



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 15, 2025, Time: 10:00 AM
Committee Room 213, 2nd floor, 74 Ontario Street,
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Committee Members

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

1. Call To Order:

The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM on January 15, 2025 by Chair John Cowley

Members Present: Supervisor(s) John Cowley, Todd Campbell, Jack Marren, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci. Absent: . Necessarily Absent: Supervisor(s) Louis Guard. A quorum was present.

Others present in addition to committee members:

Chris DeBolt, County Administrator
Holly Adams, County Attorney
Nellie Puma, Deputy Director, Finance
Kathleen Meyers, Manager, Financial Operations
Kathy Dunn, Fiscal Manager
Jeff Rougeux, Director, Probation
Jimmy Delgado, Probation Supervisor
Clayton Adamescu, Probation Supervisor

Sheriff David Cirencione
Stacy Lambert, Chief Corrections Officer
Steve DeChick, Chief Communications Officer
Deb Trickey, EMS Coordinator
Leanne Lap, Public Defender
Carrie Bleakley, Conflict Defender
Jim Ritts, District Attorney
Diane Foster, Deputy Clerk to the Board

2. Approval Of Minutes:

Supervisor Nancy Yacci motioned to approve the December 11, 2024 Public Safety Committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jack Marren. The motion passed.

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

3. Finance:

Kathleen Meyers, on behalf of Mary Gates, introduced Kathy Dunn as the current Public Safety Fiscal Manager. She said Mary Gates provided a one page informational document describing the manager positions, the departments and the key projects they facilitate.

4. Conflict Defender:

Carrie Bleakly gave a brief overview of the responsibilities and functions of the Conflict Defender's Office. The Conflict Defender's Office provides legal representation for mandated court cases, criminal cases when people can't afford to pay for council, and administers the assigned council panel.

Carrie Bleakley, presented a resolution entitled, "Acceptance of Contract with Tecana, LLC for Case Management System and Online Voucher Payment Software 2025".

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

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

Chair Cowley took a moment to announce Supervisor Nancy Yacci as the Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee.

5. Public Defender:

Leanne Lapp, presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Contract with Commonly Well PBC for support of Drug Treatment Court participants.".

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

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

Leanne Lapp gave an overview of the responsibilities and functions of the Public Defenders' Office. The Public Defender's Office represents individuals in criminal cases and has a small family court program. The office has attorney programs, defense investigators, and social workers to support clients in criminal and family court.

6. District Attorney:

Jim Ritts gave a brief overview and its functions of the District Attorney's Office.

7. Probation:

Jeffrey Rougeux, presented the following four resolutions entitled:

- Contract with Youth Advocate Program, Inc. for Raise The Age 2025
- Contract with the Youth Advocate Program, Inc. for Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) for Mentoring Youth Probation Department 2024-2025
- Contract with Make It Matter Ministries for Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) Life Coaching Probation Department 2024-2025
- Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles' Program (STSJP) Authorization Agreement with Family Counseling Services of the Finger Lakes for Problematic Sexual Behaviors Services - Probation Department 2024-2025

Supervisor Todd Campbell motioned to approve these four resolutions, as presented as a block. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jack Marren. The motion passed.

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

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Jeff Rougeux provided an attached written summary of the divisions, responsibilities and functions of the Probation department. He gave a brief verbal overview of the divisions of the department. He said there are quite a few retirements coming up, which will involve a lot of turnover this year.

8. Emergency Management:

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

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

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

9. Office Of Sheriff:

Sheriff Cirencione gave a brief overview of the Sheriff's Office and its functions. The Sheriff's office provides law enforcement, investigations, corrections, and runs the county's 911 system, and the Civil division. Each one of their divisions are accredited by NYS. Two big project coming in this year, one being the Jail Security and the other is the construction for new floors in the jail.

Chief DeChick said the 911 is an accredited PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point). there are only 13 of the 62 counties who are He gave an overview of the capabilities they now have in the division. He is an advocate for additional funding for emergency services and 911 services from cell phone surcharges.

Stacy Lambert also gave a brief overview of the functions of the jail. They address mental health needs in the jail facility, including maintaining order and providing therapeutic programs. They also are accredited as well. Shortage of staffing is a priority, but efforts are being made to fill vacancies.

Chief Lambert gave the following jail update:

- 96 current population, 75 males, 21 females.
- They are coming to the tail end of the HALT renovations of pod 5.
- Chief Lambert offered an invite for the next Public Safety Committee meeting to take place at the Jail and to take a tour of pod five to view the renovations.
- The graduation for the Jail Therapy program will be on February 6th, and Chief Lambert extended the invite to attend.

Sheriff Cirencione provided a handout of accomplishments from 2024 that they are proud of.

10. County Administrator:

Chris DeBolt briefly announced that they will be renewing discussions about the EMS Report, but will do so when John Yannotti returns. A link to the report was provided for review.

11. Unfinished Business:

Supervisor Campbell gave a brief review of what the Campbell Commission was, it's history, what its function was and what it currently has evolved to. Campbell Commission is an important aspect of modifying the system to have a different impact on individuals.

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Supervisor Marren noted in the Governor's executive budget, key points to government modernization of the civil service system. This may allow for the following:

- Consider raising the salary for school resource officers that were retired officer of civil servant from \$35,000 to \$50,000.
- Advocate for the removal of the 25-year-old maximum age restriction for law enforcement recruitment.
- Explore the possibility of allowing non-New York residents to apply for correctional officer positions.
- Support legislation to define EMS as an essential service and ensure adequate access to these services for all residents.

12. Next Meeting Date And Time:

13. Adjournment:

On a motion of Supervisor Nancy Yacci, seconded by Supervisor Jack Marren, the Public Safety Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, Diane R. Foster, Deputy Clerk to the Board