

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DATE: JUNE 20, 2018**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: LEGGETT  
SIMPSON  
WILD  
MAGOWAN  
HOGAN  
BRAYMER  
DRISCOLL  
VACANT

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

JOY LAFOUNTAIN, ASSIGNED COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR  
JASON CARUSONE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
MARCY FLORES, PUBLIC DEFENDER  
BRIAN LAFLORE, FIRE COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
AMY HIRSCH, EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR  
BUD YORK, WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF  
SHAWN LAMOUREE, WARREN COUNTY UNDERSHERIFF  
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
AMY LAVINE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS BEATY  
HYDE  
LOEB  
MCDEVITT  
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER  
LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES  
ERIN BROTHERS, ASSISTANT TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER  
PAULETTE McDONALD, ASSISTANT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, WARREN COUNTY RESIDENT  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

SUPERVISORS: GERAGHTY  
DIAMOND  
SOKOL

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the June 20, 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 10:13 a.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Wild 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 Joy LaFountain, *Administrator Assigned Counsel*, who distributed copies of her agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing her agenda review, Mrs. LaFountain presented a request to amend Resolution No. 61 of 2016 to include authorization for the Chairman of the Board to execute grant agreements, as well as any modifications, extensions and/or any other necessary documents, relative to the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services grant program to make it consistent with other resolutions relating to the Office of Indigent Legal Services grants.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request forms is on file with the minutes.*

There being no further Assigned Counsel business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Jason Carusone, *District Attorney*, who distributed copies of his agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing his agenda review, Mr. Carusone presented the following requests:

- 1) To create the new position of On Call Pay, *Annual Salary \$33,832, includes fringe benefits*, retroactive to January 1, 2018.
- 2) For a transfer of funds in the amount of \$33,832 from the Contingent Account to cover the cost of the aforementioned On Call Pay position for the Assistant District Attorneys.

Mr. Carusone explained the On Call Pay designation was inadvertently left out of the Salary Schedule in the 2018 County Budget and therefore no funding was appropriated. He advised that adding this would ensure funding was provided for in future budgets.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the requests as presented and to forward the request to create new position of On Call Pay to the Personnel & Higher Education Committee and the request for transfer of funds to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form and the Request for Transfer of Funds form are on file with the minutes.*

Next, Mr. Carusone introduced a request for a transfer of funds totaling \$26,975 between various budget codes.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried unanimously to approve the request for a transfer of funds as presented and to forward 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 District Attorney business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Marcy Flores, *Public Defender*, who distributed copies of her agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

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

- 1) To extend Office of Indigent Legal Services Contract No. C000352/Distribution #3 from May 31, 2018 to May 31, 2019 to use existing funds allocated for books;
- 2) To extend the Office of Indigent Legal Services Contract No. C000752/Distribution #5 from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2019 to utilize existing funds;
- 3) To extend the Office of Indigent Legal Services Contract No. C600052/Distribution #6 from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2019 to utilize existing funds; and
- 4) To extend the Office of Indigent Legal Services Contract No. C000652/Upstate Quality from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2019 to utilize existing funds.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the requests as presented and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the July 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Regarding the Items for Discussion portion of the agenda, Ms. Flores informed the Sixth Assistant Public Defender position was recently filled, but the Fifth Assistant Public Defender had submitted a letter of resignation; she advised she already had someone interested in the Fifth Assistant position.

There being no further Public Defender business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Brian LaFlure, *Fire Coordinator/Director, Office of Emergency Services (OES)*, who distributed copies of his 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 amend Resolution No. 203 of 2018 to replace Jason Barry, *member of the Lake George Fire Department*, with Chief James Ellis, *member of the Van R. Rhodes Volunteer Fire Department*, on the Fire Advisory Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Amy Hirsch, *Emergency Services Coordinator*, to address the Referral/Pending Item pertaining to the contract with USGS (*United States Geological Survey*) for continued use of the Schroon River gauge. Mrs. Hirsch apprised she had researched different types of technology and came to the conclusion that solar cameras could be used to gauge the flow of water. She indicated the Schroon River water gauge rating curve was based on discharge and she informed the USGS had begun storing data in 1913 which was used for predictions. She noted that the amount of technology this gauge incorporated made it difficult to find a compatible means to monitor the river; however, she noted, in the future there could be new technology. She advised a camera could be installed to view ice jams at the Route 418 bridge located in the Town of Warrensburg. Mr. Simpson inquired if there was an alternative to avoid contracting with the USGS and Mrs. Hirsch replied in the negative. Mr. LaFlure advised there was a lot of maintenance involved with the gauge and they could not decipher the data. Mr. Magowan asked what the contract cost was and Mrs. Hirsch replied \$6,000 per year. Mr. LaFlure apprised a float alarm was available for \$40.00 a month, but it would also have to be maintained. Mr. Driscoll inquired if Warren County Department Heads had the ability to receive alerts from the gauge and Mr. LaFlure replied in the affirmative.

Concluding his agenda review, Mr. LaFlure notified that he attended the Office of Interoperable Energy Communications meeting in Canandaigua, New York.

Mrs. Hogan entered the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

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

Undersheriff Lamouree proceeded with the review of his agenda, as follows:

- A) Request to amend the County Budget in the amount of \$3,744.40 to reflect the receipt of monies received from insurance recoveries.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously to approve the request to amend the County Budget as outlined above and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request to Amend the County Budget form is on file with the minutes.*

- B) Request for a new contract with NEC Corporation of America in an amount not to exceed \$1,511 to provide remote monitoring support for the Sheriff's Office phone system for a term to commence May 30, 2018 and terminate December 31, 2018.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution*

*request form is on file with the minutes.*

- C) Request for a new contract with Capital Digitronics, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$80,442 for the purchase, installation and set up of communication shelters in the Town of Queensbury and Stony Creek to include site preparation and foundations, for a term to commence upon execution and terminate upon completion of the project.

Mr. Wild inquired who was providing the funds for the grant and Undersheriff Lamouree replied it was DASNY (*Dormitory Authority of the State of New York*).

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- D) Request for a new contract with the Lake George Central School District in the amount of \$60,000 to be paid by the School District for the provision of law enforcement services (*two School Resource Officers*) within the Lake George Central School District for the 2018-2019 school year.
- E) Request for a new contract with the North Warren School District in the amount of \$30,000 to be paid by the School District for the provision of law enforcement services (*one School Resource Officer*) within the North Warren School District for the 2018-2019 school year.

Ms. Braymer inquired if the school districts would be providing for the cost of the liability insurance for these Resource Officers and Sheriff York replied the Sheriff's Office would be paying for the insurance this year and next year it would be budgeted by the schools districts. Mr. Wild asked if the School Resource Officer positions had been filled and Sheriff York replied there were twelve positions but only six or seven individuals had applied; he added the County was protected if they could not fill the positions. Undersheriff Lamouree reiterated that there was language to protect the County in all of the contracts except the one with the Hadley-Luzerne School District because that was the first contract and it was created quickly. Mr. Wild asked what the cost of the liability insurance was and Undersheriff Lamouree replied \$2,500 per Resource Officer. Mr. Wild inquired if these contracts would take Officers away from Road Patrols and Undersheriff Lamouree replied in the negative, advising the Resource Officer positions would be filled with retired officers who would be working on a part-time basis. Mr. Wild asked if all the positions were filled and Undersheriff Lamouree replied in the negative, advising they were actively seeking to fill them. Sheriff York added there were currently full-time officers considering the part-time positions.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously to approve Items D and E, as outlined above, and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the July 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

- F) Request for an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Horicon in the amount of \$2,500 to provide boat patrol enforcement services for the portion of Schroon Lake that lies within the Town of Horicon.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Regarding the Topics For Discussion portion of the agenda, Undersheriff Lamouree indicated they currently had six vacant Corrections Officer positions, due to resignations and a promotion, and they had one vacant Corrections Sergeant position due to resignation.

Undersheriff Lamouree advised they no longer had the ability to board-in Federal inmates due to the high number of Warren County inmates. Sheriff York indicated jails throughout New York had experienced a 2.3% decrease in inmate population while Warren County had a 53% increase in the number of inmates. He added they had already housed 100,000 inmates year to date. Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, questioned the amount they received for boarding-in Federal inmates and Sheriff York answered they received an allocation of \$110 per day. Undersheriff Lamouree commented that they had 186 beds, 173 of which were filled over the past weekend. A brief discussion ensued.

As there was no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Ms. Braymer and seconded by Mr. Simpson, Mr. Diamond adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist

