

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2020

PRESENT: Chairman Pete Walrod
Vice Chairman Loren Corbin
Supervisor T.J. Stokes

ALSO: County Administrator Mark Scimone
District Attorney William Gabor
County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
County Attorney Intern Joseph Mallek
Emergency Management Director Dan Degear
EMS Coordinator John Barattini
Director of 911 Frank McFall
Probation Director Joanne Miller
Sheriff Todd Hood
Undersheriff RJ Lenhart
Director of Administrative Services Stephen Laureti
Public Information Officer Samantha Field

ABSENT: Supervisor Joe Ostrander
Supervisor Fred Lawrence

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Walrod at 9:07 a.m. in the Supervisors Large Conference Room.

Minutes:

The minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Chairman Pete Walrod and second of Vice Chairman Loren Corbin.

Probation:

Probation Director Joanne Miller reported good news with bail reform saying there have been no pre-trial supervision cases so far.

Miller stated that Raise the Age through 2019 was less impactful but with the inclusion of 17 year olds they are seeing an increase in cases. So far in 2020, they have four while there were only five in all of 2019.

There is a total of 365 people currently under supervision. The normal average is around 300.

Miller reported that there is one Probation Officer vacancy they are looking to fill. A Senior Probation Officer will be attending Defensive Tactic Training, and a Probation Officer will be honored at the STOP DWI luncheon in March.

District Attorney :

District Attorney William Gabor presented the following resolution to the Committee:

Authorizing the Modification of the 2019 Adopted County Budget - Autopsy Expense

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Corbin and second of Stokes.

District Attorney William Gabor stated that the Bail and Discovery Criminal Justice Reforms were playing themselves out and didn't change the workload in the office.

As far as staffing, Gabor said they had not filled the Assistant District Attorney position yet and the new Administrative Assistant had started.

Gabor informed the Committee that they had started the Traffic Diversion Program and that a person could proceed with or without an Attorney. In a month and a half, they have collected \$27,000. Gabor noted that they might need a Traffic Diversion staff member.

Centralized Arraignment will be held in the basement of the Veteran's Building.

Gabor advised the Committee that for the Crimes Against Revenue Program (CARP) grant, which is for welfare fraud, they forgot to include an investigator so there would be a resolution going to the Government Operations Committee.

Sheriff's Office:

Sheriff Todd Hood presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing Modification of the 2019 Adopted Budget - Overdrawn Accounts

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Corbin and second of Walrod.

Authorizing Modification of the 2020 Adopted Budget - K9 Equipment

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Corbin and second of Walrod.

Authorizing Chairman to Extend an Agreement with Madison-Oneida BOCES

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Corbin and second of Stokes.

Authorizing Chairman to Renew an Agreement with Madison-Oneida BOCES

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Corbin and second of Stokes.

Authorizing Chairman to Accept Project Lifesaver Award and Modify the 2020 Adopted Budget

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Walrod and second of Corbin.

Authorizing Chairman to Enter into Agreement with LexisNexis Coplogic Solutions Inc. - Crash Reports

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Corbin and second of Stokes.

Authorizing Chairman to Enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement for Police Tactical Team Cooperation - Syracuse PD

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Corbin and second of Stokes.

Authorizing Modification of the 2020 Adopted Budget - MDT/DSS

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Corbin and second of Stokes.

Authorizing Chairman to Enter into an Agreement - Network Ninja, Inc. (OCFS)

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Corbin and second of Stokes.

Authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Onondaga County for Helicopter Services

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Corbin and second of Walrod.

Sheriff Hood shared the STOP DWI 4th Quarter Report for October through December 2019 with the Committee.

Sheriff Hood noted automatic contract renewals with Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, Chittenango Central School District, Village of Morrisville, Psychological Resources and American Mobile Dental.

Sheriff Hood encourages everyone to get out and vote regarding the Green Light Legislation. This law allows immigrants living in the country without legal permission to apply for driving privileges.

Emergency Management:

Emergency Management Director Dan Degear presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Modification of the 2020 Adopted County Budget - Office Renovations

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Corbin and second of Stokes.

Supporting the "Emergency First Responders Privacy and Protection Act " (S.7280/A.09107)

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Corbin and second of Walrod.

Authorizing the Chairman to Sign Grant Funding Agreements with the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Walrod and second of Stokes.

Authorizing the Modification of the 2020 Adopted County Budget - Grants

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Walrod and second of Corbin.

Authorizing the Modification of the 2020 Adopted County Budget - Misc. Equipment

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Corbin and

second of Stokes.

Emergency Management Director Dan Degear informed the Committee that Frank McFall was promoted to E911 Director. Degear said that he would like support to fund an E911 Assistant Director position. This position would free up time necessary to work on policies, quality assurance and eventually accreditation in addition to discovery demands. He will also fill two Senior Communicator positions. Degear stated that they are looking to fully staff the 911 Center as soon as possible.

FEMA is scheduling meetings with jurisdictions directly.

Degear stated that they are working on the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazardous Mitigation annual update of municipal annexes and attempting to schedule appointments.

Dan and John will be out of the office the week of February 24th and other days during the next few months to attend the National EM Basic Academy.

Degear informed the Committee that the CAD system in 911 has been neglected for too long and a solution needed to be made this year. Three options include hub and spoke with Onondaga, to purchase our own new CAD (Spillman) or to consider an upgrade of our current CAD. It was said that many counties use Spillman.

Recruitment/Retention banners are ready for printing. Will place in high schools and events. Also looking to offer a day camp at the Training Center for high school students. The T-shirt design is complete and looks good.

Degear mentioned that the radios are nearing ten years old. Looking at what radios we are willing to replace and continue to own. A Policy Review and Oversight Committee is being established. Vice Chairman Loren Corbin said he would like to see a list of who does and doesn't have what.

Use of highway assets for plowing in an emergency was discussed. It was agreed that town highways needed to be contacted first. County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith said if we use County, we need to talk to our insurance first.

EMS Coordinator John Barattini discussed the Coronavirus and said that there were currently zero cases in NY.

Barattini mentioned that EMS was in crisis and that it has to do with money and reimbursement. Vineall Ambulance is a 24/7 operation and covers two counties. They only have eight paramedics left.

Barattini said we would have a County CON by Fall.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Chairman Walrod to enter into executive session at 11:16 a.m. to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Vice Chairman Corbin seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Stokes to exit executive session at 11:47 a.m. Chairman Walrod seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Other Committee Business:

First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Modification of the 2020 Adopted County Budget - Indigent Legal Services Grant

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Corbin and

second of Stokes.

Approving the Madison County Centralized Arraignment Plan

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Stokes and second of Corbin.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for a Three-Year Distribution 2020-2022

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Stokes and second of Corbin.

Preferred Agenda:

The Committee unanimously approved including all resolutions in the Committee's Preferred Agenda with the exception of, Supporting the "Emergency First Responders Privacy and Protection Act" (S.7280/A.09107) and Approving the Madison County Centralized Arraignment Plan, on a motion of Corbin and second of Walrod.

Adjournment:

The Committee adjourned at 11:48 a.m. on the motion of Vice Chairman Corbin and second of Chairman Walrod.

Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tricia Wiley on behalf of Chairman Paul H. Walrod.