

## MINUTES

### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:00 a.m.**

Present: Supervisors Verno, Bender, VanLaeken, Donalty and Groat, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistants Ken Blake and Brian Sams, Wayne Pre-Trial Services Director Martha Bailey, Coroner Phil Pettine, Probation Director Mark Ameele, Public Defender Andy Correia, Sheriff Robert Milby, Undersheriff Jeff Fosdick and Emergency Services Director George Bastedo. Supervisor Eygnor was not present for the meeting.

Minutes from the December Committee meeting were approved as written.

The monthly activities report for Wayne Pre-Trial Services was distributed with the agenda. There were 12 incarcerated individuals placed in the Pre-Trial Release Program during December. The Program provides verified information to magistrates for their determination and monitors defendants during their pretrial period. At this time the Agency has 54 open Pre-Trial cases. During December there was one additional person placed in the Enhanced Pre-Trial Program. This Program addresses community safety issues by coordinating alcohol/drug evaluations, mental health evaluations and treatment recommendations and implementation. At this time there are four defendants on the Program. One additional person was added to the Electronic Monitoring Program through Pre-Trial. This is a new program requirement through 2020 State Bail Reform. This is the least restrictive option a judge can utilize prior to placing an individual in jail. At the end of December there were 18 individuals on this Program. The Office does not receive any additional funds for exceeding contracted participation rates.

The Coroners monthly report was reviewed. During December Coroners responded to 30 calls, with 16 of the bodies requiring an autopsy. In 2021, Coroners responded to 211 cases, of this number 128 had autopsies performed. Mr. Pettine voiced concern with the lack of storage locations for bodies awaiting autopsies or have yet to be claimed. Newark-Wayne Community Hospital has space to accommodate six bodies; Clifton Springs Hospital has the same amount of space. There is additional space available in Monroe County, but that can be costly. Mr. Pettine said he heard rumors of a building expansion project at Newark-Wayne Community Hospital, questioning if the County would like to be part of their plan and put in funding to expand the body holding area. Mr. House said this project could be a shared services program.

The monthly activities report for the Probation Department was reviewed. There were 27 non-secured bed days served by one individual in December and one Raise-the-Age case for a juvenile delinquent. At the end of the year there were 10 active PINS (Persons In Need of Supervision) cases and 88 active Diversion/Intake cases. Staff are supervising a total of 544 cases and monitoring 2,823 cases. There are 12 individuals on the Electronic Home Monitoring Program through Probation and 64 ignition interlock systems installed. During December the Department collected \$10,557 in various fees and charges.

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Mr. Ameele presented a transmittal requesting authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a three-year agreement renewal with Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$40,000. Approved 4-0.

The monthly activities report for the Public Defender's Office was included with the agenda. At the end of December the Office had 428 open cases. Next month Mr. Correia will be addressing contracts his Office has with interpreters. This service is needed in the Office, at the Jail and in Court. It was agreed he would work with Mr. House and the County Attorney on details of these contracts.

Mr. Correia said he would like to have an update/discussion on the Governor's Executive Order 203 Plan at the February Committee meeting. At that meeting he will review with new Committee members various funding sources being received by the Public Defender's Office.

The following monthly reports were presented for the Sheriff's Office:

- Corrections: During November there were 41 males and seven females committed to the County Jail, along with 18 parole violators and 10 boarded-in inmates. One inmate had a visit from a private attorney, four by the Public Defender, seven by Pre-Trial Release and two by Probation Officers. Inmates paid \$27,450 in bail and \$90.08 in fines during the month. A total of 5,165 meals were served in the Facility.
- Activities: In November three DWI, 76 criminal, nine vehicle and traffic, 24 miscellaneous and 11 mental health arrests were made. Sheriff Milby said incarcerated individuals are participating in the programs offered at the Facility. The Records Division processed 45 pistol permits and 51 amendments. Sheriff Milby noted approximately half of all individuals that schedule an appointment for a pistol permit do not show up for it. The Civil Division processed 82 papers, served 93 Family Court papers, and performed five evictions. Sheriff Milby said more evictions occurred in December. Supervisor Verno questioned if area counties have been discussing the possibility of a regional jail, since facilities are not full as they were in the past. Undersheriff Fosdick noted the County is required to have a jail and would need holding cells for incarcerated individuals awaiting arraignment or transfer. He noted County jails are no longer full, but it has become increasingly difficult to obtain staff.
- Town/Village Summary: Deputies responded to 142 motor vehicle collisions and oversaw the 354 registered sex offenders in the County.
- Tickets by Town: A total of 132 tickets were issued in November, the majority in the Towns of Lyons, Ontario and Williamson.
- Overtime: Staff worked 2,935 hours of overtime in November; the majority for staff shortages. It was noted Road Patrol is down 12 positions.
- Court Security: During November 1,630 individuals entered the Hall of Justice through the magnetometer. The number does not include staff entering the building.

