PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Monday, July 13, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Kenneth Hughes, Chairperson
Davina Thurston, Vice-Chairperson

Chairperson Hughes called this Public Safety Committee to order at 9:30 am with the following Supervisors in attendance: Clayton Barber, Matthew Brassard, Chris Clark Kenneth Hughes, Mary Lamphear, Tracie McGill, Steve McNally, Clayton Menser, James O'Bryan, Timothy Pierce, Richard Preston, Cathleen Reusser, Matthew Stanley, Michael Tyler, Joe Pete Wilson and Meg Wood. Davina Thurston and Timothy Follos were excused.

Department Heads present: Jim Dougan, Josh Favro, Miriam Hadden, Judy Garrison, Roy Holzer, Mike Mascarenas, Heather Sheehan and Dan Woods. Michael Langey, David Reynolds and Mary McGowan were excused.

Also present: Michael LaVallie and Eric Weyand.

HUGHES: Good morning. The time is 9:30 on July 13th please stand for the pledge. Good morning everybody this is the public safety committee meeting and I would like to call up Veterans for their report. Veterans, good morning. We have a Veteran's report anything new you gentlemen would like to add to this report for the committee's awareness?

PIERCE: Yes, the only thing I have to add is does anyone have any questions?

HUGHES: Any questions on the Veteran's report?

TYLER: Yes I was asked several times in the last week, who do they contact for the Veteran's cemetery? Newman?

PIERCE: For the cemetery?

TYLER: Yes.

PIERCE: The office right here Sara handles that.

TYLER: Okay thank you.

HUGHES: Any other questions on the Veteran's report this morning? Okay thank you gentlemen for that report. I will move onto Dan Woods, County Sealer. Good morning Dan.

WOODS: Good morning everyone if you turn to the second page you'll see my report for the month of June. If you have any questions I'd be more than happy to answer.

HUGHES: You have the weights and measures report.

TYLER: I see you were in Westport did you have to make purchases that day?

WOODS: I wasn't able to do that.

HUGHES: If he had it would have been in the report. Any questions on weights and measures or Mr. Woods this morning.

STANLEY: Mr. Woods I'm seeing there's 75 live registrations on Retalscapes is that the new registration software?

WOODS: Yes sir as of this morning it's over 100 now. They are sending 200 every single week out, outreach letters. There has been a couple of hiccups along the some people's photos that they are getting aren't actually matching their property or the name is mixed up so whatever they are using for cross referencing our Treasurer's office actually Brandy has been going back and Deckard has requested that she go back through all the outreach letters and make sure that all the names match to the addresses and the photos that the outreach letters are being sent out so there's I think 600 outreach letters that have been sent out right now.

STANLEY: So, let me get this straight Deckard is making our employees go back through the work that they've done?

WOODS: Yes.

STANLEY: Enough said, thank you. Glad we are paying them $60,000 to do this.

MASCARENAS: Always be aware of vendors and sales people typically there's a lot of heavy lifting administratively and we're going to see that with some of these bids that we got out there right now in regards to finance and those things. You want to be really clear what the responsibility is of your staff in regard to what they promised and what they can actually deliver it's usually further apart than you think.

STANLEY: Yes, because this just seems like it's going extremely slow. It seems like to me, if we're having registrations filled online it should take out in my opinion, a lot of the leg work and we are only sending out 200 letters a week and we're worried about the overflow well, that's put on our Treasurer's department as opposed to the company that's hired to track down and manage this so I'm just for the record, not very happy with them.

HUGHES: Duley noted I think it's the if you bring a company like that to support your effort you want to see a delegation of duties.

STANLEY: Especially when we are paying what we are paying them. The knowledge is one thing, doing the work is another.

HUGHES: Duley noted, thank you sir. Any other comments for Mr. Woods this morning? Or questions? You're all set. Enjoy your day, thank you sir.
Board of Elections – Roy Holzer welcome.

HOLZER: Good morning everyone, you have our report. Not a lot to talk about for this month's meeting other than we had a large turnout in the Republican and Democrat primaries and we're certifying the elections and moving on. Any questions?

HUGHES: Any questions for Mr. Holzer this morning for Board of Elections?

PIERCE: I just wanted to follow up are you still training poll workers for the committee?

HOLZER: We are. Our next election worker training is September so if anyone in your town, anyone you know that is interested in being an election worker please have them contact us and we'll get them trained and signed up.

PIERCE: Thank you.

HUGHES: That is ongoing admissions, correct?

HOLZER: Always.

O'BRYAN: Any luck with location for down in Ticonderoga yet?

HOLZER: We are going on a field trip probably the end of next week or the following week and looking at potential sites. We have probably two or three and the North Elba Election District 2 is appearing that North Country Community College is going to be viable they are willing to let us use their facility. Ticonderoga we are still looking.

O'BRYAN: Thank you.

HUGHES: Any other questions for Mr. Holzer this morning or the Board of Elections? Looks like we're good. Thank you very much. Have a good week.
The District Attorney, Mr. Langey is excused this morning. We're going to move onto Mr. Favro. Josh Favro good morning.

