

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 491 OF 2011

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Conover, Kenny, VanNess, Belden, Goodspeed, Sokol, Merlino, Taylor and Strainer

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF ITEMIZED BUDGET AND WORKPLAN AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS RELATIVE TO ADDITIONAL FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM THE NEW YORK STATE INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES BOARD BY THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, earlier this year, the Indigent Legal Services Board for New York State authorized an additional distribution of funding to Counties and the City of New York for purposes of improving the quality of services provided pursuant to Article 18b of the County Law and the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services invited proposals from New York Counties and the City of New York for distribution of these funds, and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Public Defender's Office proposed to improve the quality of services by providing experienced Appellate Advocacy through the Public Defender's Office with a secondary goal of training the newer attorneys in Appellate Advocacy and in more detail, identified the tasks and performance measures and identified a budget amount of \$23, 455, and

WHEREAS, the proposal includes providing a stipend to the Public Defenders and Confidential Secretary involved with the appeals and providing for the acquisition of a collating copier for a total amount of \$23,455, and

WHEREAS, provided the New York State Office for Indigent Legal Services approves the plan, it is understood that a contract will be forwarded to the County for the expenditure of the funds in the manner identified, and that the Warren County Public Defender's Office will undertake the program described above, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the plan developed by the Warren County Public Defender be, and hereby is authorized and approved and the actions of the Warren County Public Defender and County Administrator

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in arranging for the timely submission of the same are hereby ratified, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board be, and hereby is authorized to execute a contract with the State of New York and/or the Office of Indigent Legal Services for the additional funding as described in the preambles of this resolution with a contract to be in a form approved by the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Warren County Public Defender's Office be, and hereby is, authorized to carry out the activities provided for in the plan with such activity to be completely paid for by the additional funds being provided by the Indigent Legal Services Board.