

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
April 5, 2016

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

Bill and Leslie will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as presented.

Probation – Sharon Dawes

Sharon reviewed the following statistics.

YATES CO. PROBATION	15-Mar	15-Apr	15-May	15-Jun	15-Jul	15-Aug	15-Sep	15-Oct	15-Nov	15-Dec	16-Jan	16-Feb	16-Mar
Probationers	250	247	240	236	241	237	247	241	238	242	241	238	245
Investigations monthly	23	22	19	20	23	22	28	14	12	34	24	35	14
investigations year to date	52	74	93	113	136	158	186	200	212	246	24	59	73
Violation of Probation	8	5	3	13	4	2	5	3	3	2	2	8	11
VOP year to date	22	27	30	43	47	49	54	57	60	62	2	10	21
Pre-Trial Release	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Leandra's Law													
Conditional Discharge	37/27	41/24	44/24	44/25	42/23	38/19	42/19	40/18	38/17	38/18	42/20	40/18	42/16
Probation	13/1	16/1	19/1	18/1	19/1	20/1	23/1	24/1	24/2	27/2	27/2	29/2	30/2
waiver cases	7/5	9/7	9/8	9/8	10/8	9/7	11/7	12/6	14/8	13/8	16/10	15/9	14/8
payment plan cases	7/3	7/3	7/2	6/2	6/2	6/2	7/3	7/3	6/3	6/3	5/2	5/2	5/2

Sharon reported she has heard nothing further on the Raise the Age legislation.

District Attorney – Valerie Gardner

Valerie reported there was a Drug Treatment Court Graduation on March 9th.

Valerie reported there was a felony jury trial the week of March 29-31 which ended in a conviction of forgery in the 2nd degree which is a class D felony.

Valerie reported a Crime Victim's Week Ceremony will be held on April 15th from noon until 1:00 at the Courthouse.

Valerie reported there will be a Victim Impact Panel on April 20th, at 7:00p.m. in the County Auditorium.

Valerie reported the Yates Substance Abuse Coalition Meeting will be held April 20th at 4 p.m.

Valerie reviewed the following statistics.

STATS:

	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	60	9	12	42
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	184	20	21	133

"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.

TOTAL OPEN CASES: 472

SCI'S / INDICTMENTS	2016 (to date)	13
	2015 total	91

Valerie reported on the salary increases for the judiciary salary which impacts the DA's salary. The state budget this year does not include reimbursement for the mandated salary for the DA's.

Emergency Management – Brian Winslow

Brian reported Chris has been working on the Farm Safety Program. There was one held in Benton and Himrod with over 100 individuals in attendance.

Chris has also been working on Mass Fatality Plan with the Sheriff and Coroners.

Brian has met with the 4 county Haz Mat team regarding the State Accreditation.

Brian reported an Active Shooter training for First Responders, has been setup for April 16th.

Brian reported the Fireman's Association of the State of New York has done a study looking into what happens if we don't have volunteers. The survey stated that if there were no volunteer fireman, it would mean an addition of 30,822 career fire fighters to go out to an all paid service. Currently, volunteer fire fighters save the taxpayers \$3.12 billion in salaries and benefits. The annual cost of an all career service would be \$3.87 billion and in addition there would be a onetime cost of \$5.95 billion to acquire existing station structures, vehicles and equipment. It is estimated that 1,300 stations would have to be built new or reconstructed.

Elden reported he contacted the State with regards to the SHSP grant and what it could be used for. Elden was advised that this grant should not be used for running fiber to a tower site but that the State Interoperable Communication Grant would be a better use.

Elden questioned what the use of last year's SHSP grant was. Brian explained that he applied for the grant in March of 2015 but he did not see the funding until September of 2015 which was too late to get everything in place and spend the funds before the end of the year, therefore he had to carry them over into this year. Brian explained he is looking into upgrading the communications trailer by purchasing a used ambulance and make that the communications vehicle for incidents and doing away with the trailer that has to be hauled.

Sheriff – Ron Spike

Ron reported he has submitted his Annual Agency Report for 2015 with the Clerk of Legislature.

Ron reviewed a revised Capitol Plan synopsis for 2017 to allow for the purchase of 7 new vehicles, 6 marked and 1 unmarked. There were no comments from Legislators.

