

**PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
WILBER, FARWELL, OBERACKER, FRAZIER, STAMMEL  
APRIL 15, 2020  
10:30am**

This meeting was streamed on Facebook Live and recorded.

Please note the meeting attendance as follows:

Present in person at the Otsego County Office Building Board Chambers,  
197 Main Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326:

Board Chair Bliss  
Representative Oberacker  
Treasurer Ruffles

Present remotely via video conference:

Representative Wilber  
Representative Farwell  
Representative Frazier  
Representative Stammel  
County Attorney Coccoma  
Sheriff Devlin  
Undersheriff Allison  
Lorry O'Brien-DuBois, Administrative Aide

Present remotely via phone conference:

Representative Kennedy

**SHERIFF- SHERIFF DEVLIN and UNDERSHERIFF ALLISON via video conference**

Sheriff Devlin updated the Committee on the Jail renovations and repair project, including but not limited to:

- the Commission completed a walk-through of the project two (2) weeks ago, identified issues
- Correction Officer positions (5) need to be filled before the facility can re-open, one related challenge is that necessary pre-hire evaluations have been put on hold as related to the COVID-19 pandemic

The Committee asked Sheriff Devlin to request a variance from the Commission to possibly get permission to re-open the facility while continuing to work on the identified issues.

Representative Wilber inquired regarding if additional security personnel has been hired for County-owned properties, and Sheriff Devlin said four (4) applications were received and the positions need to be re-advertised.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY—ATTORNEY COCCOMA via video conference**

Representative Farwell motioned to enter into executive session to consult with legal counsel at 10:55am. Seconded, Frazier. Roll call vote. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

The executive session was held via conference phone bridge.

The Committee adjourned while in executive session.