

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

July 7, 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, July 7, 2026, which started at 2:30 PM.

Present:

Keith Flesher	Chair, Public Safety
Jake Brown	Legislator {Committee Member}
David Cantella	Legislator {Committee Member}
Ron Ciotoli	Legislator {Committee Member}
Tracy Monell	Legislator Chairman
Brian Cain	Director, Probation
Gary Howard	Sheriff, Sheriff's Office
Corinne Cornelius	Director, Office of Emergency Services
Bob Williams	Coroner and Asst. Coordinator, Office of Emergency Services

GUESTS:

JoEllen Rose, Legislator Member
Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk
Jackson Bailey – County Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The *June 2, 2026* minutes were accepted with no corrections or changes

Motion by: Jake Brown to accept the June 2, 2026 Minutes.

Second: Ron Ciotoli

All in Favor - Carried

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Corinne Cornelius

FINANCIAL:

- Budget: within expected limits.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Utilities have been connected at most sites. Motorola has conducted generator testing at four sites, they can now begin installing the microwave equipment at

those sites and expect to have most equipment deployed and installed by September 2026.

- CAD Project – nothing new to report.
- Athens Round Top site is wrapping up and ready for equipment to be installed, shelter and electric already installed.
- Squad captains continue to meet regularly.
- The Fall EMT class is in process of being scheduled. Anticipated to start in August and run to December
- We received donation of an old ambulance to be used for training and EMT classes.
- We hosted an EOC activation exercise on June 18th with NYS DHSES OEM staff guidance. We utilized a Dam failure scenario to assist Soil and Water with some of their requirements. The exercise generated a lot of good conversations and highlighted a few areas needed to update for successful EOC activations.
- Corinne accomplished her FEMA Basic Academy series and received her completion certificate.
- We are working with NYS DHSES to review and update plans, including the CEMP and COOP.
- We assisted with the Big Boy 4014 train as it passed through the county.
- We will be hosting a memorial on July 20, marking the 10-year anniversary of the Line of Duty Death of John V. Scott. He was instrumental in beginning the radio communications project in 2010.
- We are still in the process of reviewing our strategic plan items and working toward completing the objectives.
- Consultant Squad 9 are now leading the meetings, and meeting dates have been shifted to better suit team member participation. We hope to hold more training courses about Threat Assessment soon.
- We have updated the Arson Control Plan. NYS requirement had not been updated since team inception. Arson Plan is an outline for the FIT team operations.
- Corinne will be out for maternity leave – 8 weeks – anticipated August and September. Will Ellis will be covering in that time.

RESOLUTIONS:

- G03 Authorize EMPG25 Application
- G04 Authorize submission of Homeland Security Grant SHSP25
- G05 Authorize Donation of Ambulance from Richford Fire District
- G07 Arson Control Plan Update
- G09 Modify 2026 Budget

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

SHERIFF – Gary Howard:

FINANCIAL:

- Revenues are \$216,137.84 which is 45% of the budget. Expenditures at \$6,010,990.15 which is 51% of the budget. Inmate Boarders are \$63,956.66 which is 42% of the budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 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 Dispatchers are now using the new radios with the old format pending tower completion.
- K9 program is now fully implemented, out on patrol.
- Building project – Jail HVAC overhead door to upper mezzanine will be re-bid.
- Average daily inmate population for the month of June 2026 was 36. Average of 2 Federal inmate (60 days) and 1 board-in (30 days) for the month.
- Veteran's Memorial Highway of Valor Ride – July 11, 2026 at 11am. Beginning at Owego Free Academy with Sheriff escort to county line at Richford, NY. Ride continues on to Hannibal, NY.

PERSONNEL:

- Update on vacancies – Civil Office – all positions filled; Clerk will be out on maternity leave beginning in August. Corrections Division - currently 4 open Correction Officers position; 1 part-time cook position; 1 Correction Officer on light duty; 0 Corrections Officer on Worker's Comp; 0 Corrections Office military deployment; Road Patrol – 6 open Deputies positions; no Deputies on light duty; E911 Emergency Communications Center – all positions filled; Records and Administration – all positions filled.
- Captain gave two-week notice, effective July 10, 2026.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Create and fill position – PT Special Patrol Officer – Sheriff's Office @ Spencer Van Etten School - SRO

***Committee agreed to move resolution forward.*

CORONER – Bob Williams:

- Budget software in place.
- Working on training all users.

PROBATION – Brian Cain:

FINANCIAL:

- 1,010 of DWI Supervision fee collected in June. \$5,769.17 collected in 2026
- \$1,085 in restitution and surcharge collected in June. \$14,007.55 collected in 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Staffing - Probation interviewed a candidate to fill one of the vacant Probation Officer positions and the Deputy Director in June. The Probation Officer candidate was offered the position and she accepted. Her first day at Probation will be July 27, 2026. Pending approval of the Legislature, the Deputy Director position could be filled by mid August.
- Training - One Probation Officer and one Senior Probation Officer completed the two week Trainer Certification training sponsored by the State in June. The two officers are now certified to be a general topics instructor in training academies required by the State. The officers plan on pursuing further instructor training which will allow them to be an instructor in a concentration area of their choice.
- Probation held its Annual In-service Training at Hickories Park on Wednesday, June 17, 2026. Members from the Tioga County Sheriff's Office, Together for Youth Detention Services, the Multi Systemic Therapy Program, County Attorney's Office, and Family Enrichment Network were in attendance. Discussion involved the Family Court Process and placement of youth in detention were discussed.
- Probation is moving forward with purchasing new electronic equipment (monitors, printers, new copier, etc.) for all Probation staff. IT Director Brandon Clark has provided the attached quote for all the equipment. It is the intention to use Pre-Trial Release funding provided by the State to purchase the equipment.

Update: The new equipment has been ordered by Director Brandon Clark.

- Probation Director attended the Annual Council of Probation Administrators (COPA) Conference in Clayton, New York on June 22, 23, & 24. COPA members met with representatives from the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (OPCA) regarding the most pressing topics facing Probation Departments at this time. They included efforts to increase State funding to Probation Departments, the State's Request for Proposals (RFP) on a new Probation data system, statewide 25-year retirement for probation officers, and many more.
- Probation remote work update. Probation Officers do not work from home. Remote work at Probation involves Officers accessing their desktop remotely from Justice Courts or remote locations where probationers are being seen such as the Village of Waverly Police Department. This continues to be true as

Officers continue to attend Justice Courts after office hours and see people in "The Valley" due primarily to a lack of public transportation.

- Strategic Plan Update- Completed two objectives with partner CASA Trinity; Train the Trainer- 3 milestones met; Succession Planning- 3 milestones met; Cross Training -1 milestone met.
- Probation Director, Probation Supervisor and Commissioner of Social Services and DSS Director of Services discussing detention contracts for county. Costs \$800/900 daily, currently two in detention, only have contract for 1 bed in detention. In addition we are looking for program to address parenting and home issues training.
- **Juvenile Delinquency Services** – June of 2026 = 3 Juvenile Delinquency Appearance Tickets; 19 JDATs year to date. This is an increase from three years ago.
- **ATI Programs**: Electronic Monitoring – There are currently eight individuals being monitored via the VCheck 24 phone app. We are considering switching to Talitrix which is a watch monitoring application and cheaper to use.

PERSONNEL:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

- Amend contract with Premier Biotech f/k/a National Test System
- Authorize appointment of Deputy Director of Probation

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Legislator Ciotoli made a motion, seconded by Legislator Brown, to enter executive session at 3:04 PM to discuss Personnel Matters. In attendance were Legislators Flesher, Brown, Ciotoli, Cantella and Rose; Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell; County Administrator Bailey; Probation Director Brian Cain.

Legislator Bown motioned to adjourn Executive Session and seconded by Legislator Ciotoli at 3:30. PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debora J. Stubecki
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Office of Emergency Services