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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES-JANUARY 6, 2026
RICK WILLSON, COMMITTEE CHAIR

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Willson, Patrick Killen, Sarah Purdy, Leigh MacKerchar, Doug Paddock, Nonie Flynn

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: George Lawson, Leslie Church, Dick Harper, Terry Button, Ed Bronson, Sarah Purdy, Jesse Jayne (Zoom), Dan Banach, Bill Holgate (12:37 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.

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
 - In Albany tomorrow, on the Court of Appeals, arguing the Kelly Anderson case
 - Cold case homicide tried in 2021
 - Jury convicted her of murder in the second degree
 - Highest court in the State, has gone through the Intermediate Court
- 2025 Q4 Goal Status
 - Welfare Fraud Investigations: 14 FEDS, 13 FEDS closed No Arrest
 - Total of 79 WF Investigations Opened, resulting in 33 arrests
 - CAC Investigations: Total of 17, 3 arrests
 - White Collar Investigations: 12 total investigations with 5 arrests.
- 2026 Goals
 - Creation of Coordinated Community Response Program (CCR) and “Yates County Special Victims’ Task Force”
 - Automate Reports in PCMS
 - Promote Community awareness regarding Animal Cruelty and enforcement, Bicycle Safety, and White Collar Crime

PROBATION: Alyssa Palmer

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

- Monthly Statistics
- 2025 Q4 Goal Status

- Staff Training
 - Actually completed 404 hours
- Transition Files to Electronic Format
 - Index filling is all electronic
 - Transition to Laserfiche is on going
- Juvenile Resources Prevention Educator
 - The goal was to refer at least 20 youth
 - Actually had 62 youth referred between the three departments
- 2026 Goals
 - Staff Training
 - Career advancement: Officers have identified interest in completing an Instructor Development Course (IDC) for career advancement
 - DNA Collection
 - Maintain 100% DNA collection for 2026
 - Increased engagement with Adult Interactive Journaling
- Additional
 - Exploring Probation Officers carrying pistols

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 EMS Advisory Board
- Authorize Chair to Sign Memorandum of Understanding for Ambulance Housing

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

- Meetings
- Trainings
- General
 - Fire Training Facility
- Response
 - Structure fire at the Greenidge Facility
 - Electrical fire
 - Worked with Law Enforcement
 - Assisted West Lake Rd with person trapped in a pickup truck
 - The car was actually almost around the tree with the driver right in the middle of it with his legs trapped
- 2025 Q4 Goal Status
 - Start Planning for Fire Training Facility
 - Meeting with vendors and working on floor plans
 - Apply for Recertification for Storm Ready
 - Received recertification
 - Implement RSI (Rapid Sequence Intubation) Program for YCEMS
 - Received their RSI with two members being certified
- 2026 Goals
 - Build New Fire Training Facility
 - Work on 4th of July 2026 Plan
 - Develop a Countywide EMS Coordination Plan

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

- Meetings
- Trainings
 - CFR Core Refresher is scheduled for February
- Reports
- YCEMS

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

Category	November
Dundee	27
Keuka Park	22
Medic62/PSB	5
Totals	54

SHERIFF: Frank Ryan

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

- General Agency Statistics –November 2025
- Corrections
 - Continuing to try to fill vacancies
 - Recent Academy Graduate, Emily Parkhurst, accepted position
 - Medical Emergency with incarcerated individual
 - Successful outcome, they received the care they needed
 - CID still working on the case
- Sheriff/Law Enforcement/Administrative
 - Law Enforcement Division reaccredited in Albany
 - Great job to those involved
 - Assisted with Christmas Toy Deliveries
 - 35 families were visited
 - Program continues to grow
 - Attended Services for retired Sheriff Yessman
 - Attended DARE graduation at DCS
 - Good turnout by parents and family that has been lacking in past years
- E911 Dispatch
 - Vacancies are not full
- Public Safety Communications
 - Working with I.T. to find a permanent solution to zetron issue
- Animal Control
 - Beverly Animal Shelter is shutting down
 - Looking into other options
- STOP-DWI Program
- Coroner
- Miscellaneous

- 2025 Q4 Goal Status
 - Fill vacant positions within the Office of the Sheriff
 - Some complete and some ongoing
 - Complete a revision of the vehicle acquisition / maintenance procedures
 - Overall complete
 - Streamline operational efficiencies in recruiting and hiring process for all divisions while retaining standards
 - Complete, but plan to continue
- 2026 Goals
 - Complete and institute the Eddy Eagle program for gun safety, firearms familiarization class, certification course
 - Modernization and continuity of general orders
 - Digitization of old records

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
 - Made contact with SMRT and Bob Kutitta requesting that they prepare a presentation that can be reviewed in public
 - Has not received a response back from them in email, but did speak with Lance, and he said that would occur
 - The one for Executive Session is filed in Laserfiche in the appropriate file

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Jessica Mullins

Mrs. Mullins had nothing to report.

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

1. The employment history of a particular individual(s), attendees being members of the Committee, other legislators present, the Sheriff, the Director of Human Resources, and the County Administrator; and
2. The employment history of a particular individual(s), attendees being members of the Committee, other legislators present, the Sheriff, the Director of Human Resources, and the County Administrator; and
3. Negotiation updates with Council 82, attendees being members of the Committee, other legislators present, the Sheriff, Chief of Corrections, Undersheriff, Director of Human Resources, and the County Administrator; and
4. The employment history of a particular individual(s), attendees being members of the Committee, other legislators present, the Sheriff, the Director of Human Resources, and the County Administrator.

Seconded by Ms. Purdy.

VOTE: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emilee D. Miller

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Yates County Clerk of the Legislature

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