

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 30, 2021

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ward, Haff, Hicks, O'Brien, Clary
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Hogan, Rozell
SUPERVISORS: Hall, Henke, Ferguson, Shaw, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Griffith
Debra Prehoda, Clerk
Melissa Fitch, County Administrator
Roger Wickes, County Attorney
Al Nolette, County Treasurer

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

1. Call to Order
2. Accept Minutes – October 26, 2021
3. Department Reports/Requests:
 - A. EMS
 - 1) Advisory Board Appointments
 - a) Edward Parker – Argyle EMS
 - b) Regina Ladd – Fort Ann Rescue Squad
 - B. Sheriff
 - 1) Vacation Buyout
 - C. Probation
 - 1) Halloween
 - 2) NYSP Detail
 - 3) DCJS Virtual Site Visit
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment

Chairman Ward called the meeting to order at 10:42 A.M.

A motion to accept the minutes of the October 26, 2021 meeting was moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mrs. Clary, and adopted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS /REQUESTS:

EMS:

- EMS Advisory Board Appointments:
 - Edward Parker – Argyle EMS to fill the unexpired term of Holly Desourdy, 12/31/23.
 - Regina Ladd – Fort Ann Rescue Squad to fill the unexpired term of Allison Vrooman 12/31/23.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – A motion to enter an executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointments was moved by Mr. Haff, seconded by Messrs. O'Brien and Hicks, and adopted. A motion to return to regular session was moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, and adopted. No action was taken in the executive session.

A motion to approve appointment of Edward Parker, Argyle EMS, to the Washington County EMS Advisory Board filling the unexpired term of Holly Desourdy, term ending 12/31/23 was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded Mrs. Clary, and defeated. Messrs. Ward, Haff and Mrs. Clary opposed.

A motion to approve appointment of Regina Ladd, Fort Ann Rescue Squad, to the Washington County EMS Advisory Board filling the unexpired term of Allison Vrooman, term ending 12/31/23 was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mrs. Clary, and adopted.

The rescue squads recommend the individuals for appointment to the EMS Advisory Board.

SHERIFF – Sheriff Murphy addressed the following items with the committee:

- Carryover Vacation – Requesting permission to carry over 70 hours of vacation time and 10 hours of personal time for a Sergeant who was out due to an injury, unable to use his time due to COVID and changed his hours to give the department supervisory coverage because they were short a couple of Sergeants. A motion to approve Sergeant to carry over 70 hours of vacation time and 10 hours of personal time was moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mrs. Clary, and adopted.
- Uniform Bid – Bids were released with one response, Galls. The Sheriff's Department currently contracts with Galls for uniforms and recommends accepting the bid. A motion to award uniform bid to Galls and forward to the full Board for approval was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mrs. Clary, and adopted. Prices for most items are down from the 2017 bid.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY – Tony Jordan, District Attorney, thanked Chairman Ward for his support over these last two years and Sheriff Murphy concurred.

PROBATION – Dan Boucher, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Backfill Probation Officer – Requesting permission to backfill a Probation Officer position due to a resignation. A motion to approve request to backfill Probation Officer and forward to the Personnel Committee was moved by Hicks, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, and adopted.
- Halloween – Eight Officers in four teams were in the field on cabbage and Halloween nights. This is a public safety effort initiated by New York State for supervision of sex offenders during Halloween. Probation makes sure sex offenders are home during their curfew hours with no decorations and not giving out candy. Letters go out ahead of time notifying them of the rules and giving them very clear guidelines before the holiday. This was a great year and Officers saw very few problems and felt it was one of their best outcomes yet.
- NYSP Detail – State Police Interdiction – A state detail that targets narcotic issues and they do this around the state. He stated the Sheriff does such a good job keeping everyone in the area in the loop and the agencies are on the same page.
- DCJS Virtual Site Visit – This visit was specific to raise the age. They wanted to see some things they handle at the Probation level and spoke with the Treasurer. The State had very few questions, the visit went well and took about 20 minutes. He believes the County will start seeing reimbursement for expenses related to this program going back to 2018.
- Annual cases received in the Probation Department fluctuates tremendously between 400 and 800 per year. During COVID with courts shutdown cases are around 400 active probationers and their probation sentencing times vary.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

A motion to adjourn was moved by Mrs. Clary, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, and adopted. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Debra Prehoda, Clerk
Washington County Board of Supervisors