FAVRO: Good morning everyone. Is there any questions on our report for last month?

HUGHES: So we've got an extensive report the different sections of his department. Any questions for him on that? Looks like no but you do have a couple resolutions?

FAVRO: I do the first one is going to be a resolution to sign a seven-year contract with sole source provider INTRADO for our E911 phone upgrade to make us NEXGEN compliant in the amount of $627,989.45, with funds to come from the 2025 SFY NEXGEN Grant program that was in resolution no. 116 from 2025.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SEVEN(7) YEAR CONTRACT WITH SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER INTRADO FOR E911 PHONE UPGRADE AND NEXGEN COMPLIANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $627,989.45, WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM 2025 SFY NEXGEN GRANT. McGill, Tyler

HUGHES: Discussion? I have a quick question, the NEXGEN is that a state compliance? State level or Federal?

FAVRO: Federal.

HUGHES: It's Federal? Okay.

FAVRO: This grant is a two-part grant, we are going to spend it in two parts. We had to make our phone system up to standard NEXGEN standard before they would let us spend the money on placing UPS in the building, in our public safety building, so this is two-part grant for where the money is going to go.

HUGHES: And in terms of the seven-year contract is duration, is that typical?

FAVRO: Yes so this year will be the upgrade and then the next six years will be keeping that upgrade up to standards with the firm wire and all that stuff.

HUGHES: Operational maintenance.

FAVRO: Yes.

HUGHES: Any questions from the committee or the board for Mr. Favro on this resolution? Being none, all in favor aye, opposed – motion does carry. Thank you. Next.

FAVRO: The final one or next one is permission to accept the bid from Nielsen of Morristown in the amount of $63,057.31 and spending an additional $5,057.31 over the original budgeted amount for a new Fly Car and all this will come from budgeted funds.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ACCEPT A BID FROM NIELSEN OF MORRISTOWN INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $63,057.31, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FLY CAR IN THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM BUDGETED FUNDS. Pierce, Lamphear

HUGHES: Discussion?

MCNALLY: Will there be any additional upgrades to that vehicle?

FAVRO: This is out the door, turn key when it gets here we are good to go.

MCNALLY: Thank you.

REUSSER: Is there any source of income for fly cars? Are there fees that are charged for response?

FAVRO: We charge the medics when they get to a scene and perform ALS functions, EMR will send a bill to the agency that we responded to but nothing specifically for the vehicle just the medics.

STANLEY: Did I see an email you sent out one of the reasons for the increase in price now for the requirement to have a shield between the back medical equipment and front and that's why?

FAVRO: Yeah so starting in October the Department of Health has put more regulations on what we have to have for the car one of those being the divider another one, next year they are going to make us put dash cams in for some reason that's the added cost they have to make more apart and so on and so forth than what we originally thought.

STANLEY: Dash cams – does it need to be a front and rear dash cam?

FAVRO: I don't have that answer.

STANLEY: Okay would you mind checking on that because I was also told ambulances are supposed to have front and rear cameras.

FAVRO: Okay, yes.

HUGHES: Recording cameras or just like backup cameras?

STANLEY: Recording cameras.

HUGHES: And when you say they, who is they?

FAVRO: Department of Health.

HUGHES: Okay thank you.

FAVRO: They have to certify the car.

HUGHES: That's fair and a quick question you said the new fly car is that new to us fly car or 2027?

FAVRO: That is a 2027 Dodge Durango.

HUGHES: Perfect. Any further questions on this resolution?

BARBER: So the sixty-three is the total, correct?

FAVRO: Correct. Yes, that's the vehicle and the upfit, everything.

BARBER: Okay.

HUGHES: Good question. Thank you very much for asking. Anybody else have questions on this? All in favor of this resolution signify by saying aye, opposed – carried. Anything else for Mr. Favro this morning?

MCNALLY: Yes, we had a conversation and he is working on a replacement schedule similar to DPW and other departments for Fly Cars so that we can maintain budgeting for them for the next ten years and he's going to have that for us very shortly.

HUGHES: That's very wise. Anything else for Mr. Favro? Anything else for us? Great, everyone is happy. Have a great day. Thank you very much.
Sheriff Reynolds is excused this morning but he does have a resolution.

MASCARENAS: Approving the contract with the United States Marshall Service for housing criminal Marshall detainees basically what this resolution does is it raises the rate in terms of what they'll pay to have a detainee at our jail the rate hasn't been raised in several years. If we were to run that based on last year's number it would have added an additional $120,000 to our revenue that will start next year so we're getting that contract modification underway that's the only change to the contract is the rate.

HUGHES: Okay thank you very much.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED STATES MARSHALL SERVICES FOR HOUSING CRIMINAL MARSHALL DETAINEES. Tyler, Stanley

HUGHES: Questions, concerns on this motion?

STANLEY: Mr. Mascarenas, I know a couple years ago we were not taking Federal inmates because of the lack of staffing. Are we back to full staff and that's why we are able to start to do this?

MASCARENAS: Yeah, that's a great question. I appreciate it. The reason why we are able to take these additional inmates is because while we are not at full staff we are at an increased level of staffing that will allow us to accept those inmates and yeah, just to let everybody know we went from budgeting a million dollars a year in revenue to zero dollars a year in revenue so that was a significant loss when we had to let go of those Federal inmates due to staffing issues. We, I think we made the salary right and we were able to attract more employees and this is a result of it as we are able to get back some of those detainees that were helping us revenue wise over time so yeah, thank you for giving me the opportunity to tell everybody that.

HUGHES: I do want to just say I think for 50% of us in the room to Sheriff Reynolds for the record, that many of his deputies were in our communities over the fourth of July to help with crowd control, general public safety, traffic control and I know especially in Essex it was hugely appreciated and so I know he was in other communities as well so I extend my thanks to him and his deputies and his staff for being there when we needed the assistance.
All in favor on the resolution as presented, signify by saying aye, opposed – carried. Thanks Judy. No report from the coroners so we're going to move onto Heather Sheehan and Probation.

SHEEHAN: Good morning everyone. You have my report and I can answer any questions you may have and I also do have one resolution for today.

HUGHES: You have Heather's report in front of you from the probation department any questions for her on this? Good information and stats in here thank you very much for providing all of that.

SHEEHAN: And my resolution is July 19-25 is National Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision week.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PRETRIAL, PROBATION AND PAROL SUPERVISION WEEK JULY 19-25, 2026. Stanley, McGill

HUGHES: Questions, concerns? All in favor on the resolution signify by saying aye, opposed – carried. Any questions for Heather or probation this morning on her report. Thank you have a good one.
Okay we are going to move onto the public defender's office Eric, come on up. Good morning.

WEYAND: Good morning. Erick Weyand, public defender's office Happy Monday. I submitted my report it was a little late I apologize I believe I'm supposed to submit it on the Monday before I was a little late on that. You have my report. I don't have any resolutions and I'm here to answer any questions if you have any?

HUGHES: Any questions for Eric this morning on his report? We'll give you a mulligan.

MASCARENAS: Eric, do you mind giving the board a quick update on the status of staffing in your department?

WEYAND: So, we have three attorneys and three secretaries our third attorney is on leave so right now, technically we're down to two. We do have a hopeful candidate who graduated law school and is moving through the character and fitness process to be admitted so hopefully we'll get another attorney here soon but we are a little short staffed.

HUGHES: You said character and fitness how long does that process take?

WEYAND: So I think the main issue is the admission dates that they have and the character and fitness can take several months.

HUGHES: Okay, great thank you for that update. Glad you have somebody in the cue, that's great.

WEYAND: Yes so with that person we are working on either a practice order or a temporary admission until they get fully admitted into New York State BAR.

HUGHES: Perfect. Good luck.

REUSSER: Are the two interns both law students?

WEYAND: So one is in college I believe and then one is finishing up high school so I don't think either of them are law students. We did have two law students as part of the judicial departments internship program they were law students but the two we have are not yet.

HUGHES: Any other questions for Eric this morning or his office? Okay looks like we're good. Thank you very much sir tell Emily we said, hi too.
And finally on our list, Conflict Defender Miriam. Good morning.

HADDEN: Good morning everybody. I did circulate my report this morning so hopefully you received it. If you have any questions I'm happy to answer them.

HUGHES: We have the report from Miriam's office this morning any questions for her in what she presented to you this morning? Looks like we are good. Anything to report anything you want us to know?

HADDEN: No, just the numbers have gone down a little bit which is good because they were way up there for a bit so kind of evening out now but you know, as the board is probably aware because Ms. Evatt's maternity leave the public defender's office has contracted out several of the court cases and the conflicts are also going to the assigned council panel which is why my numbers have gone down.

MASCARENAS: Yeah, if you could of saw Miriam's numbers six weeks ago you would have thought she was really over extended in terms of how that was playing out but we've done a lot of work. We've been able to get contracted attorneys for a lot of our larger courts and from what I'm hearing that's going pretty well at least I'm not hearing it's not so I can tell you that which is probably giving a little relief to Miriam's office in terms of what she was dealing with probably still not where she should be at but getting down to a more manageable level. She's a little more

challenging in terms of what she's asked to do because she's all over so she's one individual when there's a conflict it doesn't matter if she's in North Elba, Minerva, Moriah, Ticonderoga it could be any of them where most attorneys are kind of at an individual court and may twilight in other courts for arraignments and those things but they typically have a set schedule for when and where they are at so she's kind of all over the place and I think we have a good plan. I'm hoping it continues to work out well but we'll see, time will tell.

HADDEN: I will say I'm still going to some of those courts and it seems like the Assigned counsel are doing a great job, they seem to be handling it very well.

HUGHES: Terrific. Miriam thanks a lot. Have a great day. Is there anything else to come before this committee this fine morning? We are adjourned.

As there was no further discussion to come before this public safety committee it was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Garrison, Clerk
Board of Supervisors