

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: GERACI
BRAYMER
SEEBER
DRISCOLL
MCDEVITT
DIAMOND

OTHERS PRESENT:

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
TERRY COMEAU, UNDERSHERIFF
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
CRAIG LEGGETT, ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS MAGOWAN
MERLINO
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR: DICKINSON

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the November 21, 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 9:02 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. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer, Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Diamond 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. For a new contract with Warren-Hamilton Counties Action Committee for Economic Opportunity, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 to provide an Alternative Sentencing Program over the term commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

2. For a new contract with Language Line Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,750 to provide interpreting services over the term commencing upon execution and terminating December 31, 2023.

Mr. Diamond entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

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

3. For a transfer of funds in the amount of \$15,000 from Budget Code A.3140 110, *Probation, Salaries-Regular*, to Budget Code A.3140 861, *Probation, Retirees Hospitalization*, to cover a budget shortfall.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Diamond and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer and Mr. Dickinson absent*) to approve the request as presented and the refer same to the Finance Committee. *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. For a new contract with Emergency Vehicle Upfitters to provide vehicle equipment installation services for the Office of Emergency Services at a rate of \$93.00 per hour (not to exceed \$19,000 per year) over the term commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023, with the possibility of two annual extensions.

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

2. To extend the contract with the Glens Falls Fire Department to provide fire investigative services at the rate of \$175/hour, with a four hour minimum, over the term commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023. (*Previous Resolution No. 549 of 2021*)

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

3. For a transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,525, from Budget Code A.1990 469, *Contingent Account-Other Payments/Contributions*, to Budget Code A.3410 861, *Fire Prevention & Control-Retirees Hospitalization*, to cover a budget shortfall.

Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll and seconded by Mr. Diamond to approve the request. Upon further discussion it was discovered there were not enough funds in Budget Code A.1990 469, *Contingent Account-Other Payments/Contributions*, to fund the expense; Messrs. Driscoll and Diamond amended their motions to authorize an appropriation of funds from Budget Code A.909.00, *General Fund Unappropriated Surplus*, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer and Mr. Dickinson absent*) to approve the amended motion and to refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

4. To fill the vacant position of Deputy EMS Coordinator, *Annual Base Salary \$8,233*, due to promotion.
5. To fill the vacant position of 3rd Deputy EMS Coordinator, *Annual Base Salary \$8,233*, due to promotion.
6. To fill the vacant position of 2nd Deputy EMS Coordinator, *Annual Base Salary \$8,233*, due to resignation.

Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer and Mr. Dickinson absent*) to approve the requests as presented and the refer same to the Personnel, Administration and Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

7. To fill the vacant position of Deputy Director of Emergency Services, *Grade 11, Base Annual Salary \$56,475*, effective January 1, 2023.
8. To fill the vacant position of Assistant Emergency Services Coordinator, *Grade 10, Base Salary \$46,504*.

Motion was made by Mr. Diamond and seconded by Ms. Seeber to approve Item 7; upon further discussion, Mr. Diamond and Ms. Seeber amended their motion to include approval for Item No. 8. Mr. Geraci called the question, and the motion

failed due to a lack of majority vote with Mr. Diamond and Ms. Seeber voting in opposition (*Ms. Braymer and Mr. Dickinson absent*).

The Referral/Pending Items portion of the agenda was reviewed which included an update on the following:

1. Referral from the ARPA Advisory Committee regarding the Office of Emergence Services request for funding in the amount of \$3,146 to cover the cost of purchasing COVID-19 personal protection equipment. The consensus of the Committee was for this Item to be covered by the County and removed from the Referral/Pending Item portion of the agenda.

Ms. Braymer entered the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further Office of Emergency Services business to discuss review of the Sheriff agenda commenced with a discussion regarding Resolution 619 of 2022, *Authorizing agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase of Body Worn Camera's, Tasers, and Technical Support for the Warren County Sheriff's Office*, during which questions were raised as to why neither the City of Glens Falls or Town of Bolton Police Departments were included and the County Attorney provide advisement.

Continuing the Action Agenda/New Business Items, Committee entertained a request for a new contract with Warren Tire Services Center, Inc. for routine maintenance of Sheriff's Office fleet vehicles, to commence January 1, 2023 and terminate December 31, 2023.

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

Ms. Seeber conveyed her interest to referring support for a National Association of Counties (*NACo*) resolution regarding the matter of sex offender and short-term rental safety to the upcoming NACo/NYSAC Committee meeting on December 1, 2022 for consideration.

There being no further Sheriff business to discuss, Committee reviewed the Public Defender's agenda, which included the following requests:

1. To fill the vacant position of Assistant Public Defender (9), *Grade 3, Base Annual Salary \$77,708*, due to resignation.

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

2. For a new contract with Thomson Reuters to allow attorneys to use the Westlaw platform for legal research and review over a term commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

Motion was made by Mr. Diamond, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 16th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request 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 Mr. Diamond, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*), Mr. Geraci adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist