



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Time: 11:00 AM

Location:

74 Ontario Street, Canandaigua, NY and via WebEx

February 10, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Bob Green, Supervisors Daryl Marshall, and Todd Campbell, were present.	<i>Via WebEx:</i> Supervisors Mark Venuti, Lou Guard, Greg Bendzlowicz, and Cathy Menikotz
OTHERS PRESENT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Chris DeBolt, County Administrator o Jack Marren, Chair to the Board of Supervisors o Holly Adams, County Attorney o Mary Gates, Finance Director o Mary Beer, Public Health Director o Sheriff Kevin Henderson o Jim Ritts, District Attorney o Leanne Lapp, Public Defender o Jeff Rougeux, Director or Probation o Tom Harvey, Director of Planning o Peter Brown, Grants Coordinator o Kathleen Meyers, Fiscal Manager o Deb Gierman, Purchasing Director o Supervisor Ted Bateman o Supervisor Peter Ingalsbe o Kristin Mueller, Clerk to the Board o Diane Foster, Deputy Clerk to the Board 		
CALL TO ORDER	The meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 11:00 am by Chairman Robert Green	
PUBLIC HEALTH	<p>Public Health Director, Mary Beer gave a COVID19 update noting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,392 positive cases since the beginning of the pandemic • 99 deaths • Have a cluster at Hobart and William Smith College and stopped all non-academic activities. They believe it is from social activities • Three vaccine clinics this week. • They are trying to get more guidance from the state where the Governor is switching the dosage volume from the hospitals to other entities next week. • They will be requiring an attestation to administer vaccine to eligible people. 	
MINUTES	Supervisor Todd Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting from January 20, 2021. Supervisor Daryl Marshall seconded the motion. The motion carried.	
PLANNING	There were no items submitted from the Planning Department	
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	<p><i>a. Resolution:</i> <i>Authorization to Accept FY2021 Crimes Against Revenue Program Grant from</i></p> <p>Jim Ritts presented a resolution to accept the FY2021 Crimes Against Revenue Program Grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services as well as a resolution to transfer money for the forfeiture fund payment.</p>	

<i>New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services</i>	Supervisor Daryl Marshall motioned to approve the two resolutions as block, seconded by Supervisor Mark Venuti. The motion carried.
<i>b. Approval: Budget transfer for the forfeiture fund payment</i>	
CONFLICT DEFENDER	
	No items were submitted from the Conflict Defender.
PUBLIC DEFENDER	
	No items were submitted from the Public Defender.
PROBATION	
<i>a. Resolution: Probation Department – Alternatives to Incarceration – 2020/2021 Service Plan and Application for Funding</i>	Jeff Rougeux presented two resolutions related to Alternatives to Incarceration. The first is to file an application for a funding grant for the current year and the second resolution is for the ATI Advisory Board appointments. Supervisor Daryl Marshall motioned to approve the two resolutions as a block, seconded by Supervisor Cathy Menikotz. The motion carried.
<i>b. Resolution: Authorization for 2021 ATI Advisory Board Appointments</i>	Supervisor Campbell, as chair to the ATI Board, requested that as the appointment resolutions are given, the appointee must attend the four meetings; if they are unable to attend a meeting, a designee from their respective office attend in their place.
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
	No items were submitted from Emergency Management.
OFFICE OF SHERIFF	
<i>Update Jail Population</i>	Sheriff Henderson reviewed the jail population: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current – 92 • Females – 14 • Weekend High – 84 • Sentenced – 21 • Parole violations with additional charges - 8 <p>Two inmates are in the hospital with a 24-hour watch causing overtime to increase. There is 774 hours of overtime. They currently have 4 correction officer vacancies, a director of nursing, nine correction deputies out on disability and they have 4 part time positions to fill. On the road patrol, they have 5 deputies that started the Law Enforcement Academy; 4 males and 1 female. He has one deputy that is out on a military deployment for 2 months and 6 on workmen's comp or disability. Sheriff Henderson gave a report on his staff who have tested positive for COVID.</p>
CAMPBELL COMMISSION	
<i>Review: DRAFT Plan of the Ontario County Sheriff Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative</i>	Supervisor Campbell noted they did not have Campbell Commission last week. They decided to spend the extra time working on the draft plan of the Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative. They created 5 different subgroups to help review the policies, with four meetings taking place

