

# WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE

DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

**Committee Members Present:**

Supervisors Bentley  
O'Connor  
Kenny  
VanNess

**Others Present:**

Robert Iusi, Director of Probation  
Kate Hogan, District Attorney  
John Wappett, Public Defender  
Amy Bartlett, First Assistant County Attorney  
JoAnn McKinstry, Deputy Commissioner of  
Administrative & Fiscal Services  
Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board  
Supervisor Geraghty  
Supervisor Belden  
Supervisor Haskell  
Bud York, Sheriff  
Shane Ross, Chief Deputy  
Brian Laflure, Fire Coordinator/Director of Office of  
Emergency Services  
Amy Manney, Emergency Services Coordinator  
Joanne Collins, Legislative Office Specialist

**Committee Members Absent:**

Supervisors Tessier  
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Taylor

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In the absence of the Committee Chairman, Vice Chairman Bentley called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Committee to order at 9:37 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. VanNess, seconded by Mr. Kenny, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2008 Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Robert Iusi, Director of Probation, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Mr. Iusi requested authorization for a new contract with Hudson Valley Polygraph Services to conduct polygraph tests for level two and three Sex Offenders. He apprised that the State Division of Probation had made funds available for polygraph services for level two and level three offenders and that it had been a challenge to find such services in the area; however, he said, they had identified the above named thereby requesting to enter into a contract, and to continue polygraph assessment for the duration of the availability of State funding for same. He added that approximately 26 offenders would be tested, the cost of one polygraph was approximately \$300 and would be fully funded by the State Division of Probation.

Motion was made by Mr. VanNess, seconded by Mr. Kenny and carried unanimously to authorize a new contract with Hudson Valley Polygraph Services as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Responding to an inquiry from Mr. VanNess, Mr. Iusi expounded that the information gathered from the polygraph could not be used against an offender in a court of law; however, he said, it would be used with regard to conditions of probation for the purpose of assessing treatment strategies.

Pursuant to the request to enter into a contract for polygraph services, Mr. Iusi presented a request to amend the 2008 County Budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$3,000, to reflect enhanced supervision of sex offender funding for polygraph testing.

Motion was made by Mr. VanNess, seconded by Mr. Kenny and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Iusi presented a request for Authorization To Attend Meeting or Convention for Martha DeLarm, Probation Officer and Supervisor for sex offenders, to attend the "Teamwork in Trying Times: Improving our Response to Sexual Abuse" training to be held in Atlanta, Georgia from October 21 through October 25, 2008, at a single room rate of \$129 per night and a daily meal cost of \$49. He apprised the expenses would be covered by the State Division of Criminal Justice Grant with no cost to the County. Additionally, he noted, it was written into the grant that air travel expenses for this training would be paid for Dr. Hammell and one staff member in Warren County Probation.

Motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. VanNess and carried unanimously to approve the request for out-of-State travel as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Iusi presented a request to transfer funds from Code A.3140.444, Travel/Education/Conference, to Code A.3140.220, Office Equipment, in the amount of \$1,020 to purchase RAM space for a hard-drive which hosted the Caseload Explorer. He said the use of the server eliminated the need for one clerical staff member.

Motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. VanNess and carried unanimously to approve the request for transfer of funds as outlined above, and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Iusi apprised the Committee of a vacancy for a part-time clerical staff member which would not be filled and would be reflected in the 2009 Budget.

There being no further business to come before the Criminal Justice Committee, on motion by Mr. VanNess and seconded by Mr. Kenny, Mr. Bentley adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Collins, Legislative Office Specialist