**PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING**

**May 3, 2022**

The regular meeting of Public Safety, Probation, Office of Emergency Services, Coroner, and Stop DWI was held in the Legislative Conference Room at the Ronald E. Dougherty Office Building, 56 Main St., on Tuesday May 3, 2022 at 2:30 PM.

**Present**:

Dennis Mullen Chair, Public Safety

Marte Sauerbrey Chair, Legislator In at 2:40pm

Edward Hollenbeck Legislator

Barb Roberts Legislator

William Standinger Legislator

Brian Cain Director, Probation

Mike Simmons Director, Emergency Services

Undersheriff Rich Hallett Sheriff’s Office

**Guest:**

Peter DeWind County Attorney

Cathy Haskell Legislative Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**:

**Approval of April 5, 2022 minutes:**

Legislator Standinger made the motion, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck to approve the April 5, 2022 Public Safety minutes. Undersheriff Hallett had one update to last month’s minutes: 3 Corrections Officers currently attending the Corrections Academy; 1 at Broome Academy, 2 at Corning Academy. Motion carried to approve the minutes as corrected.

**OFFICE of EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Mike Simmons:**

FINANCIAL

* Budget is on track.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Radio Project Report
* Received notice to apply for Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant, deadline to apply on 5/11/22. Our office has completed the application and sent it to NYSTEC for review.
* County Attorney has a met with local landowner near Skyline Drive, negotiating for a site to build Tower. Motorola will be visiting site to document geography and determine if any obstructions to connectivity.
* Discussions with Motorola on best way to purchase towers, shelters and generators, as well as civil work for site build.
* Met with NYSTEC representatives to discuss their Statement of Work proposal and the services to be provided. They will provide a quote for their services to County Chair and Director Simmons.
* CAD Project:
* On schedule to go live May 10, 2022. Additional equipment needs and services has increased price of system. Owego Police Dept. has been added to system, and a pictometry module has been added. The laptop computers in the Sheriff’s patrol cars also need to be replaced; current systems are Windows 7 platform, and the Spillman System needs to operate on Windows 10. County IT Department is getting estimates for vehicle systems.
* EMS Study:
* Completed report should be received next week. Consultant delivered a draft copy of statistical data to local EMS providers. Two agencies did not agree with the data and both accused the consultant staff of not being accurate with the statistics that were provided.
* Emergency Management:
* We sponsored a three day Mass Fatality Response course at our office. Very well attended. Personnel from Fire, EMS, Coroners, Police and Public Health agencies attended.

NEW BUSINESS:

* The governor recently passed a bill that will allow fire department based ambulances to bill for their services. This may be helpful for any fire departments who provide advanced level emergency services to pay for operating costs but still falls short of providing enough revenue to small agencies to combat their personnel shortages.

PERSONNEL:

* EMS Coordinator position is still not filled. Once the EMS Study is complete we will review it for suggestions regarding the needs of this position.

RESOLUTIONS:

* Authorize Amended Agreement with Motorola Solutions Change Order #3
* Authorization to Apply for SICG2022 Target Grant.

**PROBATION – Brian Cain**

FINANCIAL: Revenue Budget

* $360 of DWI Supervision fee collected in April. $32—collected to date in 2022
* $675 in restitution and surcharge collected in April. $192,706 collected to date in 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Staffing – Ms. Moore withdrew her acceptance of the Accounting Associate III position, therefore the search continues for an acceptable candidate. Two interviews scheduled for later this week. Two staff members continue to complete the Accounting Associate III duties while the position is vacant. This Director would like to continue to explore some sort of additional monetary compensation for the two staff.
* Training: New Probation Officer training requirements – New Training mandates are now 9 weeks (previously 4 weeks). DCJS was able to secure a waiver of the new training requirements until January 1, 2023. Given the number of new probation officers who need to be trained, completing training by January 1, 2023 may not be possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Probation training of law enforcement in collaboration with other County Agencies – on April 27, 2022, Probation in conjunction with Veteran’s Services, Dept. of Social Services, Safe Harbor and the Tioga County Advocacy Support and Prevention Coalition started a series of training with Tioga County law enforcement agencies. The objective of the training is to become familiar with the members of each agency and discuss new developments in each other’s discipline.
* Decision points. On April 20, 2022, met with administration of Newark Valley High School to discuss the Decision Points curriculum. Training will commence in May of 2022 and continue throughout the 2022-23 school year. There is a current audience of 5 in-school suspensions.
* Tioga County was awarded $10,000 grant through the Regional Youth Justice Team. Grant to be used in conjunction with Probation Department to continue our Results Based Leadership approach to Juvenile Justice issues in Tioga County. The money will also be used for joint trainings of TCDSS and Probation staff in the area of criminogenic risk factors present in the youth involved in either system.
* M.O.S.S. program has moved to a new location on North Avenue in Owego. It appears the move to new location has been beneficial for the program.
* No JD Tickets for the month of April, 2022.
* Electronic monitoring ankle bracelet vs. phone monitor – Individuals keep the phones charged and they don’t get thrown out.
* Community Services program is paused until June 1, 2022 to allow for the sentencing of more individuals to the WWP program.

PERSONNEL:

* One unfunded Probation Officer position

RESOLUTIONS:

* Approval of Alternatives to Incarceration Service Plan
* Authorization to increase Probation budget allowing for the cost of Automon to host the Probation Caseload Explorer server.

**SHERIFF’S OFFICE – Undersheriff Rich Hallett:**

FINANCIAL**:** Revenues are at $241,657 which is 48% of the budget. Expenditures are at $3,145,914 which is 36% of the budget. Inmate Boarders are at $148,435 which is 99% of the budget.

OLD BUSINESS**:**

* Live Scan printers are in and ready for set up, waiting on software configurations.
* Spillman Training – Complete, go live date is May 10, 2022.
* Stated that previous month’s minutes were incorrect and would like amended to reflect two Road Patrol Deputes attending Corning Academy and one Road Patrol Deputy attending the Broome County Academy.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Tru-Narc received and training to be scheduled.
* Working on implementation of the MAT Program in the jail, projected to start in September, 2022.

PERSONNEL**:**

* Civil Office – all positions filled.
* Corrections Division – Currently 4 open positions; 3 officers currently in the Corrections Academy, they will be graduating May 6.
* There are 2 open part time Cook positions.
* Road Patrol – 2 Deputies currently on light duty; 3 deputies attending police academy, 1 at the Broome County Academy, 2 at the Corning Academy; There are 2 open Deputy positions.
* E911 Center – currently 1 open full time and 1 open part-time Dispatcher position
* Records – All positions are filled
* Administration – All positions are filled.

RESOLUTIONS: None

**ADJOURNED:**

Legislator Mullen moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 3:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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