

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
March 3, 2015

Present: Dan Banach, Elden Morrison, Bonnie Percy, Jim Multer, Lee Sackett, Mark Morris, Jim Smith, Ron Spike, Brian Winslow, Sharon Dawes, Connie Hayes, Jack Gleason, Bob Clark, Amy Miller, Leslie Church, Tim Dennis, Sarah Purdy, Valerie Gardner, Doug Paddock,

Bill and Dan will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the January 30th meeting were approved as presented.

Discussion was held on what topics would be discussed with the State representatives on Friday.

- Valerie stated she has already brought this up to them but would like to see more work on legislation with regards to synthetic marijuana
- Sharon stated issues pertaining to state funding the Raise the Age of Criminal Responsibility which she will address later in her report
- Eldon would like the rules addressed of the State Commission Of Corrections with regards to jail staffing and so on.

Emergency Management – Brian Winslow

Brian reported one of the members of the Fire Advisory Board passed away this weekend, Fire Chief of Benton, Mathew Martin.

Brian reported the Firefighter 1 class has been postponed until spring because of lack of participation.

Brian reported the Fire Officers 1 class is underway in Penn Yan with 32 students

Brian reported he and Diane attended the NYSEMS conference in Syracuse.

Brain reported he is in the process of setting up the County Emergency Preparedness Assessment (CEPA) for Yates County. This is another requirement set by the Governor’s office.

Brian reviewed the emergency responses he attended.

Brian reported Chris has been working on a grant with Cornell Cooperative Extension and Soil & Water for gas detectors pertaining to manure issues. The County was award this grant this year and will be working with the fire departments on training.

Brain reported Chris continues to work on setting up trainings.

Probation – Sharon Dawes

Sharon reviewed the following statics.

<u>YATES CO. PROBATION</u>	<u>14-Feb</u>	<u>14-Mar</u>	<u>14-Apr</u>	<u>14-May</u>	<u>14-Jun</u>	<u>14-Jul</u>	<u>14-Aug</u>	<u>14-Sep</u>	<u>14-Oct</u>	<u>14-Nov</u>	<u>14-Dec</u>	<u>15-Jan</u>	<u>15-Feb</u>
Probationers	270	268	266	277	278	280	276	288	275	271	264	255	250
Investigations monthly	19	32	14	8	12	20	7	20	22	25	15	14	15
investigations year to date	43	75	89	97	109	129	136	156	178	203	218	14	29
Violation of Probation	3	2	5	3	3	8	0	9	1	4	5	6	8

VOP year to date	9	11	16	19	22	30	30	39	40	44	49	6	14
Pre-Trial Release	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	3
Leandra's Law													
Conditional Discharge	33/10	31/12	30/11	35/12	30/11	37/17	39/18	45/24	46/23	50/26	46/26	43/24	43/27
Probation	15/0	17/0	15/0	15/0	14/0	16/0	15/0	15/0	16/0	16/0	17/0	16/1	15/1
waiver cases	7/1	5/1	5/1	4/0	4/0	5/1	5/1	9/3	9/3	9/3	8/3	7/3	6/3
payment plan cases	2/0	2/0	2/0	3/1	4/1	5/1	5/2	6/3	7/2	7/2	7/3	5/2	7/3

Sharon reported on the Raise the Age of Criminal Responsibility and read the following statement.

It is a good idea that probation supports due to the evidence on adolescent brain development. Currently only in NY and NC are 16 year old prosecuted as adults. Proposed NYS legislation is based on a model Connecticut used.

I am not sure yet how this will impact our department. We are not sure what a “Family Engagement Specialist” is at this time and we are not sure what “community-based services” can be developed with our limited resources in Yates County. Probation Officers are monitors of conditions of probation and they make referrals to agencies for services, such as substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling and anger management. Probation Officers traditionally are not service providers. It appears that in this legislation they are expecting Youth Probation Officers to make a shift, to be service providers to maintain more high risk youth in the community. At this time I have one youth Probation Officer, Michael O’Mallon. Supervising youth is a small part of his job at this time. He currently supervises around 60 adult probationers and 12 juvenile probationers. And yes these probationers include addicts of all kinds, including heroin addicts. He also completes 15 -20 court ordered investigations per year. I hesitate to believe that he can absorb the additional work that is going to be created by this new raise the age legislation.

Although our probationer numbers are down currently – our workload hasn’t lightened. At this time we are trying to get some of our low risk clients off probation on early discharges so we may concentrate our efforts on the more high risk clients. Right now we are getting clients on probation that we would normally not see in the past. Clients that have previously failed at probation and their probation sentence was revoked. Clients with serious drug sales or possession charges that would have gone to prison in the past. We are seeing the shift with our adults that they are proposing with the juveniles “maintaining more high risk clients in the community.”

Currently we are not able to get out to do home visits as much as we would like. We sometimes have trouble obtaining the mandated number of probationer contacts and collateral contacts on probation cases. Violations of Probation are not always being filed in a timely manner due to not having enough hours in the day. We are not keeping up with state mandated “Periodic Reassessment and Case Reviews.” I admit we are struggling and even though I am not sure what this “raise the age” will look like yet, I anticipate that we will not be able to provide the newly proposed mandated services with the current staffing level at our department. This certainly heightens the County’s exposure to liability.

