

## WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**DATE: JANUARY 26, 2012**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS BENTLEY	ROBERT IUSI, DIRECTOR OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
KENNY	JASON CARUSONE, FIRST ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
STRAINER	DANIEL G. STEC, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
MONROE	PAUL DUSEK, ADMINISTRATOR
DICKINSON	JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD
VANSELOW	SUPERVISOR WOOD
MASON	SUPERVISOR TAYLOR
	SUPERVISOR MERLINO
	DON LEHMAN, <i>THE POST STAR</i>
	JOANNE COLLINS, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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Mr. Bentley called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Committee to order at 9:31 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Monroe, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

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

Mr. Iusi explained he would present requests for the continuation of existing funding streams in the Probation Department. He advised the Probation State Aid Block Grant provided the majority of State funding which totaled \$80,000 last year. Two other funding streams, he stated, were Probation Eligible Diversion funds which supported Drug Court activities at approximately \$20,000; and Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) funds used for pre-trial release programs. Mr. Iusi noted that a portion of the latter was used for community services activities through the Community Action Agency.

Commencing the Action Items portion of the agenda, Mr. Iusi presented a request to extend the contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives for Probation Eligible Funding, for the term commencing January 1, 2012 and terminating March 31, 2012, for a total amount not to exceed \$4,910. He noted the extension represented a three-month bridge contract for alignment with the State fiscal year.

Motion was made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried unanimously to extend the contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17, 2012 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Mr. Iusi presented a request to extend the contract with the Warren Hamilton Counties Action Committee for Economic Opportunity (ACEO), to operate the Alternative Sentencing Program for Adults in Warren County, for the period commencing January 1, 2012 and terminating December 31, 2012, for a total amount not to exceed \$27,000. Mr. Iusi pointed out that Lynn Ackershoek, Executive Director of the Warren/Hamilton County Community Action Agency, indicated she had operated the program at a loss of \$3,500 in 2011 and remaining stimulus funds had enabled

program continuation for the current year. Looking ahead to 2013, Mr. Iusi asserted that Community Action Agency programming may not be possible without additional funding and he suggested that Ms. Ackershoek attend a future meeting to share information in that regard.

Motion was made by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Monroe and carried unanimously to extend the contract with the Warren Hamilton Counties ACEO as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17, 2012 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Iusi stated the third and final request was to extend the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Social Services (DSS), for Preventive Services which included a Juvenile Probation Officer at an annual salary of \$60,000. He noted the cost for the Juvenile Probation Officer was reimbursed at 62%.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Vanselow and carried unanimously to approve the request to extend the MOU with the DSS as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17, 2012 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Jason Carusone, First Assistant District Attorney, who stated he would present a request on behalf of the District Attorney's Office.

Mr. Carusone presented a request to extend the contract with Robert Lathrop, Program Administrator for the Alive at 25 Program, to provide driver safety education to individuals between the ages of 16 and 25, who received a traffic violation. Mr. Carusone advised there was no cost to the County and each participant paid a \$60 fee, of which \$23 was paid to the Program Administrator, and the remaining portion to the Youth Bureau.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Monroe and carried unanimously to approve the request to extend the contract with Robert Lathrop as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 17, 2012 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Carusone explained the program had a high success rate and noted classes were conducted in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department. He reported there were 290 enrollees in Warren County and he noted the Town of Queensbury averaged ten enrollees per week. He further explained that point reductions for speeding violations required participation in the program. Mr. Carusone added that parents could initiate participation for their child in the absence of a violation.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Collins, Legislative Office Specialist