

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: JOINT CRIMINAL JUSTICE & HUMAN SERVICES

DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2020

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS SEEBER
LEGGETT
BEATY
DRISCOLL
MCDEVITT

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS DIAMOND
SHEPLER

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL
HOGAN
BRUNO
FRASIER
MAGOWAN
MCDEVITT

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT:

ROBERT IUSI, DIRECTOR
AMY SECOR, JUVENILE PROBATION SUPERVISOR

REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES:

CHRISTIAN HANCHETT, COMMISSIONER
TAMMY BREEN, CHILDREN'S SERVICES SUPERVISOR
JULIE MONTERO, FISCAL MANAGER

FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY

AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER

SUPERVISOR BRAYMER

WILD

TAMMIE DeLORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TOSHA BROWNELL, HELP DESK TECHNICIAN

LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBER

ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR SHEPLER

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 26, 2020 joint meeting of the Criminal Justice and Human Services Committees; the meeting in its entirety can be heard on the Warren County website using the following links:

<https://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2020/criminal/>

<https://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2020/human/>

Note: As per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1: "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed". All of the Committee members participated via video conference, aside from Supervisors Frasier, Magowan and McDevitt who were physically present.

Mr. Seeber called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Committee to order at 12:35 p.m. and Mr. Driscoll called the meeting of the Human Services Committee immediately after.

Commencing the agenda review, privilege of the floor was extended to Robert Iusi, *Probation Director*, who provided a brief background of the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juvenile Programs (STSJP) Plan, explaining this was a funding source for municipalities to support programs in an effort to prevent detention and

placement for youth. He stated both the Probation Department and the Department of Social Services worked with youth in the community and because of this they had worked on the STSJP Plan together. He explained the County received an STSJP allotment of \$40,476 which was used to fund the Preventative Services Probation Officer position. He added Raise the Age enabled them to receive money they never had before which was used to establish restorative proactive programs with different community partners.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Amy Secor, *Juvenile Probation Supervisor*, who provided an overview of how the STSJP grant and allocation worked. She said by shifting the detention allocation funds to STSJP allocation it would allow the addition of Big Brothers Big Sisters, Wait House Independent Living Program and Incentives program. She proceeded to explain Warren County had a very high detention allocation from New York State which was based on the amount of youth in the detention system; she added the low number they had was a result of the Probation Department's efforts to avoid placing youth in detention. She stated she had noticed each year there was between \$150,000 and \$180,000 of unused detention allocation funds, which prompted the suggestion of shifting the detention allocation to the STSJP program in an effort to meet the communities needs for other services such as the incentive programs and parenting classes. She explained that shifting detention funds allowed more funds for youth programming as the funds were reimbursable by 62% where as detention reimbursement was only reimbursable at 49% from the State. Mr. Iusi added they were requesting a recommendation to the Budget Officer for a budget allocation shift in the amount of \$12,593.20 from Detention Allocation to STSJP Allocation for the 2021 Budget.

Ms. Seeber asked if there was any opposition from the Criminal Justice Committee for this recommendation to the Budget Officer and none was indicated. Mr. Driscoll asked for comments or opposition from the Human Services Committee, but there were no comments nor any opposition.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Christian Hanchett, *Commissioner, Department of Social Services*, who extended his appreciation to Mr. Iusi, Ms. Secor and Julie Montero, *Fiscal Manager, Department of Social Services*, for their collaboration and he commended the Probation Department for their efforts in discovering the programs.

There being no further business to come before the Criminal Justice Committee, on motion made by Mr. Beaty, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously, Ms. Seeber adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Human Services Committee, on motion made by Ms. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously, Mr. Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

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