

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 5, 2016**

Present: Bill Holgate Tim Dennis, Gary Montgomery, Ed Bronson, Elden Morrison, Bonnie Percy, Jim Multer, Dan Banach, Leslie Church, Earle Gleason, Mark Morris, Terry Button, Jim Smith, Connie Hayes, Ron Spike, Brian Winslow, Sharon Dawes, Valerie Gardner, Doug Paddock.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as presented.

Bill and Elden will do the audit this month.

Probation –Sharon Dawes

Sharon reviewed the following statistics.

YATES CO. PROBATION	14-Dec	15-Jan	15-Feb	15-Mar	15-Apr	15-May	15-Jun	15-Jul	15-Aug	15-Sep	15-Oct	15-Nov	15-Dec
Probationers	264	255	250	250	247	240	236	241	237	247	241	238	242
Investigations monthly	15	14	15	23	22	19	20	23	22	28	14	12	34
investigations year to date	218	14	29	52	74	93	113	136	158	186	200	212	246
Violation of Probation	5	6	8	8	5	3	13	4	2	5	3	3	2
VOP year to date	49	6	14	22	27	30	43	47	49	54	57	60	62
Pre-Trial Release	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Leandra's Law													
Conditional Discharge	46/26	43/24	43/27	37/27	41/24	44/24	44/25	42/23	38/19	42/19	40/18	38/17	38/18
Probation	17/0	16/1	15/1	13/1	16/1	19/1	18/1	19/1	20/1	23/1	24/1	24/2	27/2
waiver cases	8/3	7/3	6/3	7/5	9/7	9/8	9/8	10/8	9/7	11/7	12/6	14/8	13/8
payment plan cases	7/3	5/2	7/3	7/3	7/3	7/2	6/2	6/2	6/2	7/3	7/3	6/3	6/3

District Attorney – Valerie Gardner

Valerie reviewed the following statistical report.

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	2014				2015			
	NEW	NEW	NEW	CASES	NEW	NEW	NEW	CASES
	CASES	FELONY	VOP &VCD	CLOSED	CASES	FELONY	VOP &VCD	CLOSED
Jan	65	4	8	78	64	16	7	62
Feb	44	4	6	92	62	8	5	51
Mar	68	7	9	62	75	15	8	53
Apr	82	7	5	82	70	5	10	53
May	85	7	6	62	59	12	3	63
Jun	72	9	3	67	80	5	14	61
Jul	65	6	6	71	70	8	4	44
Aug	72	13	1	55	78	10	5	81
Sep	76	15	24	87	85	7	4	82
Oct	75	13	14	73	73	5	3	61
Nov	60	6	12	70	51	9	5	71
Dec	86	15	13	89	63	15	6	27
Total	850	106	107	888	830	115	74	709

"New Cases" are the total number of new files opened each month. "New Felony" is the number of new cases where the top charge alleged is a felony (may or may not be maintained at that level after review). "New VOP" is number of Violations of Probation or Violations of Conditional Discharges filed. "Cases Closed" is the number of case files that were closed as completed with final dispositions. New Cases less the New Felony & New VOP = All other cases (misdemeanors, violations, vehicle and traffic, etc.). Not shown are many prior years case appeals and post judgment applications for relief which consume a substantial amount of staff time.

SCIP'S / INDICTMENTS

2015: 91 to date

2014: 39 total for year

Valerie was asked to include a column for the number of open cases.

Valerie reported county court was held this morning the case that was being heard was the fatal accident on Rte. 14 the defendant pled guilty to aggravated vehicular homicide which is a class B felony. The defendant's sentencing will occur on March 1st. The defendant also pled guilty to DWI. Valerie explained that the top count that the defendant pled to encompassed everything else in the indictment.

Valerie reported January 19th there is another Heroin Forum at the Dundee Central School and the Yates Substance Abuse Coalition meeting will be held on January 20th in the County Auditorium at 4:00p.m.

Tim would like to have the Coalition do a presentation at the February Legislative meeting. Tim will check with Deb Minor on getting this setup.

Emergency Management –Brian Winslow

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

- Appoint Members To The Yates County Fire Advisory Board
- Authorize Chairman To Sign Yates County Fire Mutual Aid Plan

Brian reported he has the tentative training schedule for 2016 done and is meeting with State Fire Instructors to firm the schedule up.

Brian reviewed emergency responses he attended.

Brian reported Chris is working with the Benton Fire Department on a Grain Rescue Grant.

Brian reported in past year's he has sponsored a public official's workshop. This is mainly for new members to boards. Brian would like to setup a workshop sometime in April or May and can run between 4 and 8 hours. Brian will report more once he has the workshop setup.

Brian reported he has found a grant that is being offered for local gas stations to apply for funding for generators. There is one gas station in Rushville that has a generator. Brian gave each gas station in the county a letter explaining the grant process and how to go about obtaining the grant.

Brian brought up the vehicle marking policy. Connie had contacted Brian regarding having his vehicle marked. Resolution 158-87 states county vehicles have to be marked on the front doors with county decals, however, a new DMV law now states that municipal vehicles will have plates depicting them as a municipal vehicle. So if having just the plate is ok with the Legislature then the resolution needs to be updated or rescinded. The consensus of the Committee was to amend the resolution to state the vehicles could have either the decals of the plates. Connie will have a resolution for next month.

Sheriff – Ron Spike

Ron questioned if there was any concerns regarding the Governor's recent executive order regarding the burdens that are being placed upon DSS to provide emergency shelter for anyone who might be perceived as homeless where the temperature is below 32 degrees. The burden that is being placed on law enforcement is they want them, if they can, to make it applicable to the mental health law, which is what we commonly refer to as a 941. This is slang for 9.41 of the mental health law which says that law enforcement, when they encounter anyone who is a danger to themselves or to another, that we take them into custody. If you were to take someone into custody under the 941, you would have to deliver them to the nearest hospital that's set up under the 939 law which is Soldiers & Sailors. There is no obligation to law enforcement to deliver them to an emergency shelter. If someone doesn't want to go or you can't prove that they are an endangerment, the Sheriff does not see where it's applicable and law enforcement can get involved.

