



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 7, 2024, Time: 10:00 AM
Committee Room 213, 2nd floor, 74 Ontario Street,
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Committee Members

Lou Guard, Chair
Jack Marren
John Cowley
William Namestnik
Dale Stell
Nancy Yacci

1. Call To Order:

The Public Safety Committee was called to order at 10:00 AM on February 7, 2024.

Chair Lou Guard thanked Supervisor Bill Namestnik for accepting his offer to be the Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee this year.

Members Present: Supervisor(s) Louis Guard, John Cowley, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Mark Venuti, Nancy Yacci, Jack Marren.

Absent: .

Necessarily Absent: Supervisor(s).

A quorum was present.

Others present in addition to committee members:

In Person

Todd Campbell, BOS Chair
Chris DeBolt, County Administrator
Alissa Bub, Deputy County Administrator
Holly Adams, County Attorney
Sheriff David Cirencione
Undersheriff Mik Rago
Lieutenant Keith Green

Chief Steve DeChick, 911 Communications
John Yannotti, EMS Director
Deb Trickey, EMS Coordinator
Jim Rits, District Attorney
Tim Jensen, Assoc. Planner
Barbra Sweet, Fiscal Manager
Jared Palmer, CEO Victor-Farmington Ambulance
Diane Foster, Deputy Clerk to the BOS

Via WebEx

Kathleen Meyers, Sr. Fiscal Manager

Stacy Schmitt, Buyer

Abigail Marion, resident, T. of Manchester

2. Approval Of Minutes:

Supervisor Jack Marren motioned to approve the December 13, 2023 Draft Minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Nancy Yacci. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Louis Guard, John Cowley, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci, Jack Marren. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

3. Planning Department:

Timothy Jensen, presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Contract with Armor Security & Protection Group for Security Guards at 20 Ontario & 3019 County Complex Drive".

Supervisor Jack Marren motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by

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Supervisor John Cowley. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Louis Guard, John Cowley, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci, Jack Marren. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

4. Conflict Defender:

There were no items submitted for the Conflict Defender.

5. Public Defender:

There were no items submitted for the Public Defender.

6. District Attorney:

James Ritts, presented a resolution entitled, "Authorizing Contract with NMS Labs for Forensic Laboratory Services".

Supervisor William Namestnik motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Dale Stell. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Louis Guard, John Cowley, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci, Jack Marren. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

7. Probation:

Chris DeBolt, on behalf of Jeffrey Rougeux, presented a resolution entitled, "Youth In Crisis-Finger Lakes Counseling & Recovery Agency for 2024".

Supervisor John Cowley motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor William Namestnik. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Louis Guard, John Cowley, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci, Jack Marren. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

8. Emergency Management:

Debra Trickey, presented a resolution entitled, "Ontario County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board Appointments".

Supervisor Jack Marren motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor John Cowley. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Louis Guard, John Cowley, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci, Jack Marren. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

John Yannotti, presented a resolution entitled, "Appointment to the Ontario County Fire Advisory Board".

Supervisor William Namestnik motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Nancy Yacci. The motion passed.

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Yes: Supervisor(s): Louis Guard, John Cowley, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci, Jack Marren. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Deb Trickey gave an update on the last meeting of the EMS Advisory Board. She explained the Advisory Board helps provide information and to convey some of that information back to the Committee. She said they discussed the current Medicaid rate and how low it is for reimbursement for EMS Agencies. She hopes to provide a resolution asking for support and seeking that rate to be elevated. They also discussed the Solar Eclipse, and they decided to meet with the Fire Advisory Board at the end of the month to discuss planning for the eclipse. The solar eclipse is on Monday, April 8th.

John Yannotti gave an update on the Fire Advisory Board. He said they discussed the new members and safety trends and looked for areas with commonality or improve on. They discussed the eclipse. He said it was his first meeting.

