

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

June 3, 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, June 3, 2025, which started at 2:30 PM and ended at 3:15 PM.

Present:

Keith Flesher	Chair, Public Safety
William Standinger III	Legislator {Committee Member} Arrived at 2:33PM
Barb Roberts	Legislator {Committee Member}
Jake Brown	Legislator {Committee Member} Left early at 3:10PM
Marte Sauerbrey	Chair of the Legislator
Brian Cain	Director, Probation
Corinne Cornelius	Director, Office of Emergency Services
Rich Hallett	Undersheriff, Sheriff's Office
Bob Williams	Asst. Coordinator, Office of Emergency Services and Coroner

GUESTS: Peter DeWind, County Attorney
Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk {Arrived at 2:33PM}
Jackson Bailey – County Administrator
Matt Freeze – Morning Times

ABSENT: Gary Howard, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office
William Ellis, Deputy Director Office of Emergency Services

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The May 6, 2025 minutes was accepted with no corrections or changes

Motion by: Jake Brown to accept the May 6, 2025 Minutes.

Second: Barbara Roberts

All in Favor - Carried

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – Corinne Cornelius:

FINANCIAL:

- May YTD Report – Budget well within

OLD BUSINESS:

- Radio Project – The shelter in Richford is being delivered and placed on June 3rd. Tower is expected to be erected at the end of June. Site prep is expected to be at the Nichols site. Consultant Yoder is still working to review the failed structural assessments at Carmichael and Popple Hill. Jail radios were received, programmed and have been deployed.
- CAD Project – nothing new to report.
- EMS – Spring EMT class ended on May 19th. Anticipating hosting a Fall class to start at the end of August. Susquehanna Regional EMS Council hosted their annual awards: Alex Khadjadorian received Tioga County ALS Provider of the Year; Doreen Holbrook received Tioga County BLS Provider of the Year; and Town of Owego Fire District received Tioga Agency of the Year. We will be reposting the Assistant Coordinator position that oversees EMS courses.
- Emergency Management – Open House was May 17th. The weather cooperated and attendance was semi-light for the first year. We anticipate trying to do this again in the future. Focusing on closing out some existing grants from 2019 and 2020 that had extensions. We are monitoring the summer weather forecasts and the potential for storms. We have tentatively set a date at the end of October with DHSES to update our CEPA.
- Threat Assessment team: The team has continued to meet regularly and hear potential cases or have training to further the understanding and skills of the team. Our updated Threat Assessment plan was submitted to the NYS DHSES DTPU ahead of June 1, 2025, due date. Tioga hosted the TERC class on May 13th-15th. It was well attended. The report app has been moving along in production, hopefully to launch in the next couple months.
- FIRE – Burn Ban has expired but safe burning practices are encouraged to prevent wildfires. Hosting a "Caring for the Amish" class at the Public Safety at the end of June.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Execute Lease and Easement Agreement of Property Located at Prospect Road, Waverly, New York to Maintain an Access Road for the Radio Tower Project

**Committee agreed to move the resolution forward.

PROBATION – Brian Cain:**FINANCIAL:**

- Budget on track for 2025
- \$810 of DWI Supervision fee collected in May. \$4,115 collected in 2025
- \$3,128 in restitution and surcharge collected in May. \$8,512.39 collected in 2025

NEW BUSINESS:

- Staffing – One open Probation Officer I position remains unfilled. Probation received two applications from Personnel this week. The Civil Service Exam will be given in June.
- Training – Staff continue to work towards satisfying the mandatory 21 hours of training. Probation Officers will be permitted to attend firearms training with the Tioga County Sheriff's Office during June.
- Probation In-Service – Hosting our annual in-service training at Hickories Park on Wednesday, June 18th. The Tompkins County Probation Department will be giving a presentation on the steps they have taken to successfully gain approval to partially arm their department.
- Council of Probation Administrators (COPA) Conference – Probation Director Cain will be attending the annual COPA at Saranac Lake from Sunday, June 22, 2025, to Wednesday, June 25, 2025. While Director Cain is out, Probation Supervisor Chad Post will be designated as the person in charge. Supervisor Fred Kiechle will also be assisting him.
- Community and Interagency Involvement – Probation Staff attended the EMO Open House that was Saturday, May 17th.
- Probation would like to add a “clothing” line in the existing Probation Budget. It is the intention to provide a yearly allowance of \$200 per person who work “in the field” and \$100 per person for other staff. Probation Director Cain stated that he has money in his budget to move into that line item. Discussion was had with Director of Probation and Public Safety Committee.
- Probation held an internal meeting to determine if there was sufficient interest by Probation Staff to proceed with the arming process.
- Weekend Work Program (WWP) – due to continued low numbers for the WWP, it was discussed with the District Attorney's office moving forward to be part of the plea agreements as follows: Class E Felony 96 hours on WWP; Class D Felony 144 hours on WWP; and Class C Felony and above 256 hours of WWP. Since the meeting, WWP crew has increased substantially.
- Fire Setting Assessment – Probation still unable to secure staff willing to complete the fire setting assessment that was purchased to address recent fire setting behaviors of juveniles involved with Family Court System.
- Juvenile Delinquency Services – Six (6) JD Appearance Tickets for the month of May.
- ATI Programs – Electronic Monitoring – five (5) individuals being monitored via Alco Tag and GPS electronic monitoring system. Community Service (CS) – Weekend Work Program (WWP) is up and running with five (5) and six (6) individuals scheduled to report. Pre-Trial Release (PTR) – 31 people being supervised via the PTR.
- Court Ordered Investigations – 58 active; Supervision – 176 cases; and Violation of Probation petitions – 11 defendants/respondents.

PERSONNEL:

- One vacant Probation Officer 1 position

- One unfunded Probation Officer 1 position

RESOLUTIONS:

None

SHERIFF – Undersheriff Rich Hallett on behalf of Gary Howard:

FINANCIAL:

- Revenues are \$120,314.20 which is 25% of the budget. Expenditures are \$4,988,714.63 which is 45% of the budget. Inmate boarders are \$43,757.00 which is 29% of the budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

- TCLEA (Law Enforcement Union) negotiations have begun.
- TCCA (Corrections Officers Union) negotiations have begun.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Average daily inmate population for the month of May 2025 was 62. Average of 3 Federal inmates (93 days) and 6 board-ins (180 days) for the month.

PERSONNEL:

- Update on vacancies – Corrections Division - currently 3 open Correction Officers position; Road Patrol – 5 open Deputies positions; E911 Emergency Communications Center – 1 open full-time.

RESOLUTION:

- Approved Salary Above Hiring Base Deputy Sheriff position
- Recognizing John Cornwell's nearly 11 years of Dedicated Service to Tioga County
- Authorize the Submission of SFY2025 Next Generation 911 (NG911) Grant Program
- Amend Resolution No. 301-24; Approve Sole Source Purchase Motorola Solutions License Plate Recognition System

**Committee agreed to move the last three (3) resolutions forward.

Resolution regarding the Approved Salary Above Hiring Base Deputy Sheriff position was placed on hold until the workshop Thursday, June 5th with the whole Legislative Committee. Undersheriff Hallett was asked to be at this workshop for any further questions they may have.

CORONER – Bob Williams:

Bob Williams presented the budget and bills for the Coroner's office.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Kallin
Secretary to the Director of Probation—June 3, 2025

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