

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: GERACI
BRAYMER
DRISCOLL
MCDEVITT
DIAMOND

OTHERS PRESENT:

ROBERT IUSI, DIRECTOR, PROBATION
REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE:
GREGORY CANALE, PUBLIC DEFENDER
ERIN BROTHERS, DATA OFFICER, ILS
ANN MARIE MASON, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
JAMES LAFARR, SHERIFF
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
CRAIG LEGGETT, ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS CONOVER
FRASIER
MAGOWAN
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
RYAN DICKEY, SECOND ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: SEEBER
DICKINSON

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 24, 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 Mr. Diamond, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer, Ms. Seeber and Mr. Dickinson 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 Probation agenda which included the following requests:

1. To authorize a one-time payment in the amount of \$160 to Anthony Rodriguez for Spanish translation services provided on July 18, 2022.

Ms. Braymer entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

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

2. To amend the contract with Meditation Matters to increase the amount of funding from \$6,100 to \$25,155 for restorative practices training regarding the Y-ReConnects Grant.

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

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

1. To amend Resolution Nos. 176 and 327 of 2022 to remove and add members of the Warren County EMS Advisory Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Diamond, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Seeber and Mr. Dickinson absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 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 Public Defender agenda commenced with the following requests:

1. To increase the salary of the Coordinating Attorney (FT) from \$81,618, to \$97,310 effective November 7, 2022.

Following discussion regarding the reason for the increase, which was to hire someone qualified to fill the position, motion was made by Mr. Diamond, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Seeber and Mr. Dickinson absent*) to approve the request as presented and the refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. For a new contract with Thomas Reuters to enter into an agreement with Westlaw to allow attorneys to use the Westlaw platform for legal research and review for a term commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2025 at a cost of \$447 per month for year one, \$460.41 for year two, and \$474.22 per month for year three.

Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll and seconded by McDevitt to approve the request. Committee discussed the idea of negotiating one combined agreement for all attorneys using the service throughout the County to obtain a lower rate. As it was the consensus of the Committee, and those who made the motion were in agreement with withdrawing it, Committee Chair Geraci announced the matter would be held over until next month to determine the availability of a group rate.

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

1. For a new contract with Glens Falls City School District for School Resource Officer services in an amount not to exceed \$38,000 for a term commencing November 1, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2023.

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

2. To amend the 2022 County Budget in the total amount of \$158,000 to reflect the appropriate revenue and expense codes for the first half of the 2022-2023 School Resource Officer contracts with various school districts.

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

3. To authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$250,000 from Budget Code A.909.00 *General Fund Balance Unappropriated Surplus*, to Budget Code A.3110 442 *General Sheriff's Law Enforcement Automotive-Gas and Oil (\$175,000)*, and Budget Code A.3150 445, *General Sheriff's Correction Division Foods (\$75,000)*.

Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll and seconded by Mr. McDevitt to approve the request. Discussion ensued, during which it was revealed that there was additional revenue for 2022 from the boarding-in of inmates which could be applied

to the Sheriff's budget in order to reduce the request. Messrs. Driscoll and McDevitt amended their motions to reduce the amount of the appropriation from Budget Code A.909.00, *General Fund Unappropriated Surplus*, to Budget Code A.3110 442, *Sheriff's Law Enforcement, Automotive-Gas and Oil*, to \$175,000, as well as to authorize a budget amendment in the amount of \$75,000 to reflect the receipt of revenues for the boarding-in of inmates. Mr. Geraci called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Seeber and Mr. Dickinson absent*). *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

4. For a transfer of funds amongst various Budget Codes totaling \$669,000 to fund budgets codes within the Sheriff's budget which are projected to be in deficit by year end.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Seeber and Mr. Dickinson 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.*

5. For a new contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase and service agreement for body worn cameras and tasers in the amount not to exceed \$1,274,922.65 for a term to commence January 1, 2023 and terminate December 31, 2027 (*\$254,984.52 per year for five years*).

Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll and seconded by Mr. McDevitt to approve the request. Discussion ensued, during which the Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, requested the ability to negotiate a five-year renewal term with Axon Enterprise, Inc. at current rates, contingent upon the Board's authorization of renewal terms. Messrs Driscoll and McDevitt agreed to amend their motion to include the ability for Mr. Elmen to negotiate renewal terms as requested. Mr. Geraci called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Seeber and Mr. Dickinson absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 18th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

The Items for Discussion portion of the agenda was reviewed, with the Sheriff providing an update on Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) & Prime Care Medical Agreement. Consensus of the Committee was for Sheriff LaFarr to continue to research this matter and determine what the costs to the County would be.

Concluding the Sheriff's agenda review with the Privilege of the Floor, Mr. Diamond posted questions about the Sheriff's 2023 budget request, while Mr. Magowan opined the importance of body worn cameras.

As there was no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Diamond and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Seeber and Mr. Dickinson absent*), Mr. Geraci adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist