

# Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2020

PRESENT: Chairman Pete Walrod  
Vice Chairman Loren Corbin  
Supervisor Joe Ostrander

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

ABSENT: Supervisor T.J. Stokes

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Loren Corbin at 9:04 a.m. in the Chambers.

## **Minutes:**

The minutes of the September 17, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Joe Ostrander and second of Chairman Pete Walrod.

## **Sheriff's Office:**

Sheriff Todd Hood presented the following resolution to the Committee:

### **Authorizing the Chairman to Accept Grant Funds with the NYS STOP DWI Foundation and Modify the 2020 County Budget**

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

Sheriff Hood informed the Committee that he was down nine positions in Corrections and said that he would take it to the Government Operations Committee.

Assemblyman Salka held a press conference with Sheriff Hood on October 21<sup>st</sup> to introduce a bill to repeal bail reform and do away with cash bail. Hood presented statistics regarding firearm related activity in NYS. Hood informed the Committee that Syracuse was up 136% in crimes since this time last year. Sheriff Hood posted the stats for GIVE on their website. The GIVE initiative targets 20 jurisdictions within 17 counties Upstate and on Long Island.

## **Emergency Management:**

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

### **Authorizing the Modification of the 2020 Adopted County Budget - HMEP Grant**

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

### **Authorizing the Chairman to Renew an Agreement with AK Associates (Kraus Associates) - Motorola Support**

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

Degear informed the Committee that we are still supporting Public Health with test sites for COVID-19 and also with flu shot clinics. Working on a plan for remote rapid test capabilities.

Working with Mark to build the Employee Safety Plan as required by NYS. County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith advised the Committee that NYCOM was doing a seminar on that plan. Wayland-Smith stated that towns and municipalities are required to do the same.

Degear informed the Committee that the new radios have been delivered and that the next step would be programming and accessories. Degear noted that they are on target for distribution. Degear shared with the Committee a copy of the User Agreement for the radios and noted that some of the language had been changed. There was consensus from the Committee to move forward with the User Agreement for all agencies. Chairman Pete Walrod asked if the town highways can purchase another radio and Emergency Management Director Dan Degear said they could but they have to be on the approved list.

Director Degear said that he would like to discuss the CON at a Committee of the Whole in the near future.

**Preferred Agenda:**

The Committee unanimously approved including all resolutions in the Committee's Preferred Agenda on a motion of Ostrander and second of Walrod.

**Adjournment:**

The Committee adjourned at 9:38 a.m. on the motion of Supervisor Ostrander and second of Chairman Walrod.

**Next Meeting Date:**

**TBD**

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