Terence O’Leary, the State Deputy Secretary of Public Safety has stated that the Governor is “committed to cover 100% of any and all expenditures incurred by probation for intake, adjustment, service provision and supervision of 16 and 17 year olds that will result as part of the Raise the Age Legislation implementation.” I will keep you updated as this legislation progresses. This legislation will also affect the Department of Social Services.

Amy Miller and I have had several conversations about this and we will continue to work together on this new initiative.

Sharon explained she does support raising the age but wants to make sure the State is going to fund it.

District Attorney – Valerie Gardner

Valerie reviewed the following monthly statics;

Total new cases opened:	64
Top Charge Felony:	15
Misdemeanors, Violations, others:	68
Total cases closed January:	57

Valerie reported the last month has been very busy preparing for a felony jury trial.

Valerie reported Grand Jury was called into session on 2/26/15 which handed down indictments for sex offense and forgery charges.

Valerie reported the Yates Substance Abuse Coalition is still meeting. The next meeting will be March 18th at 4:00p.m. in the County Auditorium if anyone is interested.

Valerie reported the DA Association's across the state have been trying to deal with responding to a move by the Governor and also the Attorney General to revamp the grand jury.

Chairman Dennis stated there will be a recognition at Monday's Legislative meeting for Sheriff Spike. Chris O'Brien from the New York State Sheriff's Institute will be here to recognize the Sheriff for receiving the Sheriff Grover Cleveland Award. In the history of the organization it has only been awarded 4 times.

Sheriff – Ron Spike

Ron reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Authorize Sheriff to sign 9-1-1 telephone service agreement
- Extend Resolution 82-14 to Authorize Sheriff's Use of Communications Grant Consultant

Ron reported the jail population: Yates County = 40, Federal= 8 of those there are 42 males and 6 females for a total of 48.

Ron reviewed the revenue report which shows \$22,692 collected for the month of January.

Ron reported a K9 patrol car was rear-ended on the Voak Road while at an accident scene with blowing snow. The deputy was out of car and in road and a dog was inside. There were no injuries.

Ron reported the boats and equipment that were being stored at the Penn Yan Marine site will be moved the weekend of April 25th.

Ron reviewed the general statistics for January, highlights were: Property damage accidents 63, FOIL requests 93, Inmate examinations by jail nurse 108.

Total sheriff's office jobs assigned/ services/incidents/investigations, etc. = 752

Total LE/EMS/FD CFS thru E911 = 1423

Ron reported on the PSAP renovation transition project involving the Sheriff's Office, Buildings and Grounds, IT Dept., Verizon, Finger Lakes Communications – Zetron, Midstate Motorola, Frontier and dispatchers.

The equipment is in place, Ron hopes to be able to have a dispatcher in there operating March 18th. This is a major upgrade in CAD and toward Next Generation 911 compliances via grant funding. Joe Reed and Tim Groth have been very good to work with. Once the PSAP has moved Buildings and Grounds will renovate the old area for a training room.

Ron reported on an issue with the SBA tower on Stid Hill. The County Attorney has been talking with SBA and they have accepted that as of June the County will no longer be using the Parish Hill tower. But the County will have to stay on the Stid Hill tower until June 2016.

Ron explained the pathway studies between microwaves are not what they use to be because the trees are higher than they use to be 13 years ago when they were built. Ron is looking into ways to address this and will keep the Committee informed.

Ron reported round 4 of the Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant came out. There will be \$50 million available to counties through this grant and Ron would like to apply to help with fiber costs from Penn Yan to the Sherman tower and perhaps extending fiber from the Parish Hill to Shay site. The Committee approved Ron using Televate to prepare the grant application.

Ron reported the new Animal Control truck has been received and is in service.

Ron reported he was contacted by one of the Town of Milo Councilman with regards to Mennonites on bicycles not moving out of the way for the snow plows. Ron has checked with Monroe County which also had some issues with obstacles and they put a device on the plows that will alert them if they are going to hit something. Ron forwarded the information on to the councilman.

Ron reported the departments IT demands are such that it is causing capacity issues with the county system and seem to run into problems all the time. Ron stated he is looking for funding through a grant that would allow him to get into the terabits and get increase in the hard drive system.

Ron explained he is running out of space to store records and he is trying to deal with that by scanning them into the system. We started scanning records the first of the year instead of having hard files but it takes up so much space. There is a huge demand on IT from the department in various ways. Ron has a meeting set up with IT this Friday to discuss issues. Tim has been good to work with.

Ron stated there is an issue with unclaimed property that has been stolen and the owner of the property will not pick it up. The barn has a lot of property in it and we can't seem to get the owners to come and get their property. The county attorney states that one option is that the property should be turned over to Social Services to be sold and used against the cost of assistance. Ron is looking at a system of notification and a letter from the County Attorney.

Bonnie commended the deputies and dispatchers on dealing with the issues that this winter has provided with the accidents and cold temperatures and having to be out in them.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25p.m.