

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: MAY 31, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS LEGGETT
GERAGHTY
SIMPSON
WILD
MAGOWAN
SOKOL
HOGAN
DRISCOLL
VACANT

OTHERS PRESENT:

MARCY FLORES, PUBLIC DEFENDER
ERIN BROTHERS, ASSISTANT TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
BRIAN LAFLORE, FIRE COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES
REPRESENTING THE WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:
BUD YORK, SHERIFF
SHAWN LAMOUREE, UNDERSHERIFF
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISOR LOEB
ELIZABETH McLAUGHLIN, COMMISSIONER (D), BOARD OF ELECTIONS
WILLIAM VANNESS, COMMISSIONER (R), BOARD OF ELECTIONS
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS DIAMOND
BRAYMER
MERLINO

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the May 31, 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 11:32 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Marcy Flores, *Public Defender*, who distributed copies of the Public Defender agenda to the Committee; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing her agenda review, Ms. Flores presented a request to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services Contract No. C700052.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 19th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes. (Note: Subsequent to the meeting it was determined this authorization was previously provided.)*

Proceeding, Ms. Flores presented the following requests:

- 1) To amend the 2019 County Budget in the amount of \$21,200 to allocate funds for furniture and computer equipment.

Ms. Flores advised she was requesting that these funds be appropriated in advance of an official grant award to purchase furniture and computers in preparation for the new staff that would be hired through the same grant. Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, clarified this was not the typical process used, as funds were not usually appropriated until a grant award was officially made; however, he noted that in this case the funds were guaranteed and therefore an exception was being requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. Geraghty 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.*

- 2) To amend the Table of Organization and Salary Schedule to create the position of Case Manager-Public Defender, Grade 14, *Base Annual Salary \$40,954.*
- 3) To fill the position of Case Manager-Public Defender, *Grade 14, Base Annual Salary \$40,954, effective July 1, 2019.*
- 4) To amend the Table of Organization and Salary Schedule to create the new position of Legal Clerk, *Grade 5, Base Annual Salary \$30,520.*
- 5) To fill the position of Legal Clerk, *Grade 5, Base Annual Salary \$30,520, effective July 1, 2019.*

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously to approve the requests outlined above and forward same to the Personnel & Higher Education Committee. *Copies of the resolution request and Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position forms are on file with the minutes.*

- 6) To fill the vacant position of 8th Assistant Public Defender, *Annual Base Salary \$47,500.*

Ms. Flores noted that she had previously received authorization to fill the 8th Assistant Public Defender position, but because that authorization was over six months old, an updated authorization was required.

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

Privilege of the floor was extended to Brian LaFlure, *Fire Coordinator/Director of the Office of Emergency Services (OES)*, who distributed copies of the OES agenda to the Committee; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing his agenda review, Mr. LaFlure presented a request to authorize out-of-state travel for himself to attend the First Responder Network Authority (*FirstNet Authority*) Public Safety Roadmap Summit in Phoenix, Arizona, June 11-13, 2019.

A lengthy discussion ensued in regards to the purpose of the Summit and Mr. LaFlure's intent to address the lack of cell phone coverage in the Adirondacks, following which 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 June 19th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Leggett noted discussion at the last County Facilities Committee meeting regarding the possibility of moving the OES equipment currently housed in the County-owned building located on Lower Warren Street, to increase the amount of space leased to D&G Recycling. He asked Mr. LaFlure if an alternate solution had been identified to house the emergency vehicles and Mr. LaFlure replied he had updated drawings/plans from a vendor stamped with New York State requirements as well as a plot plan for property close to the County building.

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

Commencing his agenda review, Undersheriff Lamouree presented the following requests:

- A) To authorize out-of-State travel for Patrol Officer C. Howse to attend Project Lifesaver Training in Orlando, Florida, August 23-30, 2019.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Magowan, and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 19th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- B) To authorize a new contract with Mid-State Communications in the amount of \$2,850 to perform safety inspection and evaluation of radio towers on Prospect Mountain.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 19th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- C) To amend the 2019 County Budget in the amount of \$274,411.03 to reflect the receipt of funds received from the Dormitory Authority of New York State grant to correct clerical errors.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Magowan, 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.*

- D) To fill the vacant position of Patrol Officer #47, *Base Annual Salary \$42,373*, due to promotion.
- E) To fill the vacant position of Investigator #4, *Base Annual Salary \$72,561*, due to retirement.
- F) To fill the vacant position of Communications Supervisor, *Base Annual Salary \$54,149.70*, due to retirement.
- G) To fill the vacant position of Senior Communication Officer #3, *Base Annual Salary \$51,399.70*.
- H) To fill the vacant position of Communication Officer #3, *Base Annual Salary \$40,563.88*, due

to promotion.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously to approve the requests as outlined above and forward same to the Personnel & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *Copies of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position forms are on file with the minutes.*

- I) To authorize a new contract with Social Sentinel Inc., in the total amount of \$10,500 to provide school safety by scanning social media for language and harm violence for a term commencing July 1, 2019 and terminating June 30, 2020, to be paid from asset forfeiture funds.

A lengthy discussion ensued in regards to what the software covered and whether it could be construed as an invasion of privacy, following which a motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 19th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- J) To authorize a contract with Great Escape (*Six Flags*), in the total amount of \$70,000 to provide police services.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 19th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing, Undersheriff Lamouree reviewed the Topics for Discussion portion of the agenda, noting there were currently three vacant Corrections Officer positions, and one Corrections Sergeant vacancy.

Bud York, *Sheriff*, apprised of a lawsuit against the Correctional Facility brought by an inmate which they had fought and won; he thanked Mary Elizabeth Kissane, *County Attorney*, and Mr. Moore for their support. He also spoke about the excellent work done by the Sheriff's Office and the State Police in quickly solving a homicide case that had occurred last week in the Town of Queensbury.

There being no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Wild and seconded by Ms. Hogan, Mr. Leggett adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

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