

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

MARCY FLORES, PUBLIC DEFENDER
BRIAN LAFLURE, FIRE COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES
REPRESENTING THE WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:
BUD YORK, SHERIFF
SHAWN LAMOUREE, UNDERSHERIFF
DEREK HELMS, SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BEATY
FRASIER
HYDE
LOEB
MERLINO
STROUGH
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 22, 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 10:14 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous Criminal Justice & Public Safety 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 Public Defender agenda to the Committee; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Ms. Flores presented a request to transfer funds in the amount of \$600 from Budget Code A.1171 439, *Public Defender, Misc Fees & Expenses*, to Budget Code A.1171 220, *Public Defender, Office Equipment*, to replace broken computer monitors.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Brian LaFlure, *Fire Coordinator/Director of the Office of Emergency Services (OES)*, who distributed copies of the OES agenda to the Committee; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Mr. LaFlure presented a request to authorize a new contract with Emergency Services Marketing Corp, Inc., to provide I Am Responding program services for an amount not to exceed \$19,200 annually plus a one-time fee of \$1,085 for a term commencing January 1, 2019 and terminating December 31, 2021.

Ms. Hogan inquired if Shawn Lamouree, *Undersheriff*, was satisfied with the I Am Responding program and he replied there had been an increase in usage; however, he said, without full participation the system did not provide information the Sheriff's Office could rely on.

Chairman Conover entered the meeting at 10:23 a.m.; Mr. Thomas entered the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Mr. LaFlure apprised he had forwarded the draft protocols for the I Am Responding system to Undersheriff Lamouree and Larry Jeffords, *Communications Supervisor*, to review. He added all of the EMS providers were participating in the system and entering information as time allowed, however, ten fire departments were not using it - seven due to the lack of internet capabilities, and two due to the loss of personnel who were administering the program for both.

Derek Helms, *Senior Communications Officer for the Warren County Sheriff's Office*, reported as of 7:57 a.m. that morning he was able to view only the schedules for four emergency service agencies and while the information was not helpful with dispatches, it was for informational purposes. He stated once all agencies were using the system the information would be beneficial. Mr. LaFlure explained that as per the draft protocols he had forwarded to Undersheriff Lamouree and Mr. Jeffords, advisement would be given that all agencies were expected to begin using the I Am Responding program January 1st. He added the reason Mr. Helms was only able to view the information provided by four agencies was because the protocols had not yet been distributed.

A discussion ensued.

Bud York, *Sheriff*, stated he would instruct both Undersheriff Lamouree and Mr. Jeffords to review the draft protocols today and return them to Mr. LaFlure. Mr. LaFlure commented following the review by the Sheriff's Department he would next have the EMS Advisory Board review the protocols.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously to approve the request for a new contract with Emergency Services Marketing Corp., as outlined above, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 16th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing, with the Information for Discussion portion of the agenda, Mr. LaFlure reported he had assisted in a recent grant application with Ms. Hyde and the University of Albany to produce a system for emergency broadband white space in the Town of Thurman for which \$1.5 million was awarded. He noted it was possible an application could be developed from this for nationwide use to assist rural areas without internet capabilities.

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

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

- 1) To authorize a new contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to provide taser cartridges and batteries (unlimited plan) in an amount not to exceed \$6,400 per year for a total amount of \$32,000, to commence upon execution and terminate five years from the commencement date.

Ms. Braymer inquired how many times a year tasers were used, as she was wondering if they were being used more than 150 times and Undersheriff Lamouree replied the department had 15 tasers for 47 Officers to share. He apprised they were not used 150 times a year, but there was a yearly training which entailed two shots per taser per officer which used close to 100 cartridges in addition to the amount of times tasers were used on the public which he was unsure of since he did not have the figures with him. Mr. Diamond requested Undersheriff Lamouree present a report outlining the number of times tasers had been used at the next Committee meeting and Undersheriff Lamouree said he would do so.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Diamond, and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 16th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To amend the 2018 County Budget in the amount of \$123,657.75 to reflect the receipt of revenue payments from the Great Escape, Lake George Central School District and the Queensbury Union Free School District.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Wild, and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing, Undersheriff Lamouree reviewed the Topics for Discussion portion of the agenda, noting that to date, \$577,386.26 had been expended for overtime usage. With regard to staffing, he apprised there were currently 6 vacant Corrections Officer positions, and 1 Corrections Sergeant vacancy. He informed the vacancies were a direct result of employees laterally transferring to positions with New York State Corrections and because of the improvement in the economy, as well. He added that the decline in employees was not just a problem in Warren County, but across the profession and there was a Civil Service list of applicable candidates, as well as an exam being offered next month.

Mr. Diamond asked if the vacant positions salaries had been included in the 2019 Budget and if the overtime budget had been included; Undersheriff Lamouree replied the positions had been included in the 2019 Budget and they had budgeted \$350,000 for overtime which was the same as 2018. He said they would transfer vacant salary money into the overtime budget code if need be. Mr. Wild asked if there was funding for housing inmates and Sheriff York replied revenue was received to house federal inmates which previously had been up to ten, but recently there had been only two to three and currently there were none. He apprised he had discussed this with the Federal Marshal and they were expecting they would receive more, but explained due to mandates placed on counties to expand their jails it had led to the decrease in out-of county inmates.

Mr. Driscoll remarked the officers at the Great Escape did a great job and their presence was appreciated.

Ms. Hogan asked how the Corrections Officers morale was with such a large amount of overtime and Undersheriff Lamouree responded since many of the officers were young and starting families when they worked a regular shift and then had to work an additional eight hour shift they missed planned activities or time with family which did bring down morale.

A brief discussion ensued in regards to the Correction Medical Care contract which would soon be terminating.

Mr. Leggett advised of the need for an executive session and he asked Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, to state the purpose of such. Mr. Moore announced executive session was necessary to discuss potential contract negotiations.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to enter into executive session pursuant to Section 105(e) of the Public Officer's Law.

Executive session was held from 10:48 a.m. until 11:12 a.m.

Upon reconvening, Mr. Leggett announced no action had been taken during the executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Driscoll and seconded by Mr. Wild, Mr. Leggett adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

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