

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
March 8, 2016

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

Bill and Dan will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the January and February meetings were approved as presented.

Probation – Sharon Dawes

Sharon reviewed the following statistical report.

YATES CO. PROBATION	15-Feb	15-Mar	15-Apr	15-May	15-Jun	15-Jul	15-Aug	15-Sep	15-Oct	15-Nov	15-Dec	16-Jan	16-Feb
Probationers	250	250	247	240	236	241	237	247	241	238	242	241	238
Investigations monthly	15	23	22	19	20	23	22	28	14	12	34	24	35
investigations year to date	29	52	74	93	113	136	158	186	200	212	246	24	59
Violation of Probation	8	8	5	3	13	4	2	5	3	3	2	2	8
VOP year to date	14	22	27	30	43	47	49	54	57	60	62	2	10
Pre-Trial Release	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Leandra's Law													
Conditional Discharge	43/27	37/27	41/24	44/24	44/25	42/23	38/19	42/19	40/18	38/17	38/18	42/20	40/18
Probation	15/1	13/1	16/1	19/1	18/1	19/1	20/1	23/1	24/1	24/2	27/2	27/2	29/2
waiver cases	6/3	7/5	9/7	9/8	9/8	10/8	9/7	11/7	12/6	14/8	13/8	16/10	15/9
payment plan cases	7/3	7/3	7/3	7/2	6/2	6/2	6/2	7/3	7/3	6/3	6/3	5/2	5/2

District Attorney – Valerie Gardner

Valerie reviewed the following statistical report.

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	2015				2016			
	NEW	NEW	NEW	CASES	NEW	NEW	NEW	CASES
	CASES	FELONY	VOP &VCD	CLOSED	CASES	FELONY	VOP &VCD	CLOSED
Jan	64	16	7	62	53	3	3	42
Feb	62	8	5	51	71	8	6	49
Mar	75	15	8	53				
Apr	70	5	10	53				
May	59	12	3	63				
Jun	80	5	14	61				
Jul	70	8	4	44				
Aug	78	10	5	81				

Sep	85	7	4	82					
Oct	73	5	3	61					
Nov	51	9	5	73					
Dec	63	15	6	31					
Total	830	115	74	715		124	11	9	91

"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.

SCI'S / INDICTMENTS	2016 (to date)	11
	2015 total	91

Valerie reviewed a handout showing various county court activity for the period 1/5/16 to 3/3/16.

Valerie reported there were 2 extraditions last month, one from North Carolina, and another from South Carolina.

Valerie reported the next Yates Substance Abuse Council meeting will be March 16th at 4:00 p.m.

Emergency Management – Brian Winslow

Brian reported he and Diane attended the NYSEMA conference in Syracuse.

Brian reported he taught two Intelligence Liaison Classes which is basically terrorism classes for fire and EMS. There were 30 participants in each class.

Brian reported he is working on getting a new company to do maintenance on the compressors. The company that was doing this is now out of business.

Brian reviewed the emergency responses he attended.

Brian reported Chris has been busy with the planning for the Farm Safety Days.

Brian reported Chris has also been working with Soil & Water and various towns on a Grain Bin Grant.

Brian reported Chris attended a Mass Fatality Planning class in Cayuga. Chris, Brian and the Sheriff will be meeting to discuss a more strategic plan for the county.

Brian reported Keuka College asked for help on setting up a table top exercise. Brian stated he will be helping and advising on this exercise but Keuka College will be running the exercise. The college is looking to do this in April.

Brian reported he has received notification that he has been awarded an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$14,495. This grant is applied to offset part of Brian's salary. Brian will have a resolution on Monday.

Brian reported he has also received notification on the SHSP Grant which OEM receives \$30,000 and the Sheriff received \$10,000. Brian will have a resolution for this also. Brian

explained the Governor has put a short turn around on this grant. They sent all these grants out to us in a short time and a lot of them have a short turn around.

Brian explained there is a huge issue with the Haz. Mat Grant currently. The State is now requiring Haz. Mat teams to be accredited if they are not accredited the State will not fund the teams. Brain is working with the various counties affected.

Brian reported on statistics that were determined for the 2015 Fire Banquet. For the 2015 year there 37 classes scheduled 4 were not held due to lack of attendance. Of the classes held there were 642 hours of training given to 629 students for a total of 9,004 hours of training by these volunteers.

Sheriff – Ron Spike

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

- Appropriate 2016 GTSC Grant
- Accept And Appropriate FY15 PSAP Sustainment Grant
- Appropriate Carryover FY13 PSAP Sustainment Grant
- Accept And Appropriate Drug Enforcement Grant
- Authorize Sheriff To Sign Polygraph Contract Renewal

Ron reviewed the vacancy review for a Correction Officer position that became vacant on February 9th. Ron updated the committee on the progress of hiring more part time help to assist.

Discussion took place on whether to have the Sheriff keep coming back with position review forms for correction officers. It was stated that a policy is in place and if a change to the policy is warranted then it needs to be countywide not just department specific. Further discussion will take place at next month's Government Operations meeting. The consensus of the Committee was to refill the position.

Ron reviewed the vacancy review form for an Emergency Services Dispatcher that became vacant on February 29th.

