

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: GERACI
BRAYMER
SEEBER
DICKINSON
DRISCOLL
MCDEVITT
DIAMOND

OTHERS PRESENT:

JOY LAFOUNTAIN, ADMINISTRATOR, ASSIGNED COUNSEL
REPRESENTING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:
JASON CARUSONE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
PAULETTE McDONALD, CONFIDENTIAL ASSISTANT
ANN MARIE MASON, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
ROBERT IUSI, DIRECTOR, PROBATION
REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE:
GREGORY CANALE, PUBLIC DEFENDER
ERIN BROTHERS, DATA OFFICER, ILS
JAMES LAFARR, SHERIFF
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
CRAIG LEGGETT, ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BEATY
FRASIER
HOGAN
MAGOWAN
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DEANNA PARK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR THE AGING
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the September 26, 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>

Mr. Geraci called the meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee to order at 9:00 a.m.

Copies of the meeting agendas were distributed; copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

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

The meeting commenced with review of the Assigned Counsel agenda which consisted of a review of the 2023 Budget request as provided in the agenda. *A copy of the Budget is on file with the minutes.*

There being no further Assigned Counsel business to discuss, review of the District Attorney agenda commenced with the following requests:

- 1) To authorize submission of an application for renewal of Crimes Against Revenue Prosecution Grant (CARP) DCJS No. CR21445343, grant funds, in an amount to be determined, and approving the resulting grant agreement for same.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 21st Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To fill the vacant position of Legal Clerk II #1, *Grade 8, Base Annual Salary \$43,638.*

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

The Items for Discussion portion of the agenda was reviewed which included an update on the following:

- 1) Received notification of receipt of Aid to Prosecution Grant funding for the grant period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, in the amount of \$38,172.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer absent*) to accept the grant funds.

- 2) 2023 Budget request review - documentation provided as an agenda attachment.

A discussion ensued with regard to an 8-10% increase for Federal Social Security COLA (*Cost of Living Adjustment*) which could have a impact on the County.

Ms. Braymer entered the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

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 a new contract with QuickSeries Publishing Inc. for the development of a customized mobile application for the period of November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2025.
- 2) For a transfer of funds in the amount of \$6,300, from Budget Code A.1990 469 *Contingent Accounts-Other Payments/Contributions* to Budget Code A.3640 470 *Civil Defense-Contract*, to cover the cost of the first year of the contract with QuickSeries Publishing Inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above. The necessary resolution was authorized for the October 21st Board Meeting for Item #1; Item 2 was referred to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request and the request for a Transfer of Funds form are on file with the minutes.*

- 3) To fill the vacant position of EMS Coordinator, *Base Salary \$13,275*, due to resignation.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a majority vote of those present, with Ms. Seeber abstaining, to approve the request as presented and forward the same to the Personnel, Administration and Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position form is on file with the minutes.*

The Items for Discussion portion of the agenda was reviewed which included an update on the following:

- 1) 2023 Budget request review - documentation provided as an agenda attachment.

There being no further Office of Emergency Services business to discuss review of the Probation agenda commenced with the Items for Discussion portion of the agenda which included an update on the 2023 Budget request review - documentation provided as an agenda attachment.

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

request:

- 1) To amend the Table of Organization and Salary Schedule to increase the salary of the Coordinating Attorney - Public Defender from \$81,618 to \$87,338 retroactive to September 12, 2022.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and forward same to the Personnel, Administration and Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Dickinson exited the meeting at 9:46 a.m. and returned at 9:49 a.m.

Concluding the Items for Discussion portion of the agenda was reviewed which included an update on the following:

- 1) 2023 Budget request review - documentation provided as an agenda attachment.

Mr. Driscoll exited the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and returned at 10:02 a.m.

Mr. Dickinson exited the meeting at 10:03 a.m. and returned at 10:06 a.m.

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

- 1) To authorize a new contract with PeopleFacts for universal applicant background screening services, at an annual cost of \$5,000, to commence retroactive to January 1, 2022 and continuing by mutual agreement.

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

- 2) To amend the contract with Queensbury Union Free School District (authorized by Resolution No. 449 of 2022) to add an additional part-time resource officer, and increasing the contract amount to \$130,000.

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

- 3) To authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$240,364 from Budget Code A.909.00, General fund Balance Unappropriated Surplus for purchasing of police body worn camera systems and updated tasers.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt and seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the request.

Upon further discussion motion was made by Mr. Diamond and seconded by Mr. Driscoll to amend the motion on the floor to increase the amount of the appropriation to \$400,000 with the balance of funding to cover the cost of purchasing police worn camera system and updated tasers for the City of Glens Falls Police Department. At the conclusion of discussion, Mr. Geraci called the question and the motion was carried by majority vote, with Messrs. Dickinson, Driscoll and Geraci voting in opposition.

Returning to the main motion, as amended, Mr. Geraci call the question and the motion to authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$400,000 for the purchase of police worn camera systems and updated tasers for the Sheriff's Office and the City of Glens Falls Police Department was carried unanimously, and the matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Dickinson exited the meeting at 10:46 a.m. and returned at 10:52 a.m

The Items for Discussion portion of the agenda was reviewed which included updates on the following:

- 1) Patrol vessel funding. A motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. Diamond and carried by a majority vote, with Mr. Dickinson voting in opposition, to refer the matter to the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee for funding.
- 2) 2023 Budget request review - documentation provided as an agenda attachment.

Mr. Dickinson exited the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

A brief discussion ensued regarding a pay increase for the Sheriff's Department.

A motion was made by Ms. Braymer and seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*) to schedule a meeting for negotiations with the five unions within the Sheriff's Department and for the Committee to be notified of when they were scheduled.

A motion was made by Ms. Braymer and seconded by Mr. Diamond and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*) to support a pay increase to match those authorized for CSEA members and show support for a pay increase.

As there was no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Diamond, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*), Mr. Geraci adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist