

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: MONTESI
GIRARD
BROCK
SIMPSON
BRAYMER
SEEBER
MACDONALD

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: DICKINSON
VANSELOW

OTHERS PRESENT:

MARCY FLORES, PUBLIC DEFENDER
BRIAN LAFLURE, FIRE COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES
REPRESENTING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE:
BUD YORK, SHERIFF
SHAWN LAMOUREE, UNDERSHERIFF
STEVEN STOCKDALE, PATROL LIEUTENANT
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
BRIAN REICHENBACH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, WARREN COUNTY BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BEATY
FRASIER
LEGGETT
MACDONALD
MCDEVITT
MERLINO
SOKOL
STROUGH
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
REPRESENTING THE CITY OF GLENS FALLS BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY:
JACK DIAMOND, CITY OF GLENS FALLS MAYOR
ROBERT STEDMAN
TAMBRIE ALDEN
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the January 23, 2017 meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:

<http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2017/criminal/>

Mr. Montesi called the meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee to order at 10:04 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Marcy Flores, Public Defender, who distributed copies of her agenda packet to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda packet is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Ms. Flores presented the following requests:

- 1) To authorize application to the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for Distribution #4 grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$84,780 for the term commencing

January 1, 2017 and terminating December 31, 2019 in order to improve the quality of services provided under Article 18-B of the County Law.

- 2) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$28,260 to authorize expenditure of the 2017 portion of Distribution #7 from the Office of Indigent Legal Services.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried unanimously to approve both requests, as presented; the necessary resolution for Item 1 was authorized for the February 17th Board meeting and Item 2 was referred to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

- 3) To authorize application to the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for grant funds to provide effective representation of indigent persons at their first appearance before a judge and promote the continuous representation of such persons - grant funding amount and terms to be determined.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 4) To authorize Brian Pilatzke to attend "Human Resource Law from A to Z" training at the Hilton Garden Inn in Albany, NY on March 6 -7, 2017.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried unanimously to approve the request. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

This concluded the Public Defender portion of the agenda.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Brian LaFlure, Fire Coordinator/Director, Office of Emergency Services, who distributed copies of his agenda packet to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda packet is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Mr. LaFlure presented the following requests:

- 1) To fill the vacant position of Grant Administrator, Base Salary \$20,000, due to creation.

Motion was made by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Personnel & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Position form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To fill the vacant position of 3rd Deputy EMS Coordinator, Base Salary \$5,309, which was previously unfunded.

Motion made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Personnel & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Position form is on file with the minutes.*

- 3) To authorize travel for Brian LaFlure and Amy Hirsch to attend the New York State Emergency Management Association Winter Conference at the Embassy Suites in Syracuse, NY on February 21 -23, 2017.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

- 4) To authorize Brian LaFlure and Scott Combs to attend the County Fire Coordinator Conference in Montour Falls, NY on April 5 - 7, 2017.

Motion was made by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried unanimously to approve the request. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

- 5) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$5,982 to carry over unused 2016 funds from the FY15 State Homeland Security Program.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 6) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$75,970.76 to carry over unused 2016 funds from the FY15 Hazmat Grant Program.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 7) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$22,092.31 to carry over unused 2016 funds from the FY16 State Homeland Security Program.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 8) To ratify the actions of the Chairman of the Board in executing application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for FY16 Program grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million for the grant term of June 8, 2017 through June 7, 2020 to prepare communities for complex coordinated terrorist attacks.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 9) To authorize out-of-State travel for Micki Guy and Travis Howe to attend the EMS Today Conference and Exposition in Salt Lake City, Utah on February 21 - 25, 2017.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 10) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$36,024 to reflect the receipt of funds from the FY16 Hazmat Emergency Preparedness Grant Program.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request is on file with the minutes.*

- 11) To authorize a new contract with MDC Scuba, Inc. d/b/a Rich Morin's Professional Scuba Centers in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per year for the term commencing February 1, 2017 and terminating December 31, 2017, with the option of two annual extension, for scuba training services for the Warren County Marine Rescue Team and the Warren County Sheriff's Dive Team.

A discussion ensued following which a motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 12) To authorize new contract with MDC Scuba, Inc. dba Rich Morin's Professional Scuba Centers in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for a term commencing upon execution and terminating December 31, 2017 with the option of two annual extensions, to provide service maintenance for Warren County Dive Team equipment.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. MacDonald requested an update on the County EMS Study. Mr. LaFlure apprised that EMS Coordinators had been meeting with squad administration which had gone well. He stated once all of the information had been collected he would then apply for the CON (Certificate of Need) which he estimated to be around March 1st. Ms. Braymer asked Mr. LaFlure to bring the completed application to the Committee before it was submitted.

With regard to the requests to approve travel, Mr. Simpson asked if future requests to attend trainings which were included in the Department Budget could be approved by the Chair of the oversight Committee, rather than bringing them before the entire Committee for approval and Brian Reichenbach, County Attorney, stated that the current Travel Policy could be updated, if it was the Board's desire to do so. A brief discussion ensued.

This concluded the OES portion of the agenda.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Shawn Lamouree, Warren County Undersheriff, who distributed copies of his agenda packet to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda packet is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Undersheriff Lamouree presented the following requests:

- 1) To authorize Inspector Marlo Barboza and Correction Officers Daniel Kelly and Julia Benson to attend the Capital Saratoga Gang Training Conference at Siena College in Albany, NY on January 11, 2017.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried unanimously to approve the request. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To authorize Sergeant Ralph Bartlett and Patrol Officers Ken Smith, Jeremy Coon, and Josh Lopez to attend the Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Conference (ESLETS) at the New York State Police Academy in Albany, NY on April 6, 2017 - July 17, 2017.

Motion was made by Mr. Brock, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

- 3) To authorize out-of-State travel for Undersheriff Shawn Lamouree to attend the Criminal Justice Behavioral Health Conference at Hotel Contessa, San Antonio, Texas on January 29 - 31, 2017.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

- 4) To extend existing contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for Mutual Link at no cost to the County for a term commencing upon execution and terminating January 31, 2018.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 5) To authorize the extension of existing contract with Global Tel Link for inmate block telephones within the Warren County Correctional Facility at no cost to the County.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 6) To amend Resolution No. 552 of 2016 to include the Sheriff's Office, Office of Emergency Services, Probation Office and the District Attorney's Office in the contracts with Warren Tire Service Center, Inc. and Warrensburg Car Care.

Motion was made by Mr. Brock, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request forms is on file with the minutes.*

- 7) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$7,000 to reflect receipt of funds from New York State Legislative Initiatives Grant.
- 8) To amend County Budget in the amount of \$4,994 to reflect receipt of funds from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (NYSDCJS) Video Recording of Statements Equipment Grant.
- 9) To amend County Budget in the amount of \$31,900 to reflect receipt of funds from New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Traffic Grants.
- 10) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$20,000 to carry over unused funds from the 2016 State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried unanimously to approve all of the above referenced requests and forward same to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

- 11) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$134,935.52 to reflect the transfer of monies for the Communications Radio Upgrade Capital Project from 2016 to 2017.

Motion was made by Mr. Brock, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the requests and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file*

with the minutes. (Note: Subsequent to the meeting it was determined no action was necessary for this request, as per the Treasurer's Office.)

- 12) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$34,854 to reflect the receipt of funding from NYSDCJS Police Protective Equipment Program.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried unanimously to approve the request forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 13) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$1,000 to reflect the receipt of funds from the New York State Sheriff's Association to cover travel expenses associated with training for Undersheriff Lamouree.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 14) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$4,744.30 to reflect the receipt of funds from the Great Escape (Six Flags) for law enforcement services provided to them.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 15) To authorize a new contract with Secure Watch 24 in an amount not to exceed \$1,900 for the term commencing November 12, 2016 and terminating November 12, 2017 to provide preventative maintenance and service to the License Plate Reader System.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes. (Note: Subsequent to the meeting it was determined by the County Attorney's Office that a resolution was not necessary for this action.)*

- 16) To authorize a new contract with Trinity Services Group, Inc. for commissary services for the Warren County Correctional Facility at no cost to the County for a term commencing January 1, 2017 and terminating on December 31, 2021.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 17) To fill the vacant position of Patrol Lieutenant #2, Base Salary \$91,534, due to retirement.
- 18) To fill the vacant position of Patrol Sergeant TBD, Base Salary \$70,456, due to promotion.
- 19) To fill the vacant position of Patrol Officer TBD, Base Salary \$40,390, due to promotion.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to approve the requests and forward same to the Personnel & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *Copies of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position forms are on file with the minutes.*

Concluding the agenda review with the Topics for Discussion portion of the agenda, Undersheriff Lamouree apprised that since November, seven Correction positions had been filled and the Department had been awarded \$500,000 from the New York State Dormitory Authority Grant program to help pay for radio system. Ms. Braymer asked for an update on the renovation space for centralized arraignment and Sheriff York said he was unaware of the progress and suggested she contact the District Attorney's Office for an update.

Privilege of the floor was extended to the public. Jack Diamond, Mayor of the City of Glens Falls, spoke on behalf of his Office and the Glens Falls Police Department, offering to give an explanation on what transpired during a past conversation between himself, Sheriff Bud York and the Glens Falls Chief of Police in regards to hiring practices. Sheriff York interjected that the conversation which took place was personal. Mayor Diamond then asked to speak about hiring issues. He distributed handouts relating to lateral transfers. He explained the City of Glens Falls Police Department had lost five Police Officers to Warren County through lateral transfers which had caused a financial concern for the City.

A discussion ensued, following which a motion was made by Mr. Girard and seconded by Ms. Braymer to reimburse the City of Glens Falls in the amount of \$36,061.21 for costs associated with the lateral transfer of a City Police officer to the Sheriff's Office, when this occurred and was not reimbursable through the state, and to refer same to the Finance Committee for a source of funding. Following further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Seeber and seconded by Mr. Simpson to table the matter; however the motion failed due to a lack of majority vote, with Ms. Braymer and Messrs Girard, MacDonald, Brock voting in opposition. Mr. Montesi called the question on the initial motion to provide reimbursement to the City of Glens Falls, and the motion was carried by majority vote, with Ms. Seeber and Messrs. Montesi and Simpson voting in opposition.

Mr. Girard offered privilege of the floor to Robert Stedman, from the City of Glens Falls Board of Public Safety. Mr. Stedman commented that his main concern was safety and he attended the meeting to show his support of the Mayor's request for reimbursement. He indicated his concern over the professional relationship with the two departments and commended Sheriff York on his work, stating he hoped a professional relationship would ensue after, and thanked the Committee for their consideration. Mr. Montesi opened the floor up to the other Board of Public Safety members; Tambrie Alden expressed agreement with Mr. Stedman in support of the Mayor for reimbursement from the Sheriff Department.

There being no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Ms. Seeber and seconded by Ms. Braymer, Mr. Montesi adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board