

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY SERVICES

DATE: AUGUST 24, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: MADAY
CONOVER
STRAINER
GILLIGAN
DRISCOLL
BUTLER
O'NEILL

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE:

GREGORY CANALE, PUBLIC DEFENDER
ERIN BROTHERS, DATA OFFICER, ILS
JIM LAFARR, SHERIFF
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
KIMBERLY RICHARDS, COUNTY ATTORNEY
NATHAN ETU, BUDGET OFFICER

SUPERVISORS BEATY
CROCITTO
DIAMOND
GOODSPEED
STROUGH
TURNER
WILD

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
JEFF PALMERINO, TEAMSTERS LOCAL 294
LEONARD PREVOST, WARREN COUNTY RESIDENT
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
CATHY DEDE, *THE CHRONICLE*
LESLIE LOVELACE, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 24, 2026 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=p5qN_N7tLcE

Copies of the Public Defender and Sheriff's meeting agendas were distributed; copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

Mr. Maday called the meeting of the Criminal Justice, Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee to order at 9:02 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Strainer 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 for public comment was offered to the following individual:

Leonard Prevost, *Warren County resident*, distributed a handout with regard to area youth issues and his suggestions on how to remedy them which he reviewed; *a copy is on file with the meeting minutes.*

The meeting commenced with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items section of the Public Defender agenda, which included the following request:

1. To authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$250 from Budget Code A.11714202 110, *Public Defender - Hurrell-Harring Salaries*, to Budget Code A.1171.4202 120, *Public Defender - Hurrell-Harring Overtime*, to correct the Budget Exception Report and account for possible future expenditures from the 2026 Public Defender Hurrell-Harring Overtime budget line.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously 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 agenda.*

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

- a. ILS State Budget.

There being no further Public Defender business to discuss, review of the Sheriff's agenda commenced with the Action Agenda/New Business Items, which included the following requests:

1. To ratify the action taken in submitting a grant application to the SFY2025-SFY2026 New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (*NYS DHSES*) in an amount not to exceed \$1,024,736 for Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program (*SICG*) Communication Center Interoperability Enhancement over a term commencing January 1, 2026 and terminating December 31, 2030.
2. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$1,024,736 to reflect receipt of grant funding from NYS DHSES for SFY2025-SFY2026 SICG.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Conover and carried unanimously to approve Items 1 and 2 as outlined above; the necessary resolution for Item 1 was authorized for the September 18th Board meeting and Item 2 was referred to the Finance & Budget Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

3. To authorize a new agreement with Nemer Ford at an hourly rate of \$139.99 for proprietary dealer only repairs for various Ford Sheriff's Office vehicles for a term commencing October 1, 2026 and terminating September 30, 2027.
4. To authorize a new agreement with Krystal Automotive, Inc. d/b/a Krystal Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, Fiat at an hourly rate of \$145.00 to perform proprietary dealer only repairs of various Dodge, Jeep and Ram Sheriff's Office vehicles for a term commencing October 1, 2026 and terminating September 30, 2027.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover and seconded by Mr. Strainer to approve Item 3 as presented; following discussion, Messrs. Conover and Strainer amended their motion and second to include approval of Item 4. Mr. Maday called the question and the motion, as amended to approve Items 3 and 4 as outlined above, was carried unanimously and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the September 18th Board meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

5. To authorize a transfer of funds amongst various budget codes totaling \$330,000 to cover an anticipated budget deficit.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. O'Neill and carried unanimously 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 agenda.*

6. To authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement (*IMA*) with the Warren County STOP-DWI Program authorizing the Warren County Sheriff's Office to administer Warren County STOP-DWI Program funds and allow for reimbursement from Warren County STOP-DWI Program fines and fees to the Warren County Sheriff's Office for DWI related traffic enforcement efforts and applicable equipment expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$17,750 for a term commencing January 1, 2027 and terminating December 31, 2027, with the option for three additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement of both parties.
7. To authorize an IMA with the City of Glens Falls Police Department for joint participation in the NYS STOP-DWI Foundation, Inc. program administered by the Warren County Sheriff's Office to allow for reimbursement to the City of Glens Falls Police Department for their traffic enforcement efforts in an amount not to exceed \$17,750 for a term commencing January 1, 2027 and terminating December 31, 2027, with the option for three additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement of both parties.
8. To authorize an IMA with the Warren County District Attorney's Office for joint participation in the NYS STOP-DWI Foundation, Inc. program administered by the Warren County Sheriff's Office to allow for reimbursement to the Warren County District Attorney's Office for their efforts in an amount not to exceed \$11,550 for a term commencing January 1, 2027 and terminating December 31, 2027, with the option for three additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement of both parties.
9. To authorize an IMA with the Warren County Probation Department for joint participation in the NYS STOP-DWI Foundation, Inc. program administered by the Warren County Sheriff's Office to allow for reimbursement to the

Warren County Probation Department for their efforts in an amount not to exceed \$10,500 for a term commencing January 1, 2027 and terminating December 31, 2027, with the option for three additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement of both parties.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer and seconded by Mr. O'Neill to approve the requests as presented; following discussion, Mr. Maday called the question and the motion was carried unanimously to approve the requests as outlined above and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the September 18th Board meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

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

1. Corrections Staffing.

Privilege of the floor and public comment was offered to the following:

Travis Whitehead, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, distributed an untitled document listing jail expense information and comparisons he had compiled, which he proceeded to speak about; *a copy is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Mr. Beaty extended his appreciation to Sheriff LaFarr and Lieutenant Farmer for providing him with a tour of the Warren County Correctional Facility and he commended them on a well run facility. He indicated his intentions were to review the jail efficiency and hold discussion with regard to the possibility of reducing posts/positions through attrition.

Mr. Driscoll exited the meeting at 10:14 a.m. and returned at 10:16 a.m. during comments by Mr. Beaty.

Mr. Etu pointed out there were no planned Correction Officer retirements for 2027. Mr. Beaty reiterated he was not in favor of laying off any staff to make the suggested reductions, noting that even if it took several years to achieve the reductions through attrition, that was still acceptable.

Mr. Wild indicated it was important to maintain services provided at the Warren County Correctional Facility, as well as to make sure Officers were not being exposed to further risk and he suggested using caution moving forward.

Mr. Butler suggested including Saratoga and Albany County Correctional Facilities comparisons if that information was not already available.

Jeff Palmerino, *Teamsters Local 294*, spoke on behalf of the Warren County Correction Officers, stating there were serious concerns about the proposed position eliminations and the impact they would have on employee safety.

Mr. O'Neill apprised he had not seen any proposed Correctional Facility position elimination; he commented that the information he had reviewed reflected a shortage of staff, rather than a need to reduce.

As there was no further business to come before the Criminal Justice, Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried unanimously, Mr. Maday adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Legislative Office Specialist