

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

April 7, 2026

The regular meeting of Public Safety, Probation, Office of Emergency Services, Coroner, and Stop DWI was held in the Legislative Conference Room at the Ronald E. Dougherty Office Building, 56 Main St., on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 2:30 PM.

Present:

Tracy Monell	Chair of the Legislature
David Cantella	Legislator
Ron Ciotoli	Legislator
Brian Cain	Director, Probation
Sheriff Gary Howard	Sheriff's Office
Corinne Cornelius	Director, Emergency Services
Bob Williams	Assistant Fire Coordinator (<i>arrived at 2:33</i>)

Guest:

Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk
Jackson Bailey	County Administrator
JoEllen Rose	Legislator

Absent:

Keith Flesher	Chair, Public Safety
Jake Brown	Legislator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of March 3, 2026 minutes will be carried over to the May 2026 Meeting due to lack of Quorum.

PROBATION – Brian Cain:

FINANCIAL:

- 2026 Budget is on Track.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Staffing: One Probation Officer submitted resignation at the beginning of the week. One open Sr. Probation Officer position and One open Office Specialist I position available.
- Training: Newly hired Probation Officer successfully completed Fundamentals of Probation Practice Academy in March. Will be starting his six weeks of the Basic Course for Peace Officer training at the end of April.
- Leandra's Law: Working with members of the Tioga County Sheriff's Office to update the plan. Had a meeting on March 24, 2026. Will be making sure the Sheriff's Office will be notified of Conditional Discharges that require an interlock device.
- PowerDMS: Exploring options. Set up a meeting with Sheriff's Office, County Administrator and IT April 15, 2026 for possible uses, helps track, create and modify policies and accreditations.

- Pre-Trial Release: \$100,000 funding to be used to purchase Chevy Tahoe to replace the oldest vehicle. Have been in discussions with IT to replace computers and monitors.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Participated in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Ceremony and fish fry luncheon March 27, 2026 at the VFW.
- Participated in the organizational Threat Assessment Management meeting on March 23, 2026.
- Juvenile Delinquency Services: Four for the month of March. Up to Nine YTD.
- One Youth currently in juvenile sex offender treatment.
- Electronic Monitoring: Six people being electronic monitored.
- WWP is running.
- Pre-Trial Release: 11 people are being supervised.
- Court Ordered Investigations: 56 active cases opened.
- Supervising: 202 people currently.
- Violations: 22 have violated.

PERSONNEL:

- One Vacant Probation Officer 1 position exists.
- One open Sr. Probation Officer position.

RESOLUTIONS:

- None.

***Director Brian Cain requested to go in to Executive Session regarding a Personnel matter.*

OFFICE of EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Corinne Cornelius:

FINANCIAL:

- 2026 Budget still within our expected limits for the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Radio Project: Consultant still working to coordinate the utility connection to the tower sites. Spencer and Ballou should be coming online any time now. Waiting on NYSEG to install a pole at Hanson site. Went down to Harrisburg to inventory the equipment and begin planning for programming and installation. Dispatch training got moved back to mid May.
- Will and Corinne are attending the State's Communications Technicians course in Broome County.
- CAD Project: Brought Town of Owego (Campville Fire) ambulances online to the system.
- EMS: still waiting on the comprehensive plan for NYS. Will and EMS Coordinator Scott Gurney are working on updating EMS course paperwork, policies and course sponsorship renewal.

- Emergency Management: Planning an EOC activation exercise for Spring of 2026. Hoping to host an Open House on May 30, 2026. Purchased a new heater for the barn, to be installed by Buildings and Grounds in the Summer of 2026. Corinne spoke at the Coroner's Conference at Tioga Downs.
- Threat Assessment Team: Team has continued meeting regularly. Working with Squad 9 consultants to address any concerns and ensure the Team is operating effectively. Hosting the State's Threat Evaluation Recording Course (TERC) May 12th, 13th and 14th at Public Safety.
- Fire: Continues to be very busy across the County. Corinne, Will and Bob will be attending the fire coordinators conference in Watkins Glen, April 8-10th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

PERSONNEL:

- None.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Approve Change Order for Candor Tower Electrical Upgrade and Transfer of Funds
- Amend Resolution 304-25 Award Bid for Candor Tower Electrical Upgrade and Transfer of Funds

***Resolutions will need to move forward to the Legislative Worksession due to lack of Quorum*

SHERIFF – Sheriff Gary Howard:

FINANCIAL:

- Revenues are at \$56,976.18 which is 14% of the budget. Expenditures are at \$2,922,549.60 which is 28% of the budget. Inmate Boarders are at \$38,252.77 which is 25% of the budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

- TCLEA Contract moving forward.
- TCCA Contract moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jail Camera replacement project is still ongoing.
- VESTA NextGen 911 System: Citizen Input phase is ongoing. Training is May 18th & 19th for the Dispatchers for the new Radio System.
- K9 Program: Deputy is in his 3rd week of Training – Going well.
- Building Project: Paperwork to the Commission of Corrections was sent for review for the HVAC overhead door to upper mezzanine and it has been approved.
- Implemented a new UTV policy and are researching training.
- Daily inmate population for March was 41.
- Dispatchers week is April 12th-18th.

- Defensive Tactics: We now have a Deputy that is certified to be an Instructor.

PERSONNEL:

- Update of Vacancies:
 - Civil – all Positions are filled.
 - Corrections – Three Vacant Corrections Officer Positions; One Vacant Part Time Cook Position.
 - One Corrections Officer on Light Duty.
 - One Corrections Officer on Worker’s Comp
 - One Corrections Officer on Military Deployment.
 - Three Corrections Officers in the Academy.
 - Road Patrol – Six Open Deputy Positions.
 - E911 – Two Vacant E911 Dispatcher Positions. One Interview last week.
 - Records – all positions are filled.
 - Administration – all positions are filled.

RESOLUTIONS:

- None.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Legislator Ciotoli made a motion, seconded by Legislator Cantella, to go into executive session at 2:55 PM to discuss Personnel Matter of a particular employee. In attendance was Legislators Ciotoli & Cantella; Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell; Legislative Chair Monell; County Administrator Bailey; Director of Probation Cain; and Sheriff Howard.

Legislator Ciotoli motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 3:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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