

# WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: JUNE 22, 2020

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: LEGGETT  
SIMPSON  
BRAYMER  
DIAMOND  
DRISCOLL  
SEEBER  
SHEPLER

### OTHERS PRESENT:

JIM LAFARR, SHERIFF  
FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
RYAN DICKEY, SECOND ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY  
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS BEATY  
CONOVER  
FRASIER  
HOGAN  
MCDEVITT  
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
CHRIS HANCHETT, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
GINELLE JONES, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH/PATIENT SERVICES  
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS  
DEE PARK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR THE AGING  
JEREMY SCRIME, SENIOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST/PROGRAMMER

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the June 22, 2020 meeting of the 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/safety/>*

***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 participated via videoconference, aside from Supervisors Diamond and Shepler who were physically present.***

Mr. Leggett called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 9:43 a.m.

Copies of the Sheriff's agenda were distributed to those in attendance, those participating remotely accessed agenda via the Warren County website. A copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, 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.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Jim LaFarr, *Sheriff*, who presented the following requests:

- 1) To amend the existing contract with Siewart Equipment for maintenance services with multi-point inspection of Duplex Pump Station & Muffin Monster (*authorized by Resolution No. 159 of 2020*) to outline specific yearly fees for the annual preventative maintenance and to authorize payments for repairs in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Shepler and carried unanimously to approve the request and

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the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To authorize reimbursement to the Hadley-Luzerne School District for an exact amount to be determined (*estimated in the range of \$19,000-\$23,000*) for School Resource Officer services which were paid for but not received during part of the school year.

Motion was made by Ms. Shepler, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to authorize the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 3) To amend Resolution No. 58 of 2018 to change the source of funding for the Stony Creek Communications Tower project from grant funds to Budget Code A.909.00, *General Fund Balance-Unappropriated Surplus*, in anticipation of the grant funding to be provided by the New York State Dormitory Authority which had not yet been awarded.

A discussion ensued, following which a motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Shepler and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 4) To fill the vacant position of Communications Officer #6, *Base Annual Salary \$41,740*, due to resignation.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Personnel & Administration Committee. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Position form is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing to the Information for Discussion portion of the agenda, Sheriff LaFarr informed his department was focusing on overseeing that the community maintained safety precautions in light of the ongoing pandemic as bans were lifted in the area; he noted there were no COVID-19 cases involving his employees or any inmates. He said the department assisted and participated in a peaceful march in the City of Glens Falls, earlier this month. Finally, he provided an update on the inmate count at the jail, advising there were 56 inmates and there had been requests to house inmates from other various agencies which had served as a successful means to generate revenue in the past.

Mr. Leggett shared footage of the “Back to Blue” parade organized by the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Department which took place in the Towns of Horicon and Chester which he added was very well attended in support of the State Police and Warren County Sheriff’s Department.

Mr. Geraghty stated he appreciated the Sheriff’s Department and supported their daily efforts and Mr. Driscoll concurred.

There being no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee, Mr. Leggett declared the meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

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