

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: MAY 23, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: GERACI
MAGOWAN
SMITH
CONOVER
MCDEVITT
LEGETT

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR: DRISCOLL

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT:

ROBERT IUSI, DIRECTOR, PROBATION

AMY SECOR, JUVENILE PROBATION SUPERVISOR

ANN MARIE MASON, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE:

KEVIN BRUEN, ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER

ERIN BROTHERS, DATA OFFICER, ILS

JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

SUPERVISORS BRUNO

MERLINO

STEC

WILD

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PATRICIA BOWMAN, WARREN COUNTY SPCA

JENN HOWSE, WARREN COUNTY SPCA

LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the May 23, 2023 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 9:01 a.m.

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

Copies of the Probation; Office of Emergency Services (*OES*); and Public Defender agendas were distributed to those in attendance. *Copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Jenn Howse, *representing Warren County SPCA, Inc.*, who addressed the Committee with regard to her concerns with notice she had recently received regarding the County's inability to extend the RFP (*Request for Proposals*) for Dog Seizure, Dog Control, Dog Shelter, and Animal Cruelty Prevention, Response and Support throughout Warren County (WC 33-23) beyond May 25, 2023. A brief discussion on the matter ensued.

Mr. Magowan entered the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

The Committee commenced review of the Probation Department agenda which consisted of one Action Agenda/New Business Item, seeking to amend Resolution No. 369 of 2020 to include the following language indicating that "if any further funding becomes available during the term of this contract, no further resolution will be necessary to accept these funds and the Chair of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to execute any documents necessary to receive the funds".

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Geraci called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Driscoll absent*) and the

necessary resolution was authorized for the June 14th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

A review of the Discussion Items section of the agenda commenced in the following order:

- Specialized secure detention issue/temporary adolescent offender jail placement - Oneida County Jail. Amended RTA Plan with the Office of Children and Family Services: The matter was expected to be resolved in the next couple of weeks.
- Electronic Monitoring for adolescents offender and juveniles: Had not been in utilized since the COVID Pandemic, but consideration would be given to resume usage.
- Opportunity garden project in conjunction with Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District and Warren County Department of Public Works (*including Building and Grounds*): In the initial building phases and expected to start this week.

There being no further Probation business to discuss, the Committee moved on to review the Office of Emergency Services (OES) agenda which included the following requests:

1. To amend Resolution No. 186 of 2023 to appoint a member to the Warren County Fire Advisory Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Geraci called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Driscoll absent*) and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 14th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. To amend Capital Project H413, *Hazard Mitigation Grant Program*, to increase H413.9550 5031, *Hazard Mitigation Grant Program-Interfund Transfers*, by \$4,298.44 and decrease H413.9550 2791, *Hazard Mitigation Grant Program-In Kind Contributions*, by same in order to correctly reflect the revenue budget.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Magowan to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Geraci called the question and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Driscoll absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

3. To authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,610.93 from Budget Code A.1990 469, *Contingent Account-Other Payments/Contributions*, to Budget Code A.9550 910, *Transfers ,Capital Projects*, to provide a funding source for the local match charged to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the period of January 1 - December 31, 2022.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Geraci called the question and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Driscoll absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

4. To authorize a transfer of funds totaling \$1,358.48 among various budget codes to provide a funding source for the local match charged to the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for the period January 1 - March 31, 2023.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Geraci called the question and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Driscoll absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

5. To authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors and the Director of the Office of Emergency Services to enter into and execute agreements with various vendors for required services as the need arises in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per agreement per year.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Geraci called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Driscoll absent*) and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 14th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

6. To accept donation of an ADK 3-in-1 Ice Rescue Tool from Adirondack Mountain Touch Tool by Bohning at a value of \$500.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Geraci called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Driscoll absent*) and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 14th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

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

1. To amend the Table of Organization and Salary Schedule to increase the Annual Salary of Assistant Public Defender #7 from \$71,015 to \$76,381, effective June 19, 2023.
2. To amend the Table of Organization and Salary Schedule to increase the Annual Salary of Assistant Public Defender #6 from \$71,015 to \$74,280, effective June 19, 2023.
3. To amend the Table of Organization and Salary Schedule to create the new position of Law School Graduate Trainee #10, *Annual Salary \$71,015*, effective June 19, 2023.
4. To amend the Table of Organization and Salary Schedule to create the new position of Law School Graduate Trainee #11, *Annual Salary \$71,015*, effective June 19, 2023.
5. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$142,030 to reflect receipt of Indigent Legal Services Hurrell-Harring grant year 5 funding.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover and seconded by Mr. Magowan to approve the requests as presented; following discussion, Mr. Geraci called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Driscoll absent*) to approve the requests as outlined above and refer Items 1 through 4 to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee and Item 5 to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to John Taflan, *County Administrator*, who apprised a State of Emergency Proclamation for Warren County had been issued by Chairman Geraghty prohibiting the relocation of New York City migrants to Warren County without approval from the Board of Supervisors. Discussion ensued.

There being no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Leggett and seconded by Mr. Smith, Mr. Geraci declared the meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board