Deb Trickey said there is room for an ex-officio member from Public Safety for the both the EMS and Fire Advisory Board.

Chris DeBolt said there is one more advisory Board which is the 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Advisory Board. He said the idea is for John Yannotti, Deb Trickey, the Undersheriff with the Emergency Communications Task Force, act as liasons to the Board of Supervisors to be kept up to speed on what's going on in the field. The ex-officio member would give a direct connection between the advisor board and the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Guard said if anyone has interest in the ex-officio roles to let him know.

9. Office Of Sheriff:

Sheriff David Cirencione, presented the following resolutions entitled:

- Budget Transfer for Funding for E-911 Equipment Upgrade and Maintenance
- Budget Transfer Request from Sheriff's Office Federal Forfeiture Reserve

Supervisor William Namestnik motioned to approve these resolutions, as presented as a block. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Dale Stell. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Louis Guard, John Cowley, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci, Jack Marren. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Sheriff David Cirencione, presented the following resolutions entitled:

- Resolution for Acceptance of Bid B24014 for the Purchase of Replacement Snowmobiles for the Sheriff's Office
- Resolution for Acceptance of Bid B24019 for the Purchase of Replacement of Jet Skis for the Sheriff's Office

Supervisor John Cowley motioned to approve these resolutions, as presented, as a block. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Nancy Yacci. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Louis Guard, John Cowley, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci, Jack Marren. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Chris DeBolt explained that the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic preservation runs a snowmobile trails program in NYS. Every snowmobile that is registered to an owner in Ontario County, those monies go to the Office of Recreation and Historic Preservation. There are local snowmobile trail clubs in Ontario County which own and operate a public trail system. He explained what the County's role is with NYS and the snowmobile clubs. He said the vast majority of the snowmobiling network is on private lands.

Undersheriff Rago noted the trail season operates around the hunting season and doesn't open until after the hunting season is closed.

Sheriff Cirencione said the use of jet skis are used extensively.

Undersheriff Michael Rago, presented a resolution entitled, "Resolution to appoint Geneva City Fire Chief Del Parrotta to the Ontario County Emergency Communications Advisory Board."

Supervisor Jack Marren motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Nancy Yacci. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Louis Guard, John Cowley, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci, Jack Marren. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Undersheriff Michael Rago, presented a resolution entitled, "Resolution to Accept a Donation of a 2008 Brig 15-foot Rigid Inflatable Vessel from Stephen Smeulders and Doctor Posy Seifert".

Supervisor Dale Stell motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor John Cowley. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): Louis Guard, John Cowley, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci, Jack Marren. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Supervisor Marren asked that gratitude be expressed to the two individuals for putting in key events. Undersheriff Rago said they would like to have a decal put on the vessel stating it was being donated by those individuals.

Supervisor Marren explained as informational, on behalf of Bill Wright and Public Works, that the vehicle wash bid was to include the Sheriff's vehicles. He said this was supported in the Public Works Committee.

Sheriff Cirencione gave the following jail update:

Jail Population:

- 103 total
- 85 males
- 18 females
- 7 females housing in from Yates County
- 4 inmates boarded out.

Sheriff Cirencione reported, from Jan 6-Feb 6, they conducted 157 transports in a month; 116 were for court, 3 were runs to prisons, and 38 were hospital or medical transports.

Sheriff Cirencione said one of their busiest patrol posts is Eastview Mall. They have three full-time sheriff's deputies that are on contract with Wilmore. He said 10 MM people go through that mall over the course of a year. He said the license plate reader is one of their technologies that has been helpful.

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Sheriff Cirencione reported another piece of technology that they are looking to add is called Prepared Live. They are looking to go live March 4th. He explained when people call in on a cell phone, which is 90% of their calls into 9-1-1. If they (the callers) are willing, dispatch can send them a link which they can open to allow the dispatchers to live stream their 9-1-1 emergency is. This app is free for the 9-1-1 Center. He said the next thing they are going to go live with is the TAP App. It is an active threat app designed for the schools and the mall where the 9-1-1 center will monitor the app.

