

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: JULY 13, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: LEGGETT
SIMPSON
BRAYMER
DIAMOND
DRISCOLL
SEEBER

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:
BRIAN LAFLURE, FIRE COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR,
AMY DREXEL, COORDINATOR
FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS HOGAN
MAGOWAN
MCDEVITT
STROUGH
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
JEREMY SCRIME, SENIOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST/PROGRAMMER
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR: SHEPLER

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the, July 13, 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 in attendance participated via video or teleconference except for Supervisors Braymer and Diamond who was physically present.

Mr. Leggett called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 10:16 a.m.

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

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed to those in attendance and those participating virtually accessed them via the Warren County website; a copy of both the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.

Mr. Leggett informed the first order of business today was to address a request to authorize the OES (*Office of Emergency Services*) to apply for FY2020 Local Emergency Management Performance COVID-19 Supplemental Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$14,364.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Brian LaFlure, *Fire Coordinator/Director, Office of Emergency Services*, who advised he had received information with short notice about the grant and had verified the plan was viable, adding the deadline for grant submission was July 16th. He informed there was a 50/50 match for this grant which would be covered using a portion of Amy Drexel's, *Emergency Services Coordinator*, salary as in-kind services. Mr. Leggett

inquired if Mr. LaFlure had worked out all details involved with the application process and Mr. LaFlure replied affirmatively. Mr. LaFlure informed they were looking to get a piece of disinfecting equipment that was COVID-19 related and could be used by all departments within the County. He remarked that their State representative thought the idea of that equipment was viable. Ms. Seeber asked if the grant allowed use of employee salaries to cover the grant match based on in-kind services and Mr. LaFlure replied affirmatively, adding they often used employee salaries instead of cash.

A discussion ensued, following which a motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 17th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Leggett inquired how OES operations were proceeding during the ongoing pandemic and Mr. LaFlure replied they were doing well and were doing their best to provide assistance to those in need. He said they would not be receiving any further free PPE (*Personal Protection Equipment*), adding in the future there could be a cost for these items which would impact County budgets. Regarding hand sanitizer, he stated he was notified by the State that they would not continue to receive it. Both Ms. Seeber and Mr. Leggett applauded Mr. LaFlure and his staff for doing a great job providing assistance throughout the County. Mr. LaFlure mentioned they had provided hand sanitizer to the Lake George Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau who had distributed it to local businesses throughout the County, aiding them with their re-opening process.

As there was no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Diamond, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously, Mr. Leggett adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist