

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: BUDGET**

**DATE: MAY 5, 2021**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS THOMAS  
LEGGETT  
MERLINO  
DIAMOND  
WILD  
BEATY

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
SUPERVISORS BRUNO  
DRISCOLL  
GERACI (ZOOM)  
HOGAN (ZOOM)  
MAGOWAN  
SEEBER  
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
MARCY FLORES, PUBLIC DEFENDER  
CHRISTIAN HANCHETT, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS  
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER  
ROB YORK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

SUPERVISOR: FRASIER

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*Please note the following contains a summarization of the May 5, 2022 meeting of the Budget Committee; the meeting in it's entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>*

***Note: Pursuant to New York State Legislation (S.50001/A.40001): "Notwithstanding the provisions of article 7 of the public officers law to the contrary, any state agency, department, corporation, office, authority, board, or commission, as well as any local public body, or public corporation as defined in section 66 of the general construction law, or political subdivisions as defined in section 100 of the general municipal law, or a committee or subcommittee or other similar body of such entity, shall be authorized to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorize 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 in attendance were physically present.***

Mr. Thomas called the meeting of the Budget Committee to order at 9:32 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Merlino, seconded by Mr. Diamond and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mrs. Frasier absent*) to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed to the Committee members and a copy of same is on file with the minutes.

The meeting commenced with the Referrals/Pending Items portion of the agenda review with discussion regarding the following:

- 1) Referral from the April 25, 2022 Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee Meeting: Request to increase the salary for the 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Public Defender from \$97,310 to \$102,053.

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Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried by majority vote of those present (*Mrs. Frasier absent*), with Messrs. Beaty and Diamond voting in opposition to approve the request and refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee.

- 2) Referral from the April 25, 2022 Health Services Committee regarding their recommendation for Court ordered CPL 730 expenses within the Mental Health/Office of Community Services budget.

Discussion ensued with regard to the referral during which it was noted during the first quarter of 2022, expenses totaling \$138,750 had been incurred for the Restoration to Competence Program which applied when an individual was not mentally fit to stand trial and then sought treatment to do so. It was also noted that the State of New York had previously provided 50% funding for these expenses, but such funding had been removed, leaving the full expense to counties. It was suggested that \$300,000 would be a reasonable estimate to fund these services for the remainder of 2022.

Motion was made by Mr. Beaty, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mrs. Frasier absent*) to refer to the Finance Committee a suggestion that they consider the appropriation of \$300,000 from the County's unappropriated fund balance to the Office of Community Services budget for CLP 730 expenses.

Mr. Thomas suggested a referral to the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee requesting action aimed at recommending the State reinstate the 50% funding for CPL 730 expenses, or possibly even reinstating and increasing the funding to 75%.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mrs. Frasier absent*) to make the referral suggested by Mr. Thomas to the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Budget Committee, on motion made by Mr. Beaty seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mrs. Frasier absent*), Mr. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist