

## WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: APRIL 23, 2019

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#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: LEGGETT  
GERAGHTY  
SIMPSON  
WILD  
MAGOWAN  
SOKOL  
HOGAN  
BRAYMER  
DRISCOLL  
MERLINO  
VACANT

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

##### REPRESENTING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT:

ROBERT IUSI, DIRECTOR  
AMY SECOR, SUPERVISOR

##### REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE:

MARCY FLORES, PUBLIC DEFENDER  
ERIN BROTHERS, ASSISTANT TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER  
JOY LAFOUNTAIN, ASSIGNED COUNSEL ADMINISTRATOR  
BRIAN LAFLORE, FIRE COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF  
EMERGENCY SERVICES

BUD YORK, WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF  
SHAWN LAMOUREE, UNDERSHERIFF  
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
RYAN DICKEY, 2<sup>ND</sup> ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

##### SUPERVISORS BEATY

DICKINSON  
STROUGH

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT  
TONY HALL, *LAKE GEORGE MIRROR*  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the, April 23, 2019 meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:*  
<http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2019/criminal/>

Mr. Leggett called the meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee to order at 10:04 a.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer seconded by Ms. Hogan 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 Joy LaFountain, *Assigned Counsel Administrator*, who distributed copies of the Assigned Counsel agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing her agenda review, Ms. LaFountain presented the following requests:

- 1) To extend the contract with the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York (*LASNYY*) in an amount not to exceed \$169,436 to continue legal representation of indigents in Family Court conflict matters for the term commencing May 31, 2019 and terminating April 30, 2020;

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Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17, 2019 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To extend the existing contract with LASNNY under Distribution #5 C000752 in an amount not to exceed \$86,463 for a term commencing January 1, 2019 and ending upon termination of grant funds; and
- 3) Extending existing contract with LASNNY under Distribution #6 C600052 in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2019 and ending upon termination of grant funds.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to approve the requests as outlined above and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the May 17, 2019 Board Meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

There being no further Assigned Counsel business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Shawn Lamouree, *Undersheriff*, who distributed copies of the Sheriff agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing his agenda review, Undersheriff Lamouree presented a request to authorize a new contract with Justice Benefits Inc. for revenue enhancement services for the Warren County Correctional Facility at no cost to the County for a term to commence upon execution and terminate April 23, 2022. He advised through this contract payments were made to states and municipal governments for undocumented criminal aliens. Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, inquired what past revenue collections were received and Undersheriff Lamouree replied between \$2,000-3,000. Bud York, *Sheriff*, mentioned they had received the funding for eleven years and the most that was ever received was \$5,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17, 2019 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Undersheriff Lamouree presented the following requests:

- 1) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$19,032.03 to carryover monies from the 2018 calendar year into the 2019 calendar year for the Bolton School District School Resource Officer (SRO) Program;
- 2) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$18,167.30 to carryover monies from the 2018 calendar year into the 2019 calendar year for the Lake George School District SRO Program;
- 3) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$36,645.39 to carryover monies from the 2018 calendar year into the 2019 calendar year for the Queensbury School District SRO Program; and
- 4) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$18,606.47 to carryover monies from the 2018 calendar year into the 2019 calendar year for the North Warren School District SRO Program.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the requests to amend the 2019 County Budget as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Following, Undersheriff Lamouree continued to present a request to amend the County Budget in the amount of \$169,025 to reflect the receipt of 2018 Public Safety Answering Points Grant funding. Sheriff York informed the 911 funds were originally improperly taken by the State; he noted this was a point he had brought up many times over

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the last eleven years. He stated action should be taken to alleviate this problem and he opined each State should receive \$1 million in recompense. Mr. Geraghty indicated the Federal Communication Commission discussion was first brought to his attention by New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC). Mr. Moore informed there were fees for both land and cellular calls that were put into a State general fund. Sheriff York commented that funds were given to the New York State Police and they did not have a 911 service. Mr. Geraghty advised New York, New Jersey and Rhode Island were the only three States that were not processing the funds correctly.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request to amend the 2019 County Budget as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Concluding his agenda review, Undersheriff Lamouree indicated there were currently six Correction Officer vacancies and one Correction Sergeant vacancy. He indicated there were candidates that had passed the physical test for Corrections positions, but had yet to take the civil service test.

There being no further Sheriff business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Brian LaFlure, *Fire Coordinator/Director, Office of Emergency Services (OES)*, who distributed copies of the OES agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing his agenda review, Mr. LaFlure presented the following requests:

- 1) To appoint/reappoint members to the Warren County Fire Advisory Board for a term commencing May 1, 2019 and terminating April 30, 2020; and
- 2) To appoint/reappoint members to the Warren County EMS Advisory Board for a term commencing May 1, 2019 and terminating April 30, 2020.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to approve the requests as outlined above and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the May 17, 2019 Board Meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Mr. LaFlure reported the Schroon River had begun to recede and at the present time there were no large flooding issues. Mr. Leggett notified last Friday he had called Amy Drexel, *Emergency Services Coordinator*, informing she was very helpful, as they always were.

Mr. LaFlure apprised travel for the prior month was listed under Agenda Item Number 5, Information for Discussion/Review.

There being no further Office of Emergency Services business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Robert Iusi, *Probation Director*, who distributed copies of the Probation agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing his agenda review, Mr. Iusi thanked Amy Secor, *Probation Supervisor*, for the outstanding job she had done with the Juvenile Programs.

Next, Mr. Iusi presented a request to amend the contract with Northeast Polygraph Services to remove language from the Schedule "A" which directs payment from Enhanced Probation Supervisor Services of Sex Offender Funding Grant.

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Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17, 2019 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request forms is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Mr. Iusi spoke about bail reform, informing the program would commence January 1, 2020. He informed appearance tickets were given and there were sixty-five to seventy individuals that were currently released. Ms. Braymer inquired what happened when an individual from out of town received an appearance ticket and they did not appear for court and Mr. Iusi replied the individuals would have to be found.

Finally, Mr. Iusi introduced Ms. Secor to speak about the Girls Circle program she oversaw. Ms. Secor proceeded to provide background information and an overview of the program.

There being no further Probation business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Marcy Flores, *Public Defender*, who distributed copies of the Public Defender agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing her agenda review, Ms. Flores presented a request to fill the vacant position of 5<sup>th</sup> Assistant Public Defender, *Annual Salary \$63,066*, due to resignation.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the request and refer same to the Personnel & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position form is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Flores then introduced a request to authorize an application and grant agreement with New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (NYSOILS) to provide grant funding in the amount of \$3,970,289.43 for Indigent Legal Services (ILS) in Warren County for a term commencing April 1, 2018 and terminating March 31, 2023. She indicated the funding was for criminal cases, apprising she had worked hard and put in many hours applying for the five year grant; she added this would allow her to expend monies to maximize her department. She advised she would be able to hire new positions that would be 100% State funded, informing all the equipment an attorney required was included in the grant. Ms. Hogan inquired if the stipends would effect other departments and Mr. Moore replied all similar positions would be handled the same way.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17, 2019 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Concluding her agenda review, Ms. Flores answered questions in response to an email she had provided on April 1, 2019 regarding ILS updates for 2019-2020, State Budget/Historic and Criminal Justice Reform.

Ms. Flores mentioned her space at the City of Glens Falls Town Hall was nearing completion.

As there was no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Ms. Braymer and seconded by Mr. Simpson, Mr. Leggett adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist