

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**May 1, 2019**

**Members Present:** D. Healy, W. Dibble, D. Decker, S. Havey, J. Hopkins, C. Crandall (Absent: B. Harris)

**Others Present:** A. Bigelow, T. Boyde, J. Burdick, P. Curran, L. Edwards, M. Evans, D. Fanton, K. Francisco, K. Graves, G. Green, R. Hall, K. Hooker, C. Ivers, G. James, B. Kelley, C. Knapp, S. Lanphier, J. Luckey, D. Marsh, M. McCormick, K. Monroe, B. Perkins, B. Reynolds, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, T. Shaw, K. Slep, R. Starks, P. Stockin, R. Swarthout, M. Washer

**Media Present:** C. Potter, *The Spectator*

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Public Safety Committee Chairman Dwight "Mike" Healy.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Dibble, and carried to approve the Public Safety Committee minutes for April 3, 2019.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Public Defender Barbara Kelley attended the meeting and submitted her monthly report to the committee for review.

**Bar Association High School Essay**

Ms. Kelley stated they recently conducted an essay contest for high school students that had a good turnout in participation. They received 16 entries and picked 4 winners who will receive cash prizes. Legislator Hopkins asked what the topic was. Ms. Kelley stated free press and free speech and how to relate them to current issues.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & FIRE**

Emergency Management & Fire Director Jeff Luckey attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Luckey briefly highlighted events he attended in the month of April. Mr. Luckey stated they recently filled their Account Clerk Typist position, and things are going very well.

**Table Top Exercise**

Mr. Luckey stated that he and Emergency Services Assistant Bonnie VanHousen attended the table top exercise at Belfast School for an active shooter drill, and it went very well. Legislator Graves asked if this training will rotate throughout schools in the County. Mr. Luckey indicated they have been working with Belfast for more than a year so getting more than one school a year is difficult. Legislator Graves asked if other schools are invited to observe the active shooter drill, and Mr. Luckey, stated, yes.

**Homeland Security & Emergency Services SHSP – FY2019 Grant**

Mr. Luckey requested permission to apply for the Homeland Security & Emergency Services SHSP - FY2019 grant for the period September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2022. The funding is to support regional preparedness for the County, and the expected amount is approximately \$52,485 which was received last year. This money will be used to enhance the preparedness for the County to respond to emergency situations, particularly upgrading radios in

the Emergency Services Department. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Dibble, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

### **Meeting Guests**

Mr. Luckey introduced Scott Lanphier and Dan Marsh from MTS who have been attending recent committee meetings. Committee Chairman Healy stated he appreciates their attendance.

### **STOP- DWI**

STOP-DWI Coordinator Brian Perkins attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Perkins briefly highlighted events he attended in the month of April.

### **Traffic Safety Board Opposition to Proposed Legalization of Marijuana**

Allegany County Traffic Safety Board Chair Linda Edwards attended the meeting and distributed a letter on behalf of the Traffic Safety Board opposing the proposed legalization of marijuana. Ms. Edwards indicated that the Traffic Safety Board is in opposition for traffic safety reasons.

### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

District Attorney Keith Slep attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Slep stated they got through Hot Dog Day and the Trout Derby with no major incidents. Legislator Graves asked if the Bail Reform has made any impact yet. Mr. Slep stated it does not go into effect until January 2020 which is when they anticipate seeing its impact.

### **PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

Probation Director Robert Starks attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Starks stated that Supervisor Jody Ralyea represented the County at the Alfred State College Criminal Justice/Human Service Career Fair, and they may get an internship with one of the students.

### **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

Weights and Measures Director Gilbert Green attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review.

### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Undersheriff Kevin Monroe attended the meeting and submitted his monthly reports to the committee for review.

### **Annual Inspection**

Undersheriff Monroe stated from April 8 through April 11, the State Commission of Corrections was at the Jail to perform their annual inspection and re-evaluation. Everything went very well, and they only have a few housekeeping items to take care of.

