

# WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2017

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: MONTESI  
GIRARD  
SIMPSON  
BRAYMER

### OTHERS PRESENT:

JASON CARUSONE, ACTING DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
MARCY FLORES, PUBLIC DEFENDER  
SHAWN LAMOUREE, WARREN COUNTY UNDERSHERIFF  
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, ACTING COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS LEGGETT  
STROUGH  
BRIAN REICHENBACH, SPECIAL COUNCIL FOR THE COUNTY  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: GERAGHTY  
BROCK  
VANSELOW  
SEEBER  
MACDONALD

*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 13, 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. He noted the lack of a quorum and stated this meant the Committee could not take any action or approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Marcy Flores, *Public Defender*, who indicated Mr. Montesi wanted a follow up on central arraignments. She notified the Honorable Gary Hobbs, *Glens Falls City Court Judge*, would submit a proposal to the OCA (*Office of Court Administration*) in support of the centralized arraignments and she advised she was seeking support from the Board of Supervisors and the Towns, as well. She mentioned the only change since the last discussions regarding arraignments pertained to the addition of County Law 722E, which she explained would allow reimbursement to the County to aid with costs of security. She informed the County Attorney's Office had drafted a letter to be distributed with the draft resolution they had also provided for the Towns to use as an example when drafting their own resolution of support; *a copy of the letter and draft resolution are on file with the meeting minutes.*

Chairman Conover entered the meeting at 9:06 a.m., making a quorum of the Committee.

Mr. Montesi suggested that each of the Town Supervisors bring the letter and draft resolution before their respective Boards for approval. Chairman Conover pointed out that the title of the draft resolution should be altered to indicate the resolution was in support of the County's "proposed" plan for counsel as the plan was not currently in place.

Ms. Braymer inquired if there was a written plan and Ms. Flores responded affirmatively, advising that Judge Hobbs had written one. Ms. Braymer then asked if the plan had to be approved by the Committee and Brian Reichenbach, *Special Council for the County*, responded all that was needed was a resolution authorizing the implementation of the plan to show County approval of same.

Mr. Leggett inquired if all the current magistrates would participate with the night arraignments and Ms. Flores responded the vast majority would. Mr. Montesi interjected he was only aware of one Judge from a small town who would not participate due to the fact that night arraignments very seldom occurred in that municipality. Mr. Leggett questioned whether the Justices would be reimbursed for expenses related to night arraignments and Ms. Flores responded that they would be reimbursed for payment and mileage through the OCA.

Mr. Montesi advised they hoped to receive adopted resolutions from the Towns before December so the County could obtain approval from the State to implement the plan in January 2018.

A short discussion ensued.

As there was no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Ms. Braymer, Mr. Montesi adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist