

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

February 4, 2025

The regular meeting of Public Safety, Probation, EMO, Stop DWI, Fire, & Safety was held in the Legislative Conference Room, at the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main Street, Tuesday, February 4, 2025, which started at 2:30 PM and ended at 3:05 PM.

Present:

Keith Flesher	Chair, Public Safety
William Standinger III	Legislator {Committee Member}
Barb Roberts	Legislator {Committee Member}
Jake Brown	Legislator {Committee Member}
Gary Howard	Sheriff, Sheriff's Office
Brian Cain	Director, Probation
Corinne Cornelius	Director, Office of Emergency Services
Bob Williams	Asst. Coordinator, Office of Emergency Services and Coroner

GUESTS: Peter DeWind, County Attorney
Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk
Jackson Bailey – County Administrator
Joellen Rose – Citizen

ABSENT: Marte Sauerbrey, Chair of the Legislator
William Ellis, Deputy Director Office of Emergency Services
{left before the meeting started due to a fire emergency}

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The *January 7, 2025* minutes was accepted with no corrections or changes

Motion by: William Standinger III to accept the January 7, 2025 Minutes.

Second: Jake Brown

All in Favor - Carried

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – Corinne Cornelius:

FINANCIAL:

- January YTD Report – Budget within

OLD BUSINESS:

- Radio Project – Received permits from Spencer and Town of Owego; waiting for permits from Town of Richford; and confusion for approval with Town of Nichols. Await the update for what it will take to make Carmichael and Popple Towers compliant after the failed structural assessments. Continue discussions of the status of the project and action items moving forward, including utilities discussions. Motorola awarded Patriot Towers the construction of the new towers and will be coordinating with them. They would like to begin construction by early March – weather permitting.
- CAD Project – working well – other agencies are joining.
- EMS – Spring EMT classes started on January 27th and runs through to May 19, 2025. About 9 or 10 students have enrolled.
- Emergency Management – DHSES has offered equipment to assist with Flood Mitigation and Response. This equipment would be staged at the county with access and use to the county (this is regarding Resolution MOU NYS Homeland Security & Emergency Services).
- Threat Assessment team: Director of Emergency Services assisted with a Threat Assessment course held in Liverpool, NY on January 14th-16th. Tioga Team has been working with consultant Squad9 to ensure that all teams members are comfortable with the threat assessment model. The team has been hearing cases referred to the team and determining if they pose a threat for domestic violent extremism or require other local resources. The team is continuing to build better reporting options.
- FIRE – Fire departments have continued to be very busy. Already requiring Fire Investigation hours.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The following will be attending the NYSEMA conference in Syracuse February 11th – 13th: Corrine Cornelius, William Ellis, and Bob Williams.
- The following will be participating in Leadership Tioga: Corrine Cornelius and William Ellis.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Re-Establish Prior Year 2024 Capital For 2025 Budget for Fire/EMO
- Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) NYS Homeland Security & Emergency Services Office of Emergency Services

PROBATION – Brian Cain:**FINANCIAL:**

- Budget on track for 2025

- \$900 of DWI Supervision fee collected in January. \$900 collected in 2025

NEW BUSINESS:

- Staffing – One open Probation Officer I position remains unfilled. Probation received one application from Personnel this week.
- Training – All Probation staff now meet the state required training curriculum. There will be training regarding the Drug Treatment Court in March in Saratoga Springs that officers will be attending.
- Probation Staff Survey – has been completed and the results reviewed at the January's probation staff meeting. The survey will be used to create dialogue and move the Probation Department forward.
- ATLAS Digital Platform – waiting on Info Tech to approve this before signing the contract.
- Probation begins to schedule training with law enforcement, Tioga County Department of Social Services, the courts, and other organizations throughout Tioga County regarding the duties of the Probation Department and what resources we have to offer.
- Probation has initiated a program which identifies a Primary and Secondary Officer for each specialty caseload (DWI, Sex Offender, Domestic Violence, Mental Health, Interstate Transfer, Pre-Trial Release, and Electronic Monitoring).
- Southern Tier Training Academy – will kick off in March 2025
- Intensive Supervision Program – possible start up again. Director Cain needs to meet the Judge to discuss this.
- Juvenile Delinquency Services – Two (2) JD Appearance Tickets for the month of January. There are three (3) youths participating in juvenile sex offender treatment. Family and Children's rate hasn't changed in 3-4 years. They will be rising this for next year.
- ATI Programs – Electronic Monitoring – four (4) individuals being monitored via Alco Tag and GPS electronic monitoring system. Community Service (CS) – Weekend Work Program (WWP) is currently suspended. When Probation receives more orders for CS on the WWP, it will resume. Pre-Trial Release (PTR) – 31 people being supervised via the PTR.
- Court Ordered Investigations – 49 active; Supervision – 176 cases; and Violation of Probation petitions – 17 defendants/respondents.

PERSONNEL:

- One vacant Probation Officer 1 position
- One unfunded Probation Officer 1 position

RESOLUTIONS:

None

SHERIFF – Gary Howard:

FINANCIAL:

- Revenues are at \$7,131.43 which is 2% of the budget. Expenditures are at \$1,027,841.88 which is 8% of the budget. Inmate boarders are at \$0.00 which is 0% of the budget. Boarder fees for January not received yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

- TCLEA (Law Enforcement Union) Contract language being finalized.
- Update on litigation issues – still on going.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Average daily inmate population for the month of January 2025 was 47. Average of 3 Federal inmates (93 days) and 3 board-ins (84 days) for the month.
- Jail camera replacement project – still ongoing
- New License Plate Reader (LPR) has been installed, waiting on finalized programing.
- New cameras and door monitors for the E911 dispatch center

PERSONNEL:

- Update on vacancies – Civil Office – 1 open part-time position; Corrections Division - currently 3 open Correction Officers position; 1 Correction Officer out on military deployment; 1 open part-time Cook position; no Correction Officer on light duty; Road Patrol – 3 open Deputies positions; no Deputies on light duty; 1 Deputy on comp; E911 Emergency Communications Center – 1 open full-time; and all positions filled for Records and Administration.

RESOLUTION:

- Recognizing Timothy Agan's 25 Years of Dedicated Service to Tioga County

***Committee agreed to move this resolution forward*

CORONER – Bob Williams:

Bob Williams presented the Resolution for the Coroner's office to the Committee.

RESOLUTION:

- Transfer of Funds 2025 Budget Modification Coroner's Office

***Committee agreed to move this resolution forward*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Keith Flesher requested an Executive Session. Legislator William Standinger made a motion; Legislator Barbara Roberts Seconded to discuss an employment matter. Time commenced 3:05 PM; Time adjourned 3:22 PM with no action taken. Motion made to adjourn the Executive Session by Legislator Brown, seconded by Legislator Roberts

In attendance were Legislator Flesher; Legislator Roberts; Legislator Standinger; Legislator Brown; County Attorney Pete DeWind; Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell; County Administrator Jackson Bailey; and Director of Emergency Service Corrine Cornelous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Kallin
Secretary to the Director of Probation—February 6, 2025

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