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Sheriff Milby informed the Committee the 2004 vehicle used for the Recreational Safety Program is no longer serviceable according to Central Garage. The 2022 budget has appropriations for 12 new vehicles for the Sheriff's Office. He will now change one of those replacement vehicles for a new truck for the Recreational Safety Program at no additional County cost.

The monthly report for Emergency Management Services was reviewed.

Mr. Bastedo stated the Department continues to wait until a Records Management System (RMS) is working for either the State or Monroe County before continuing with the local project. Both projects, Monroe and the State, have had implementation delays.

Mr. Bastedo said a presentation will be made to the full Board, hopefully later this month, on a countywide EMS (Emergency Management Services) system. American Rescue and Recovery Act funds totaling slightly over \$1 million have been appropriated toward this project; the entire project will have a much higher cost. Supervisors were informed the January 20<sup>th</sup> Public Officials Conference Refresher Course has been cancelled due to COVID concerns. Mr. Bastedo is not scheduling any additional activities in his Office at this time due to COVID.

This year's Ginna drills are scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> and August 30<sup>th</sup>. Efforts continue to find an individual to be the Department's part-time Emergency Management Training Coordinator. Lake Ontario is currently at 245.6', about a foot higher than last year at this same time, and is not anticipated to drop over the next 30 days. Protective action at Sodus Bay should help eliminate much of the flooding from two years ago.

Wayne County remains in a State of Emergency due to COVID concerns. Mr. Bastedo stated this designation is renewed monthly. He requested any town supervisor that is considering a State of Emergency declaration make contact with his Department first. The County requested 100,000 tests kits from the State, they were informed they would receive 34,000; the County actually received 4,000. Plans for distribution of this limited number of kits are still being discussed.

Bids have been awarded for the Ontario Radio Tower Project; work has not started. Mr. Bastedo said he is working with the County's Information Technology Department to develop an auto attendant for non-emergency numbers into 911. That Department is still short staffed on Dispatchers. Two individuals are in training; complete training takes about six months. There will still be two Dispatcher vacancies after these positions are filled. Mr. Verno requested staffing at E-911 remain an agenda item.

Mr. Bastedo reported two responses were received for a countywide aerial imaging project. If the proposals can be reviewed prior to the January 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting he will be requesting a Rule 14 to accept a proposal.

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Mr. Bastedo presented a transmittal requesting authorization to accept a medical accommodation for the Operations Manager who worked from home while unable to come into the Office due to a medical issue. It was noted there is no County policy on the handling of such issues. Mr. Verno questioned if it was legal to reinstate sick leave time. Approved 4-0.

Mr. House thanked the Sheriff and Undersheriff for their participation in the countywide educational mask mandate/vaccination program. Wayne County has the potential to receive \$1 million from the State for enforcement and education related to mask wearing. The County's Information Technology Department is working on material for the County's web page that will give information, as well as instruction, for the use of masks in public places and by businesses. Mr. Groat questioned what authority a local Code Enforcement Officer has in mask enforcement. Sheriff Milby said a business could lose their Certificate of Occupancy if they do not follow this State mandate. The Sheriff's Office will not be ticketing for mask violations; however, multiple complaints will cause a referral to code enforcement or the Department of Health, which may be able to take action in regards to certificates of occupancy or health permits. When businesses are turned in for mask violations the Sheriff's Office will issue a letter to the business owner and to the State Department of Health and local Code Enforcement Officer.

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m. The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.