

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: AUGUST 24, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: LEGGETT
SIMPSON
BRAYMER
DRISCOLL
SEEBER
SHEPLER

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:
BRIAN LAFLURE, FIRE COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR
AMY DREXEL, EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR
JIM LAFARR, SHERIFF
FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR: DIAMOND

SUPERVISORS BRUNO
FRASIER
HOGAN
MAGOWAN
MCDEVITT
WILD
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
GINELLE JONES, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH/PATIENT SERVICES
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
JEREMY SCRIME, SENIOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST/PROGRAMMER
JEFFREY WOODSELL, DIRECTOR, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 24, 2020 meeting of the Public Safety Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:
<https://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2020/safety/>

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". Supervisors Simpson, Driscoll, Seeber and Shepler who were physically present, while Supervisors Leggett and Bruno participated by videoconference.

Mr. Leggett called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 10:00 a.m.

Copies of the Office of Emergency Services (OES) and Sheriff agendas were distributed to those in attendance, those participating remotely accessed the agendas via the Warren County website. Copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, 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 Brian LaFlure, *Fire Coordinator/Director of the OES*, who presented the following requests:

- 1) To appoint/re-appoint members to the Warren County Fire Advisory Board for a term commencing May 1,

2020 and terminating April 30, 2021.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To appoint/re-appoint members to the Warren County EMS Advisory Board for a term commencing May 1, 2020 and terminating April 30, 2021.

Motion was made by Ms. Shepler, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 3) To authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$677.22 from Budget Code A.895.00, *Computer Reserve*, to Budget Code A.3640 220, *Civil Defense, Office Equipment*, for the purchase of a new computer.

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

- 4) To authorize a new contract with Black Laser Learning, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,900 to provide side scan sonar training for the Warren County Marine Rescue team over a term commencing upon execution and terminating upon completion of services.

Following a brief discussion, motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Shepler and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 5) To increase Capital Project H254, *Fire Training Center Program-Projects*, in the amount of \$12,907.93 to reflect reimbursements from Washington County through July 31, 2020.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Ms. Shepler and carried unanimously to approve the request and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 6) To amend the 2020 County Budget in the amount of \$14,364 to reflect the receipt of FY2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant COVID-19 Supplemental Program grant funding.

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

- 7) To authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Information Sharing Access Agreement (*ISAA*) in order to access the National Flood Insurance Program (*NFIP*) data used for the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 8) To authorize the transfer of funds between various budget codes totaling of \$1,244 to correct grant award allocations.

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

Continuing to the Information for Discussion portion of the agenda, Mr. LaFlure informed the floor of the new OES storage building had been poured over the weekend; he extended his appreciation to all of the Committee Members for supporting and advancing construction of the building.

A discussion ensued.

There being no further OES business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Jim LaFarr, *Sheriff*, who presented the following requests:

- 1) To authorize a new contract with Queensbury Union Free School District for School Resource Officer (*SRO*) services in an amount not to exceed \$33,500 for a term commencing upon execution and terminating upon completion of the 2020-2021 school year;
- 2) To authorize a new contract with Lake George Central School District for *SRO* services in an amount not to exceed \$67,000 for a term commencing upon execution and terminating upon completion of the 2020-2021 school year;
- 3) To authorize a new contract with Hadley-Luzerne Central School District for *SRO* services in an amount not to exceed \$87,000 for a term commencing upon execution and terminating upon completion of the 2020-2021 school year;
- 4) To authorize a new contract with North Warren Central School District for *SRO* services in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for a term commencing upon execution and terminating upon completion of the 2020-2021 school year;
- 5) To authorize a new contract with Bolton Central School District for *SRO* services in an amount not to exceed \$33,500 for a term commencing upon execution and terminating upon completion of the 2020-2021 school year; and
- 6) To authorize a new contract with Johnsburg Central School District for *SRO* services in an amount not to exceed \$33,500 for a term commencing upon execution and terminating upon completion of the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Shepler and carried unanimously to approve all six of the aforementioned requests and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the September 18th Board meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

- 7) Authorizing a new contract with Nemer Ford in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for proprietary dealer-only repairs for various Ford vehicles in the Sheriff's fleet over the term commencing October 1, 2020 and terminating September 30, 2021.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 8) To amend the Departmental Table of Organization and Salary Schedule and create and fill the new position of Cook-Part-Time, *Hourly Rate \$18.8021*, effective September 21, 2020. *Note: subsequent to the meeting it was determined the correct title for this position was Cook Per Diem; the position would be used on an as-needed basis and funded from the part-time salaries code within the Sheriff's budget.*

Following a lengthy discussion regarding the need for this position, a motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded

by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request and refer same to the Personnel & Administration Committee. *Copies of the resolution request form and Notice of Intent to Fill Position form are on file with the minutes.*

Proceeding to the Topics for Discussion portion of the agenda, Sheriff LaFarr noted there were seventy-seven inmates, twelve to sixteen of which were Federal inmates. He informed Civil fingerprint processing services would be offered by the Sheriff's Department in the future to provide a service to the community and to generate revenue. Sheriff LaFarr stated the Sheriff's Office had a successful audit by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (*NYSDCJS*) for accreditation and would be receiving an award in September; he added less than 40% of Sheriff's Offices across the State received this accreditation.

There being no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Ms. Shepler and carried unanimously, Mr. Leggett adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

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