

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE

DATE: MAY 18, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS SEEBER
LEGGETT
BEATY
DIAMOND
DRISCOLL
MCDEVITT

OTHERS PRESENT:

MARCY FLORES, PUBLIC DEFENDER
FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BRAYMER
FRASIER
HOGAN
MAGOWAN
SIMPSON
WILD
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JIM LAFARR, SHERIFF
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
JEREMY SCRIME, SENIOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST/PROGRAMMER
MIKE SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
JEFF WODELL, DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR SHEPLER

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the May 18, 2020 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://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2020/criminal/>

Note: As per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1: "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed". All Committee members attended the meeting by video conference, aside from Supervisors Diamond and McDevitt who were physically present.

Ms. Seeber called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Committee to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Beaty, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the Public Defender agenda were distributed to those Committee members in attendance, those participating remotely accessed the agendas via the County website; a copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Marcy Flores, *Public Defender*, who commenced the agenda review presenting the following requests:

1. Request to decrease the salary of the 3rd Assistant Public Defender position from \$69,891 to \$63,393 effective retroactive to April 20, 2020, as well as to fill the vacant position at the lower salary.
2. Request to increase the salary of the 8th Assistant Public Defender position from \$63,393 to \$69,891 effective

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Ms. Flores explained she was essentially swapping the salaries for the aforementioned positions to provide for Family Court representation by the 3rd Assistant Public Defender position and to provide increased funding for the hiring of a more experienced Criminal Court attorney for the 8th Assistant Public Defender position. A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously to approve the request to decrease the salary of the 3rd Assistant Public Defender position from \$69,891 to \$63,393 effective retroactive to April 20, 2020, as well as to fill the vacant position at the lower salary, and refer same to the Personnel & Administration Committee. *Copies of the resolution request and Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position forms are on file with the meeting minutes.*

A motion was made by Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Leggett and carried unanimously to approve the request to increase the salary of the 8th Assistant Public Defender position from \$63,393 to \$69,891 effective retroactive to April 20, 2020, as well as to fill the vacant position at the higher salary, and refer same to the Personnel & Administration Committee. *Copies of the resolution request and Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position forms are on file with the meeting minutes.*

3. Request to extend the termination date of the agreement with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for Distribution #5 (*Contract #C000752*) to December 31, 2020.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 19th Board Meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the meeting minutes.*

4. Request to extend the termination date of the agreement with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for Distribution #6 (*Contract #C600052*) to December 31, 2020.

Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Beaty and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 19th Board Meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Concluding the agenda review, Ms. Flores indicated she was concerned with how any reductions in the State budget would impact grant funding and she was trying to plan for how such impacts would be addressed.

On behalf of the Assigned Counsel Administrator, Ms. Seeber announced the Assigned Counsel Office had officially launched their e-voucher program on May 15th and applications were available to anyone with internet access through the County website. In closing, Ms. Seeber called for any public comment and it was noted that none had been submitted through the YouTube live feed.

There being nothing further to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. Beaty, seconded by Mr. Leggett and carried unanimously, Ms. Seeber adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Allen, Clerk of the Board