

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE

DATE: JANUARY 19, 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: SHEPLER
DIAMOND
STROUGH
DRISCOLL
LEGGETT

OTHERS PRESENT:

JASON CARUSONE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
RACHEL E. SEEBER CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
RYAN DICKEY, SECOND ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
SUPERVISORS BEATY
BRAYMER
HOGAN
MAGOWAN
STROUGH
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
TOSHA BROWNELL, HELP DESK TECHNICIAN
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the January 19, 2021 meeting of the Criminal Justice Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:
<https://warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2021/criminal>

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 Shepler, Diamond and Driscoll were physically present, while Supervisors Strough and Leggett participated virtually.

Ms. Shepler called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Committee to order at 9:01 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Diamond, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by majority vote, with Mr. Leggett abstaining, to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the District Attorney agenda were distributed to those in attendance and those participating virtually accessed the agenda via the Warren County website; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Jason Carusone, *District Attorney*, who presented a request to extend the contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Aid to Prosecution Grant,

in an amount not to exceed \$57,258, for the term commencing December 4, 2020 and terminating March 31, 2021. He explained the grant was extended for six months rather than being re-applied for due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. He informed his Office would apply for the next round of grant funding in the spring.

Motion was made by Mr. Diamond, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 19, 2021 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Concluding his agenda review, Mr. Carusone provided an update on the criminal side of the court system advising there were many Executive Orders and Administrative which impacted the way courts functioned and how the Grand Jury operated. He explained there could no longer be multiple days of court, and now those sessions were held virtually. Mr. Leggett asked if the time table was the same and Mr. Carusone replied in the negative, adding there were no trial cases and felony trials were still waiting to be held. He explained in April all State Police Officers would be required to wear body cameras which would record a significant amount of information to be processed. Mr. Leggett inquired if the digital switch had helped his office and Mr. Carusone replied affirmatively, apprising without that being done the work would have been impossible.

Ms. Shepler asked if there was any public comment and Don Lehman, *Director of Public Relations*, replied in the negative.

As there was no further business to come before the Criminal Justice Committee, on motion made by Mr. Diamond and seconded by Mr. Driscoll, Ms. Shepler adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist