

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE

DATE: APRIL 19, 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: LEGGETT
SHEPLER
STROUGH
DIAMOND
DRISCOLL

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE:
MARCY FLORES, PUBLIC DEFENDER
ERIN BROTHERS, DATA OFFICER
RACHEL E. SEEBER, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN E. MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
ROBERT TERWILLIGER, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BRAYMER
FRASIER
GERAGHTY
MAGOWAN
MERLINO
SMITH
WILD
JAMES LAFARR, SHERIFF
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
ANN MARIE MASON, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
PAUL TACKETT, ASSISTANT TOURISM COORDINATOR
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the April 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/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". All of the Committee members were in attendance aside from Supervisor Strough who participated remotely.

Mr. Leggett called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Committee to order at 9:09 a.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Shepler, seconded by Mr. Diamond and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the Public Defender 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 Marcy Flores, *Public Defender*, who presented a request to submit a grant

application to NYSOILS (*New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services*) for Second Update Model Family Representation Office Grant funding to develop new, innovative programs and practices to improve the delivery of indigent legal services by providing legal representation to parents in child protective proceedings under New York Family Court Act Article 10 and the termination of parental rights proceedings under Family Court Act Article 6, to tentatively commence October 2021 and tentatively terminate October 2024, in the amount of \$2,610,410 (\$870,139 per year). She informed the issue dealt with abuse and neglect and how to deal with those cases, adding she had met with the Legal Aid Society and Assigned Counsel regarding the matter. She advised she wanted to move forward and submit the grant application to receive faster intervention to deal with holistic model, substance abuse and partner with different agencies for reunification of families.

Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Diamond and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 21st Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Flores spoke regarding CCAR Ethical Considerations for Recovery Coaches training that a Case Manager in her Department received at the end of March. She explained that position dealt with clients who were in recovery.

Next, Ms. Flores discussed the contracts she had for Mentor Services, advising she would bring these requests to a future Committee Meeting

Concluding her agenda review, Ms. Flores indicated storage space had been located and she would be able to move her files once the room was ready.

Mr. Leggett 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. Diamond seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously, Mr. Leggett adjourned the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist