

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

June 2, 2026

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, June 2, 2026, which started at 2:30 PM and ended at 3:04 PM.

Present:

Keith Flesher	Chair, Public Safety
Jake Brown	Legislator {Committee Member}
David Cantella	Legislator {Committee Member}
Ron Ciotoli	Legislator {Committee Member}
Tracy Monell	Chair of the Legislator
Brian Cain	Director, Probation
Gary Howard	Sheriff, Sheriff's Office
William Ellis	Deputy 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

ABSENT: Corinne Cornelius, Director Office of Emergency Services

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The May 5, 2026 minutes was accepted with no corrections or changes

Motion by: Jake Brown to accept the May 5, 2026 Minutes.

Second: Ron Ciotoli

All in Favor - Carried

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – William Ellis on behalf of Corinne Cornelius:

FINANCIAL:

- Budget: within expected limits.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Radio Project – Still working to coordinate the utilities connected to the tower sites. Ballou Road was repaired and is now connected. NYSEG made connection at Spencer on May 26, 2026. Candor site experienced some theft and vandalism – police report made. Dispatch radio console training was completed May 18th and 19th. CAC and Motorola are continuing to ensure all issues are addressed ahead of the live cutover, scheduled for the beginning of June. The Shelter at the Athens tower site will be set starting June 1st. Will and Corrinne met with Broome to iron out some interoperability plans, and all radios counts were submitted to CAC to begin the allocation and programming for departments.
- CAD Project – nothing new to report.
- EMS – the EMS course for Spring wrapped up at the end of May. Anticipating holding a Fall course.
- Emergency Management – Planning an EOC activation exercise on June 18th. Open House was held May 30th. Working with NYS DHSES to schedule a COOP (Continuity of Operations) meeting to work toward completing plan reviews and updates.
- Threat Assessment team: Consultant Squad 9 are now leading the meetings and the meeting dates have been shifted to better suite team member participation. These meetings are quarterly not monthly.
- FIRE – Fire Departments and Fire Investigation team have been very busy. July 20th marks 10 years since the loss of John Scott. Going to hold a small memorial commemorating his contributions to the radio project and the county. More info to follow.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Amend Resolution No. 135-25c Award Contract Radio Consulting Services and Modify 2026 Budget and Transfer Funds
- Authorize Submission of Combined 2025-2026 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula-Based Grant Application
- Modify 2026 Budget and Appropriation of Funds SHSP23 Grant

***Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward.*

PROBATION – Brian Cain:

FINANCIAL:

- \$1,096.37 of DWI Supervision fee collected in May. \$4,759.17 collected in 2026
- \$1,590 in restitution and surcharge collected in May. \$12,922.55 collected in 2026

NEW BUSINESS:

- Staffing – Major changes in staffing for the month of May. Two Probation Supervisors resigned in May. Sr. Probation Officer promoted to Probation Supervisor; two

Probation Officers promoted to Sr. Probation Officers; and hired a new Probation Officer. With all these changes, the focus has been on maintaining the high level of supervision expected from the Probation Department.

- Training – One Probation Officer is completing his final training academy, Basic Course for Peace Officers (BCPO) in Onondaga County. Train the Trainer training scheduled this month in Albany and two Officers from probation will be going.
- Dates emailed regarding Director Cain's time off to the Legislators.
- Probations Annual In-Service Training at Hickories Park will be held on Wednesday, June 17th from Noon to 4:30 PM. Everyone present at this meeting was invited. Training will be Juvenile and After Hours procedures
- Probation moving forward to purchasing new electronic equipment for the probation staff. Finalized this purchase with Director Brandon Clark/IT.
- Probation continues to work toward the purchase of a new vehicle using Pre-Trial Release funding from the state.
- Exploring the possibility of working with the Family Enrichment Network to provide evidence based "Guided by Dad" fatherhood initiative. Also exploring to have Family Enrichment Network provide anger management classes.
- August 10th – DCJS and OPCA will be coming to Tioga County for the day.
- Detention and Juveniles has been very busy. Two in detention and two more will be in detention in a few weeks. Probation has a contract for one bed. If another county needs a bed, Tioga County will have to search for another detention bed. Using Electronic Monitors (EM) to put on the juveniles. Had to request for more EM's.
- Juvenile Delinquency Services – May of 2026- There was two Juvenile Delinquency Appearance Ticket (JDAT) received for the month of May. The JDAT alleged the respondent committed acts which if committed by an adult would constitute the crime of Aggravated Threat of Mass Harm, a Class A Misdemeanor.
- YTD: 16 JDAT received to date.
- ATI Programs – Electronic Monitoring – seven (7) individuals being monitored via vCheck app, Talitrix, Alco Tag and GPS electronic monitoring systems. Community Service (CS) – Weekend Work Program (WWP) is up running. The crew numbers are down but there are sentences which include WWP coming in the near future.
- Court Ordered Investigations – 56 active; Supervision – 201 cases; and Violation of Probation petitions – 12 defendants/respondents.

PERSONNEL:

- One vacant Office Specialist 1 position
- Two vacant Probation Officers position
- One vacant Deputy Director position

RESOLUTIONS:

None

SHERIFF – Gary Howard:

FINANCIAL:

- Revenues are \$193,629.92, which is 41% of the budget. Expenditures are \$4,862,045.55, which is 44% of the budget. Inmate boarders are \$56,766.92, which is 38% of the budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

- TCLEA and TCCA negotiations are being finalized.
- No litigation issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jail camera replacement project ongoing
- Implementation phase for the VESTA Next Gen 911 system – Citizen Input phase is ongoing. E911 Dispatcher training for the new radio system has been completed.
- K9 program being implemented – Deputy and K9 have completed DCJS certifications.
- Building project – Jail HVAC overhead door to upper mezzanine – awaiting construction.
- Average daily inmate population for the month of May 2026 was 39. Average of 2 Federal inmate (62 days) and 1 board-in (44 days) for the month.

PERSONNEL:

- Update on vacancies – Civil Office – all positions filled; Corrections Division - currently 3 open Correction Officers position; 1 part-time cook position; 1 Correction Officer on light duty; 0 Corrections Officer on Worker's Comp; 1 Corrections Office deployed in the military returned back to work on June 1st; Road Patrol – 6 open Deputies positions; no Deputies on light duty; E911 Emergency Communications Center – 1 open full-time; Records and Administration – all positions filled.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Approve Single Source Purchase of Parts for Secured Jail Doors
- Recognizing David Russell's 25 Years of Dedicated Service to Tioga County
- Authorize the Submission of Bureau of Justice Assistance BJA FY25 Rural Law Enforcement Violent Crime Reduction Initiative
- Authorize the Submission of Combined 2025/2026 PSAP Operations Grant

***Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Kallin

Secretary to the Director of Probation—June 4, 2026