earlier in the week. They participated in a call with NYSAC, Sheriffs, County Administrators, etc.; something he learned he believes is important for everyone to understand is, and he finds it odd, the state troopers are not subject to this Governor's order and all of the Sheriff's and City Police Departments' Plans are being reviewed by the Department of Budget, they are not being reviewed by a police agency. The question was asked when the State Troopers might be included in the plan with no answers. The way we operate with closest car concept, and our close relationship with the State Troopers, it was verbalized more than once the difficulty for many of the Sheriff Departments to work on their plan with closest car concepts without collaboration with State Troopers. This has caused a sense of frustration from the Sheriffs in general about the trooper's not being asked to participate in a plan. The purposes of Public Safety this week and in three weeks and for the Board of Supervisors, when the plan eventually gets to them, keep in mind, this is Department of Budget review and they were very specific. Plans need to be submitted otherwise there's a risk of Department of Budget withholding funds from the County.

Sheriff Henderson noted everything needs to be done by April 1st. They need to inject more data into what was seen at the end of the draft. (The draft plan was submitted to the Public Safety Committee for review.) Summaries were from inmate populations and they need to include summaries from what they have heard from the communities with 215 surveys. They are working with FLACRA who has helped them break down the survey into graphs and charts. Sheriff Henderson explained how they formatted the draft plan. He continued to explain why there were vague topics and working with the subgroups to work with the shareholders closely. He said their biggest focus is to get the plan finalized and get out to the community to get public review and then to the Board and then to the Department of Budget.

Supervisor Campbell added there has been a lot of positive support for the Sheriff's Office. Many comments have been made such as "you're already doing that" or "we've already seen the positive interactions amongst the Sheriff's Office and the residents or the inmates in the jail". The subgroup is to verbalize, to write into the plan, for the community to understand the operations.

District Attorney Jim Ritts confirmed many of the things that are already being done, they are being documented in a way the public will understand. County Administrator Chris DeBolt agreed, noting perception can be like seeing through two different lenses; public perception and law enforcement. Mr. Ritts noted the collaboration with the City Police Departments plans. Sheriff Henderson noted that part of his tactical team includes Geneva and Canandaigua.

Additional dialogue took place.

Supervisor Lou Guard said he has had the opportunity to serve on the Geneva Police Collaborative and wanted to echo a lot of the sentiments that he has heard today. He offered compliment to the folks that the DA and the Sheriff has been serving on this collaborative as well as the Conflict Defender and the Public Defender, making the experience somewhat seamless.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	
<i>Updates</i>	<p>Chris DeBolt gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of COVID positive employees in the workplace has declined. • Brian Young has been instrumental in coordinating the vaccine clinics.
PRIVELEGE OF THE FLOOR	
	<p>Chair Bob Green said he is on the State Public Safety Committee for NYSAC; he addressed an issue that has come up pertinent to the Sheriff's Office and Communications Sector is the ongoing battle on money coming back to the Counties from the 911 surcharges. The other issue is recognizing Communications Officers as First Responders.</p> <p>Supervisor Cathy Menikotz thanked the Sheriff for responding to an incident in her Town and reminded all to be on their guard with virtual meetings.</p>
<i>Next meeting date and time is Wednesday, March 3, 2021 11:00 am</i>	
ADJOURNMENT	<p>On motion of Supervisor Todd Campbell, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 am. Supervisor Daryl Marshall seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p>
<p>Respectfully Submitted Diane R. Foster, Deputy Clerk to the Board</p>	