

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

August 4, 2026

The regular meeting of Public Safety, Probation, Office of Emergency Services, Coroner, and Stop DWI was held in the Legislative Conference Room at the Ronald E. Dougherty Office Building, 56 Main St., on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 2:30 PM.

Present:

Keith Flesher	Chair, Public Safety
Tracy Monell	Chair of the Legislature
Jake Brown	Legislator
David Cantella	Legislator
Ron Ciotoli	Legislator
Brian Cain	Director, Probation
Sheriff Gary Howard	Sheriff's Office
William Ellis	Deputy Director, Emergency Services
Bob Williams	Assistant Fire Coordinator (<i>in at 2:35</i>)

Guest:

Jackson Bailey	County Administrator
Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk
Laura Schurter	Chief Accountant
Paul Stagg	Deputy Treasurer

Absent:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of July 7, 2026 minutes:

Legislator Brown made the motion, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli to approve the July 7, 2026 Public Safety minutes, as written. Motion carried.

PROBATION – Brian Cain:

FINANCIAL:

- 2026 Budget is on track.
- 2027 Budget due:
 - Projected impact to the Probation budget is an increase of \$9,505.26.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Training: A Probation Supervisor attended a one day Threat Assessment Management training with a member of Emergency Management in July. Multiple Probation Officers attended the Probation Officer Association's Summer Conference in Syracuse in July. Two newly hired Probation Officers will go to Jefferson County to begin there fundamentals training.
- Supervisors have been concentrating on quality assurance, the new Deputy Director has been tasked with this when he arrives.

- With the New Deputy Director comes reassignment of duties.
- Juvenile Delinquency Services: There were two tickets for July. Up to 21 year to date.
- One Youth currently in juvenile sex offender treatment.
- Electronic Monitoring: Continues to fluctuate 6-10 people on it at a time.
- Community Service: WWP – Numbers continue to be low.
- Pre Trial Release: 13 currently.
- Investigations: As of today there are 45 cases.
- Supervision: 190 currently.
- Violations: 20 have violated in various courts.

NEW BUSINESS:

- In process of new vehicle purchase. Request to add additional vehicle to fleet from 3 – 4. Committee agreed.

PERSONNEL:

- Filled one of the two vacant Probation Officer Positions. Started last Monday, July 27, 2026. This coming Monday, August 10, 2026 the Deputy Director will start. One Vacant Office Specialist I position and One Vacant Probation Officer position exists.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Resolution to Approve the Renewal of Probation's Contract with Talitrix
- Authorize Budget Transfer for Purchase of a Vehicle Using New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services PreTrial Services Grant Funds

***Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward*

OFFICE of EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – William Ellis:**FINANCIAL:**

- 2026 Budget within expected limits.
- 2027 Budget due:
 - Keep everything the same; increase of \$5,000 based on updating the pay scale for EMT Class. Increase costs for portable AED for the Sheriff Office cars.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Radio Project: Moving along quickly. Did the generator startup tests at Ballou, Babcock, Hanson & Spencer sites. Most equipment deployed and installed by September. Prospect driveway has been completed. Athens site getting close to being completed.
- CAD: No changes.
- EMS: Coordinator continues to meet regularly. EMT Class is set to begin on August 17 and run through December 17. Have received some calls for people to sign up (8-10 people).
- Emergency Management: Working with NYS DHSES to review and update plans, including the CEMP and COOP.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

PERSONNEL:

- None.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Contract with Controls Service & Engineering Co., Inc for HVAC Services – Prospect Tower
- Acceptance of 2025-2026 SICG Formula Grant Appropriation of Funds & Modify 2026 Budget

***Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward*

SHERIFF – Sheriff Gary Howard:

FINANCIAL:

- 2026 Budget on Track. Revenues are \$242,976.97 which is 51% of the budget. Expenditures are at \$7,272,568.24 which is 54% of the budget. Inmate Boarders are \$69,169.49 which is 46% of the budget.
- 2027 Budget due: Increases due to Jail security, Jail food vendor and Jail Medical.

OLD BUSINESS:

- TCLEA – No issues.
- TCCA – No issues.
- Jail Camera replacement project ongoing.
- Vesta System – Citizen Input phase is ongoing.
- HVAC overhead door – will be re-bid.
- Average daily population for inmates for July 2026 was 37.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

PERSONNEL:

- Update of Vacancies:
 - Civil – all Positions are filled.
 - Civil Clerk going out on Maternity Leave soon.
 - Corrections –
 - One Vacant Part Time Cook Position.
 - Four Vacant Corrections Officer Position.
 - One Corrections Officers on Light Duty.
 - No Corrections Officers on Workers Comp or on Military Deployment.
 - Road Patrol –
 - Seven Open Deputy Positions.
 - No Deputies on Light Duty.
 - E911 – No Vacant E911 Dispatcher Positions.

- Records – All positions are filled.
- Administration – All positions are filled.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Authorize Execution of Agreement with Spencer Van Etten School District for School Security
- Authorize Appointment of Captain – Operations Officer
- Authorize Agreement with AXON Enterprise Inc. for Tasers
- Approve 2027 STOP DWI Plan
- Resolution Recognizing Trevor Yaegeer's 22 Years of Dedicated Service to Tioga County

***Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward*

CORONER – Bob Williams:

FINANCIAL:

- 2027 Budget due:
 - Increase: \$3,560 software annual cost & cellular services.

ADJOURNED:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Gilligan

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