

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2020

PRESENT: Chairman Pete Walrod
Vice Chairman Loren Corbin
Supervisor T.J. Stokes
Supervisor Joe Ostrander
Supervisor Fred Lawrence

ALSO: County Administrator Mark Scimone
District Attorney William Gabor
County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
Emergency Management Director Dan Degear
Director of 911 Frank McFall
Sheriff Todd Hood
Public Information Officer Samantha Field

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Walrod at 9:07 a.m.

Minutes:

The minutes of the February 20 and April 23, 2020 meetings were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor T.J. Stokes and second of Vice Chairman Loren Corbin.

District Attorney - William Gabor :

- Courts started in session as far as judges and staff yesterday.
- Gradually opening up. Have scheduled one lawyer and one administrative staff all day, every day along with myself. Will increase that to two a day of each in a couple weeks and then be responsive to how the courts open.
- Still no non-essential appearances; remotely doing conferences, discussing motions, arraignments, misdemeanor pleas. Can't take felony pleas. Grand jury not scheduled; discussing if they should proceed remotely. Talking about using the big courtroom for grand jury.
- Crime is down and vehicle and traffic enforcement down during this time. Vehicle and traffic violations down 70%. Don't have numbers for crime but thinking far less than 50% right now.
- Second ADA Elizabeth Healy verbally resigned; last day will be June 15. Have hired replacement, Jim Roman, who has been practicing lawyer around here for nearly 30 years. Will be coming on board the very next day. Assistant Coroner position; Elizabeth was one of three. Won't replace her individually; will give her time to Bob Mascari.
- As far as local court systems opening; judges and their staff have been allowed to return to courts and offices but can't hold court sessions yet. Mark will send information of press release out to town supervisors regarding that. No start date

yet.

Sheriff's Office - Sheriff Todd Hood :

- Will be down on the road patrol three people by the end of next month; will get someone from the academy started.
- Staff is coming back to work slowly; getting things done from home.
- Jail population is down to 45-50 inmates.
- Unattended deaths are high.

Emergency Management - Dan Degear :

- Continue to be busy.
- 2,947 tested; 327 positives; 2,540 negative; 80 pending; 249 recovered; 9 deaths; 45 positive tests right now are out of the Grand Nursing Home in Chittenango. Doing the best we can to supply with PPE.
- EOC operating in partially activated mode. Mike and Doug operating logistics. Currently have 60-90 day supply of PPE with exception of medical gowns which are hard to get. Also hard to get test supplies right now. Nursing homes are testing their employees twice a week which has made getting kits hard and has pushed back the labs as far as getting results which are getting backed up again.
- Have distributed approximately 120,000 units of sanitizer throughout the County. Well over \$100,000, closer to \$200,000, spent year-to-date through EM COVID account.
- John is working emergency operations planning. Recovery documents are available on County website. Been joint effort with Health Department and Sam. John ran recovery task force until last week which has now been handed off.
- Testing has started with Upstate van. Today is in Wampsville and tomorrow will be in Morrisville. Hoping to get additional dates. Working with provider that we are hoping will do testing for independent senior living facilities as well.
- Two interns in EM have been trained to be contact tracers to help the Health Department.
- Had a homeless person a couple weeks ago in the County test positive for COVID; he was living in his van. Worked with Seven O's who donated a camper for the individual to stay in during the incubation period. Volunteer agencies helped with food and needs.
- Working on reconstitution annex which is within the continuity of operations plan; trying to get that together.
- Slowly transitioning out of emergency operations and back into primary missions. Doug will hold fire chief's meeting in June. Fire training starting to gear back up with social distancing protocols.
- Grant management deadline still exists; up first will be radio purchases.
- 911 staff has done an excellent job during this time; very grateful for them.
- National EMS week; very appreciative of their efforts.

E911 - Frank McFall:

- Things have continued like normal. No dispatchers out sick; no staff has taken any time off. Staff has been doing an excellent job.
- Putting together some reports. Call volume down about 150 calls compared to last year. Missing VNT stops from day to day which might put call volumes down.
- CAD server upgrade is underway. IT Department is creating virtual servers.

Looking at first couple weeks of June. Will take about 10 days to get everything installed; may have brief couple hour outage of CAD where they will be doing things old fashioned way on cards. With server upgrade, there will be a lot more possibilities for services in the CAD.

- Working on continuation of operation plan. Sharing information with other 911 coordinators and directors.

Other Committee Business - Mark:

- Limited re-opening at County Office Building.
- Working on plans for Phase 2 which would be public coming back in the building. Earliest would be June 8.
- Dealing with items with the Grand Nursing Home and Public Health Department.
- Have interview today with WMCR for Sunday; Sam and I will do together.
- Won't do press conference. Eric and I will do a video this week for the public which we will push out.
- Memorial Day ceremony will be on Monday at 11:00 a.m. outside of Veteran's Memorial. Will be streaming live on County FB page and put on YouTube as well.

Adjournment:

The Committee adjourned at 9:28 a.m. on the motion of Vice Chairman Corbin and second of Chairman Walrod.

Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

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