

# **PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING**

**March 3, 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, March 3, 2026 at 2:30 PM.

## **Present:**

Keith Flesher	Chair, Public Safety
Tracy Monell	Chair of the Legislature
Jake Brown	Legislator
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

## **Guest:**

Jackson Bailey	County Administrator
JoEllen Rose	Legislature

## **Absent:**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

### **Approval of February 3, 2026 minutes:**

Legislator Ciotoli made the motion, seconded by Legislator Brown to approve the February 3, 2026 Public Safety minutes, as written. Motion carried.

## **PROBATION – Brian Cain:**

## **FINANCIAL:**

- Expenditures are on track.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Training – Probation Officer will graduate from the academy on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Then they will attend Basic Course for Peace Officers in May and June.
- Probation is working with the Sheriff's Office to update the current Leandra's Law plan.
- Power DMS – monitors compliance with policies. Probation is looking to see if this would be a positive thing for Probation and the county.
- Tahoes – Probation is moving forward with this purchase.
- Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) Program was discussed. Probation will meet with representatives of MST and DSS to discuss the use of supervision and treatment services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) funding to increase the number of MST staff to enhance the provision of Preventive Services in Tioga County.
- Juveniles – 4 appearance tickets in February.
- Electronic Monitoring – 10 individuals are currently being monitored.
- Community Service - Weekend Work Program (WWP), crew number are down, but some upcoming sentences should bolster the numbers in the future.

- Pre-Trial Release – 17 people are being supervised; Court Ordered Investigations are 54; Supervision 205 cases; Violation of Probation 21

**PERSONNEL:**

- One Office Specialist I position is vacant.
- Once Sr. Probation Office position is vacant. This position will be filled when a Probation Officer, who is currently out on leave, returns at the end of March.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- **Authorize Out of Title Pay**  
A resolution was presented to authorize out-of-title pay to Heather Stanton from January 1, 2026 through January 31, 2026.
- **Appoint Members Alternatives to Incarceration Advisory Board**  
A resolution was presented to appoint members to the Incarceration Advisory Board for the period 4/1/26-3/31/27.
- **Resolution to Approve a Sole Source Contract & Maintenance Agreement between the Tioga County Probation Department and Catalis Courts & Land Records, LLC f/k/a AUTOMON, LLC to Provide Software & Maintenance of the Caseload Explorer Product**  
A resolution was presented to authorize a contract with Catalis Courts & Land Records, LLC for a term of 12 months.

*\*\*Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward*

**OFFICE of EMERGENCY SERVICES – Corinne Cornelius:**

**FINANCIAL:**

- Budget is on track.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Radio Project:**

Consultant, Frank Yoder, continues to coordinate the utility connection to the tower sites.

- Gravel Pad for NYSEG has been completed at Hanson. NYSEG can now install their pole.
- S. Apalachin tower was constructed on February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Subscriber units - Director Cornelius and Deputy Director Ellis will go to Harrisburg in March to start the plan for programming and installation.
- Motorola came and gave an update on the project to the Fire Chiefs in February.
- We were awarded a \$1.5 million grant for Congressman Langworthy's office. A press conference was held on February 20<sup>th</sup> to formally announce it.
- The consoles in Dispatch will be upgraded. Training will be conducted, then equipment will be swapped out. This will be scheduled so no interruption of services is experienced.
- Received ESINET grant in the amount of \$689,655.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

- EMS Study was done in 2019. We are awaiting further information about the comprehensive plan for NYS.
- Will and Corinne are attending I4a (Institute for Advancement).
- Working with Brandon, County IT, to discuss replacing the equipment in the EOC/MPR conference room to bring it up to date with technology and replace failing equipment.
- Planning an open house this year – May or early June.
- Threat Assessment Team (TAMS) – meets on a regular basis.

**FIRE:**

- Continues to be very busy with calls across the county.
- CAD Update - Town of Owego is bringing their ambulances on board.

**PERSONNEL:**

- None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- **Authorize Acceptance of Emergency Services IP Network Readiness Grant (ESINET) and Appropriations of Funds**  
A resolution was presented to accept and appropriate the grant.
- **Appoint Member to Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team**  
A resolution was presented to appoint Doreen Holbrook to the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team effective March 10, 2026.
- **Appoint Member to Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team**  
A resolution was presented to appoint Kristen Carpenter to the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team effective March 10, 2026.
- **Acceptance of the Application for Vincent Cochi to the Tioga County Haz-Mat Team**  
A resolution was presented to appoint Vincent Cochi to the Haz-Mat Team effective March 10, 2026.

*\*\*Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward*

**SHERIFF – Gary W Howard:**

**FINANCIAL:**

- Revenues are at \$19,902 which is 13% of the budget. Expenditures are at \$1,430,752.45 which is 20% of the budget. Inmate boarders are at \$28,105.11 which is 6% of the budget.

**PERSONNEL:**

- Update on Vacancies:
  - Civil:
    - All positions are filled.
  - Corrections:
    - Corrections Officers – currently 2 vacancies exist.
    - 1 part-time Cook position.
    - 1 Corrections Officer on light duty. Working with Personnel.

- 1 Corrections Officer is on Worker's Comp.
- 1 Corrections Officer is on military deployment.
- Road Patrol:
  - 6 vacant Deputy positions (hoping to hire and send 2 to the Academy on March 23<sup>rd</sup>).
  - No Deputies are on light duty
- Communications:
  - 2 vacant E911 Dispatcher positions (hoping to hire one soon)
  - One of the Dispatchers will be going out on medical.
- Records:
  - All positions are filled.
- Administration:
  - All positions are filled.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Jail Camera Project – replacement is ongoing.
- Negotiations – still ongoing for TCCA and TCLEA.
- K9 Program – dog has been selected – his name is Schreck. Training will begin soon.
- CBH – the Clinical Social Worker resigned. The cost was taken out of their contract; Mental Hygiene hired a CSW so it is a wash moneywise.
- Black Creek – Received a notice that the system is reaching its end of life. If we revamp the system it would cost \$763,231. The Sheriff believes this cost could be reduced. There has been money set aside in Captial reserves for such projects. The Sheriff anticipates that we would have to do this within the next 3 years.
- Building Project Jail HVAC – The overhead door to the upper mezzine hasn't started yet.
- UTV policy is in the process of being developed.
- Jail average daily population for February was 47.
- Cat Abuse Case - Discussed a case in which cats were discarded on Ellis Creek Rd. We retrieved 4 out of the 5 cats; 3 people were charged. The cats sought medical attention from the Spencer Animal Hospital. The Sheriff is requesting these people to make restitution for the medical bills.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

#### **Create and Fill Full-Time Senior Clinical Social Worker Position- Mental Hygiene**

A resolution was presented requesting authorization for Mental Hygiene to create one full-time Senior Clinical Social Worker position for the Jail effective April 1, 2026.

- **Amend Resolution No. 321-25 Extend Contract CBH Medical for Jail Medical and Mental Health Services**

A resolution was presented to execute an amendment to reduce the CBH Medical contract effective April 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

*\*\*Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward*

### **CORONER – Bob Williams:**

- Records Management System – there will be training on the new system with County Administrator Bailey and Legislative Clerk Haskell. Then the other coroners will be trained on the system.

- State Conference – will be held at Tioga Downs on 3/21 and 3/22. Jackson Bailey, Bob Williams, Corinne Cornelius and Sheriff's staff will be presenters.

**ADJOURNED**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Diane Rockwell*

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Secretary to the Sheriff

3/3/26