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

- Authorize Sheriff To Sign 2016 Tower Site Generator Maintenance Agreement With Penn Power
- Authorize 2016 Stop DWI Services Agreement With FLACRA
- Authorize Sheriff And Chairman To Sign 2016 Jail Physician MOU
- Accept And Appropriate Victim Services Grant
- Authorize Sheriff To Sign MOU With Safe Harbors Of the Finger Lakes
- Accept And Appropriate GTSC Rural Traffic Enforcement Grant
- Authorize Chairman And Sheriff To Sign 2016 Inmate Holding Agreements Between Yates And Ontario County's
- Authorize Sheriff To Renew Firearms Range Contract
- Authorize Chairman And Sheriff To Sign Pre-Arrest Detention (Lock-Up) Inter-municipal Agreement With Village Of Penn Yan For 2016
- Accept Sheriff's 2016 GTSC Child Passenger Safety Grant
- Authorize Chairman And Sheriff To Renew South Hill Tower Site Lease 2016-2020
- Authorize Inmate Holding 2016 Agreement With Wayne County
- Authorize 2016 Agreement With Penn Yan Area Vol. Ambulance Corps For Inmate Medical Transportation
- Authorize Sheriff To Renew EAP Agreement For 2016
- Authorize Chairman To Sign Inter-Municipal Agreement With Monroe County For Forensic Laboratory Services - 2016
- Authorize Sheriff Renew Dental Services Agreement With Finger Lakes Community Health
- Authorize Sheriff To Renew Inmate Medical Services Agreement With S&S Memorial Hospital

Ron reviewed the position review form for an Emergency Services Dispatcher. Ron explained that this just came up in the last couple of days and if the position is refilled, the county will realize a savings as the person leaving is a step 14 and a new person will be starting at step 1. The consensus of the Committee was to refill the position.

Ron reviewed a position review form for a Deputy Sheriff position that has become vacant due to a resignation. This individual has been with Yates County for 2 years and has now been appointed to the Washington D.C. Capital police.

Bill explained we see a lot of dispatch positions come up. Ron had a situation in the past where there was a month before the next Public Safety Committee meeting, it was asked at that time to forgo the position review form and at that time the decision was not to do so. Bill explained that yes, we have not had time to review this form but it becomes a situation of we know we have to fill these positions. Are we going to continue to require that the Sheriff does a position review form or are we going to say if another vacancy were to come up within the next six months can he just go ahead and fill the position? The consensus was if the opening came up within a 2 month period that a new position review form is not needed.

After a lengthy discussion on staffing the consensus of the Committee was to refill the position.

Ron reviewed the jail population report which showed 44 county, 6 federal and 1 boarded in Ontario County for a total of 51. Of those 40 are males and 11 are females.

Ron reviewed the revenue report which shows \$205,739.82 received so far through November, and \$300,000 was budgeted.

Ron reported there were 6 participants in the SWEAP program.

Ron reported there is a pregnant inmate in the jail. The inmate will be delivering at Strong and has chosen to keep the baby with her. Preparations are being made in the jail for a nursery. Ron will have to have 2 guards on duty while this individual is in the hospital as she is still in the Sheriff's care.

Ron reported he is working on setting up an application that can be used on a smartphone that will allow an individual to send a text tip into 911 dispatch that the Sheriff's department can then utilize from there.

Ron reviewed the statistics for November. The following are highlights from that report.

Accidents – car/deer: 80	Alarms: 48	Animal related: 91
Assist other agency: 28	DWI Related: 9	Domestic Violence: 30
Trespassing: 11	Veh./Traffic UTT's: 103	Sex offenders in Co.: 90
FOIL requests: 82	Evictions: 8	Visitors to Courthouse: 2,045
Court cases assigned: 245	Comp. invest. By AC: 66	Male prisoner's adm.:32
Female prisoner's adm.:12	Highest pop any day: 59	Inmates boarded out: 7
Illness calls: 169		

TOTAL Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Department, and Calls for service through 911 for the month: 1,680.

Ron requested that the resolution setting the hour rate for non-union employees be amended for the part-time account clerk typist in his agency. Currently the resolution states that the position's salary is based on 80% of a full time that a person in Council 82 would receive. Because this position has nothing to do with Council 82, Ron would like the wording eliminated and the position given the 2% increase that all the other non-union personal received. The Committee approved.

Ron reported while finalizing the deal for the purchase of the Shay Road tower, it was discovered that none of the towers that the county owns have been insured. Ron provided Connie with the information on the tower sites. Connie stated she submitted the information to the insurance company and is waiting for a quote on the costs.

Ron reported he submitted an application for a \$382,000 state grant regarding communications and some of the issues at the tower sites and the 911 center to be able to communicate within the region. Ron explained he was awarded \$170,000. Ron is still waiting for information on how his request was broken down. Once he receives the information he will have a resolution appropriating the grant.

Ron reported he has a K-9 that he will have to retire for health and liability reasons. Ron explained the Treasurer's office has informed him that he can no longer have a trust account. For years there has always been a K-9 fund where Ron has been able to pay for K-9 expenses with this fund instead of having taxpayers pay for the expense. This fund was established by donations from individuals. Ron will be using the funds in this trust account to purchase a new dog.

Ron reported he is working on a partnership with the local SCOPE organization regarding putting on a Fire Arms Safety program.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55p.m.