



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 23, 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
Jack Marren
William Namestnik
Dale Stell
Vacant seat

1. Call To Order:

The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM on July 23, 2025, by Chair John Cowley.

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

Others present in addition to committee members:

Jared Simpson, Chairman of the Board	John Yannotie, Director, EM
Chris DeBolt, County Administrator	Scott DeCook, Fire Coordinator
Alissa Bub, Deputy County Administrator	David Hubble, Canandaigua Ambulance
Holly Adams, County Attorney	Zac Gibeau, Finger Lakes Ambulance
Leanne Lapp, Public Defender	Deb Trickey, EM Coordinator, via WebEx
Mary Gates, Director, Finance	Kathy Dunn, Fiscal Manager, via WebEx
Kathleen Meyers, Mngr. of Financial Operations	Lowell Rose, Anchor & Investigative Reporter, 13WHAM News
Undersheriff Mike Rago	Cameraman, 13WHAM News
Angela Ruffier, Dir., Probation	Diane Foster, Deputy Clerk of the Board

2. Approval Of Minutes:

Supervisor Todd Campbell motioned to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2025, Public Safety Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Nancy Yacci. The motion passed.

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

3. Public Defender:

Leanne Lapp, along with Kathleen Meyers, presented the Public Defender's 2026 proposed budget for approval. There was an error in the payroll/fringe budgets. Therefore, an amended version was provided and displayed on the screen. It was explained that there were some grant-funded positions which were included in the operating budget in the original version. Those have been removed. The budget adjustments reduced the county's costs from \$3.4 million to \$2.9 million.

It was noted that several positions in the public defender's office are grant-funded, benefiting the county financially. Chris DeBolt said that there will be upcoming changes to caseload standards which may impact the number of cases public defenders can manage.

Supervisor Todd Campbell motioned to approve the 2026 proposed Public Defender adjusted budget presented on the screen. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Nancy Yacci. The motion passed.

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

4. Emergency Management:

Scott DeCook presented a resolution entitled, "Reappointment of Steve Murnan, James VanOpdorp, Gary Weidenborner, and James Bashford to the Ontario County Fire Advisory Board".

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

5. Office Of Sheriff:

Undersheriff Mike Rago presented the following resolutions for approval:

~ Authorization for the Ontario County Sheriff to Contract with Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES for School Resource Officer Services for the 2025-2026 School Year.

~ Authorization for the Ontario County Sheriff to Contract with Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District for School Resource Officer Services for the 2025-2026 School Year.

~ Authorization for the Ontario County Sheriff to Contract with Victor Central School District for School Resource Officer Services for the 2025-2026 School Year

~ Authorization for the Ontario County Sheriff to Contract with Naples Central School District for School Resource Officer Services for the 2025-2026 School Year

~ Authorization for the Ontario County Sheriff to Contract with Marcus Whitman Central School District for the School Resource Officer Services for the 2025-2026 School Year

~ Authorization for the Ontario County Sheriff to Contract with Manchester-Shortsville Central School District for School Resource Officer Services for the 2025-2026 School Year

~ Authorization for the Ontario County Sheriff to Contract with Honeoye Central School District for School Resource Officer Services for the 2025-2026 School Year

~ Authorization for the Ontario County Sheriff to Contract with Bloomfield Central School District for School Resource Officer Services for the 2025-2026 School Year

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

Undersheriff Mike Rago presented a resolution entitled, "Acceptance of BID B25069 for the REBID of Simunition for Office of Sheriff".

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, William Namestnik, Dale Stell, Nancy Yacci. No:

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Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Undersheriff Mike Rago gave the following updates:

~ Jail population: 100; 73 males with 49 unsentenced and 20 sentenced, 27 females with 18 unsentenced and 8 sentenced. There has been an improvement in acceptance of state-ready to the DOCS.

~ They had an extreme strain on the cooling towers at the jail. Public Works were able to bring in a temporary chiller until the permanent replacement could be addressed. He gave a big thanks to the efforts of the Public Works staff for accomplishing that.

~ Sheriff Cirencione is currently attending the Sheriff's camp in Yates County. The NYS Sheriff's Association/Institute owns a camp on Keuka Lake in Yates County. Over the summer, over 800–900 kids from across NYS are selected, usually through their SRO, and sent to this camp, which provides valuable experiences for children and fosters positive community relations. The camp has an initiative to bolster first responder wellness. They want to break ground this year.

~ The Ontario County fair is this week from July 22-26 and features law enforcement training activities to engage the public and promote safety.

6. Unfinished Business:

Supervisor Nancy Yacci motioned to enter executive session at 10:22 am regarding POL§105 (1) (d) - Discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation. Supervisor Todd Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Supervisor Todd Campbell motioned to exit executive session at 10:46 am. Supervisor Dale Stell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. Next Meeting Date And Time:

Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 10:00 am, in Committee Room 213, at 74 Ontario Street, Canandaigua, NY

8. Adjournment:

On a motion of Supervisor Nancy Yacci, seconded by Supervisor Todd Campbell, the Public Safety Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am.

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