

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: AUGUST 22, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

ANN MARIE MASON, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
JAMES LAFARR, WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISOR CRAIG LEGGETT, ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: BRAYMER
DIAMOND

SUPERVISORS HOGAN (ZOOM)
MAGOWAN
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 22, 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 Seeber and Dickinson who attended virtually.

Mr. Geraci called the meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee to order at 9:03 a.m.

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 Office of Emergency Services agenda which included the following requests:

- 1) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$19,000, to accept FY21 State Homeland Security Program grant funding.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer and Messrs. McDevitt and Diamond absent*) to approve the request as presented and forward the 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 contract with Ray Supply, Inc., to increase the contract amount from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer and Messrs. McDevitt and Diamond absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 16th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 3) To authorize the application for FY22 DHSES Domestic Terrorism Prevention grant in the amount of \$172,413,

for a term commencing September 1, 2022 and terminate August 31, 2024.

- 4) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$172,413 to accept FY22 DHSES Domestic Terrorism Prevention grant funds.

Mr. McDevitt entered the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer and Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the requests as presented; the necessary resolution for Item 3 was authorized for the September 16th Board Meeting and Item 4 was forwarded to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form and the Amend the County Budget form are on file with the minutes.*

Regarding the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the agenda the following were discussed:

- NYS DHSES Threat Assessment Management (TAM) Team Summit August 9-10, 2022.
- Warren County OES Mobil App.

A brief discussion ensued with regard to adding an additional Privilege of the Floor section at the beginning of the Committee Meeting agendas after approval of the minutes.

Mr. Geraci called for a motion to approve the minutes of the prior Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board; motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer and Mr. Diamond absent*).

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

- 1) To authorize a new contract with Bolton Central School District for school resource officer in an amount not to exceed \$38,000 for a term commencing upon execution and terminating upon completion of the 2022-2023 school year.
- 2) To authorize a new contract with Hadley-Luzerne School District for school resource officers in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for a term commencing upon execution and terminating upon completion of the 2022-2023 school year.
- 3) To authorize a new contract with Johnsbury Central School District for school resource officers in an amount not to exceed \$38,000 for a term commencing upon execution and terminating upon completion of the 2022-2023 school year.
- 4) To authorize a new contract with Lake George Central School District for school resource officers in an amount not to exceed \$74,000 for a term commencing upon execution and terminating upon completion of the 2022-2023 school year.
- 5) To authorize a new contract with North Warren Central School District for school resource officers in an amount not to exceed \$38,000 for a term commencing upon execution and terminating upon completion of the 2022-2023 school year.
- 6) To authorize a new contract with Queensbury Union Free School District for school resource officers in an amount not to exceed \$92,000 for a term commencing upon execution and terminating upon completion of the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer and Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the requests as presented and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the September 16th Board Meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

- 7) To ratify the actions of the Sheriff and the Chairman of the Board in submitting an application to the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Board for Police Traffic Services Program for grant funding in the amount of \$31,040, as well as to authorize a resulting grant agreement, and amend the County Budget for same.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer and Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the request as outlined above; the necessary resolution ratifying the actions of the Sheriff and Chairman of the Board in submitting a grant application and authorizing a resulting grant agreement was authorized for the September 16th Board Meeting and the Budget amendment was referred to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request form and the request to Amend the County Budget form are on file with the minutes.*

- 8) For a new contract with Nemer Ford for service, maintenance and repairs for the Sheriff's Office Ford vehicles, at a rate of \$110.00/hr. for mechanic work and \$159.99 for each diagnostic service provided, over a term to commence October 1, 2022 and terminate September 30, 2023 (*with the option for one, one-year extension upon mutual agreement by both parties*).

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer and Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 16th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 9) To ratify the actions of the Sheriff and the Chairman of the Board in submitting an application to the NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services for grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$985,547, over a term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2024, as well as to authorize the resulting grant agreement, and amending the County budget for same.

Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer and Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the request as presented; the necessary resolution ratifying the actions of the Sheriff and Chairman of the Board in submitting a grant application and authorizing a resulting grant agreement was authorized for the September 16th Board Meeting and the Budget amendment was referred to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request form and the request to Amend the County Budget form are on file with the minutes.*

- 10) For a new contract with Capital Digitronics, Inc. in the amount of \$127,600, to provide Communications Center Prevention Maintenance/Services over a term commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023 (*with the option for two, one-year extensions upon mutual agreement by both parties*).

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer and Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 16th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

A brief conversation ensued regarding School Resource Officers, as well as the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services grant awarded to the Office of Emergency Services.

As there was no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer and Mr. Diamond absent*), Mr. Geraci adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist