

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

February 3, 2026

The regular meeting of Public Safety, Probation, EMO, Stop DWI, Fire, & Safety was held in the Legislative Conference Room, at the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main Street, Tuesday, February 3, 2026, which started at 2:28 PM and ended at 3:11 PM.

Present:

Keith Flesher	Chair, Public Safety
Jake Brown	Legislator {Committee Member}
David Cantella	Legislator {Committee Member}
Ron Ciotoli	Legislator {Committee Member}
Jo Ellen Rose	Legislator
Tracy Monell	Chair of the Legislator
Brian Cain	Director, Probation
Gary Howard	Sheriff, Sheriff's Office
Corinne Cornelius	Director, Office of Emergency Services

GUESTS: Peter DeWind, County Attorney
Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk
Jackson Bailey – County Administrator

ABSENT: William Ellis, Deputy Director Office of Emergency Services
Bob Williams, Asst. Coordinator, Office of Emergency Services and Coroner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The *January 6, 2026* minutes was accepted with no corrections or changes

Motion by: Jake Brown to accept the January 6, 2026 Minutes.

Second: David Cantella

All in Favor - Carried

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – Corinne Cornelius:

FINANCIAL:

- Budget: starting out 2026, within expected limits.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Radio Project – Still working to coordinate the utilities connected to the tower sites, including Spencer and Ballou. Hanson requires an RFP to have the electrical lines buried. The Shelter has been set at Ballou Road Tower site. This site previously had a tower and only needed a shelter upgrade. The tower for South Apalachin is expected to be erected the week of February 9th depending on weather conditions. Have placed the subscriber unit order. They are shipping to Harrisburg for programming and installation preparation.
- CAD Project – nothing new to report.
- EMS – New EMS Coordinator is getting settled into the role.
- Emergency Management – Busy monitoring winter weather. Did have State of Emergency from 1/25/26 until 1/26/26. No issues came out of the storm, but we did realize there is a need for public outreach and education. Corrine, Will, and Bob will be at NYSEMA conference in Syracuse on February 9th, 10th, and 11th. Planning an EOC activation exercise for spring of 2026. Hoping to host three New Visions students from Broome Tioga BOCES Law and Government section, for 1-2 days each between February and May. Still finalizing the dates. Students would just be observing for a few hours a day to learn what our office does.
- Threat Assessment team: The team has continued to meet regularly and hear potential cases or have training to further the understanding and skills of the team.
- FIRE – Fire Departments have been extremely busy as we are into the heating season.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Amend Resolution No. 135-25c Award Contract Radio Consulting
- Application for Snapp to the Tioga County HAZMAT Team
- Application for Henning to the Tioga County HAZMAT Team
- Electrical Installation Award Reso Hanson

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

PROBATION – Brian Cain:**FINANCIAL:**

- \$960 of DWI Supervision fee collected in January. \$960 collected in 2026
- \$470 in restitution and surcharge collected in January. \$470 collected in 2026

NEW BUSINESS:

- Staffing – One open Office Specialist I and One open Sr. Probation Officer positions. On January 1, 2026, a Deputy Probation Director position was created and Fred Kiechle was provisionally appointed to this position. On January 24, 2026, the

Probation Supervisor position vacated by the Deputy Director was provisionally filled by a Sr. Probation Officer who was promoted to the position. It is anticipated there will be further changes in February upon the anticipated return of an Officer who is currently on leave

- Training – On January 22, 2026, all Probation Officers attended a prescription drug diversion training conducted by two New York State Health Department Investigators. There is also one Probation scheduled to attend mandatory State training in March of 2026. There will most likely be another Probation Officer attending the mandatory State training later in 2026
- Probation worked in concert with the Tioga County Sheriff's Office to establish a reliable notification system regarding Centralized Arraignment Part (CAP) arraignments regarding Probation Violation of Probation (VOP) warrants.
- Probation is exploring the use of a computer program called PowerDMS. The program is a Cloud based policy and compliance management platform. The program is used by numerous Probation Departments throughout New York State to manage policy and document when staff review policies to ensure all staff are current with departmental policies.
- Probation received \$100,000 in Pre-Trial Release (PTR) funding from the State in late December 2025. Probation plans to replace its oldest vehicle with some of the money. Probation continues to have discussions with the County Administrator regarding the remaining PTR money.
 - **Update:** Probation is seeking approval from the legislature to purchase a new vehicle to replace the oldest vehicle in the probation fleet. Probation would also like to move forward with upgrading Probation's computer system in coordination with IT if approved by the legislature.
 - ***Committee approved to move forward with ordering a new vehicle and computers.*
- The Probation Director will be meeting with the new Commissioner of the Department of Social Services (DSS) to discuss how the agencies can better work together on cases in the Family Court System. This includes provision of Preventive Services in addition to cases which may result in DSS custody.
- Probation plans to meet with representatives of the Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) Program and the Department of Social Services 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.
- Probation would like to discuss the possibility of securing office space in the Waverly area in order to continue to provide a more convenient service location in "The Valley" area.
- Probation will begin schedule training sessions with Tioga County Law Enforcement Agencies to educate them on the services provided by Probation and procedures for after-hour juvenile delinquency arrests.
- Juvenile Delinquency Services – January of 2026- There was one Juvenile Delinquency Appearance Ticket (JDAT) received for the month of January. The JDAT alleged the respondent committed acts which if committed by an adult

would constitute the crime of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor.

- YTD: 1 JDAT received to date.
- ATI Programs – Electronic Monitoring – seven (7) individuals being monitored via Alco Tag and GPS electronic monitoring system. Community Service (CS) – Weekend Work Program (WWP) is up running. One day in January 2026 was cancelled due to weather.
- Court Ordered Investigations – 51 active; Supervision – 209 cases; and Violation of Probation petitions – 20 defendants/respondents.

PERSONNEL:

- One vacant Office Specialist 1 position
- One vacant Sr. Probation Officer position

RESOLUTIONS:

None

SHERIFF – Gary Howard:

FINANCIAL:

- Revenues are \$11,739.58 which is 2% of the budget. Expenditures are \$1,082,397.31 which is 8% of the budget. Inmate boarders are \$3,675.39 which is 2% of the budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

- TCLEA and TCCA negotiations are still ongoing.
- No litigation issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jail camera replacement project ongoing
- Implementation phase for the VESTA Next Gen 911 system – Citizen Input phase is ongoing
- K9 program being implemented – K9 selection upcoming
- Building project – Jail HVAC overhead door to upper mezzanine
- Average daily inmate population for the month of January 2026 was 50. Average of 2 Federal inmate (62 days) and 6 board-ins (198 days) for the month.
- New dispatcher has successfully completed training
- New grant purchased UTV has been delivered. Implementing a written policy before using UTV.

PERSONNEL:

- Update on vacancies – Civil Office – all positions filled; Corrections Division - currently 2 open Correction Officers position; 1 part-time cook position; 1 Correction Officer on light duty; 1 Corrections Officer on Worker's Comp; 1 Corrections Office deployed in the military; Road Patrol – 6 open Deputies positions; no Deputies on light duty; E911 Emergency Communications Center – 2 open full-time; Records and Administration – all positions filled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Keith Flesher requested an Executive Session. Legislator Ron Ciotoli made a motion; Legislator Jake Brown Seconded to discuss an employment matter. Time commenced 3:11 PM; Time adjourned 3:46 PM with no action taken. Motion made to adjourn the Executive Session by Legislator Ciotoli, seconded by Legislator Brown

In attendance were Legislator Flesher; Legislator Brown; Legislator Cantella; Legislator Ciotoli; Chair Legislator Monell, Legislator Rose, County Attorney Pete DeWind; Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell; County Administrator Jackson Bailey; and Director of Emergency Service Corrine Cornelous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Kallin
Secretary to the Director of Probation—February 3, 2026