

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: MONTESI
GERAGHTY
GIRARD
SIMPSON
BRAYMER
SEEBER
MACDONALD

OTHERS PRESENT:

ROBERT IUSI, PROBATION DIRECTOR
MARCY FLORES, PUBLIC DEFENDER
SHAWN LAMOUREE, WARREN COUNTY UNDERSHERIFF
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: BROCK
VANSELOW

SUPERVISORS BEATY

FRASIER
HYDE
LEGGETT
MCDEVITT
SOKOL
CARLA STEVES, COUNTY AUDITOR
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
MIKE WILD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the November 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 9:31 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, 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.

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

Commencing his agenda review, Mr. Iusi presented the following requests;

- 1.) To extend the existing contract with Warren Hamilton Counties ACEO, Inc. for a total amount not to exceed \$60,000 to operate the Alternative Sentencing Program for the term commencing January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2018;
- 2.) To extend the existing MOU with the Warren County Department of Social Services in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for Preventative Services to fund one Juvenile Probation Officer position over

the term commencing January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2018;

- 3.) To extend the existing contract with KMG Monitoring Services in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 for the electronic monitoring of adult offenders for the term commencing January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2018.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried unanimously to approve all three requests as presented and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the December 15th Board meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Moving onto the Information for Discussion portion of the agenda, Mr. Iusi spoke regarding Raise the Age Initiative. He indicated new measures would be phased in over time, raising the age of juvenile delinquency from sixteen to seventeen years old beginning on October 1, 2018, and subsequently raising the age of criminal responsibility to eighteen years of age on October 1, 2019. Mr. Iusi discussed the need for a location to house juvenile offenders and a discussion ensued.

Mr. Iusi apprised on December 7th individuals from the New York State Department of Corrections would be in attendance for a guided tour of Warren County Probation facilities.

Next, Mr. Iusi thanked members of the Committee that were retiring or leaving the Board for their years of support.

There being no further Probation business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Marcy Flores, Public Defender, who distributed copies of her agenda to the Committee; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing her agenda review, Ms. Flores presented a request to extend the existing contract with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the Distribution #5 Grant to include the term commencing December 31, 2017 and terminating December 31, 2020.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 15th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Concluding her agenda review, Ms. Flores introduced a request for a transfer of funds from Budget Code A.1171 3045, Office of Indigent Legal Services, to Budget Code A.1171 862, Health Insurance Cost Reimbursement, in the amount of \$750. (Note: subsequent to meeting it was determined this request was presented incorrectly as the request was for a Contingent Account transfer.)

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request for a transfer of funds as outlined above and to refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the Request for Transfer of Funds form is on file with the minutes.*

There being no further Public Defender business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Shawn Lamouree, Warren County Undersheriff, who distributed copies of the Sheriff's agenda to the Committee; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing his agenda review, Undersheriff Lamouree presented a request for a new contract with Lexis Nexis in the lump sum amount of \$29,760 per year for years 2018-2020, total amount not to exceed \$89,280, to provide the mandated Law Library system for inmates over the term commencing January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2020.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 15th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Undersheriff Lamouree presented a request for a transfer of funds between various budget codes totaling \$190,000 to cover the cost overtime for the Department of Corrections and Law Enforcement.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request for a transfer of funds as outlined above and to refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the Request for Transfer of Funds form is on file with the minutes.*

Moving onto the Topics for Discussion portion of the agenda, Undersheriff Lamouree discussed vacancies. He mentioned there was one Correction Officer vacancy and two Correction Sergeant vacancies. He appraised three Correction Officers were hired since the October Committee meeting and he indicated as of November 18, 2017, \$585,886 was expended on overtime for the Department of Corrections.

Concluding his agenda review, Undersheriff Lamouree mentioned he submitted an RFP (Request for Proposal) through the Purchasing Department to seek a consultant for an ongoing Radio Operator project they were currently working on. He indicated they received seven or eight proposals and with the help of Mark Neil, Maintenance Systems Consultant, they reviewed the proposals and a decision was made and would be presented to the Finance Committee on Thursday, November 30th. He added the cost of the project was \$75,000 and could potentially be reduced by \$15,000 pending the removal of a portion of the project. (Note: Subsequent to the meeting Undersheriff Lamouree advised he would hold his request until the next meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee.)

As there was no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Mr. Girard, Mr. Montesi adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist