

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
GENESEE COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022 4:30 PM  
OLD COURT HOUSE, 7 MAIN ST. BATAVIA, NY**

The Genesee County Legislature held a Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Legislative Conference Room in the Old Court House.

In attendance: Legislator's Stein, Clattenburg, Maha, Hawley, Klotzbach, Deleo, Dibble, Yunker and Torrey. County Manager Matt Landers, Assistant County Manager Tammi Ferringer, Legislature Clerk Lisa Casey, County Attorney James Wujcik, Sheriff William Sheron, Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia and Mental Health Deputy Director Peter Mittiga, and Batavia Daily Reporter Brian Quinn.

Approval of the minutes from the October 26, 2022 Committee of the Whole was motioned by Legislator Hawley and seconded by Legislator Maha.

Undersheriff Mazur for Genesee County discussed a new plan put in place that covers Governor Hochul's passed executive order 18. The executive order requires each county to come up with a domestic terrorism prevention plan. Undersheriff believes that to mitigate this type of threat in our community, our best action would be to create a Genesee County Threat Assessment management team, or a TAM team. A similar program to Monroe County's Rochester threat advisory committee (ROCTAC) will be mimicked by Genesee County will mimic because it's well developed.

Similar to Rochester's Threat Advisory Committee, Genesee County will have a cohesive group of representatives from law enforcement, social services, probation, GCASA, emergency management, school administrations, and school resource officers, he said.

A primary goal is "to mitigate any threat to our community," through early detection and intervention of potential threats of domestic violence, school shootings, workplace assaults, stalking's, and any other similar threats of violence.

This effort takes money, which will come from a related \$172,000 state grant previously announced by Gov. Kathy Hochul. After the May shooting in Buffalo that left 10 people dead, Hochul began to charge each county in the state to develop a threat assessment plan, signing an executive order and providing funds to ensure that could happen. Monroe County had already established its own version of a threat advisory team as a proactive measure to help prevent deadly assaults, so state leaders pointed to that team as an example for other counties to follow.

Genesee County is a small, rural area, it is just as susceptible to such violence as is any big city. The biggest threat to our community is any type of community radicalization. Their ability to use the internet and social media to reach out to anybody anywhere. That's the County's focal point right now, is that use of social media and the internet. Often, it advocates for the use of violence. The grant money will go toward training and training-related costs, such as overtime to cover officers while they're in training. The grant is good for two years, and it does not cover equipment, only training costs and related items that establish the program.

The Genesee County plan was submitted to the state for approval. Legislature reviewed the plan and supports moving forward. It is hopeful that training will be completed in February 2023 for law enforcement in Genesee County.

A campaign will be rolled out to the public so that anyone can participate in the program.

At 5:17 p.m. Legislator Yunker motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried.