

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: GERACI
BRAYMER (ZOOM)
SEEBER (ZOOM)
DRISCOLL
MCDEVITT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: DICKINSON
DIAMOND

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE:
MARCY FLORES, PUBLIC DEFENDER
ERIN BROTHERS, ASSISTANT TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
AMY SECOR, PROBATION SUPERVISOR
ANN MARIE MASON, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
TERRY COMEAU, UNDERSHERIFF
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER (ZOOM)
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS BEATY (ZOOM)
HOGAN (ZOOM)
CONOVER (ZOOM)
FRASIER
MAGOWAN (ZOOM)
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
DEANNA PARK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR THE AGING
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the February 25, 2022 meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee; the meeting in its 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, aside from Supervisors Braymer and Seeber who attended virtually.

Mr. Geraci called the meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

Copies of the agendas were distributed to those in attendance; those attending remotely accessed the agendas via the Warren County website. *Copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.*

The meeting commenced with review of the Public Defender's agenda which included the following requests:

- 1) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$155,115 to accept funds from Contract C800052, Distribution #8.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Diamond absent*) to approve the request as presented and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request to amend the County Budget form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To amend the Warren County Budget to create and fund various budget codes for the Public Defender's Office.
Note: this was later determined to be a transfer of funds and was presented as such to the Finance Committee.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Diamond absent*) to approve the request and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Regarding the Item for Discussion, the Public Defender spoke regarding use of space in the basement of the Municipal Center, informing a location had been identified.

There being no further Public Defender business to discuss, review of the Probation agenda commenced with the following requests:

- 1) To authorize an agreement with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Southern Adirondacks in an amount not to exceed \$8,160 to provide employment/mentoring services regarding the Y-ReConnects grant.

Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Diamond absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 18th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To authorize an agreement with the Warren County Employment & Training Administration in an amount not to exceed \$6,840 to provide employment/mentoring services regarding the Y-ReConnects grant.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Diamond absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 18th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Geraci informed the District Attorney's Office did not have an agenda for the day's meeting, but had submitted to him a request to apply for a grant which had authorized outside of Committee in order to meet a submission deadline. It was determined that action would be necessary to ratify the actions of the Committee Chair in authorizing the District Attorney to submit a grant application for a Domestic Violence Program.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by majority vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Diamond absent*), with Ms. Seeber abstaining, to ratify the actions of the Committee Chair in authorizing the District Attorney to submit the aforementioned grant application, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 18th Board Meeting.

There being no further District Attorney business to discuss, review of the Office of Emergency Services agenda commenced with the following requests:

- 1) To authorize an application and agreement with the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for FY2020 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

Motion was made by McDevitt, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Diamond absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 18th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To establish Capital Project H413, *Hazard Mitigation Grant Program*, in the amount of \$120,000.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Diamond absent*) to approve the request as presented and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 3) To authorize Contingency Management Consulting Group to use sub-contractor Tetra Tech to complete updates to the Warren County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Diamond absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 18th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

There being no further Office of Emergency Services business to discuss, review of the Sheriff's agenda commenced with the following requests:

- 1) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$1,178, to carry over funds remaining in the Sheriff's Law Enforcement, FY19-SLETP fund from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022.
- 2) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$4,689.17, to carry over funds remaining in the Sheriff's Law Enforcement, FY20 State Homeland Security Program from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022.

Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Diamond absent*) to approve the requests as presented and refer same to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the requests to amend the County Budget forms are on file with the minutes.*

- 3) To extend the intermunicipal agreement with NYS STOP-DWI Foundation, Inc. program to allow reimbursement from Warren County STOP-DWI fines to the Warren County Sheriff's Office for DWI related enforcement efforts and applicable equipment expenditures, in the amount not to exceed \$44,375, to commence January 1, 2022 and terminate December 31, 2022.
- 4) To extend the intermunicipal agreement with the City of Glens Falls Police Department for joint participation in the NYS STOP-DWI Foundation, Inc. Program administered by the Warren County Sheriff's Office, in the amount not to exceed \$44,375, to commence January 1, 2022 and terminate December 31, 2022.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Diamond absent*) to approve the requests as presented and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the March 18th Board Meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Committee was advised by the County Attorney that although these agreements had been approved, the authority to extend both existed by virtue of prior resolutions and therefore no further resolution of the Board was necessary to accomplish the action.

- 5) To amend the County Budget to reflect the appropriate revenue and expenses for the second half of the 2021-2022 School Resource Officer contracts.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Diamond absent*) to approve the request as presented and refer same to the Finance committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 6) To amend the Warren County Travel Policy and County Vehicle Use Regulations authorized by Resolution No. 495 of 2004 and updated by Resolution No. 289 of 2020 to add travel and training exemptions for the Sheriff's Office employees which would allow the Sheriff to authorize in-State training costing less than \$500.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, and seconded by Mr. McDevitt to approve the request as presented. Discussion ensued during which Ms. Seeber and Mr. McDevitt withdrew their motion. A motion was subsequently made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried by a majority vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Diamond absent*), with Mr. McDevitt voting in opposition and Mr. Driscoll abstaining, to refer to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee a request that they consider modifying the current policy to exempt free and virtual training on a County-Wide level from requiring authorization.

- 7) To authorize the Warren County Sheriff to fill vacancies in budgeted and funded Patrol Officer positions and amending the Rules of the Board (*Section E(8) - last adopted by Resolution No. 68 of 2021*) to allow for same.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt and seconded by Mr. Driscoll to approve the request. A discussion ensued, following which Mr. Geraci called the question and the motion was carried by a majority vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Diamond absent*), with Ms. Seeber and Ms. Braymer voting in opposition, thereby authorizing the matter to be referred to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee for further discussion.

Ms. Seeber questioned the vote on the aforementioned item and requested a referral to the Legislative, Rules and Governmental Operations Committee to review, clarify and possibly amend the Board's rules for voting at Committee meetings. Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried by a majority vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Diamond absent*), with Mr. McDevitt voting in opposition, thereby authorizing the matter to be referred as requested.

- 8) To fill the vacant position of Patrol Officer #48, due to retirement, effective February 26, 2022.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Diamond absent*) to approve the request as presented and to refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Committee for reporting purposes. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position form is on file with the minutes.*

As there was no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Diamond absent*), Mr. Geraci adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist