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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES-FEBRUARY 3, 2026
RICK WILLSON, COMMITTEE CHAIR

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Willson, Patrick Killen, Bill Holgate, Leigh MacKerchar, Doug Paddock

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nonie Flynn

OTHERS PRESENT: George Lawson, Leslie Church, Dick Harper, Terry Button, Ed Bronson, Sarah Purdy, Jesse Jayne (Zoom), Dan Banach (1:10 p.m.), Jessica Mullins, Emilee Miller, Todd Casella, Alyssa Palmer, Brian Winslow, David Dowdle, Frank Ryan

Committee Chair Willson called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Committee Chair Willson held a moment of silence for Deputy Scott.

Willson & Killen will sign the audit this month.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Todd Casella

Mr. Casella reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Statistics
- Current Events
 - Coordinated Community Response Pilot Program for the Office of Prevention of Domestic Violence
 - Introduction webinar mid-February
 - Reached out to from the Child Advocacy Center, to present at their 2026 Northeast Conference
 - Present a case study and go through the investigation phase and the prosecution phase of the Andrew Doherty, sex trafficking case
 - Bench trial starting Thursday in County Court, felony DWI

Mr. Willson questioned the Committee to see if the following resolution(s) should proceed to the Legislative Meeting. After discussion/edits, there were no official objections.

- Authorize the District Attorney to Add a 2024 Chevy Impala to the County Fleet

PROBATION: Alyssa Palmer

Ms. Palmer reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Monthly Statistics
- Quarterly report for Alternatives to Incarceration October 2025- December 2025

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- Restitution Collection

Mr. Willson questioned the Committee to see if the following resolution(s) should proceed to the Legislative Meeting. After discussion/edits, there were no official objections.

- Authorize Probation Director and Chair of the Legislature to Sign Service Agreement with Ashley Lewis, LCSW

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Brian Winslow & David Dowdle

Mr. Willson questioned the Committee to see if the following resolution(s) should proceed to the Legislative Meeting. After discussion/edits, there were no official objections.

- Appoint Members to the Yates County Fire Advisory Board

Mr. Winslow reviewed/reported on the following OEM & Fire topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Meetings
- Trainings
 - Start slow with State trainings
 - 7 Hazmat Refreshers
- General
 - Met with Forge Fire and working on RFP for the Fire Training Center
- Response
 - House fires
- Additional
 - Received accreditation back in December
 - Just notified
 - Will receive certificates, etc. at the NYCEMA conference
 - Arrangements will be made to come to the County and do a presentation

Mr. Dowdle reviewed/reported on the following EMS topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Meetings
- Trainings
- Response
 - Responded to NYSEG Substation call
 - Somebody called and said there was someone hanging from a pole
 - Turns out it was a mannequin that NYSEG put up for training purposes
 - It's been there for quite some time
- General
 - Submitted Bellona's CME
 - State wants it modified, will resubmit
 - Received new Controlled Substance License
- Reports
 - Monthly Call Totals
 - Delayed Response Report
 - Dropped Call Report
- YCEMS

Mr. Dowdle reviewed the Yates County EMS Calls for December, reviewing the disposition, and call type.

Category	December
Dundee	27
Keuka Park	23
Medic62/PSB	4
Totals	54

- Additional
 - Promote EMS
 - Career days
 - Volunteerism declining

SHERIFF: Frank Ryan

Mr. Willson questioned the Committee to see if the following resolution(s) should proceed to the Legislative Meeting. After discussion/edits, there were no official objections.

- Authorize Sheriff and Chairperson to Sign Agreement with Onondaga County Medical Examiner’s Office (OCMEO)
- Authorize Sheriff to Fill Full-Time Deputy Lieutenant Position (vacancy review form attached)
- Authorize Sheriff to Fill Full-Time Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Position (vacancy review form attached)

Sheriff Ryan reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- General Agency Statistics –December 2025
- Corrections
 - 4 passed the Sergeant’s Exam
 - Promoted Officer Spalding to Sergeant and Officer Brush to Sergeant
 - Both were provisional appointments, pending on successfully passing the test
 - Moved them to permanent positions
- Sheriff/Law Enforcement/Administrative
 - Interviewed potential lateral transfer from Seneca County that comes highly recommended
 - He is a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) which the County has been lacking
 - 1 Deputy in the academy
- E911 Dispatch
 - Training continues
- Public Safety Communications
- Animal Control
 - Agreement with Pets at Peace for cremation services of animals
 - They are quite a bit cheaper than the previous arrangement and will pick up the animals
- STOP-DWI Program
- Coroner
- Miscellaneous
 - Thanked Highway Department for doing a great job with the snow storms

- Awarded \$689,655 for a new grant to replace a generator, building UPS, and update the microwave and fiber redundancy systems

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY PROJECT: Doug Paddock

Mr. Paddock reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Verbal Update as needed
 - Awaiting an insurance certificate to sign the contract with Pike
 - Hoping they'll be able to schedule a meeting for an update with SMRT next week

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Jessica Mullins

Mrs. Mullins had nothing to report.

Mr. Killen moved to enter into executive session on the basis of:

1. To employment history of a particular individual(s), attendees being members of the Committee, other legislators present, the District Attorney, the Director of Human Resources, and the County Administrator.

Seconded by Mr. MacKerchar.

VOTE: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emilee D. Miller

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Yates County Clerk of the Legislature