

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: LEGGETT
GERAGHTY
SIMPSON
WILD
MAGOWAN
DIAMOND
SOKOL
HOGAN
BRAYMER
DRISCOLL
VACANT

OTHERS PRESENT:

MARCY FLORES, PUBLIC DEFENDER
REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:
BRIAN LAFLURE, FIRE COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR
MICKI GUY, EMS COORDINATOR
TRAVIS HOWE, 2ND DEPUTY EMS COORDINATOR
REPRESENTING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
BUD YORK, SHERIFF
SHAWN LAMOUREE, UNDERSHERIFF
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS LOEB
MCDEVITT
MERLINO
BRIAN REICHENBACH, LEGAL COUNCEL TO THE COUNTY
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST
*SEE SIGN IN SHEET FOR OTHER MEETING ATTENDEES

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the January 26, 2018 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/2018/criminal/>

Mr. Leggett called the meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee to order at 9:02 a.m

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Ms. Braymer 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 the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing her agenda review, Ms. Flores presented a request for a new contract with various transcriptionists for court related transcripts at the rate agreed upon by the Public Defender's Office and the transcriptionist.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 16th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Ms. Flores introduced a request for a resolution in support of the Warren County Proposal for Council at Centralized Arraignment Coverage Plan to be submitted to the New York Office Of Court Administration by the Honorable Gary C. Hobbs, Glens Falls City Court Judge, and Supervising Judge for town and village Justices in Warren, Washington, Essex and Hamilton Counties. Judge Hobbs spoke regarding centralized arraignments in

Warren County, informing in 2010 the of New York State Court of Appeals acted upon a case entitled Hurrell-Harring vs. The State of New York, deciding at initial arraignment the defendant had the right to have an attorney present. He mentioned there was a location on the County campus being considered for use in association with a plan and he indicated his proposal for Warren County was similar to program used in Washington County which was implemented in October 2017. He described how the plan worked and said it was a success. He informed the difference between the plan for Warren County was they had computer software that allowed County courts the ability to converse with one another and that the arresting agency had to transport the offender from their jail to the arraignment site at the County. He indicated another benefit to the County was County Law 722E, which was amended in the 2016 State Budget process to allow the cost reimbursements to Counties with approved centralized arraignment programs.

Mr. Wild entered the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

A discussion ensued during which Mr. Diamond voiced his concern with the plan, mentioning the additional cost for transportation and security for the City of Glens Falls and it's Police Department needed to be reviewed. Anthony Lydon, Chief, Glens Falls Police Department, apprised Glens Falls had the busiest court in the County and there would be costs involved for transportation to the County, especially considering there would be different vehicles and security for male and female offenders to be transported.

A motion was made by Ms. Braymer and seconded Mr. Diamond and carried unanimously to table the request pending discussion with the City of Glens Falls, The Mayor of Glens Falls, the Chief of the Glens Falls Police Department and the Glens Falls Common Council.

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 members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

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

- 1.) To authorize out-of-State travel for Patrol Officer James Banish to attend the Sudden Traumatic Los Seminar III, in Ridgeland, South Carolina, on February 3-8, 2018.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 16th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2.) For an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Glens Falls Police Department for the purpose of assigning members of the City of Glens Falls Police Department to the Warren County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 16th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 3.) To fill the vacant position of Communications Officer #4, Annual Salary \$39,595.95, due to retirement.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Personnel & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 4.) To amend the 2018 County Budget in the amount of \$523,375 to carry over unused funds from the 2016 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 5.) For a new contract with Citadel Information Services Inc. in the amount of \$59,930 for communication consultant services for a term to commence upon execution by both parties and terminate upon completion of the project.

Undersheriff Lamouree indicated they had contracted with Televate for the service in the past; however, he noted, they did not score as high as Citadel Information Services, Inc. who was the high bidder by \$20,000. He apprised there was money in the budget from a 2016 Inoperable Grant that would cover the cost of the consultant services. Mr. Wild inquired about a shift to digital services and Mark Neal, System Maintenance Coordinator, replied they currently had radios that were capable of analog and digital, adding in ten years all of the radios would be digital. He mentioned some of their equipment on mountain tops were analog and would be updated to include digital and in the near future they would be able to convert some channels to digital. A discussion ensued.

Motion was made by Mr. Diamond, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 16th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 6.) To authorize construction a radio communications tower and support facility in the Town of Stony Creek.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 16th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 7.) To ratify the Chairman's signature on a tower site license application with KGI Wireless to locate communications equipment on a Verizon tower at 373 New Your State Route 9, Queensbury, New York, in at a cost of \$500 to be paid annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 16th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Undersheriff Lamouree, presented the following requests to amend the County Budget;

- 8.) To amend the 2018 County Budget in the amount of \$7,392 to reflect receipt of insurance recovery funds from a motor vehicle accident.

- 9.) To amend the 2018 County Budget in the amount of \$3,020.17 to reflect receipt of insurance recovery funds from two motor vehicle accidents.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously to approve both requests to amend the County Budget as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Moving on to the Topics For Discussion portion of the agenda, Undersheriff Lamouree notified there were two Corrections Sergeant vacancies and they had hired two Corrections Officers since the last meeting.

Bud York, Warren County Sheriff, informed of another item not included on the agenda. He explained Idemia (Formerly Morpho Trust LLC) had been providing finger printing services using space at the Sheriff's Office for the last year and a half at no cost. As this seemed to be working well, he presented a request to authorize agreement with Idemia Trust to allow use of space in the Warren County Sheriff's Office for fingerprinting services two days per week, for a fee of \$1,000 per month.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 16th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Braymer spoke regarding the Responsible Boating Initiative that she initiated last year. She indicated she wanted to continue with the awareness education outreach effort using last years tag line "Remember Charlotte". She added there would be no cost to the County, she said she wanted to make the Committee aware of her intentions and asked for their consensus to put the County logo on future campaigns. She expressed she had been working with Sheriff York and the Lake George Park Commission through monthly telephone conferences and she offered to send the link to anyone interested in participating.

There being no further Sheriff business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Brian LaFlure, Fire Coordinator/Director, Office of Emergency Services, who distributed copies of the Office of Emergency Services agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing his agenda review, Mr. LaFlure presented a request to authorize the extension of the contract with the Glens Falls Fire Department for cause and origin investigation services.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 16th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. LaFlure introduced a request to authorize out-of-State travel for Micki Guy, Travis Howe and Jack Tims, to attend the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Today Conference & Exposition in Charlotte, North Carolina, on February 20-24, 2018.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 16th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Mr. LaFlure presented the following requests to amend the 2018 County Budget:

- 1.) In the amount of \$2,892.36 to carry over unused funds from the FY15 State Homeland Security Grant Program.
- 2.) In the amount of \$18,270.33 to carry over unused funds from the FY16 State Homeland Security Grant Program.
- 3.) In the amount of \$12,773.87 to carry over unused funds from the FY15 Hazmat Grant Program.
- 4.) In the amount of \$119,504.10 to carry over unused funds from the FY16 Hazmat Grant Program.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the requests as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Continuing, Mr. LaFlure introduced a request to accept a donation of services in the amount of \$522.50 from Ellsworth & Son Excavating Inc. and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to send a letter of appreciation. Mr. LaFlure explained the services donated had included moving seven trailers to the fire training center in November of 2017 at no cost to the County.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously to approve the request. *Note: subsequent to the meeting it was determined a resolution was not necessary to accomplish the requested action.*

Moving on to the Information for Discussion portion of the agenda, Mr. LaFlure spoke about legislation put forth by Senator Little that would authorize Counties to establish County EMS Districts, a copy of which was included in the agenda packet.

Following some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to authorize a resolution recognizing and supporting legislation introduced by Senator Little for the February 16th Board Meeting.

Micki Guy, EMS Coordinator, Office of Emergency Services, informed of resolutions adopted by the Greene County legislature supporting the classification of EMS services as essential services for the purpose of State aid and supporting an increase in Medicaid and Medicare reimbursements for treatment and transportation services provided by EMS agencies. Copies of both resolutions are included in the agenda.

Concluding his agenda review, Mr. LaFlure mentioned an upcoming Ice Jam presentation which would be held in the Board Room on February 5th and he encouraged all to attend.

As there was no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mrs. Hogan, Mr. Leggett adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist