

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

May 5, 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, May 5, 2026 at 2:30 PM.

Present:

Keith Flesher	Chair, Public Safety
Jake Brown	Legislator
David Cantella	Legislator
Ron Ciotoli	Legislator
Brian Cain	Director, Probation
Sheriff Gary Howard	Sheriff's Office
Corinne Cornelius	Director, Emergency Services
Bob Williams	Assistant Fire Coordinator / Coroner

Guest:

Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk
Jackson Bailey	County Administrator
JoEllen Rose	Legislator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of March 3, 2026 and April 7, 2026 minutes

PROBATION – Brian Cain:

FINANCIAL:

- 2026 Budget is on Track.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A Probation Officer was hired effective May 4, 2026 and a Sr. Probation Officer was promoted contingently to the open Probation Supervisor position. As of this meeting, there are two open Sr. Probation Officer positions.
- Training: One officer is attending Basic Course for Peace Officers Academy in Onondaga County. The most recently hired Officer will attend Fundamental of Probation Practice academy and Basic Course for Peace Officers by end of year.
- All probation officers are approved for remote work as it is necessary to access Probation data when they are in court or other remote locations.
- The current contract NYS has with Catalis system (Caseload Explorer for all Probation Depts.) will not be renewed. The current contract expires in 2027. There is an RFP for vendors of this service. OPCA/DCJS has stated that if Probation Departments choose to utilize whatever data system is chosen, the State will pay for usage of the system.

- Probation continues to work toward the purchase of a new vehicle using Pre-Trial Release funding from the State.
- General Municipal Law Section 207-c 25 year retirement for Probation Officers. Only a handful of counties allow. Individuals can buy into. Plan could be used as a recruitment and retention option.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Juvenile Delinquency Services: Four for the month of April, and Two so far in May.
- One Youth currently in juvenile sex offender treatment.
- Electronic Monitoring: Seven people being electronic monitored.
- WWP is running.
- Pre-Trial Release: 12 people are being supervised.
- Court Ordered Investigations: 55 active cases opened.
- Supervising: 196 people currently.
- Violations: 14 have violated.

PERSONNEL:

- One Vacant Office Specialist 1 position
- Two Vacant Sr. Probation Officer position.

RESOLUTIONS:

- None.

OFFICE of EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Corinne Cornelius:

FINANCIAL:

- 2026 Budget still within our expected limits for the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Radio Project: Still working to get utilities connected to many of the sites. We experienced a theft of copper wire at the Ballou Road site, just prior to NYSEG making that final connection. The RFP work was completed at Hanson, now waiting for a pole to be installed for that site to get connected. We are hoping to have Candor ready to begin the RFP electrical work this month.
- Corinne and Will attended the State's Communications Technicians course in Broome County.
- Dispatch radio consoles are set up on the MPR at Public Safety, CAC and Motorola are continuing to ensure all issued are addressed ahead of dispatcher training and live cut-over.
- Emergency Management: Planning an EOC activation exercise for Spring of 2026.
- We are planning to host an Open House on May 30, 2026 from 10am-2pm.
- We are awaiting further information about Comprehensive Plan for NYS – they will be releasing template by end of June, then we will have 6 months to write.

- EMS Coordinator Scott Gurney has begun hosting EMS Captains meetings quarterly. (well attended by every agency).
- EMS Course nearing completion, end date 5/21/26. A fall class is expected.
- We hosted Anika Sith, a BOCES New Visions Student, one morning to discuss what Emergency Services does and what Emergency Management is.
- Corrine attended the BCC Mock Disaster, along with other local Emergency Managers/
- Threat Assessment Team: Team has continued meeting regularly. Working with Squad 9 consultants to address any concerns and ensure the Team is operating effectively. Hosting the State's Threat Evaluation Recording Course (TERC) May 12th, 13th and 14th at Public Safety.
- Fire: Continues to be very busy across the County.
- There is currently a NYS Burn Ban that expires on May 14th.
- We attended a tour with HAZMAT team and Southside Fire Dept. to the Kinder-Morgan pipeline facility and continued discussions of response planning, should any emergency occur.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

PERSONNEL:

- None.

RESOLUTIONS:

- E11 – Modify 2026 Budget Appropriation of Funds Radio Project
- E13 – Modify 2026 Budget
- E22 - Authorize Contract Service Rates for Emergency Services Training Program Vendors
- E38 – Amend Resolution No. 17-26 Execute Lease and Easement Agreement of Property Located at Candor Hill Rod.
- E45 – Martin HAZMAT Team Application
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***Resolutions approved to move forward to the Legislative Work session.*

SHERIFF – Sheriff Gary Howard:**FINANCIAL:**

- Revenues are at \$127,020.15 which is 26% of the budget. Expenditures are at \$3,918,228.32 which is 35% of the budget. Inmate Boarders are at \$49,106.95 which is 32% of the budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

- TCLEA Contract moving forward.
- TCCA Contract moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jail Camera replacement project is ongoing.
- VESTA NextGen 911 System:. Training is May 18th & 19th for the Dispatchers for the new Radio System.
- K9 Program: Deputy now completed K9 school and is working on certifications.
- Building Project: Jail HVAC overhead door to upper mezzanine and it has been approved by the Commission of Corrections.
- Daily inmate population for April was 4; 2 Federal inmates; 1 board-in.
- Police week is May 3-9.

PERSONNEL:

- Update of Vacancies:
 - Civil – all Positions are filled.
 - Corrections – Two open Corrections Officer Positions; One Vacant Part Time Cook Position.
 - One Corrections Officer on Light Duty.
 - One Corrections Officer on Worker's Comp
 - One Corrections Officer on Military Deployment.
 - Three Corrections Officers in the Academy. (graduate 5/8/26)
 - Road Patrol – Six Open Deputy Positions.
 - E911 – Two Vacant E911 Dispatcher Positions. One Interview last week.
 - Records – all positions are filled.
 - Administration – all positions are filled.

RESOLUTIONS:

- None.

CORONER – Robert Williams:

- Spring Conference on March 20-21, held at Tioga Downs. 89 attendees -attendees liked the venue and content, as well as variety of speakers.
- Records program – most cases are entered into system; each coroner issued a camera and laptop by IT for working in the field.
- Government signed into law; effective 12/26/25, requirement for 30 hours continuing education, every three years.
- 39 cases YTD.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Legislator Ciotoli made a motion, seconded by Legislator Brown, to go into executive session at 3:14 PM to discuss Personnel Matters. In attendance was Legislators Flesher, Brown, Ciotoli & Cantella; Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell; County Administrator Bailey;.

Legislator Ciotoli motioned to adjourn Executive Session and seconded by Legislator Brown at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora Stubecki

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5/6/2026