

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: MARCH 27, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: MONTESI
GERAGHTY
BROCK
SIMPSON
BRAYMER
SEEBER
MACDONALD

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: GIRARD
VANSELOW

OTHERS PRESENT:

AMY HIRSH, EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR
REPRESENTING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE:
BUD YORK, SHERIFF
SHAWN LAMOUREE, UNDERSHERIFF
REPRESENTING THE PROBATION OFFICE:
ROBERT IUSI, PROBATION DIRECTOR
ADAM STEPHENSON, PROBATION SUPERVISOR
JOANN MCKINSTRY, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, WARREN COUNTY BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS DICKINSON
LEGGETT
SOKOL
STROUGH
BRIAN REICHENBACH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
REPRESENTING THE WARREN COUNTY SPCA:
JIM FITZGERALD, HUMANE OFFICER/CRUELTY INVESTIGATOR
DARLENE HAYES, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
JIM SEELEY, CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the March 27, 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 9:01 a.m.

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

Copies of the Assigned Counsel agenda were distributed to the Committee and a copy of same is on file with the meeting minutes.

Privilege of the floor was extended to JoAnn McKinstry, Assistant to the County Administrator, who presented the following request on behalf of Assigned Counsel in the absence of staff:

To authorize a new contract with Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, Inc. in the amount of \$45,000 to provide paralegal/case management support services for the term commencing January 1, 2014 and terminating March 31, 2017.

Motion was made by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Montesi noted that the Assigned Counsel Office was suffering from a lack of space and would be expanded into the kitchen of the former jail, once the asbestos was removed, to alleviate this issue.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Robert Iusi, Probation Director, who distributed copies of his agenda packet to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda packet is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Iusi apprised his agenda consisted of one item for discussion, relating to raising the age of criminal responsibility. He presented handouts from New York State Council of Probation Administrators in response to the proposed Raise the Age Legislation Bill as well as copies of The County Perspective; The Age of Criminal Responsibility and its Impact in New York State as submitted by the New York State Association of Counties. Mr. Iusi then proceeded to explain the reason behind the bill and the Governor's current proposal, noting the biggest issue was the lack of funding. *Copies of the handouts are on file with the minutes.*

Discussion ensued during which Mr. Montesi asked Mr. Iusi what would be needed to carry out this bill, and Mr. Iusi responded that a budget and figures would be necessary.

This concluded the Probation portion of the meeting.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Amy Hirsch, Emergency Services Coordinator, who distributed copies of the Office of Emergency Services (OES) agenda packet to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda packet is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Mrs. Hirsch presented the following requests:

- 1) To authorize application to the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for FY17 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Program funds in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

Motion was made by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To authorize application to the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for FY17 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning Grant Program funds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Motion was made by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 3) To authorize application to the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for FY17 State Homeland Security Program Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

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 April 21st Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 4) To authorize appointing and re-appointing members of the Warren County Fire Advisory Board.

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 April 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 5) To authorize a new contract with Dival Safety Equipment, Inc. to repair and calibrate various gas monitors for the Adirondack Regional Hazmat Consortium.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Montesi asked Mrs. Hirsch to give an update on the progress of the Warren County EMS discussions. She apprised that they had hoped to move forward soon and were still having discussions with squads. A brief discussion ensued.

This concluded the review of the OES 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 apprised the agenda consisted of two topics for discussion, the first being a staffing update. He noted the Department had hired two new Corrections Officers due to resignation and there were currently three vacant Corrections Officer Positions.

Undersheriff Lamouree stated the second topic of discussion concerned the Warren County SPCA.

Ms. Seeber noted the Warren County SPCA contract was currently under the Legislative Budget and was overseen by the Clerk of the Board; she added that it may be more appropriate for this contract to be transferred to the Sheriff's budget in order to provide more oversight and assistance to the Warren County SPCA. Jim Fitzgerald, Humane Officer/Cruelty Investigator for the Warren County SPCA, expounded upon the reasons why oversight by the Sheriff's Office would provide better assistance and coordination.

A lengthy discussion ensued, following which a motion was made by Ms. Seeber and seconded by Ms. Braymer to transfer the Warren County SPCA contract from the Legislative Board budget to the Sheriff's budget; however, a subsequent motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried by majority vote, with Ms. Seeber voting in opposition, to table the issue until the next Committee meeting.

Mr. Montesi voiced his concern on the amount of County surplus. He noted that the Public Works Committee had discussed funding needs for paving roads and bridges but, another matter requiring attention was the County's communications and radio system. He suggested a "One and Done" project funded by the surplus money.

Finally, Mr. Montesi asked Undersheriff Lamouree to speak about the New York State Police Protective Equipment Grant he had applied for and was awarded funding for Warren County, the

Town of Bolton Police Department and the City of Glens Falls Police Department. Undersheriff Lamouree apprised he had completed the application for all three municipalities, with assistance from both the Town of Bolton and the City of Glens Falls, and was subsequently awarded \$35,000, which was the amount he had applied for. Mr. MacDonald commended both Sheriff York and Undersheriff Lamouree for their efforts in obtaining this grant funding.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mr. Sokol, who requested Mr. Fitzgerald speak to the Committee about the rabies situation concerning their agency. Mr. Sokol apprised that he and Mr. Fitzgerald had a previous meeting which concerned information pertaining to the relationship between Warren County SPCA and Warren County Public Health. Mr. Fitzgerald expounded upon the situation and a brief discussion ensued.

There being no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Simpson, Mr. Montesi adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

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