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

- Recognize 2016 National Crime Victims' Rights Week. This Annually Occurs In The Month Of April
- Recognize National Public. Safety Telecommunications Week
- Recognize Yates County Sheriff Officer Of The Year (Emerson)
- Amend Res. 15-16 (Wayne Co Jail)

Ron reported the Jail Population – 50 Yates County, 7 Federals for a total of 57 of those there are 44 males and 13 females. Also, 3 inmates were boarded out to Schuyler County. Classification issues caused no space at the jail and they still had an inmate with baby nursery.

Ron reported he is processing six part-time applications for Correction Officers. Two applicants have dropped out during background investigation.

A lengthy discussion took place initiated by Mr. Morrison on the jail layout, were certain prisoners are housed along with classification.

Ron reported Legislator Morrison request a comparison of federal inmates vs. local inmates. Ron supplied a statistical graph for 2014, 2015, and 2016.

A lengthy discussion took place with regards to the jail staffing. Such as the possibility of keeping the population down on the amount of federal prisoners, could we eliminate some of the correction officer posts? Thereby saving the county money and help to eliminate overtime issues. Ron explained that the jail population has to become low enough to where you can drop a post, which can occur with the 19 beds downstairs or the 16 upstairs. Ron explained the overhead for the jail continues to be the same whether you have a full jail or not until the population gets down around 35 to 36 inmates that's when a post can be dropped. Ron stated it is better to operate like a hotel would operate where you might better fill the beds because your operating costs are going to be the same, so why not try and bring in revenue. Ron reported the additional cost of filling a bed with a federal is about \$10-12 a day. Also, if it takes the same number of personnel on duty to watch 58 people as it does to watch 37 people, then he tries to fill the beds and have revenue coming in. A fed at \$85 less the \$10 cost of water, sewer, elect and meals brings in revenue. The consensus of the Committee was to have the Sheriff request a meeting with SCOC to discuss cost saving measures. A resolution will be considered at Monday's meetings pertaining to the request.

Ron reviewed the revenue report which showed through February \$32,231 has been received and a total of 4,094 in overtime has been logged over the various departments.

Ron reported the Live Scan (fingerprint) equipment has been replaced taking advantage of the \$10K grant which covered 50% of the cost, IT is scheduling the install.

Ron reported he has been having meetings with the Finger Lakes Health, Mental Health Group. They no longer wanted to come to the jail and wanted the Sheriff to bring the inmates to them, which would again present an additional cost to the Sheriff. Ron pushed the issue to continue to have them come to the jail and thanked George Roets for his assistance in getting this issue resolved.

Ron reported the Treasurer is having an auction on April 18th in the County Auditorium. Ron was asked to help with some security. Ron has assigned a Deputy to be at the event and he will be on overtime. Ron explained he could do more if the Committee would approve the overtime to have a couple of court security officers set up the magnetometer in the foyer and have anyone coming to the auction go through the magnetometer to make sure no one had weapons on them. Ron expects the overtime cost would be approximately \$200. The Committee approved the overtime.

Ron reported the State replaced the magnetometer in the courthouse. Ron is storing the old one for the State in the County Office Building which will eliminate the need to bring the one in the Courthouse to the County Office Building during the Victim Impact Panels.

Ron reported he has concerns with the Velocity security software. There is a concern with IT and Ron's staff that the software is down more than it is up and on one of these times when it crashes it may not come back up. Ron has obtained estimates on what it would cost to update the software which is in the vicinity of \$10,000 which was not budgeted for.

Ron reported he is concerned about additional court next year and trying to find more part-time people that can actually do that job. Ron has talked with a couple of part-time officers that were hired for the jail to see if they were interested in helping out there and they are not. Ron is concerned as any new judge that gets elected will not be able to serve as supreme court judge so they will have to have an additional judge come in and be the supreme court judge for a couple of years.

Ron reported his 25% (\$10,000) of the \$40,000 NYSHSP Grant that OEM obtains was filed for equipment meeting County Emergency Preparedness vulnerability assessment. Ron explained the items he came up with that he wanted to focus on with this funding was cyber terrorism, he is concerned about the IT issues within County government and IT going down because of a cyber-attack type of thing. Ron explained he has had conversations with the IT Director regarding that, he has similar concerns but given the time frame could not come up with a number so Ron will look at 2017's grant to maybe deal with this issue. Ron then looked at the fatality management which looked at how prepared are we for a mass casualty incident with kits, identification areas, body storage and cameras for the coroners. Ron submitted for equipment to deal with this issue and also replace some equipment for the underwater search and dive team.

