

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**WILBER, FARWELL, OBERACKER, FRAZIER, STAMMEL**  
**JULY 9, 2020**  
**12:00 p.m.**

Under the current COVID-19 emergency/Executive orders, this committee meeting was not physically open to the public at the County Office Building. The meeting was streamed via facebookLIVE.

Members: Representative Wilber- present, via zoom  
Representative Farwell- present, via zoom  
Representative Oberacker- absent  
Representative Frazier- present, via zoom  
Representative Stammel- present, via zoom

**CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER- SARAH PURDY via zoom**

Sarah Purdy requested approval for the following trainings:  
-One DSS Supervisor to attend Advanced Issues in Forensic interviewing: Successful Outcomes online at a cost of \$14  
-One DSS Caseworker to attend Advanced Issues in Forensic Interviewing: Emerging Issues online at a cost of \$14  
-One DSS Caseworker to attend Child Forensic Interview Training online at a cost of \$70  
-Pay for DSS/MDT members to attend Recognizing Implicit (Unconscious) Bias: What it means in our daily lives and in the workplace at a cost of \$500- unlimited amount of staff can attend this online training-currently 53 DSS employees have registered  
-Pay for Two DSS attorney's to attend NYPWA virtual legal education training at a cost of \$200 each-mandatory training for attorneys to include mandated CLE credits  
Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,952. Absent: 534-Oberacker. Motion carried.  
Sarah Purdy stated that she emailed the committee the OCFS annual breakdown of actual expenses which if she continues to stay on track with past spending then approximately \$20,000 will be not utilized which could hinder next year's allocation.

**PROBATION- DAN NAUGHTON via zoom**

Dan Naughton requested approval to replace Ameen Aswad on the Alternatives to Incarceration Board with Ashley Sullivan. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Frazier. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,952; Absent: 534-Oberacker. Motion carried.

Dan Naughton explained why he would like his department to switch to a three, ten-hour work day schedule during the summer, which would be staggered to cover the full workweek, noting this will reduce overtime.

#### **PUBLIC DEFENDER- MIKE TROSSET via zoom**

Mike Trosset informed the committee that they received notice from ILS that they have initiated the process of paying some of their claims totaling approximately \$415,889.

Mike Trosset stated that he was able to convince ILS to allow him to utilize Hurrell Hearing funding to cover his salary and fringe costs instead of the Chief Assistant's position whom was laid off, effectively shifting the 100% local cost to 100% state reimbursement.

Mike Trosset informed the committee that he and his Assistant PD's continue to cover after-hour arraignments within their regular duties without paying out stipends, in an effort to help the County save money.

Mike Trosset reviewed the 18B panel budget, noting that only 26% of the budget has been spent this year mainly because family court and criminal court are not operating to the same extent during the pandemic.

Mike Trosset stated that they are short staff and that he has taken over the courts that the Chief Assistant once covered until he was laid off. Mr. Trosset added that the current Assistants remain in the same courts they were in prior to the pandemic. Mr. Trosset stated that demands and expectations from clients are high, the time commitment will be greater and the backlog from the past months during the pandemic will make reopening of the courts difficult to manage while meeting their specific requirements. After further discussion, Representative Frazier moved approval to create, fund and fill a part time Assistant Public Defender. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,952; Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

#### **SHERIFF- RICH DEVLIN AND CAM ALLISON via zoom**

Rich Devlin updated the committee concerning the cleaning issues at the Jail that there is a Cleaner from Building Services now and the issue has been resolved.

Rich Devlin thanked Building Services for the improvement that they have seen concerning building issues/work orders that are being addressed.

Rich Devlin requested approval to fill a vacant funded Deputy Sheriff Investigator position #1 and back fill a vacant funded Deputy Sheriff position upon promotion pending final approval of the Personnel Officer and the Treasurer. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Frazier. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,952; Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

Rich Devlin requested approval to purchase two dog kennels for the K9 unit at a total cost of \$1,400. Representative Frazier moved for approval.

Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,952; Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY- ELLEN COCCOMA via zoom**

Ellen Coccoma requested approval for an exception to the spending freeze to pay \$140/month thru the end of the year to Lexis. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,952. Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Representative Frazier moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,952. Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.