

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: GERACI
MAGOWAN
MCDEVITT
DRISCOLL
LEGGETT

OTHERS PRESENT:

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
TERRY COMEAU, UNDERSHERIFF
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LARRY ELMAN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISOR WILD
TAMMIE DeLORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR MOLLY
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, WARREN COUNTY RESIDENT
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: SMITH
CONOVER

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the November 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=KPwC0m4W2zM>

Mr. Geraci called the meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee to order at 9:02 a.m. (Please note due to a lack of attendance Chairman Geraghty served to make a quorum of the Committee).

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

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Magowan, Smith, Conover and Leggett absent*) 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:

Travis Whitehead, *Warren County Resident*, spoke regarding the cost to fund the jail and asked the Sheriff to take a close look at the matter, noting he hoped these concerns would be addressed before the next budget or the County being sued. The County Administrator informed the Sheriff would address his concerns in the future.

Mr. Leggett entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m. and made quorum of the Committee.

The meeting commenced with review of the Probation agenda with the following request:

1. To extend the contract with Language Line Services Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per year for interpreting services, over a term to commence January 1, 2024 and renewing on an annual basis.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Magowan, Smith and Conover absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 15th 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. Electronic Monitoring - Went into effect September 1, 2023 for Raise the Age population with five individuals

originally in the program, but was reduced to three individuals.

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

1. To amend Resolution No. 134 of 2023 to authorize the Adirondack Regional Hazmat Consortium to submit grant application, as well as to update the local share source to include in-kind service and cash match.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Magowan, Smith and Conover absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 15th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Magowan entered the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

2. To approve Contingency Management Consulting Group to use subcontractor Emergency Management Consulting, LLC, to conduct a commodity flow study for the seven-county Adirondack Regional Hazmat Consortium (contract authorized by Resolution No. 171 of 2021).

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. Leggett and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Smith and Conover absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 15th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

3. Request to amend the Warren County Budget for 2024 in the amount of \$179,800 to carry over unused FY21 Hazmat Grant program funding.
4. Request to amend the Warren County Budget for 2024 in the amount of \$179,800 to carry over unused FY22 Hazmat Grant program funding.
5. Request to amend the Warren County Budget for 2024 in the amount of \$16,000 to carry over unused FY22-23 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant funding.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Smith and Conover absent*) to approve the requests as presented and refer same to the Finance Committee for approval at their January 2024 meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

6. For a transfer of funds in the amount of \$202.39 from Budget Code A.3645.4119 110, *FY22 LEMPG- Salaries Regular* to Budget Code A.3645.4119 810, *FY22 LEMPG- Retirement*, to cover a budget deficit.

Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Smith and Conover 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.*

7. To approve updates to the Public Access Defibrillation Program plan for Warren County (last adopted by Resolution No. 392 of 2022)

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Smith and Conover absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 15th 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. The County Administer advised he would look into whether similar blanket authorization of grant applications as provided to the Office of Emergency Services could be extended to other departments. It was initially decided that there would not be authorization for any other department within the County, but on further discussion the County administer agreed to continue to review and determine if an acceptable solution could be found.

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

1. For a transfer of funds amongst various Budget Codes in the amount of \$885,000, to cover a budget deficit. Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Smith and Conover 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.*

2. For a transfer of funds in the amount of \$41,383.36 from Budget Code A.3020.4048 110, *Sheriff's 911 Center 2021-2022 PSAP Grant Salaries- Regular*, to Budget Code A.3020 110, *Sheriff's 911 Center Salaries- Regular*. Undersheriff withdrew the request.
3. To ratify the actions of the Sheriff and the Chairman of the Board in submitting a grant application to New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services for New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services 2023 Public Safety Answering Point Operations Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$492,667, for Communication Center interoperability enhancement, to commence January 1, 2023 and terminate December 31, 2025 and amend the Warren County budget for same.
4. To ratify the actions of the Sheriff and the Chairman of the Board in submitting a grant application to New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services in an amount not to exceed \$165,940, for public safety call-taking and dispatching expenses, to commence January 1, 2023 and terminate December 31, 2025 and amend the Warren County budget for the same.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Smith and Conover absent*) to approve the requests 3 and 4 as presented; and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the December 15th Board Meeting and the budget amendments were referred to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

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

1. To enter into to a MOU (*Memorandum of Understanding*) with New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to access additional resources for investigation and prosecution of crimes.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Smith and Conover absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 15th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. To amend Resolution No. 145 of 2019 to increase the maximum annual amount for Special Prosecutor services from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Smith and Conover absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 15th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

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. Magowan and seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Smith and Conover absent*), Mr. Geraci adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist