

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: SEEBER  
LEGETT  
BEATY  
DIAMOND  
DRISCOLL  
MCDEVITT

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

JASON CARUSONE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
ROBERT IUSI, PROBATION DIRECTOR  
REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE:  
MARCY FLORES, PUBLIC DEFENDER  
ERIN BROTHERS, ASSISTANT TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER  
JOY LAFOUNTAIN, ASSIGNED COUNSEL ADMINISTRATOR  
FRANK THOMAS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
RYAN E. MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
MARY E. KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS BRAYMER  
FRASIER  
HOGAN  
MAGOWAN  
SIMPSON  
STROUGH  
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
JEREMY SCRIME, SENIOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST/PROGRAMMER  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

SUPERVISOR: SHEPLER

*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the September 21, 2020 meeting of the Criminal Justice 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 of the Committee members attended in person, except for Supervisors Leggett, Beaty and Diamond who participated via videoconference.*

Ms. Seeber called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Committee to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Copies of the Assigned Counsel, District Attorney, Probation and Public Defender agendas were distributed to those in attendance and those participating virtually accessed the agendas via the Warren County website; *copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Joy LaFountain, *Assigned Counsel Administrator*, who reviewed her 2021

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Budget request and answered questions posed by the Committee. *A copy of the Budget is on file with the minutes.* There being no further Assigned Counsel business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Jason Carusone, *District Attorney*, who reviewed his 2021 Budget request and answered questions posed by the Committee. *A copy of the Budget is on file with the minutes*

There being no further District Attorney business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Robert Iusi, *Probation Director*, who presented a request to authorize a grant application to Cornell University, IRL School for Youth Re-entering the Community through Opportunities, Networking, Navigation, Education, Collaboration and Transition Support, for funding in an amount not to exceed a total of \$35,000 over a term to commence December 2020 and terminate December 2023. Mr. Leggett inquired if children would be attending Cornell University in-person or remotely and Mr. Iusi replied the majority would be remotely.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Concluding his agenda review, Mr. Iusi reviewed his 2021 Budget request and answered questions posed by the Committee. *A copy of the Budget is on file with the minutes.*

There being no further Probation business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Marcy Flores, *Public Defender*, who reviewed her 2021 Budget request and answered questions posed by the Committee. *A copy of the Budget is on file with the minutes.* Ms. Flores recognized Tammie DeLorenzo, *Assistant to the County Administrator*, and Erin Brothers, *Assistant to the Public Defender*, for the work they did assisting her with the Budget.

Concluding her agenda review, Ms. Flores spoke of the Pending/Referral Item that pertained to the lease for office space at 333 Glen Street, located in the City of Glens Falls, advising the County Attorney's Office tried to contact the rental office and received no response. She mentioned they were looking for potential office space here at the County as an alternative.

Ms. Seeber asked if there were any public comments and Mr. Lehman replied in the negative.

As there was no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Beaty and carried unanimously, Ms. Seeber adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist