

AGENDA
PUBLIC SAFETY/CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020 AT 9:00 A.M.

Via Zoom Teleconference and live stream through YouTube at the following link:
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Harp-Chair, Barnes, Reed, Gray.
ALSO PRESENT: Timothy O' Hearn, County Administrator
STAFF ADVISOR/MINUTES: Stacy Husted, Clerk

- I. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Bill Kennedy
 - A. Report attached.

- II. PUBLIC DEFENDER – Wesley Roe
 - A. Resolution – Authorize contract with the Office of Indigent Legal Services (OILS) for the Second Continue Provision of Counsel at First Appearance Grant (see attached)

- III. DISTRICT ATTORNEY – Joseph Fazzary
 - A. Nothing submitted.

- IV. SHERIFF – William Yessman
 - A. Nothing submitted.

- V. PROBATION – Chris Rosno
 - A. Nothing submitted.

- VI. OTHER
 - A. Resolution – Call upon the United States and Allied Intelligence Communities and United Nations Agencies separate from the World Health Organization to fully investigate and, if warranted, refer for prosecution the role of the Chinese Communist Government and officials in the origin, spread and cover-up COVID-19 Coronavirus (see attached)



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Fire - EMS - 911 - EMO - Hazmat

Public Safety Committee May 2020

Committee Action & Information

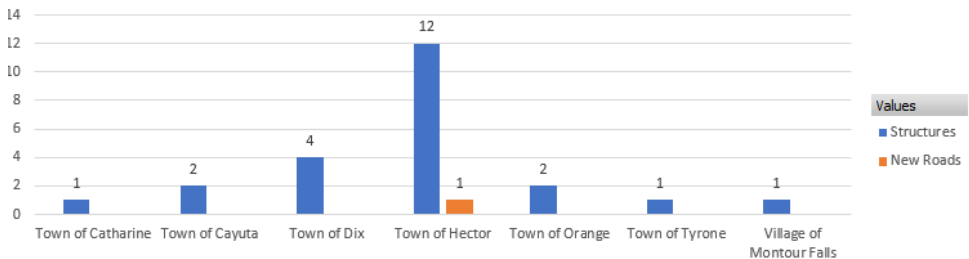
Tower site update: Waiting on Bradford School lease agreement to review.
Working with vendor on planning for tower construction

Contract renewal with WTH for Mapping used in the 911 center

IMA with Steuben County regarding 911 Call processing equipment

Program Reports

911: 5 new numbers issued:
2 Houses and Businesses in Hector
1 House in Cayuta
1 Business in Tyrone



Code Enforcement:

Public Education and Training:

EMT Original (working with state on guidance for finishing and testing for this class)
Fire training classes are hold until at least mid-June

Planning and Response:

Planning and response – Most of the time spent on COVID-19 response, Regional and State conference calls, sourcing and delivering PPE, Planning- Coordinating with Hospital, 911 center procedures, EMS response procedures, Assisting other agencies and Recovery documentation and planning. Documenting Social Distancing Complaints

1 Structure Fire in Yates County with several Schuyler Departments providing Mutual Aid

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RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH THE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES (OILS) FOR THE SECOND CONTINUE PROVISION OF COUNSEL AT FIRST APPEARANCE GRANT – PUBLIC DEFENDER

WHEREAS, the Office of Indigent Legal Services (OILS) has made funds available in the form of a non-competitive grant, Contract #C0HCFA3B, in the amount of \$93, 849.34 annually to improve Public Defender services, and

WHEREAS, said grant will be for the period of three years, and

WHEREAS, said funds will be used to meet our obligation under Hurrell-Harring settlement stipulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature is hereby authorized to sign the grant contract with OILS for the Public Defender's Office for the Second Continue Provision of Counsel at First Appearance Grant for the term of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish said grant accordingly, and in cooperation with the Public Defender's Department.

RE: CALL UPON THE UNITED STATES AND ALLIED INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITIES AND UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES SEPARATE FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION TO FULLY INVESTIGATE AND, IF WARRANTED, REFER FOR PROSECUTION THE ROLE OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT AND OFFICIALS IN THE ORIGIN, SPREAD AND COVER-UP OF COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

WHEREAS, there currently exists a worldwide pandemic of Coronavirus 19 (hereinafter referred to as COVID-19) which, as of May 12, 2020, reportedly has been responsible for killing approximately 287,158 humans out of a total of 4,210,074 cases diagnosed globally, and

WHEREAS, included in those totals, according to medical reporting within the United States, COVID-19 has killed 80,897 out of 1,351,200 reported cases, with reported case totals and fatalities in the United States larger than in any other of the approximate 140 Countries reporting COVID-19 cases, and

WHEREAS, globally, the COVID-19 virus has had severe negative impacts on each victim nation, and the citizens of those nations in varying degrees, including but not limited to, physically, psychologically, socially and/or financially, and

WHEREAS news reports have provided conflicting theories as to the origin of the COVID-19 virus, with some sources, including the World Health Organization, suggesting that the virus was likely transmitted to humans through animals in a live produce “wet market” in Wuhan, the capital city of Hubei Province in Communist China, and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2020, the *New York Post* reported that a dossier leaked from the “Five Eyes” intelligence alliance of the five leading English-speaking countries (the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and Canada) alleges, according to the article, that “China lied to the world about human-to-human transmission of the coronavirus, made whistleblowers disappear and refused to hand over virus samples so the West could make a vaccine,” and

WHEREAS, the same news report stated that “that some of the five intelligence agencies believe that the virus may have been leaked from the Wuhan Institute of Virology, a claim initially dismissed as a conspiracy theory because Chinese officials insisted the virus came from the local wet markets,” and

WHEREAS, the *Australia Daily Telegraph* reported on May 4, 2020 that, as intelligence agencies investigated whether the virus inadvertently leaked from the Wuhan laboratory, a research team led by Wuhan scientist Shi Zhengli was featured in the “Five Eyes” dossier that pointed to several studies the Dr. Shi research team conducted as areas of concern, including work discovering samples of coronavirus from a cave with striking genetic similarity to COVID-19, along with their research synthesizing a bat-derived coronavirus that could not be treated, and

WHEREAS the *Daily Telegraph* further reported that at least one of the estimated fifty virus samples Dr. Shi had in her laboratory was a 96 per cent genetic match to COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, *NBC News* reported that a private analysis of cellphone location data purported to show that a high-security Wuhan laboratory studying coronaviruses shut down in October, saying that there was no cellphone activity in a high-security portion of the Wuhan Institute of Virology from October 7 through October 24, 2019, and that there may have been a "hazardous event" sometime between October 6 and October 11, and

WHEREAS on April 2, 2020, *USAToday* reported that exports of surgical masks, ventilators and other personal protective gear to China “skyrocketed” in January and February, 2020, and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the *New York Times* reported that “as China tries to reshape the narrative of its fumbled response to the coronavirus outbreak, it is turning to a new breed of policeThe internet police, as they are known here, have gained power as the Communist Party has worked to seize greater control over the thoughts, words, and even memories of China’s 800 million web users... a Wuhan doctor named Li Wenliang, who tried to alert colleagues about the spread of a mysterious virus in a chat group, only to be called to a police station and forced to sign a confession for spreading rumors.... he has become a censored topic. Huge numbers of posts and accounts have disappeared from social media.... The Chinese internet is (now) filled with apparently sincere praise for the government’s efforts. Records of early missteps are mostly gone,” and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2020, *CNN* reported that Chinese ruler Xi Jinping said he supports calls for an investigation by the World Health Organization into the handling of the coronavirus pandemic, but insisted that any inquiry should wait until the virus is contained, and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2020, the *New York Times* reported that “government officials, health experts and analysts have in recent weeks raised concerns about how the (World Health Organization) has responded to the outbreak..... Critics say the W.H.O. has been too trusting of the Chinese government, which initially tried to conceal the outbreak in Wuhan. Others have faulted the organization and its leader, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, for moving too slowly in declaring a global health emergency,” and

WHEREAS, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), located in the Hauge, is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations (UN) and its role is to settle, in accordance with international law, legal disputes submitted to it by member nations and to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by authorized United Nations organs and specialized agencies, and

WHEREAS, the International Criminal Court (ICC), located in the Hauge, investigates and, where warranted, tries individuals charged with the gravest crimes of concern to the international community: genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and the crime of aggression; it is intended to complement existing national judicial systems and it may therefore exercise its jurisdiction only when certain conditions are met, such as when national courts are unwilling or unable to prosecute criminals or when the United Nations Security Council or individual states refer situations to the Court, and

WHEREAS, the 1998 Rome Statute establishing the International Criminal Court is the document that reflects the latest consensus among the international community on the definition of Crimes against Humanity and is also the treaty that offers the most extensive list of specific acts that may constitute the crime, including, among the definition of same, when committed as part of a widespread or systematic attack directed against any civilian population, with knowledge of the attack: Murder; Extermination; Enslavement; Deportation or forcible transfer of population; Imprisonment or other severe deprivation of physical liberty in violation of fundamental rules of international law; Torture; Rape, sexual slavery, enforced prostitution, forced pregnancy, enforced sterilization, or any other form of sexual violence of comparable gravity; Persecution against any identifiable group or collectivity on political, racial, national, ethnic, cultural, religious, gender, or other grounds that are universally recognized as impermissible under international law, in connection with any act referred to in this paragraph or any crime within the jurisdiction of the Court; Enforced disappearance of persons; The crime of apartheid; Other inhumane acts of a similar character intentionally causing great suffering, or serious injury to body or to mental or physical health, and

WHEREAS, the above reports cry out for an impartial, independent and comprehensive evaluation of the role of the Chinese Communist Government in the origin, spread and cover-up of COVID-19 coronavirus, separate from the World Health Organization, and

WHEREAS, nothing herein is intended as an attack upon the Chinese people or any persons of Asian descent, many of whom, themselves, have been victims of alleged Chinese government oppression in relation to the virus and/or of infection from the COVID-19 virus itself.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that given the scope and magnitude of damage, detailed above, the United States and allied intelligence communities and the United Nations, separate from the World Health Organization, must fully and impartially investigate and, if warranted, refer for prosecution the role of the Chinese Communist government and any culpable individual Chinese government officials in the origin, spread and/or cover-up of COVID-19 virus and, if appropriate, refer the findings of such investigation to the International Court of Justice and/or International Criminal Court for prosecution and/or indemnification by the Chinese government and its responsible officials, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward a true copy of this resolution to the following: Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America; Ambassador Kelly Craft, Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations; United States Senators from New York Charles Schumer and Kristin Gillibrand; U.S. Congressman Tom Reed; and other persons deemed necessary and appropriate.