Discussion took place on having an independent study to determine what the staffing needs are and whether all these posts are needed. The Sheriff stated that if the Board would like a study done the Sheriff will ask SCOC for one. Bill explained that that is not what Elden wants, he wants an independent entity doing another study. Elden stated that the function of the Legislature is an oversight function. If any department head comes in and says anything and we say well you know best, we might as well just go home. Mark stated that the question in the room is Open Book NY. You can't say that we are defiantly not overstaffed. Mark stated there is one question on the jail that he has asked many times and the whole bases of the jail staffing was the line of site. To be able to have posts where there is a direct line of site without using cameras. Why is it that we can't do this? This requires a whole staffing level that would not be required if we could be allowed to use cameras.

Ron explained there are approximately 30 cameras in the jail with the monitors which the jail patrol person watches. The fact that those are in place helps us reduce the number of staffing that SCOC would mandate us to have. Over the years we have cut two doors through steel so that we could create a route for an officer to travel on so instead of having two officers we could reduce it to one. It's not only site it's also sound that is the state's big concern. If we didn't have the cameras that we have, we would be mandated to have more staff. Ron stated that maybe the best thing to do is have the Commission of Corrections come down and do a staffing analysis and the legislature could talk with them. Ron stated that a private entity could be hired to the study if the entity doing the study says you don't need say 2 positions but the state says you do, what are you going to do? The state will win in the end.

Ron explained that until the jail gets to a local population of between 37 and 40 then you are allowed to drop the post in the dorm downstairs that can hold up to 19 people. Ron explained there are only 4 cells for females and when there are 10 or 11 females, you have to move females into sections that are normally taken by males. This creates a problem in itself. There are also classification issues. It also depends on the number of trustees you have. Until the population is dropped low enough and you can close the dorm you can't drop a post.

The consensus of the Committee was to refill the position.

Ron reviewed his memo on instituting a Vivitrol medication program which could be used to assist an addict in recovery. Ron is working with the Jail doctor on this and will report more as information is available.

Ron reviewed the Jail population report: Yates County: 40, and 7 Federal for a total of 47 of those there are 37 males, 10 females and 1 baby.

Ron reviewed his memo on the Jail Telephone System. Ron explained he has been dealing with this issue for quite some time. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Second Report & Order issued in the inmate calling services proceedings in the D.C. Circuit Court which all Sheriffs' across the USA have been following, as this could affect the current revenue stream from Yates County Jail's phone system and provider the GTL Company. There continues to be ongoing legal challenges to the FCC and their intent on establishing rate caps and new rules on prison phone system charges to inmates and users. This revenue could be affect as much as one half the anticipated amount. Ron heard yesterday that the Federal Court did put a Stay in place on 2 out of the 3 issues before them. Ron will update the Committee as information is available.

Ron reviewed his memo on the replacement of Live Scan equipment (RICI) system. The concern with the RICI system is it runs on an XP system that is no longer supported and if it goes down will it reboot. Ron explained he tried to get a grant last year to replace the equipment but was turned down along with Onondaga County who does the store and forward for us. Ron explained if we had a direct connection between the County and Albany to submit the digital finger prints and mug shots it would cost us a lot more money. Onondaga received notification that we are all eligible for a 50% grant for the cost of replacement. The replacement cost with warranty is \$20,089 and we would be reimbursed \$10,044. Ron stated that he can take funds from other lines in his budget and they may run short towards the end of the year but the County needs to take advantage of the \$10,000 reimbursement. The consensus of the Committee was to have Ron move ahead with the replacement.

Tim questioned if instead of having two law enforcement agencies in the County with Live Scan equipment would it be possible for the PY PD to use the County's equipment instead of having to purchase their own. Ron explained that it would be possible but in the past the PYPD did not want to do this. Ron will talk with the PYPD.

Ron reported the baby in jail is doing fine. The issue is where the costs are coming from in the budget.

Ron explained there was another pregnant inmate was transfers to Bedford Hills.

Ron reported Court Security is up to date on all trainings. Also the State chose to give us a new magnetometer for the Couth House. The old one is stored at the County Office Building for use at the Victims Impact Panel instead of bringing the one from the Courthouse.

Ron asked the Committee to hold off on the issue of hiring another investigator to help address the drug issues. Ron has a couple of ideas that he would like to pursue with the Penn Yan Police Department first. The Committee was fine with Ron's decision.

Ron stated he is trying to purchase used vehicles but he is finding it challenging for the type of vehicle needed. The cost is either too high or there is high mileage. Ron continues to work on this.

Ron reviewed the monthly statistics, highlights follow:

Domestic Violence there were 24 reports in January and 15 in February

Order of Protection for January there were 24 and February there were 41

FOIL requests continue to be high, for January there were 105 and February 104

Evictions there were 9 in February

Local Transports for court in January there were 60 and February 77

Total Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Department calls for services for January were 1,513 and February were 1,471.

Ron reported he continues to work on the transition from the STID Tower.

Ron reported he will be doing training for workplace violence on active shooter. Two sessions will be held in the County Office Building, a session for the Elections workers and also one for the Penn Yan Public Library.

Bill moved to enter executive session to discuss collective negotiations with Council 82 and the medical issue of a particular with the Sheriff and Legislature, seconded by Bonnie.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:03p.m.