town of Jerusalem, Town of Milo, Town of Barrington.

Brian reported he met with FEMA over the last couple of weeks regarding a storm declaration. So far Brian has estimates of damage totaling approximately \$500,000. Brian continues to work with FEMA.

Brian updated the Committee on Emergency Medical Service activity. Brian explained the fall classes will be starting on 9/18.

Brian reported Ryan assisted with storm damage between Schuyler and Yates County. Schuyler did not have storm damage.

Brian reported LifeNet of New York is doing a ground school class on 9/23 in Himrod at 7 p.m.

Brian reviewed emergency incidents that he attended.

Brian reported the Penn Yan Fire Department will be sponsoring a 9/11 ceremony on 9/11 at 2:30 in front of the fire department. Elm Street will be closed from Main Street to Liberty Street.

SHERIFF: Ron Spike

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

- Authorize Chairman and Coordinator to sign 2022 STOP-DWI plan for GTSC
- Authorize 2021-22 Tower Site Emergency Generator Agreement
- Ron reviewed a vacancy review form for a Senior Typist (LE Records Clerk) and if approved a Res. Authorize Sheriff to create and fill position (Senior Typist) allowing for training time
- Ron reviewed a vacancy review form for a Sergeant Correction/Court Security and if approved a Res. To address the domino effect - Authorize Sheriff to fill vacancy, as well as the backfill for the promoted CO/CSO, as well as the opening created for the promotion of a CO and then the backfill of that opening.
- Authorize Sheriff to create and fill Temporary Correction Officer position

- Authorize Sheriff to fill (2) Correction Officer position authorized and funded in budget
- Recognition of Sheriff's Week

Ron reviewed the general and divisional statistics report for July 2021. Highlights follow:
 Accidents/Crashes – Prop. Dam: 17 Mentally Ill Person: 13 Sex Offenders in county: 97
 Male prisoners admitted: 18 Jail visitors for inmates: 156 Visitors to
 Courthouse: 1,076
 FD EMS/First Responder related: 84
 Total Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Department, calls for service thru 911 were 2,371.

Ron reviewed the Jail Population report: Yates County: 32, Federals: 8 for a total of 40 of those there are 34 males and 6 females.

Ron reviewed the Revenue/Board Cost & Overtime report which showed as of July \$154,703.32 has been received in revenue and \$325,000 was budgeted.

Ron reviewed a memo on several options to enhancing security for the County Office Building.

Doug stated there is a public hearing on the proposed local law next Monday. The law and the staffing are independent of each other. As far as staffing goes, it could be as it is now, status quo or you could go as far as having two persons with a magnetometer, x-ray machine, and bullet proof glass and so on. Passing a law that does not allow dangerous weapons within county buildings does not mandate spending money. Doug stated that within that law is the ability to exempt certain people by filling out a simple form. This would allow someone with a reason to do so, to carry a concealed weapon within the buildings. At the present time anyone can walk in with any type of weapon shot gun, rifle, machete, cross bow, handgun, bowing knife and so on, and there are no steps that the Sheriff can take to keep that person from being in the building, or in fact it could fill this gallery with people that have shot guns, rifles, etc. The Sheriff agreed with Doug that as long as not threatening or using in a prohibited manner i.e. menacing or reckless endangerment there is no local law that prohibits possession in the COB.

Doug stated the only reason someone would want to bring a weapon into the buildings is to either do harm to someone or to intimidate someone. Doug couldn't think of any other reason why someone would want to carry a dangerous weapon into the buildings.

Tim asked the legislators, both present and absent, to review the memo the Sheriff sent out. Depending on how the vote goes on the local law, there will be a discussion on how to implement one or more of the options that the Sheriff recommends. If we don't pass the local law the Sheriff's hands are tied.

Ron explained the legislature could pass a local law but that doesn't mean they have to screen at the magnetometer. You could post it so that anyone coming in would see it. The optimal way would be screening, do you have to? No you don't, that's why the Sheriff gave other options if no screening, such as assigning one peace officer to the building.

Doug stated that the key points that he wanted to get across is, there is nothing now that can prevent anyone from carrying a dangerous weapon into the buildings. Except employees, if you check your employee handbook, employees are not allowed to bring weapons into the building. Anyone from the public could bring in a dangerous weapon. Passing a law does not necessarily cost any more than what we are spending right now. It does not require constant enforcement. Look at speeding, they do not post a police officer on every road every day. They respond where people complain or where there are known speed issues. Sometimes they catch people and

sometimes they don't. Intermittent enforcement is a much lower cost and quite affective as opposed to consist enforcement.

Ron reported a TAKE BACK Drug event will be held at the rear of courthouse on October 23 with the DEA.

Ron reported he gave the welcome/opening remarks speech at Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy at the CMAC venue on August 30.

Ron reported the certified divers attended extensive training at Dutch Springs PA, paid for by a grant.

Ron reported Deputy Hansen was issued a commendation for successfully using AED for a cardiac arrest incident scene that he arrived at before EMS.

Ron reported Deputies deescalated a tense situation with a knife yielding man.

Ron reported there is one Emergency Services Dispatcher in training and Ron is doing a background check for the other vacancy.

Ron reported the alternative PSAP shelter building is completed inside and out by the manufacturer. All that is left is I.T. to install equipment, some radios and have the AC unit repaired that is under warranty and Planning is working on the septic system.

Ron reported he continues to have challenges with getting part time help for Animal Control.

Ron reported he has applied for crackdown funding of \$15K for overtime costs.

Doug updated the Committee on the Communications Project. The project consultant (C & S Engineers) has held three meetings with the committee to report on project status. They have visited existing tower sites with the Senior Communications Mechanic in order to assess condition of towers, ancillary equipment and structures to determine what can be used and what may need to be replaced.

Doug reported the Barrington property agreement has been executed.

Leslie moved to enter executive session to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property with committee members, legislators and the County Administrator present. Seconded by Dick.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.