Committee Members Present: D. Healy, J. Hopkins, C. Crandall (Absent: S. Burt, P. Curran, K. LaForge, A. McGraw)


Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m. by Public Safety Committee Vice-Chairman Dwight Healy. It was noted that there was not a quorum, and the committee will not be able to take any official action.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Public Defender Barbara Kelley attended the meeting and submitted her monthly report to the committee for review. Ms. Kelley stated things remain steadily busy, and she is currently working on the paperwork to create the positions that will be funded by the Counsel at First Appearance grant.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND FIRE DIRECTOR

Emergency Management and Fire Director Jeff Luckey attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Luckey stated there are no areas in Rushford or Houghton that meet the thresholds to receive federal aid for the damage resulting from the flash flood. Legislator Hopkins asked what the threshold is. Mr. Luckey stated we need $173,000 in Allegany County of town, village or County property, and that typically includes roads and bridges. Mr. Luckey continued that within that same event, you also need $28 million across New York State. Legislator Hopkins stated due to those thresholds, if you had an isolated event, the chances are abysmal that you’ll ever get any aid. Mr. Luckey agreed. Legislator Hopkins then asked if both public and private properties are factored in when tabulating to the $28 million statewide. Mr. Luckey stated it is just public. Committee Vice-Chairman Healy asked if another event occurs, can they re-open a previous and combine them. Mr. Luckey stated it is slim that they would do that because three days of sunshine and dry weather ends an event. Mr. Luckey stated Fire Convention week is the week of July 10, and the annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 12.

STOP- DWI

STOP-DWI Coordinator Linda Edwards attended the meeting and submitted her monthly report to the committee for review. Ms. Edwards stated she participated in a Mock DWI Crash at Whitesville Central School as part of a pre-prom activity. Ms. Edwards stated between June 2 and June 16, she gave bicycle safety presentations to approximately 365 second graders at Whitesville, Wellsville, Genesee Valley, Friendship, Scio, Fillmore, ICS, and Cuba-Rushford schools. Committee Vice-Chairman Healy asked if Ms. Edwards could touch on the Traffic Safety Board meeting regarding the vehicle and pedestrian safety issues with the Amish. Ms. Edwards stated the Traffic Safety Board has a sub-committee that Sheriff Whitney has been sitting on, and she deferred the question to him. Sheriff Whitney addressed the question when he came forward for his portion of the meeting.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

District Attorney Keith Slep attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Slep stated he and three other District Attorneys have joined in the lawsuit against the Governor and Attorney General for his blanket disqualification of District Attorneys in all of the police shootings. This is for purposes of challenging the law and having a brief written on our behalf, and is no cost to Mr. Slep or the County; he is just lending his name and position. Mr. Slep stated he recently joined Sheriff Whitney and Undersheriff Kevin Monroe in checking out licensed fireworks vendors, adding the vendor they inspected was very well run, and the manager was knowledgeable, friendly, and very informative.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Probation Director Robert Starks attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Starks stated their PINS (Persons in Need of Supervision) intakes for halfway through the year almost equals what they took in for all of 2016, adding it confirms his thought that 2016 was just an aberration. Mr. Starks stated their juvenile delinquent population is on target compared to last year. Mr. Starks stated they are waiting to hear if a bill will be passed to correct errors in the Raise the Age Resolution; however, it is his understanding it may not happen, so he is continuing to wait for regulations on how to proceed. Legislator Hopkins asked Mr. Starks to share some information about Probation Supervisor Scott Grantier participating in the American Probation and Parole Association’s Leadership Institute. Mr. Starks stated he told Mr. Grantier he could apply if he received a scholarship to defray some of the expenses. Mr. Grantier was granted a $3,000 scholarship, and plans to attend the institute on three separate weekends between August 2017 and 2018. Mr. Starks continued that it is a nice honor and opportunity for him to expand his knowledge and expertise, and he hopes to put it to good use sometime in the near future.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DIRECTOR, GILBERT GREEN

Director Gilbert Green was unable to attend the meeting but submitted his monthly report to the committee for review.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Sheriff Rick Whitney attended the meeting and submitted his monthly reports to the committee for review. Sheriff Whitney stated on Wednesday, June 28, they hosted training for jail medical staff, and had between 35 and 40 nurses from 16 different counties attend. They were very impressed with the facility, and approximately three asked if there were any job openings. Sheriff Whitney stated Undersheriff Kevin Monroe did receive the Amish questioners down in the southern part of the County. They are not receptive to the questioners, but are willing to hold a meeting, will gather as many people as they can from the southern part of the County, and have Ardent Solutions Associate Director Helen Evans come and talk to them about safety. Committee Vice-Chairman Healy asked if pedestrian safety will be included. Sheriff Whitney stated it all would be included. Committee Vice-Chairman Healy stated he’s noticed in his travels, especially during the warmer months, that a lot of the younger children are walking up and down the road unsupervised.

Fireworks Vendors

Legislator Hopkins stated it appears that the sale of fireworks is popping up in parking lots. Sheriff Whitney stated, yes, there was one in the Wellsville Kmart parking lot, one in Cuba across the street from Giant Food Mart, but he is unaware of any others. District Attorney Keith
Slep stated currently they don’t get a list of who is selling fireworks in the County which is something that needs to be changed. Chairman Crandall asked how many counties are there do not allow the sale of them. Mr. Slep stated he believed 50 counties did not allow it. Undersheriff Kevin Monroe stated Allegany, Wyoming, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Niagara counties do allow it.

**Corrections Academy Graduation**

Sheriff Whitney stated on Friday, July 7, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Jail will be the graduation for the new corrections academy for anyone interested in coming.

**Sales Tax Extender**

County Administrator Timothy Boyde stated it is not directly related to Public Safety; however, they did receive notice that the Sales Tax Extender did go through which is good news.

**Meeting Recessed**

Due to a lack of a quorum, the meeting was recessed until 1:30 p.m. to await the arrival of additional committee members.

**Reconvene Meeting**

The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 p.m.; however, the committee was still unable to achieve a quorum.

**Good of the Order**

There will be a special Public Safety meeting on Monday, July 10, 2017, at 12:30 p.m. to address items on the agenda that were unable to be approved.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Committee Vice-Chairman Healy, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Washer, Secretary to Clerk of the Board
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