

**PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
FRAZIER, WILBER, STAMMEL, FARWELL, OBERACKER  
November 18, 2019**

**Also Present: Board Chair Bliss**

**COUNTY ATTORNEY- ATTORNEY ELLEN COCCOMA**

The Committee recessed for consultation with counsel at 12:31pm.

The Committee reconvened at 12:57pm.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER- ATTORNEY MICHAEL TROSSETT and REBEKAH TALBOT**

Attorney Trosset and Rebekah Talbot, Grants Administrator, gave updates on funding opportunities they are pursuing with the goal of reducing local costs for staff and equipment, 18B, Counsel at First Arraignment (CAFA), and the Centralized Arraignment Part (CAP), including but not limited to funding through the Office of Indigent Legal Services (OILS) Distributions #7,#8,#9, and Hurrell-Harring funds.

Attorney Trosset requested approval to accept the grant funds OILS contract C60036 for Distribution #6 in the amount of \$167,055. Representative Oberacker moved to accept the grant funds. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 1,999. Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Representative Wilber entered during the above discussion.

Attorney Trossett requested approval to contract with The Rural Law Center of New York, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000 for the term January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 to provide appellate representation. Representative Oberacker moved to enter into the contract. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Attorney Trossett requested approval to purchase a new printer/copier unit in the amount of \$4,620.50. Representative Wilber moved to approve the purchase. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Attorney Trossett requested approval to enter into an annual agreement for the Public Defender Case Management System (PDCMS) database in the amount of \$2,000 for the term November 2019 – November 2020. Representative Wilber moved to enter into the agreement. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Attorney Trossett requested approval to reimburse Attorney Miosek for expenses incurred to attend a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) seminar on November 16, 2019 in the amount of \$736.55. Representative Oberacker moved to approve the reimbursement. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

**SHERIFF- SHERIFF RICH DEVLIN and UNDERSHERIFF CAM ALLISON**  
**Also Present: Commissioner Eve Bouboulis (DSS) and Dan Naughton (Probation)**

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to hire a Correctional Sergeant at Step 4. Representative Oberacker moved to approve hiring a Correctional Sergeant at Step 4. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested approval to hire a Corrections Nurse at Step 2. Representative Wilber moved to approve hiring the Correction Nurse at Step 2. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Sheriff Devlin requested an update from the Committee about hazard pay for part-time sergeants.

Sheriff Devlin gave an update on the Jail repairs, including but not limited to:

- work scheduled to begin on November 20 or 21, 2019
- currently all inmates are being boarded out
- the NYS Commission of Correction has prepared an action plan for the repairs, and the Public Works Committee approved funding the repairs last week

Sheriff Devlin and the Committee discussed building maintenance concerns, especially with regard to correctional staff completing maintenance tasks out-of-title and contract considerations.

Commissioner Bouboulis gave the following updates:

- the Commissioner met with the Public Works Committee, the Human Services Committee, the Public Safety & Legal Affairs Committee, and Undersheriff Allison to research security at County-owned properties
- job descriptions and duties statements for the proposed security officers have been completed
- items that require further investigation include cost allocation, reimbursement options, and contract questions
- Mr. Naughton would like 2 offices at 242 Main St.

Commissioner Bouboulis requested clarification on how and from which accounts the proposed security officers will be funded.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY- ATTORNEY JOHN MUEHL**

Attorney Muehl requested approval to fill a vacant, funded Legal Secretary position. Representative Oberacker moved to fill the position. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Attorney Muehl requested approval to fill a vacant, funded Child Advocacy Coordinator position. Representative Oberacker moved to fill the position. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Attorney Muehl and the Committee discussed the future outcomes of recent changes to NYS criminal justice law effecting discovery, bail, and the jail population.

**CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER (CAC)- DENISE OLIVER**

Denise Oliver requested the following budget modification:

-Transfer from:	CAC Grant	0000-3380-A	\$1,429.55
-Transfer to:	CAC Personal Svc.	3700-1000-A	\$1,429.55

Representative Wilber moved to approve the budget transfer. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

Denise Oliver requested approval to apply for the National Children's Alliance grant for 2020. Representative Wilber moved to approve applying for the grant. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

**PROBATION- DAN NAUGHTON**

Dan Naughton, Director of Probation, discussed NYS changes in Raise the Age funding, stating reimbursement opportunities that were once there are no longer, and so Mr. Naughton does not plan to hire additional personnel at this time as was projected.

Dan Naughton updated the Committee with the results of recent residence searches and ID checks conducted in collaboration with Oneonta Police.

Representative Oberacker moved to enter into executive session to discuss the matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion,

demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person at 2:27pm. Seconded, Stammel. Total: 2,486. Ayes: 2,486. Motion carried.

The Committee reconvened at 2:44pm.

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES- ART KLINGLER**

Art Klingler, Emergency Services Coordinator, gave the following update: the fire training center RFP has been submitted again, due November 19, 2019 at 4pm.

Mr. Klingler reported he has met with stakeholders to discuss concerns regarding the state and future of emergency medical services in the County. The Committee and Mr. Klingler discussed various concerns without resolution.

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee set their next meeting for Monday, December 16, 2019 at 12:30pm at the County Office Building and adjourned.