Ron reported there was a DARE graduation at Dundee School with 57 students graduating.

Ron reported the first handgun safety training class instructed by YCSO in association with SCOPE and CCE to be held April 9 at the ambulance corp. So far 50 attendees have registered so a 2nd session has been set for April 30 and SCOPE will reimburse the county for the YCSO instructor costs. Ron is considering having the class moved due to the large number of attendees and parking will be an issue at the ambulance corp.

Ron reported the Annual NYSSI K9 seminar will be May 1-5 in Yates County based at the Showboat Motel.

Ron reported the agency has done a lot of training last month. People were trained as Field Training Officers, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, Safe Schools, a Correction Officer is also now a Firearms Instructor, and two recruits are at training academies at Canandaigua and in Binghamton.

Ron reported he was unable to implement an "Addict amnesty program" for addicts to turn themselves into the Sheriff as we have no place to take them afterwards.

Ron reported there is a Drug Take-Back event to be held on April 30th from 10 to 2 behind the Courthouse. The DEA will be taking meds from us with relationship of another county.

Ron reported YCSO members attended an appreciation dinner by the Elks Club for just say no to drugs group held March 31. Ron thanked the Elks club for the courtesies extended.

Ron reported he will be meeting with the Keuka Lake Assoc. Navigation Safety Committee on April 6 to discuss this season of boating, environmental and related navigation law issues.

Ron reported he worked with the Department of Health and DEA to obtain licensing to have drugs for training purposes for K9 in place.

Ron reported the Yates County Peace Officer Memorial is on order. All funding has been raised by donations. Ron is targeting Mid May for a dedication date TBD. Ron thanked Buildings and Grounds for their assistance.

Ron reported the number of FOILS and the pistol permit applications being processed is at an all-time high surpassing the all year number for 2015 this March already. Ron deals with 14 to 15 packages every week to sign off on them. The records clerk cannot keep up with the requests and Ron has had to bring a part-time deputy in to help out.

Ron reported the 911 Advisory Board met and reviewed the 2015 annual dispatch report and an update on the state of Public Safety communications was given.

Ron reported one new Emergency Services Dispatcher is scheduled for basic 80 hour course mandate at Ontario County this month.

Ron reported the Stid Tower transition is underway in the planning stages. Ron is looking at the end of this month or the first week in May to decommission the Stid Hill Tower. That tower cost the county approximately \$33,000 on a lease so the county will see a long term savings. Ron plans on using SICG monies to help with another part of the project and also with money that has been budgeted to put a microwave link on the South Hill Tower in Middlesex which will send a signal to Shay Road tower. Ron is also using the SICG funding to put in gateways at the Sherman Hill Tower so that communication can be done regionally. A gateway is needed to communicate with Steuben County and Ontario County.

Ron explained he is moving a cement shelter from the Stid Hill site and placing it at the Bluff Point Tower. That tower is a 40 ft. tower and Ron is also looking into the feasibility of raising that tower to 100 ft. there may be some advantage for the fire departments, EMS agencies, and also Steuben County to have that a little higher. Steuben is very interested in the Bluff Point site as well.

Ron reported he went to an STN meeting in Corning on the Fiber Project as it relates to the communications. It was resolved that discussion could not be done on some of the other issues

without getting some of the people there that are involved in technology. Tim Groth will be attending the next meeting. Ron explained he contacted Steuben County regarding running fiber up Parrish Hill Road another 1800 feet to the Shay Tower site which would benefit Yates and Ontario County as far as a backup to the microwave system. Steuben is needing something for this area and they are discussing paying to have the fiber run up Parrish Hill to the Shay Road Tower if they could collate an antenna on our tower that would benefit them. In order to meet the terms of the sale with Ontario County everyone needs to be in agreement. Ron will keep the Committee updated.

Ron reported Cisco Systems has provided a video conferencing unit in his office for a trial period. Ron explained that the use of the equipment would not be limited to just Public Safety. If it was not in use anyone could come to the public safety building and take advantage of the equipment.

Ron reported there will be a Victim Impact Panel on April 20th at County Office Building.

Ron reviewed the STOP DWI annual report.

Ron reported he approved 2 coroners to attend the NYS Medical Examiners and Coroners Association training seminar.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.