

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE

DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: SHEPLER
STROUGH
DIAMOND
DRISCOLL

OTHERS PRESENT:

JASON CARUSONE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
MARCY FLORES, PUBLIC DEFENDER
ROBERT IUSI, PROBATION DIRECTOR
RYAN E. MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY E. KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS MAGOWAN
SMITH
JAMES LAFARR, SHERIFF
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
TOSHA BROWNELL, HELP DESK TECHNICIAN
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR: LEGGETT

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the, February 22, 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/mma>

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, Driscoll and Diamond were physically present, while Supervisor Strough participated remotely.

Ms. Shepler called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Committee to order at 8:50 a.m.

Copies of the District Attorney, Probation, Public Defender and Assigned Council agendas were distributed to those in attendance and those participating virtually accessed the agenda via the Warren County website; *copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.*

Motion was made by Mr. Diamond, seconded by Mr. Strough 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 presented a request to authorize an application to NY State Division of Criminal Justice Services for Criminal Justice Discovery Reform grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$323,419 to support local law enforcement agencies with expenses related to the implementation of Discovery and Bail Reform that took effect January 1, 2020 for the grant term to commence February 9, 2021.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 19th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

There being no further District Attorney business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Marcy Flores, *Public Defender*, who introduced a request to extend the Indigent Legal Services Distribution C800052 (#8) contract for a term to commence January 1, 2021 and terminate December 31, 2021 in order to utilize the remaining grant funding.

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

Concluding her agenda review, Ms. Flores reviewed the listing of training outlined in the agenda which was completed by individuals in her office utilizing funding provided by the Office of Indigent Legal Services.

There being no further Public Defender business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Robert Iusi, *Probation Director*, who presented a request to extend the Memorandum of Understanding with Warren County Employment and Training Administration in the amount of \$114,464 for the term to commence April 1, 2021.

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

Following Mr. Iusi advised he had applied for the Y-ReCONNECTS grant and was awarded \$35,000 a year for three consecutive years, informing the grant funds would aid with the work they did with disabled children.

There being no further Probation business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Tammie DeLorenzo, *Assistant to the County Administrator*, to review the Assigned Council agenda. She commenced with a request to amend and extend an agreement for Supervising Attorney services (*authorized by Resolution 494 of 2019*) to: a) remove the not to exceed amount and to indicate that the agreement shall terminate upon exhaustion of grant funds (*services to be paid at a rate of \$150/hour*); b) add language relative to the use of a Department cell phone; c) provide for renewal of contract for the term April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022.

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

Concluding the agenda review, Ms. DeLorenzo introduced a request to authorize a new contract with West Publishing Corporation and Subscriber to provide legal research services to AC Panel members on the Major Felony and the Homicide and Predatory Sexual Assault Panel at a rate of \$282.32 per year for four years with a 3% annual increase for the term commencing March 1, 2021 and terminating April 30, 2025.

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

Ms. Shepler asked if there were any public comments and Don Lehman, *Director of Public Affairs*, replied in the negative.

As there was no further business to come before the Criminal Justice Committee, on motion made by Mr. Driscoll and seconded by Mr. Diamond, Ms. Shepler adjourned the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist