

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Including Probation , Public Defender, District Attorney)

DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2008

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS TESSIER
BENTLEY
O'CONNOR
VANNESS
TAYLOR

OTHERS PRESENT:

MARK SAGER, SUPERVISOR OF PROBATION
JOHN WAPPETT, PUBLIC DEFENDER
FREDERICK MONROE, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
HAL PAYNE, COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE &
FISCAL SERVICES
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISOR GERAGHTY
THOM RANDALL, ADIRONDACK JOURNAL
JOANNE COLLINS, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

SUPERVISORS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS STEC
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Mr. Tessier called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Committee to order at 9:36 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2008 Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mark Sager, Probation Supervisor, who requested to transfer funds from Salaries, Part-Time to Telephone in the amount of \$900 and to Automotive - Gas and Oil, in the amount of \$500.

Motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously to approve the request to transfer funds in the amount of \$1,400 as outlined above, and to refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request for Transfer of Funds is on file with the minutes.*

This concluded the Probation Department portion of the Criminal Justice meeting.

Privilege of the floor was extended to John Wappett, Public Defender, who apprised that the addition of a staff member to the Department last July had proved significantly beneficial to the Department and subsequently, he said, he would present two requests to transfer funds.

Further, he stated, many cases which included several felony trials required significant time and manpower. Mr. Wappett thanked the Board of Supervisors for approving the additional staff member.

Mr. Wappett requested a transfer of funds in the amount of \$563 from Code A.1171 200 - Office Equipment, to Code A.1171 426 - Subscriptions.

Motion was made by Mr. VanNess, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to approve the request to transfer funds in the amount of \$563 as outlined above, and to refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request for Transfer of Funds is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Mr. Wappett requested a transfer of funds in the amount of \$37,542, from the Contingent Fund (A.1990 469) to various codes within the Public Defender Budget including Salaries, Supplies,

Telephone, Postage, Subscriptions, Legal/Transcript Fees, Travel/Education/Conference, and Consulting Fees.

Motion was made by Mr. VanNess, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to approve the transfer of funds from Contingent Fund in the amount of \$37,542 as outlined above, and to refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Concluding the Public Defender portion of the meeting, Mr. Tessier extended privilege of the floor to Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board, who would present two requests on behalf of Kate Hogan, District Attorney.

Mrs. Sady stated the first item was a request to transfer funds in the amount of \$1,039 from various codes to Code A.1165 440 - Legal/Transcript Fees.

Motion was made by Mr. VanNess, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,039 as outlined above, and to refer same to the Finance Committee. A copy of the request for Transfer of Funds is on file with the minutes.

Mrs. Sady presented a Request to amend Resolution No. 433 of 2007 authorizing the District Attorney to appoint a staff member/Department representative to travel and attend meetings of the New York State District Attorney's Association in Ms. Hogan's absence at no expense to Warren County.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. VanNess and carried unanimously to approve the request to amend Resolution No. 433 of 2007 as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 19, 2008 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

There being no further business to come before the Criminal Justice Committee, on motion by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. VanNess, Mr. Tessier adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Collins, Legislative Office Specialist