



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Time: 10:00 AM

74 Ontario Street, Canandaigua, NY and via WebEx

March 1, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

- o Chairman Robert Green
- o Supervisor Lou Guard via WebEx 10:00-10:18 am
- o Supervisor Daryl Marshall
- o Supervisor John Pruett
- o Supervisor Mark Venuti

Supervisor Bill Namestnik was declared necessarily absent. Supervisor Guard was declared to have extenuating circumstances to attend virtually. He is not considered in a quorum, but his vote does count.

A quorum was present.

OTHERS PRESENT

- o Holly Adams, County Attorney 10:51 am
- o Todd Campbell, Chair to the Board
- o Sheriff David Cirencione
- o Chief Deputy John Falbo
- o Nate Thomas, Asst County Attorney
- o Peter Chambers, Assist. Conflict Defender
- o Michele Smith, Director, Human Resources
- o Jeff Harloff, Dir. EMS
- o Al Kalfass, Ex. Dir. FL Ambulance
- o Jerry Harman, Fire Advisory Board
- o Steve Murnan, Fire Advisory Board
- o Daniel Chapman, Chief, Fishers Fire Dist.
- o Abigail Marion, Resident, T of Manchester
- o Diane Foster, Deputy Clerk to the Board

OTHERS PRESENT via WebEx

- o Paul Bishop, CGR
- o Peter Ingalsbe, Supervisor, T of Farmington
- o Jeff Rougeux, Director, Probation
- o Kathleen Meyers, Fiscal Manager
- o Holly Smith, Grants Coordinator
- o Sharon Decker, Grants Coordinator
- o Deb Trickey, EMS Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 10:00 am by Chairman Green.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:02 am, Supervisor Daryl Marshall motioned to move into executive session regarding Section 105(c) information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 10:14 am, Supervisor Daryl Marshall motioned to move out of executive session. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OFFICE OF SHERIFF

Resolution: Authorization for the Ontario County Sheriff to Contract with Eastview Mall, LLC, to Provide Three Full-time Deputies on Site at Eastview Mall (Walk-in)

Sheriff Cirencione thanked the Chairman for his flexibility in changing the order of the agenda.

Sheriff Cirencione presented a resolution to contract with Eastview Mall to provide 3 full-time deputies on site at Eastview Mall with an increase to \$160,000 annually from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. It is a little over a 5% increase from the previous year.

Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve the resolution. Supervisor Pruett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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| <p>Resolution: Authorization to Accept Funding from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (CFDA~97.067)</p> <p>Resolution: Transfer of Funds – 2023 County Budget Ontario County Sheriff’s Office for certain public safety equipment and expenses from Forfeiture Reserve</p> <p>Resolution: Renew Authorization for the Ontario County Sheriff to Utilize Various Hospitals, Physicians, and Dental Care for the house Incarcerated Individuals of Ontario County Jail (Walk in)</p> <p>Resolution: Amendment to Resolution No. 836-2022 Regarding a Contract with Qualis Group, LLC for Mental Health Services – Ontario County Jail 2023-2024</p> <p>Informational: Jail Update</p> | <p>Sheriff Cirencione presented a resolution to accept funding from NYD Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. This is reimbursement for overtime in support of two deputies that work once a year with the state homeland security where they do some checks on soft targets and see if the people pick up suspicious activity.</p> <p>Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve the resolution. Supervisor Daryl Marshal seconded the motion. The motion carried</p> <p>Sheriff Cirencione presented a resolution to transfer \$20,000 of seizure funds from narcotics investigations to cover the cost of their new blood hound and narcotic surveillance equipment.</p> <p>Supervisor Daryl Marshall motioned to approve the resolution. Supervisor Pruet seconded the motion. The motion carried</p> <p>Chief Deputy Falbo presented a resolution to renew the authorization for the Sheriff to pay bills for the incarcerated individuals that have to be brought to specialists, physicians, hospitals, or dental care that they are not currently contracted for.</p> <p>Chief Deputy Falbo presented a resolution to amend the Resolution No. 836-2022 that stated a contract with Qualis Group for a two-year period. He said the RFP was only for one year, noting that Qualis Group was not willing to do contract for two years for the same price; therefore, the resolution needed to be amended to reflect the one-year RFP.</p> <p>Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve the two resolutions as a block. Supervisor Daryl Marshall seconded the motion. The motion carried</p> <p>Sheriff Cirencione reviewed the jail population:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 currently • 2 sentenced • 69 males, 21 females • 5 housed in other facilities |
| <p>MINUTES</p> | <p>Supervisor Venuti made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting from February 8, 2023. Supervisor Pruet seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p> |
| <p>EMS and FIRE Report Acceptance</p> | <p>The EMS and Fire Report completed by CGR was presented to the Committee through a link in the agenda for review. Mr. Paul Bishop with CGR was available through via WebEx to answer questions.</p> <p>Supervisor Venuti motioned to accept the EMS and Fire Report. Chairman Green seconded the motion. The motion carried with Supervisors’ Green, Venuti, Daryl Marshall, and Pruet voting yes. Supervisor Namestnik was necessarily absent, and Supervisor Guard left the meeting before the vote. A quorum was still present.</p> <p>Supervisor Venuti asked who would follow up on the actions recommended both short term and long term? Chairman Green said that would be something that would go through this Committee. Chairman Green asked Mr. Bishop if he had any recommendations. Mr. Bishop said they have had initial discussions with the County Administrator</p> |