### **Pill Drop Event**

Legislator Hopkins asked how the pill drop event went at the Belfast Fire Hall. Undersheriff Monroe stated it went well. They saw approximately 13 cars and received an estimated 35 pounds. Undersheriff Monroe indicated the drop boxes continue to receive the highest level of return at approximately 800 pounds every six months.

### **Jail Population**

Committee Chairman Healy asked if the trends with the Jail population are cause for concern. Undersheriff Monroe stated that the female population is down as well as the federal inmate population; however, the federal population is down within the Western District. Undersheriff Monroe anticipated they will see a big drop once the Bail Reform goes into effect.

### **Request to Fill Corrections Sergeant Position**

Undersheriff Monroe requested permission to fill one full-time Corrections Sergeant (Council 82, Local 39889 Bargaining Unit) and all subsequent positions including hiring from the outside. This position is to replace a Corrections Sergeant who retired on April 27. The annual salary of this position is \$46,210.32 with benefits estimated at \$21,936.04. This position is funded 100 percent with County funds. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Dibble, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

### **Request to Fill Corrections Officer Position**

Undersheriff Monroe requested permission to fill one full-time Corrections Officer (Council 82, Local 39889 Bargaining Unit). This position is needed to fulfill the New York State Commission of Correction minimum staffing requirement as well as to replace a Corrections Officer who retired on April 27. The annual salary of this position is \$41,838.16 with benefits estimated at \$17,885.82. This position is funded 100 percent with County funds. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

### **Request to Fill (2) Corrections Corporal Positions**

Undersheriff Monroe requested permission to fill two full-time Corrections Corporal (Council 82, Local 39889 Bargaining Unit) positions. These positions are needed to fulfill the New York State Commission of Correction minimum staffing requirement and will replace a current Corporal being promoted as well as a Corporal who returned to a Corrections Officer position. The annual salary of these positions is \$44,089.56 (\$88,179.12 for both) with benefits estimated at \$18,848.29 (\$37,696.58 for both). These positions are funded 100 percent with County funds. Committee Chairman Healy asked how many Corrections Corporal positions are held at the Jail, and Undersheriff Monroe stated, there are three. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

### **Radio/Tower Project Update**

Radio Technician Matt Evans attended the meeting to provide an update regarding the Radio/Tower Project. Mr. Evans stated they have an upcoming meeting with Motorola and are moving forward with the contract, adding they are just waiting for kick off.

### **911 Enumeration Update**

Dispatcher Russ Hall attended the meeting to provide an update regarding the 911 Enumeration Project. Mr. Hall distributed a packet to the Board that provided further details on the progress of this project. They are currently working in the Town of Independence and are two-thirds complete, adding they are up to 18,305 address points which is 3,500 more than when they started.

### **Sign Placement**

Mr. Hall briefly explained the issues they are experiencing with sign placement such as who is responsible for sign placement, maintenance and replacement, who is authorized to move signs, and what the recourse is for signs that are taken from where they rightfully belong. The committee briefly discussed a homeowner who moved, but did not want to change their address, and took their sign to the new property. Mr. Hall indicated the problem they have is putting the sign back where it's supposed to be as the County does not have ownership of the sign as well as no official proof as to who moved it. Before any legal action can take place, the County needs to make an official complaint; however, based on the ownership issue of these signs, the County is unsure who they even make a complaint to. Committee Chairman Healy suggested they reach out to surrounding counties and find out how they are handling similar issues. Legislator Havey stated that while it is difficult to enforce, it would be appropriate to put the information out to the general public that relocating these signs to the wrong property is a misdemeanor punishable by law. County Attorney Carissa Knapp stated that the power of naming and numbering of roads is reserved to the towns and suggested the committee refer this issue to her office so she can research how to best construct a local law. Legislator Hopkins asked if there are any potential penalties with the U.S. Government since the homeowner failed to change their address and are now receiving mail at the incorrect mailing address. Mr. Hall indicated that they experience varying degrees of strictness with Post Offices, stating that some are very strict while some are not. Committee Chairman Healy thanked Mr. Hall and all of those involved with this project for their hard work. **Refer to County Attorney**

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Washer, Confidential Secretary to the Clerk of the Board  
Allegany County Board of Legislators