

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

DATE: **JANUARY 26, 2006**

Committee Members Present:

Supervisors Tessier
Bentley
Stec
Kenny
Mason
VanNess

Others Present:

Robert Iusi, Director, Probation
John Wappett, Public Defender
Jason Carusone, Assistant District Attorney
Amy Bartlett, First Assistant County Attorney
William Thomas, Chairman
Joan Parsons, Administrator/Clerk
Supervisor Barody
Supervisor Girard
Nicole Livingston, Legislative Office Specialist

Committee Member Absent:

Supervisor O'Connor

Mr. Tessier called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Stec, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Robert Iusi, who noted he did not have an agenda to distribute to the committee members.

Mr. Iusi apprised he had a resolution request for Warren and Washington Counties to apply jointly for a voluntary grant program known as the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Program with regard to the Counties pursuit of Warren and Washington Counties Sex Offender Collaboration. He added that the grant would be for \$100,000 with a 10% match, which would be 5% for Washington County and 5% for Warren County. He stated that he currently had the \$5,000 in the budget because there was a new Probation Officer position slated for this year but he would not be hiring an individual until the end of March due to the civil service tests.

A motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. VanNess and carried unanimously to authorize Warren and Washington Counties to apply jointly for a voluntary grant program known as the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Program with regard to the Counties pursuit of Warren and Washington Counties Sex Offender Collaboration. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

Mr. Iusi expounded he had a resolution request to authorize the Senior Probation Officer to attend the New York Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals Annual Conference in Buffalo, New York from February 28 to March 3, 2006. He added that he had the money in the budget and a County vehicle would be used for transportation.

A motion was made by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Kenny and carried unanimously to authorize the Senior Probation Officer to attend the New York Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals Annual Conference in Buffalo, New York From February 28 to March 3, 2006. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Jason Carusone, Assistant District Attorney, who informed the committee that Kate Hogan, District Attorney, was at a District Attorney's Conference in New York. Mr. Carusone apprised that the Road to Recovery Program had been increased. He noted there had been a grant for \$35,000 last year, and this year it had been increased to \$70,000 based on the fact that the success of the program was being used as a model for the state. He added that they would earmark \$20,000 of that grant money back over to the Probation Department.

Mr. Carusone stated that the Care Center in Glens Falls had a large rental expense each month and there was a program through the Governor's Office that would help buy buildings if they fit the requirements. He said there was a chance that a purchase could occur and they would own the Care Center rather than having a rental fee.

Mr. Carusone expounded he had a resolution request for a Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position. He explained that the position was a Part-time Typist for 18 hours a week at an hourly rate of \$10.86. He added that this position was available due to a resignation and was already in the budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Stec, seconded by Mr. VanNess and carried unanimously to approve the request to fill the vacant position of Typist, Part-time, for 18 hours a week at an hourly rate of \$10.86. The request was referred to the Personnel Committee. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

Privilege of the floor was extended to John Wappett, Public Defender, who welcomed the new committee for this year. He said he had sent out 25 copies of the Annual Report and a mistake had been made regarding the estimated number of case loads. He noted they had estimated they would receive 1,181 cases; instead they had received 1,490. He added there was a savings of \$913,000 as opposed to the Assigned Council System.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Amy Bartlett, First Assistant County Attorney, who requested an executive session in order to discuss matters regarding the consulate defender.

A motion was made by Mr. Stec, seconded by Mr. VanNess and carried unanimously to declare executive session to discuss matters leading to the hiring of a particular person or corporation pursuant to Section 105 (f) of the Public Officers Law.

Executive session was declared from 11:47 a.m. to 12:12 p.m.

Committee reconvened.

Pursuant to the executive session, motion was made by Mr. Stec, seconded by Mr. VanNess and carried unanimously to contract with the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, Inc. for Family Court conflict cases. The necessary resolution was authorized for the next Board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Mr. Stec and seconded by Mr. Mason, Mr. Tessier adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Livingston, Legislative Office Specialist