about some of the ideas they thought most adaptable early on. He said some clearly falls to the county, county government in some shape or another, whether its at the Fire/EMS coordinators offices or the County Administrator. There are also decisions that end up going back to the Supervisors and the fire departments particularly looking at the longer-term considerations.

Chairman Green believed it was safe to say everything in the recommendations is a suggestion looking to the future. He said it speaks well of county government and the Board of Supervisors that they have undertaken this study. They recognized an issue, it has been a collaborative effort and there are good suggestions. Nobody is going to lose their fire trucks or ambulances or fire houses. There are some good suggestions in the report and he thinks they need to do a deep dive into those suggestion and they will continue forward. He said it is a living document, subject to amend. He asked Mr. Bishop if that was a fair statement/assessment to make.

Mr. Bishop replied, yes, the situation on the ground changes, and did during the report. As an example, he said when they began the project, Naples ambulance was separate from Canandaigua ambulance and now they are well along in a merger process.

Supervisor Venuti suggested that as they go through this, and it's got good ideas, to put it on the agenda at least twice a year on what is going on, what needs to be done, or are we doing something other than suggestions so it doesn't go on the shelf and go nowhere.

Supervisor Pruettt asked if it would be appropriate for them to go to the fire and EMS people and ask them to look at this report and give us their comments. He said he knew people from fire and EMS were in some of the initial survey. Maybe a subcommittee could be created from our group to work with them to really try to put some of these issues forward. He said even the longer-range recommendations should be addressed now. He said we should not be waiting for that; these issues have become an emergency. He wanted to know if there was someway to expedite the good material that's been generated by CGR. He said he would recommend starting a small subcommittee, much like the Campbell Commission and put it back in the hands of people that are faced with this legislation.

Chairman Green replied he thinks we do need a group, but they've had this group that's put the report together and we need to move on it today, as he expressed earlier, it is a living document, that we can formulate and put together. He did not want to delay the acceptance of the report.

Steve Murnan with the OC Fire Advisory Board asked if the report needed to go the full Board of Supervisors for acceptance. Chairman Green replied yes.

Al Kalfass, Exec. Dir. of Finger Lakes Ambulance asked if they received a letter from EMS. He believed it would answer Supervisor Pruettt's questions.

Chairman Green said if he had comments, to bring them before the supervisors when they have privilege of the floor.

