

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: GERACI  
MAGOWAN  
SMITH  
CONOVER  
MCDEVITT  
DRISCOLL  
LEGGETT

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

JULIE GARCIA, ASSIGNED COUNSEL ADMINISTRATOR  
ANN MARIE MASON, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
REPRESENTING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
JASON CARUSONE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
PAULETTE McDONALD, CONFIDENTIAL ASSISTANT  
REPRESENTING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
ROBERT IUSI, DIRECTOR  
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  
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
SUPERVISOR BRUNO  
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WILD  
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the September 20, 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 links:*

*Warren County website - <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>*

*Warren County's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fN7tvGhcE>*

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

Copies of the Assigned Counsel; District Attorney; Office of Emergency Services; Probation; Public Defender; and Sheriff agendas were distributed; copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor and public comments were called for:

Mr. Magowan spoke regarding finding a funding stream to cover the cost of the \$100,000 approved for the contract with the SPCA of Upstate New York which he believed should not be the responsibility of the tax payers. Concluding the County Administrator indicated he would look into a funding source.

Review of the Assigned Counsel agenda commenced with the following request:

1. For a new contract with 333 Glen Street Associates, LLC for rental space at 333 Glen Street, in the amount of \$1,000 per month plus a \$300 per month cleaning fee, to commence November 1, 2023 and terminate September 30, 2026.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form*

*is on file with the minutes.*

Discussion Items section of the agenda was reviewed with the following item being addressed:

- a. 2024 Budget request review - documentation provided as an agenda attachment.

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

1. To authorize grant application and agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for renewal of the Crimes Against Revenue Prosecution Grant (*CARP*), DCJS No. CR21445343, in an amount to be determined to commence January 1, 2024 and terminate December 31, 2024.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Discussion Items section of the agenda was reviewed with the following items being addressed:

1. Received notification of receipt of Aid to Prosecution Grant funding for the grant period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, in the amount of \$249,356.
2. 2024 Budget request review - documentation provided as an agenda attachment.

There being no further District Attorney business to discuss, review of the Office of Emergency Services agenda commenced with the following request:

1. To authorize grant application and agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for FY22 Hazardous Materials Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$180,000, effective date to be determined and to terminate August 21, 2025.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Discussion Items section of the agenda was reviewed with the following item being addressed:

1. 2024 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 2024 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 Items for Discussion portion of the agenda which included an update on the 2024 Budget request review - documentation provided as an agenda attachment.

Mr. Leggett exited the meeting at 10:29 a.m. and returned at 10:32 a.m.

Mr. Driscoll exited the meeting at 10:31 a.m and returned at 10:32 a.m.

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

1. For a transfer of funds in the amount of \$90,000 from Budget Code A.1990 469, *Contingent Account-Other Payments/Cont*, to Budget Code A.3110 413, *Law Enforcement- Repair & Maint.-Bldg*, to cover the unanticipated cost to replace an Eaton Lighting Uninterruptible Power System (UPS) in the Correctional Facility.

Upon a brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and forward same to the Finance Committee to determine the proper source of funding due to the lack of funds in the Contingent Account. *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 following item being addressed:

1. 2024 Budget request review - documentation provided as an agenda attachment.

Privilege of the floor and public comments were called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

As there was no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Driscoll and seconded by Mr. Smith, Mr. Geraci adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist