

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: MARCH 18, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: LEGGETT
GERAGHTY
SIMPSON
WILD
SOKOL
HOGAN
BRAYMER
DRISCOLL
MERLINO
VACANT

OTHERS PRESENT:

JASON CARUSONE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
MARCY FLORES, PUBLIC DEFENDER
SHAWN LAMOUREE, WARREN COUNTY UNDERSHERIFF
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
MARY E. KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BEATY
DIAMOND
LOEB
MCDEVITT
STROUGH
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
PAULETTE McDONALD, ASSISTANT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR: MAGOWAN

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the, March 18, 2019 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/2019/criminal/>

Mr. Leggett called the meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee to order at 10:45 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Sokol 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 Jason Carusone, *District Attorney*, who distributed copies of the District Attorney agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Carusone began his agenda review by reminding the Committee of the upcoming Crime Victims' Rights Breakfast which would be held at 9:00 a.m. on April 8, 2019 at SUNY Adirondack.

Next, Mr. Carusone presented a request for a new contract with a special prosecutor to handle the prosecution of low level conflict cases; the contract would commence April 22, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the 2019 Budget year.

Mr. Geraghty inquired if the District Attorney had a backlog of cases requiring special prosecution and Mr. Carusone replied in the negative, noting the purpose of the contract was for prosecuting low level conflict cases. He informed Washington and Saratoga Counties had similar funding in their budgets. Ms. Hogan asked how they could avoid a conflict when they were paying for the service and Mr. Carusone replied they would be paying a private attorney to handle certain cases and the special prosecutor would maintain those files.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 19, 2019 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Braymer entered the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

There being no further District Attorney business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Marcy Flores, *Public Defender*, who distributed copies of the Public Defender 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 to extend the existing contract with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for Contract C000252 Distribution #6 to allow distribution of funding for the term January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 19, 2019 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Flores informed the Committee she had met with individuals she felt would be good candidates for the currently vacant 8th Assistant Public Defender position once they passed the Bar Exam. She said she would employ the use of interns until the position was filled. Mr. Driscoll inquired if Ms. Flores marketed the vacancy to individuals from Vermont and Western Massachusetts and Ms. Flores replied in the negative.

There being no further Public Defender business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Shawn Lamouree, *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, Mr. Lamouree presented a request to approve and ratify out-of-State travel for Patrol Officers Stillman and Backus who attended the PSI-PCI Visual Cylinder Inspectors and Eddy Technician Conference in Danvers, Massachusetts on March 7-10, 2019.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 19, 2019 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Undersheriff Lamouree addressed a question posed by Mr. McDevitt in another meeting as to why Alcoholics Anonymous meetings were not made available to inmates in the Warren County Jail. He indicated that the advisement from the New York State Department of Corrections had been that they were unable to offer these services because there were representatives available for the male population, but not for the female population, if they could not offer the services to everyone, they could not offer them at all. Undersheriff Lamouree said he and Sheriff York were not in agreement with this stance and planned to offer the services as they were able and would deal with complaints as they were received.

As there was no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Wild and seconded by Mr. Sokol, Mr. Leggett adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist