

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

DATE: **MARCH 30, 2006**

Committee Members Present:	Amy Bartlett, First Assistant County Attorney
Supervisors Tessier	Robert Iusi, Director, Probation Department
Bentley	Kelly Ann Kostyal, Crime Victims Specialist
O'Connor	Joan Parsons, Commissioner of Administrative &
Stec	Fiscal Services
Kenny	Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board
Mason	Supervisor Barody
VanNess	Nicole Livingston, Second Deputy Clerk

Mr. Tessier called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m

Motion was made by Mr. Kenny seconded by Mr. Stec, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2006 meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk.

Mr. Tessier noted that the District Attorney was not able to attend the meeting today.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Kelly Ann Kostyal, Crime Victims Specialist, who announced to the committee that National Crime Victims Week was quickly approaching. She extended a formal invitation to all of the Supervisors to attend a luncheon on Friday, April 28, 2006 at noon in the Supreme Court Room. She noted they would be honoring twelve local law enforcement and service providers this year, as well as presenting a courage award and a special recognition award.

On behalf of the District Attorney, Mr. Tessier apprised there was a resolution request to apply to the New York State Crime Victims Board for a grant and to authorize a grant agreement to fund the Crime Victim Assistance Program in the Warren County District Attorney's Office.

A motion was made by Mr. VanNess, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to authorize the District Attorney's Office to apply to the New York State Crime Victims Board for a grant and to authorize a grant agreement to fund the Crime Victim Assistance Program in the Warren County District Attorney's Office. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Robert Iusi, who noted he did not have an Agenda. He reminded the committee that at the last meeting they had authorized a resolution request to apply for a grant with the Division of Criminal Justice Services to purchase the Prober Web-based Automated System. He had indicated that the State would provide around \$18,000 to do the automated probation case management project. He added that he had the Information Technology Department look at the probation computer system to confirm whether or not it could support the Prober Web-

based system. He stated they would need to purchase a new server and software in order to build a data base on it and it would cost an additional \$10,500. He said he had the money in his custody fee account and would like permission to take that money and transfer it into the software and hardware supplies in order to begin the project.

A motion was made by Mr. VanNess, seconded by Mr. Kenny and carried unanimously to amend the 2006 County Budget to accept probation custody fees in the amount of \$10,500 and to accept grant funds from New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for Prober Web-based software in the amount of \$17,877 to allow the probation Department to purchase related computer hardware and software necessary to support this project. The request was referred to the Finance Committee and a copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

Mrs. Parsons entered the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Amy Bartlett, First Assistant County Attorney. She apprised she had a resolution request to amend Local Law No. 6 of 2003 to amend the duties of the Public Defender.

A motion was made by Mr. Mason and seconded by Mr. Bentley to amend Local Law No. 6 of 2003.

Mr. Bentley asked if a Public Hearing would be held regarding the Local Law; and Ms. Bartlett replied yes it would be at the May 12th Board of Supervisors meeting.

Ms. Bartlett noted that she had an update regarding the Conflict Defender. She stated that she had met with the interested parties and they would be changing a few parts of their original proposals. She added that the Conflict Defender for Family Court would be going into place in May.

The question was called and the motion was carried unanimously to amend Local Law No. 6 of 2003 to amend the duties of the Public Defender. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the next Board meeting.

Mrs. Parsons distributed a statistical report from the Department of Assigned Counsel to the committee members, a copy of which is on file with the minutes. She stated that the report was presented due to a prior request from the committee.

Mr. Mason questioned if a past problem with pending cases in Assigned Counsel had been resolved; and Mrs. Parsons replied yes and she thought by next year they should see true numbers relative to the reimbursement.

Mr. Tessier requested having a report next month that would show the exact number of cases that went to the Assigned Counsel.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Mr. VanNess and seconded by Mr. Mason, Mr. Tessier adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Livingston, Second Deputy Clerk