Chairman Campbell clarified, the report is not a resolution, so it does not have to go before the full board as far as acceptance. If anyone wanted to go through their supervisor for privilege of the floor to talk about it, they could bring it up that way.

County Attorney Holly Adams said we contracted for the report, it's completed.

Mr. Kalfass responded to Chairman Green, saying he sent the letter to Chris

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| | DeBolt for privilege and had not received feedback. |
| CONFLICT DEFENDER | |
| <p><i>Agenda Item 6b</i> Resolution: Authorization to Extend Hurrell-Harring Quality Improvement Grant (C05YEARQ2) from Office of Indigent Legal Services</p> <p><i>Agenda Item 5a</i> Resolution: Authorization to Accept Second Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement Grant C2NDUFD32 from the Office of Indigent Legal Services – Office of Conflict Defender</p> | <p>Peter Chambers presented a resolution for authorization to extend the Hurrell Haring Quality Improvement Grant for three months. One of the lines of the previous quality improvement grant is to improve overhauling their case management system, moving to a cloud-based system. This resolution was under the Public Defender’s agenda item 6b.</p> <p>Mr. Chambers presented a resolution to accept the Second Upstate Family Defense Quality Improvement Grant. He said this is a 100% grant funder with no county match required. It is to hire a full-time attorney position that will focus on family defense matters. It also provides for a hiring of a part time office specialist to assist and a non-attorney professional line for a social worker for family court. This provision will likely save the county money.</p> <p>Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve the two resolutions as a block. Supervisor Pruett seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p> |
| PUBLIC DEFENDER | |
| <p><i>Agenda item 6a</i> Resolution: Authorization to Extend Upstate Quality 2 Grant (C2ND632) from Office of Indigent Legal Services</p> <p><i>Agenda Item 6b</i> Resolution: Authorization to Extend Hurrell-Harring Quality Improvement Grant (C05YEARQ2) from Office of Indigent Legal Services</p> <p><i>Agenda Item 5b</i> Resolution: Authorization to Accept Hurrell-Harring Quality Improvement (1 Year) C01YEARQ2 Grant from the Office of Indigent Legal Services – Offices of Public Defender, Conflict Defender and Assigned Counsel</p> | <p>Leanne Lapp noted their needed to be a revision in the resolution to strike the reference of the Second Regional Immigration Assistance Center for the Upstate Quality 2 Grant extension resolution as well as the Hurrell-Harring Quality Improvement Grant extension. She said both resolutions need extensions to fully expend the funding contained therein.</p> <p>Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve the two resolutions, as amended, as a block. Supervisor Pruett seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p> <p>The resolution to extend the Hurrell Haring Grant was presented by Mr. Chambers as well and voted on.</p> <p>The resolution to accept the Hurrell-Harring Quality Improvement Grant (1 year) C01YEARQ2 from OILS for the Offices of Public Defender, Conflict Defender, and Assigned Counsel was not presented, motioned, nor voted upon. There was confusion on which resolutions were presented during the blocking of the resolutions.</p> |
| DISTRICT ATTORNEY | |
| | No items were submitted from the DA. |
| PROBATION | |
| | No items were submitted from Probation. |
| EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT | |
| | No items were submitted for EMO. |
| COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR | |
| Resolution: | On behalf of Chris DeBolt, Chairman Todd Green presented a resolution to |

Public Safety Committee oversees the activities, programs, or other matters related to the following departments, agencies, or activities:
District Attorney, Sheriff, Correctional Facility Probation and Community Corrections, Emergency Management Office, Public Defender, Conflict Defender, Assigned Council, NYS Office of Court Administration

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| <p><i>Reappointment of Jeffrey Harloff as Director of Ontario County Emergency Management Office</i></p> | <p>reappoint Jeff Harloff as the Director of the Ontario County Emergency Management Office. He explained that Mr. Harloff did not file his oath of office on time.</p> <p>Supervisor Daryl Marshall motioned to approve the resolution of reappointment. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried</p> <p>Chairman Campbell gave a brief update on the Housing study and the RFP for the Community Liaison position.</p> |
| <p>PRIVILEGE of the FLOOR</p> | |
| <p><i>Discussion: Resolution: Town of Richmond Opposing Gun Regulations</i></p> | <p>Daryl Marshall said it he had an individual reach out to him from a gun rights group last fall (October 2022). He said there was minor discussion but it never advanced. He said the County did not want to move forward with a resolution. The request was to provide the County with a copy of the resolution supported. He had been provided with a couple of resolutions from other counties that had adopted opposition to this gun legislation that was enacted last summer. He said the legislation is presented as a concealed carry legislation, but he said there is a lot more to this legislation than just conceal carry regulations. First, he said it was passed as an emergency act, therefore not properly vetted through the legislation.</p> <p>He believes it wasn't thought out on the practicality of it and the individual's it could affect. He said this legislation limits you to your own property and the ability to legally carry the carrier weapon. He said it essentially need a license to acquire ammunition, which is done through the state. It limits your ability to exercise your 2nd amendment. Additional concerns were discussed with the legislation and all the regulations therein. He said each time the state passes legislation, it is more blatant attempt to take guns away from people. He said guns are not necessarily the problem. It is the individual with psychological issues, not the guns. The Constitution provides them with the "right to bear arms", the second amend right.</p> <p>He said when he took a dive into this legislation, it is wrong in so many ways. He feels at some point, we need to speak out and let the powers to be known that we don't agree with what they are trying to do.</p> <p>Mr. Marshall is asking that this County join with other counties to provide a similar resolution to oppose the gun regulations.</p> <p>Chairman Campbell clarified a resolution has not been provided to the Committee for action.</p> <p>Chairman Green said he believes the committee needs to have resolution presented in "county" language.</p> <p>Supervisor Pruett agreed with Supervisor Marshall and is in favor of guns. He understands the impediments. He said he would like to see a more progressive or productive resolution telling them what they don't like and how we want it to change. He gave an example agreeing there should be better controls on automatic weapons such as AR15s, but not a 5 shot shotgun. He said he would be willing to help work on this.</p> <p>Chairman Green said if Supervisor Marshall wants a resolution he asked that a resolution be presented at the next cycle for consideration.</p> |
| | <p>Jeff Harloff notified the committee there is a boil water advisory going out for the part of the Town of Canandaigua on the East side.</p> |
| | <p>Mr. Al Kalfass, representing the EMS and Fire Advisory Board, read a joint letter regarding the recent EMS and Fire Survey. He said the letter was addressed to Chris DeBolt and Chairman Green.</p> |

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| | <p>Supervisor Venuti said he would be interested to know specifics of what is disagreed on.</p> <p>Mr. Kalfass said he would love to have supervisors or representative attend their meetings.</p> <p>Supervisor Marshall suggested an email be sent so that they know when the meetings are.</p> <p>Mr. Kalfass asked if the advisory boards report to Public Safety committee or to the County as a whole?</p> <p>Chairman Campbell said typically how Public Safety would get the reports would be through the County Administrator and he would brief the committee on what happened at those advisory boards.</p> <p>Mr. Kalfass inquired if representative from the advisory boards were included in the EMS and Fire Study Survey committee.</p> <p>Chairman Green replied he would discuss with the County Administrator and would not be giving a definite answer today.</p> |
| <p><i>Next meeting date and time is Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 10:00 am at the Ontario County Jail Conference Room, 3045 County Complex Drive, Canandaigua, NY 14424</i></p> <p><i>There will be a tour of the Jail before the March 22nd Public Safety Committee meeting at 9:00 am. Please meet in the jail training room for the tour.</i></p> | |
| <p>ADJOURNMENT</p> | <p>On motion of Supervisor Venuti, the meeting was adjourned 11:19 am. Supervisor Pruett seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p> |
| <p>Respectfully Submitted, Diane R. Foster, Deputy Clerk to the Board</p> | |