



# Onondaga County Legislature

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## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA

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1:15 p.m.

February 17, 2026

401 Montgomery St., Room 407 Court House  
Syracuse, New York 13202

A. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

B. Presentation of Resolutions and Local Laws:

1. **SHERIFF:** Tobias Shelley, Sheriff
  - a. INFORMATIONAL – Overview of the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office
  - b. 2025 Transfer Resolution (\$1,610,890) (Lisa Dell, Chief Civil Deputy)
2. **ONONDAGA COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION:** Mike Block, Member of Board of Directors; Warren Darby, President; Mike Caron, Former President
  - a. INFORMATIONAL – Overview of Volunteer Firefighters' Association
3. **DISCUSSION OF LOCAL LAW:** Ryan Ockenden, Deputy County Attorney
  - a. Discussion of Biometrics Data Collection Local Law
4. **DISCUSSION OF CORRESPONDING OUTSIDE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** Nicole Watts, Chairwoman
  - a. Review and Discussion of Appointments to Outside Boards

C. Adjournment

March 3, 2026

Motion Made By Mr. Garland

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2025 TRANSFER RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the following transfer be made:

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Admin Unit 7900000000 Sheriff's Office Speed Type #413100 Acct. 641010 Reg Employee Salaries	Admin Unit 7900000000 Sheriff's Office Speed Type #413100 Acct. 641020 Overtime Wages	\$1,082,710
 <u>FROM:</u> Admin Unit 7900000000 Sheriff's Office Speed Type #413100 Acct. 641010 Reg Employee Salaries	 <u>TO:</u> Admin Unit 7900000000 Sheriff's Office Speed Type #413100 Acct. 641030 Other Employee Wages	 <u>AMOUNT:</u> \$53,663
 <u>FROM:</u> Admin Unit 7900000000 Sheriff's Office Speed Type #413100 Acct. 641010 Reg Employee Salaries	 <u>TO:</u> Admin Unit 7900000000 Sheriff's Office Speed Type #413100 Acct. 695700 Contractual Expense	 <u>AMOUNT:</u> \$474,517



## ONONDAGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET

### **PURPOSE:**

To authorize the transfer of appropriated funds from Regular Employee Salaries to Overtime Wages, Other Employee Wages and Contractual Expenses within the Sheriff's Office Operating Budget for the purpose of meeting year-end obligations.

### **OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN:**

The three accounts projected to have shortfalls at 2025-year end in the Sheriff's Budget are Overtime Wages, Other Employee Wages and Contractual Expenses. This transfer requires no additional funding, it merely requires moving funds from our regular (101) payroll line to the overtime (102) line, Other Employee Wages (103) line and Contractual Expenses (570) line.

**Overtime Wages deficit** - Although the Sheriff continues to approve back-to-back hiring academies and we have successfully hired more staff; we are still unable to fill all existing vacancies with qualified candidates. Due to limited numbers of applicants or candidates, we have not been able to increase our numbers significantly enough to reduce overtime. We remain committed to hiring as promised, with the next academy scheduled for April 2026. Additionally, staffing resources have been strategically adjusted to improve efficiency across all divisions.

**Contractual Expenses deficit** - A NYS mandate dictates that the County pays 100% toward the cost of mental health care for incarcerated individuals. Severely impaired mentally ill residents who are in the custody of the Sheriff's Office are evaluated by qualified physicians as ordered by a court of law to determine if inpatient hospitalization is necessary. If hospitalization is determined to be necessary, the individual is then sent to a designated facility operated by either the Office of Mental Health or Office of People with Developmental Disabilities. These offsite costs are highly variable as we do not know how many individuals would be sent to these facilities in any given year or for how long they will stay. The cost of OMH hospitalizations exceeded the 2025 budgeted amount by \$600,000.00.

Below is a summary of where estimated funds will be coming from.

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

The funding will come from the Regular Employee Salaries account transferred as illustrated below.

**BUDGET:**

<b><u>Transfer From Account</u></b>		<b><u>Amount</u></b>
641010	Regular Employee Salaries	\$ 1,610,890
<b><u>Transfer To Account</u></b>		<b><u>Amount</u></b>
641020	Overtime Wages	\$ 1,082,710.00
641030	Other Employee Wages	\$ 53,663.00
695700	Contractual Expenses Non-Govt	\$ 474,517.00

LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2026

A LOCAL LAW REQUIRING COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS TO NOTIFY CUSTOMERS OF THE USE OF BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. This Local Law shall be entitled and known as “[NAME].”

Section 2. Purpose. The County of Onondaga recognizes that commercial establishments are increasing utilization of biometric identifier technologies for customer authentication and fraud prevention, amongst other things. The County also finds that biometric identifier information is uniquely sensitive because it is derived from a person's physical or biological characteristics and may be difficult or impossible to replace if compromised. The County further finds that it is in the public interest for customers of commercial establishments in the County to receive notice when a business collects or uses biometric identifier information.

Section 3. Definitions.

- A. Biometric identifier information. A physiological or biological characteristic that is used by or on behalf of a commercial establishment, singly or in combination, to identify, or assist in identifying, an individual, including but not limited to: (i) a retina or iris scan, (ii) a fingerprint or voiceprint, (iii) a scan of a hand or face geometry, or (iv) any other identifying characteristic.
- B. Commercial establishments. Any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, organization, or other entity that operates a place of business within Onondaga County and offers goods or services to the public, whether for profit or not for profit.
- C. Customer. Any purchaser or prospective purchaser of goods or services from a commercial establishment.
- D. Financial institution. A bank, trust company, national bank, savings bank, federal mutual savings bank, savings and loan association, federal savings and loan association, federal mutual savings and loan association, credit union, federal credit union, branch of a foreign banking corporation, public pension fund, retirement system, securities broker, securities dealer or firm, but does not include a commercial establishment whose primary business is the retail sale of goods and services to customers and provides financial services such as the issuance of credit cards or in-store financing to customers.

Section 4. Notice Required. Any commercial establishment that collects, retains, converts, stores, uses, or shares biometric identifier information of customers must disclose such

collection, retention, conversion, storage, use, or sharing, as applicable, by placing a clear and conspicuous sign disclosing such usage near all entrances to the commercial establishment.

Section 5. Sale Prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any commercial establishment to sell, trade, or share in exchange for value, or otherwise profit from the sale of its customers biometric identifier information.

Section 6. Penalties and Enforcement. This Local Law shall be enforced by the [NAME], who shall receive reports, conduct investigations, and issue penalties for noncompliance.

For a first violation of this article, the [NAME] shall issue a written warning to the commercial establishment. The violation must be cured within thirty (30) days or a subsequent violation may be issued.

For a second violation, the [NAME] shall issue a fine in an amount up to \$500.00. The violation must be cured within thirty (30) days or a subsequent violation may be issued.

For a third violation, the [NAME] shall issue a fine in an amount up to \$1,000.00. Additional violations may be issued for each thirty (30) day period in which the violation is not cured.

If the commercial establishment cures the violation within the cure period, and the County confirms, the County may close the matter without civil penalty.

Section 7. Government exemption. Nothing in this article shall apply to the collection, storage, sharing, or use of biometric identifier information by government agencies, employees, or agents acting within the scope of their government duties.

Exceptions. This Local Law shall not apply to financial institutions, or information collected for employment purposes.

Section 8. If any sentence, paragraph, or part of this Local Law shall be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby, and such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability.

Section 9. This Local Law shall be filed pursuant to the provisions of Municipal Home Rule Law, and shall take effect ninety (90) days after filing with the Secretary of State.