Sheriff Cirencione highlighted some of the programs that are in the jail, noting the religious programs are back up, the educational programs, and one of the biggest is the therapy graduation program. He said it is a 7 week program where incarcerated individuals work on anger management, substance abuse, and take a deep dive, looking into where their lives have brought them into the criminal justice system. He also said they have reached out to Dr. Nye at FLCC in hopes to work with their older inmates to provide a GED program.

Sheriff Cirencione said Lieutenant Keith Green came to their day shift as their administrative lieutenant on January 1st. His primary responsibility is overseeing their threat assessment program, which comes from the Governor's Executive Order 18, where she has directed the counties to establish threat assessment teams at the county level and work with the locals, the schools, and the local law enforcement.

Lieutenant Green said with Executive Order 18, Governor Hochul provided grant funding for the counties to help establish the threat assessment team. Lieutenant Green gave the following update on what they have been doing with the grant money they have received:

- Late August through December, they held five 2-day training sessions for all identified entities who wanted to have threat assessment teams. They had 142 attendees for those five sessions. The next step was the team building.
- They had the county advisory team training on January 31st with 19 attendees.
- They had law enforcement for the Law Enforcement teams on February 5th with 22 members represented by FLCC security, Ontario County, Geneva, Canandaigua, and Probation.
- The school team training was February 6th with 17 attendees, with 6 Sheriff Resource Officers (SROs) attending.
- Any other entity that did not fall into the Law Enforcement of Schools, such as Tops, Wegmans, Hobart and William Smith, and some of the County teams, that training will be on February 14th, expecting around 50 attendees.

Up to quarter four 2023, they have spent \$11,400 for planning and \$57,170 for training. Total spent was \$68,570, which leaves the remainder of \$103,842 left on the grant.

Besides the team training for the remainder of quarter 1, they want to get the community team established and start meeting. Then, the end of quarter 2 or beginning of quarter 3, a community roll out, which is if they see something, hear something, say something.

Lieutenant Green said this is a tiered system, explaining how that system would work.

Additional discussion took place.

Undersheriff Rago gave an update on the Emergency Communications Advisory Board. The advisory board was created in the fall of 2023 through a resolution of the Board of Supervisors. It was developed along with its bylaws through the 9-1-1 task force and is an avenue for the Office of Sheriff and the 9-1-1 Center to communicate data and concerns back down through Law Enforcement and Fire and EMS.

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communities and likewise its a 2-way avenue where concerns can be brought forth to the advisory committee. It's made up of 11 members; state and local law enforcement officials, and fire and EMS executives from Ontario County. He said the bylaws have caveat for an ex-officio member from the Public Safety Committee.

10. County Administrator:

Chris DeBolt gave a handout of the updated report of the County's use of the American Rescue Plan Recovery Act (ARPA) Funding. He said Ontario County was allocated \$21.6MM. He said this is the annual 2023 synopsis required. It is on the County website under the County Administrator's page.

Mr. DeBolt said the solar eclipse is rapidly approaching on April 8th around 3 pm. The stance the County has taken is for Emergency Response. They are not coordinating or promoting events. He asked if anyone heard of any events coming up, could you let the County Administration know.

11. Unfinished Business:

Chairman Campbell noted that any outside committees the Board members may be assigned to, when you are ready to report, let him know and he will get it on the agenda.

Supervisor Marren asked the Committee for support to consider a monetary reward to Deb Trickey for her extraordinary efforts in two events that took place in 2023. The Committee members gave their support to go forward with presenting it to the Ways and Means Committee.

12. Next Meeting Date And Time:

The next meeting will be February 28, 2024 at 74 Ontario Street at 10:00 am.

13. Adjournment:

On motion of Supervisor William Namestnik, seconded by Supervisor Dale Stell, the Public Safety Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:12 AM.