

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**February 7, 2017**

Committee members Present: Bill Holgate, Bonnie Percy, Dan Banach, Leslie Church, Elden Morrison.

Others Present: Ed Bronson, Terry Button, Mark Morris, Earle Gleason, Jim Multer, Taylor Fitch, Doug Paddock, Robert Lawton, Connie Hayes, Tim Dennis Howard Davis, Brian Winslow, Sharon Dawes, Valerie Gardner

Bill and Bonnie will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented.

**Probation – Sharon Dawes**

Sharon reviewed the following statistical report.

<b><u>YATES CO. PROBATION</u></b>	<b><u>16-Jan</u></b>	<b><u>16-Feb</u></b>	<b><u>16-Mar</u></b>	<b><u>16-Apr</u></b>	<b><u>16-May</u></b>	<b><u>16-Jun</u></b>	<b><u>16-Jul</u></b>	<b><u>16-Aug</u></b>	<b><u>16-Sep</u></b>	<b><u>16-Oct</u></b>	<b><u>16-Nov</u></b>	<b><u>16-Dec</u></b>	<b><u>17-Jan</u></b>
Probationers	241	238	245	244	241	233	229	222	224	232	238	243	242
Investigations monthly	24	35	14	17	25	21	23	25	15	26	10	16	16
investigations year to date	24	59	73	90	115	136	159	184	199	225	235	251	16
Violation of Probation	2	8	11	1	0	3	2	7	3	3	2	2	3
VOP year to date	2	10	21	22	22	25	27	34	37	40	42	44	3
Pre-Trial Release	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	3	3	2	2	5	6
Leandra's Law													
Conditional Discharge	42/20	40/18	42/16	40/14	45/13	43/12	44/13	41/11	42/10	43/11	40/9	40/8	41/10
Probation	27/2	29/2	30/2	28/2	25/2	24/2	26/2	20/0	21/0	20/0	20/0	19/0	19/0
waiver cases	16/10	15/9	14/8	14/7	14/6	14/6	13/6	13/6	10/5	9/4	6/2	6/1	7/2
payment plan cases	5/2	5/2	5/2	5/2	5/2	5/2	5/2	4/1	4/1	3/0	4/0	4/0	4/0

Sharon reviewed the Alternative to Incarceration quarterly report.

Sharon reviewed the following information on Raise the Age of Criminal Responsibility Legislation.

The Governor's Commission on Youth, Public Safety and Justice (the Raise the Age Commission) released their initial recommendations in 2015. There has been discussion of the implementation every year since.

Currently if a crime is committed prior to an individual's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday they are prosecuted in Family Court. If the crime is committed after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday they are prosecuted in Criminal Court.



“Raise the Age” proposal = on January 1, 2019, sixteen year olds and on January 1, 2020, seventeen year olds would be handled in Family Court if the offense was a non-violent felony, a misdemeanor, Harassment or Disorderly Conduct. Other crimes would be handled in the “Youth Part” of the Superior Court. The lower age of Juvenile Delinquent would also change from the age of 7 to the age of 12.

It is also the expectation that the Probation Department would attempt adjustment of these Family Court cases through Diversion and avoid any court action.

Legislation would prohibit confinement of any person under 18 years old in an adult county jail or state prison. This population (16&17 year olds) would now be placed in detention if the case is pre-disposition and in placement with DSS or OCFS if the case is post disposition.

**District Attorney – Valerie Gardner**

Valerie reviewed the following statistics.

		<b>YATES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>						
		<b>VALERIE G. GARDNER</b>						
<b>Public Safety Committee February 8, 2017</b>								
<b>Monthly Statistics</b>								
	<b>2017</b>		<b>2016</b>		<b>2015</b>		<b>2014</b>	
	New Arrests	Cases Closed	New Arrests	Cases Closed	New Arrests	Cases Closed	New Arrests	Cases Closed
<b>Jan</b>	76	45	48	45	65	63	63	81
<b>Feb</b>			69	75	49	52	48	92
<b>Mar</b>			62	69	75	54	65	59
<b>Apr</b>			61	62	67	54	80	82
<b>May</b>			66	64	61	65	90	62
<b>June</b>			61	50	67	63	63	68
<b>July</b>			62	196	80	44	74	72
<b>Aug</b>			75	80	78	83	79	58
<b>Sept</b>			62	72	74	83	68	87
<b>Oct</b>			60	57	68	63	75	71
<b>Nov</b>			69	56	55	75	77	70
<b>Dec</b>			56	65	55	36	63	89
			751	891	794	735	845	891
<b>TOTAL OPEN</b>	<b>449</b>		TYD Felonies: 8 (Ave yr 63/ 2016=70/2015=91					

Valerie reported a new grand jury has been impaneled and they have been called for duty 3 times already.

Valerie reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Resolution Authorizing the Chairman To Sign Agreement with Edie Forbes, Court Reporter

Tim stated it appears that the county is going to have to pay the increased salary of the District Attorney, last year and going forward as well as the raise scheduled for 2018. Tim asked Valerie

if she had heard anything different. Valerie explained that she had reached out to the DA Association and to the Senator and Assemblyman all support that the State should be funding the increases but it doesn't seem to be getting much traction. Valerie also stated that in reviewing County Law 700 she feels there might be a possibility that state is violating their own law. It may be something that should be looked into.

Bill stated in light of this the conversation came back up on having a full time DA verses a part time DA. Doug Paddock explained the Treasurer had looked into the numbers if the County went from a full time DA to a part time DA there would be less than a \$6,000 savings.

### **Emergency Management – Brian Winslow**

Brian reviewed meetings and trainings attended and sponsored.

Brian reported the Hazard Mitigation work is beginning. He is waiting for a kick off meeting date to be set.

Brian reported the issue with the radios that happened last month has been taken care of. Brian explained that dispatch is in the process of testing the emergency notification by text message to emergency personal. This will be a great asset in the future if there is a radio issue as personnel will be able to get the calls on their cell phones.

Brain reported he is in the process of ordering ID badges for all emergency personnel for accountability at scenes.

Brian reported equipment is starting to be put in the communication vehicle.

Brian reviewed the emergency responses he attended.

### **Sheriff – Ron Spike**

Sheriff Spike was unable to attend the meeting Undersheriff Davis reported in his place.

Howard reviewed the following resolutions that are needed. The Committee approved.

- Authorize Sheriff To Sign Contract For Polygraph Services
- Amend Resolution No. 407-16 Create Temporary Correction Officer Position

Howard reported the jail population, 36 Yates County, 10 Federal for a total of 46 inmates. Of the 46 there are 37 males and 9 females.

Howard reviewed the revenue report for January.

Howard reported on an inmate grievance regarding the law library. Howard explained there is some out dated printed material. Howard stated that they are researching different options for inmate's access to law books and necessary legal material. The estimated cost would be \$3,000 to \$4,000. More information will be reported when obtained.

Howard reported 22 applications have been received so far for taking the civil service correction officer test and of those we will review for possible part time correction officers. Personnel has been asked to advertise for part-time correction officer positions because of recruitment challenges.

Howard reported the overhead door to the jail intake has been replaced and is now back in order.

Howard reported the temporary holding room is almost complete and thanked Buildings & Grounds.

Howard reported Court Security is working on developing a safety pamphlet for call county employees.

Howard reported the Finance Committee will see five carry over grant resolutions for the Yates County Sheriff's Office totaling \$209,372.59

Howard reported the new law enforcement vehicles that are budgeted for have been ordered from state bid.

Howard reported the Sheriff will be meeting with County Judge on pistol permit processing.

Howard reported there will be a meeting later this month with the Bonadio firm regarding the audit of the evidence room.

Howard reviewed the dispatch statistics.

Howard reported on Public Safety Comminutions. Howard explained they are waiting for Ontario County to forward a letter of concurrence regarding the Shay Road Tower Site.

Howard reported the tower site alarm system is an ongoing discussion there has been one meeting with IT and Midstate that was very productive.

Howard reported on the Angus and Sherman tower broadband connection costs of \$8,430 + \$1,000 which would allow for an insulated box at Angus site. The Sheriff is looking into if grant money is appropriate or some other funding before doing a purchase order.

Elden stated that he thought in previous discussions that this issue was to be paid for out of the PSAP grant along with any future maintenance cost.

Howard explained that he thought the grant that was being looked at was the SIG Grant. Howard stated that the Sheriff is being told that we are going to receive funding under this grant but we have no idea at this point what the dollar value is going to be.

Elden also questioned the equipment quote from Midstate as to why we need to have a spare media converter. Howard explained that communications can be a matter of life or death and he would have to assume it is so that if one converter goes down that the fastest way to get communications back up would be to have one on the shelf that could be installed immediately.

A lengthy discussion took place on jail administration. Bill explained after a discussion with the Sheriff he is comfortable with what the Sheriff is suggesting. Bill explained that the Sheriff is proposing moving a sergeant into the Lieutenants position and leave a sergeant position vacant. Then a Chief Correction Officer would be hired which would be a non-union position.

The consensus of the Committee was to move forward with the Sheriff's plan. A resolution will be brought forward at Monday's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57pm