

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY SERVICES

DATE: MARCH 24, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: MADAY
STRAINER
GILLIGAN
DRISCOLL

OTHERS PRESENT:

BRIAN PILATZKE, ASSIGNED COUNSEL ADMINISTRATOR
ANN MARIE MASON, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: GERACI
CONOVER
PATCHETT

AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

SUPERVISORS BRUNO
CROCITTO
ETU
MERLINO
TURNER
WILD

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CHRISTINE NORTON, COUNTY TREASURER
LUKE MOSSEAU, *THE POST STAR*
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the March 24, 2025 meeting of the Criminal Justice, Public Safety & Emergency Services 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=GgmXl1nJaIQ>

In the absence of Committee Chairman Geraci and Vice-Chair Conover, Supervisor Maday, as Second Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Criminal Justice, Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee to order at 9:00 a.m.

Copies of the Assigned Counsel and Office of Emergency Services agendas were distributed; copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Ms. Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Geraci, Conover and Patchett 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, but there was no one wishing to speak.

The meeting commenced with a review of the Assigned Counsel agenda which included the following requests:

1. To renew the agreement with Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, Inc. in a total amount not to exceed \$145,400 per year (monthly payments of \$12,116.66) for Family Court Conflict cases over a term commencing May 1, 2025 and terminating April 30, 2027. (*Previous Resolution Nos. 117 of 2021 and 184 of 2023*)

Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Ms. Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Geraci, Conover and Patchett absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 11th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. To renew the contract with Rural Law Center of New York, Inc. in a total amount not to exceed \$57,500 per year

for up to 14 appeals (\$4,107.14 per appeal if the 14 appeal limit is reached) for Assigned Counsel Appellate cases, with amended verbiage to remove the language regarding certain voluminous appeals counting as two appeals, over a term commencing May 1, 2025 and terminating April 30, 2026.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Geraci, Conover and Patchett absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 11th 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.

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

1. To appoint/re-appoint members to the Warren County Fire Advisory Board for a term commencing May 1, 2025 and terminating April 30, 2026.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer and seconded by Ms. Gilligan to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Maday called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Geraci, Conover and Patchett absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 11th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$16,000 to reflect receipt of FY24 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant funding.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Geraci, Conover and Patchett absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

3. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$3,428.58 to accommodate the local matching fund requirement for FY24 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant.

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

A review of the Discussion Items portion of the agenda included the following item:

1. ILO Conference - April 8 - 10, 2025.

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

As there was no further business to come before the Criminal Justice, Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Ms. Gilligan, Mr. Maday declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

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