



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 26, 2025, Time: 10:00 AM
Committee Room 213, 2nd floor, 74 Ontario Street,
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Committee Members

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

1. Call To Order:

The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM on February 26, 2025 by Chair John Cowley.

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

Supervisor Todd Campbell was present via WebEx; he does not count towards a quorum, but was declared present and voting. A quorum was present.

Others present in addition to committee members:

Holly Adams, County Attorney
Leanne Lapp, Public Defender
Carrie Bleakley, Conflict Defender
Michele Smith, Director, HR
Joe Nacca, Assistant County Attorney
Tom Harvey, Director, Planning
Thomas Lyon, Senior Planner
Kathleen Meyers, Mngr Financial Operations
Holly Smith, Grants Coordinator, via WebEx
Cathy Dunn, Fiscal Manager

Sheriff David Cirencione
Undersheriff Mike Rago
Chief Deputy Stacy Lambert
Steve DeChick, Chief Communications Officer
John Yannotti, Dir. EMO, via WebEx
Jeff Rougeux, Director, Probation
Clay Adamescu, Sr. Probation Supervisor
Sharon Decker, Grants Coordinator, via WebEx
Al Kalfass, Finger Lakes Ambulance
Diane Foster, Deputy Clerk to the Board

2. Approval Of Minutes:

Supervisor Nancy Yacci motioned to approve the minutes, of the February 5, 2025 Public Safety Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Louis Guard. The motion passed.

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

3. Planning Department

Thomas Lyon gave an update on the Jail Security and Control System at the Jail. They are working with their consultant and their current provider, Black Creek, to determine the services needed. They are working through details to be sure everything meets specifications and quality control. They are close to finalizing a proposal with CHA for a turnkey solution with one point of contact.

Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, "Capitol Project No. H092-22 Emergency Communications Network Core Upgrade Authorization to Accept 2024 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant from NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and Budget Transfer".

Supervisor Louis Guard 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, Louis Guard, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

4. Conflict Defender:

Carrie Bleakley presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Melissa Williamson for Social Work for the Conflict Defender's Office 2025".

Supervisor Nancy Yacci 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, Louis Guard, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Carrie Bleakley presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Bryan Harrison, PhD for the Conflict Defender's Office and Assigned Counsel Program 2025".

Supervisor Louis Guard motioned to approve the resolution as discussed. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Nancy Yacci. The motion passed.

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

Carrie Bleakley noted that she will be coming forward more frequently for approval for contracts and funds to get through multiple recent cases presenting themselves regarding serious charges.

Carrie Bleakley presented a budget transfer from Contingency for Panel Attorney Software (Tecana).

Supervisor Dale Stell motioned to approve the budget transfer as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Nancy Yacci. The motion passed.

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

5. Public Defender:

Leanne Lapp presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Extend Distribution 12 Grant (C120032) from Office Of Indigent Legal 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): John Cowley, Todd Campbell, Louis Guard, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Leanne Lapp presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Accept Year 2 of the Adult Treatment Court Grant from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance".

Supervisor Dale Stell 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, Louis Guard, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Leanne Lapp, presented the following resolutions entitled:

- Acceptance of Contract with Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes
- Acceptance of Contract with John F. Finn Institute

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

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

7. Probation:

Jeffrey Rougeux presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Contract with Craig W. Johnson, M.S., C.A.S.A.C. for the Felony Diversion Program in the Probation Department - 2025".

Supervisor Nancy Yacci 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, Louis Guard, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Clay Adamescu presented a resolution entitled, "Apex Polygraph Services for Probation of Sex Offenders 2025".

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, Louis Guard, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

6. District Attorney:

There were no items present for the District Attorney.

8. Emergency Management:

There were no items presented for Emergency Management.

9. Office Of Sheriff:

Sheriff David Cirencione presented a resolution entitled, "Transfer of Funds for Communications Equipment 2025 Budget Office of Sheriff".

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

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

Joseph Nacca presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization To Pay For Damaged Vehicle Replacement Costs".

Supervisor Nancy Yacci 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, Louis Guard, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Undersheriff Mike Rago presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Appoint Nathan Martin to the Ontario County Emergency Communications Advisory Board".

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, Louis Guard, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Sheriff Cirencione announced that Chief Corrections Officer Stacey Lambert was promoted to Chief Deputy Sheriff, a position that was vacated in August 2024. He said in the interim, Lieutenant Aaron Morrell is the temporary administrator of the jail and jail operations until they fill the position.

Chief Deputy Lambert gave the following updates for the jail:

- Jail Population: 103; 85 males, 18 females, 3 boarded in from other counties, 0 state ready

Sheriff Cirencione briefly discussed the state prison strike and how it is affecting his staff.

Sheriff Cirencione gave an update on a specific case that related to the distribution of cocaine in the area. This arrest resulted in approximately 1.5 kg of cocaine, 9,100 tabs of LSD, 6 pounds of marijuana, 6.5 pounds of mushrooms, 1.6 kg of ketamine, 27 ounces of MDMA and 92 ecstasy pills being diverted from the streets.

Undersheriff Mike Rago gave a brief update on the Ontario County Emergency Communications Advisory Board. He explained that 2024 was their first operational year. They met three times and worked on understanding their scope and what the charter of the advisory board is. They discussed the evolving needs of the 911 center, CAD upgrades, stem upgrades, towers, radio coverage, the chief as an ex-officio member, training equipment, funding sources, and the need for Fire and EMS to maintain the pace with law enforcement. They debriefed and reviewed communication aspects of large or complex emergency responses. They recommended follow-up actions for emergency management to their team and the application of standards across the board by different fire and EMS and law enforcement agencies. They discussed mass casualty incidents (MCI), disasters, communication contingencies with an emphasis on deploying a cash of radios, and the use of command vehicles for complex incidents. They will meet again this year in the tentative months of March, June, September, and December. Jason Wagner is the Chairperson, Shortsville Fire and EMS, Undersheriff Mike Rago as vice chair and Chief Matt Sproul from Canandaigua EMS as Secretary.

10. County Administrator:

Chair Cowley said the resolution entitled "Resolution of Appointment of Probation Director (Group B)" is pulled from the agenda.

11. Executive Session:

There was no request for an Executive Session.

12. Unfinished Business:

Supervisor Namestnik asked at what point would the topic of the study of emergency services be coming back to discuss the follow-up for the study that was done for emergency services.

John Yannotti said he may come back at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

13. Next Meeting Date And Time:

March 19, 2025, at 10:00 am, in Committee Room 213, at 74 Ontario Street

14. Adjournment:

On a motion of Supervisor Nancy Yacci, seconded by Supervisor Dale Stell, the Public Safety Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

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