

LEGAL COMMITTEE

February 17, 2010

PRESENT:

**Patrick Grattan- Chairman
Lawrence Andrews
Edward Nabozny
John Musall
William Hallenbeck, Jr.
Kevin McDonald
Lynda Scheer
Elizabeth Young**

ABSENT

**Reginald Crowley – notified
Margaret Robertson**

ALSO PRESENT:

**Becky Leader –Deputy Clerk
Sheriff Harrison
Arlene Levinson
Michael Benvenuto
Sean Lally
Beth Cozzolino
Dennis McEvoy
William Hughes, Jr.
Barrett Mack**

Press: 1

Chairman Grattan called the meeting to order at 6:57 P.M.

Sheriff's Office- Sheriff Harrison

Resolution Request: - Fill one (1) full-time Communications Officer position due to retirement. Base salary \$47,968.00, starting - \$35,976.00. Motion made by J. Musall, seconded by E. Young, motion carried.

Resolution Request: – To ensure that the Sheriff, Undersheriff, Law Enforcement Captain, and the Jail Administrator are covered by the same indemnification liability language as that of the Deputy Sheriffs and Corrections Officers. Motion made by J. Musall, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried.

.2 Expenditure: – 40 Kitchen Trays for the Jail, \$1,280.00. Motion made by L. Scheer, seconded by E. Young, motion carried.

.2 Expenditure: – 3 (24/7) Chairs, \$750.00. Sheriff Harrison mentioned that the cost of \$750.00 is the usual cost of one chair. Motion made by L. Scheer, seconded by L. Andrews.

Conference Objective Form: Taser International Course, April 9, 2010, Kingston, New York, with one person attending at a total cost of \$390.00. Noted that this money is in the budget. Motion made by E. Young, seconded by L. Andrews, motion carried.

Sheriff Harrison gave the Out of County Inmate Report. They billed \$55,560, which is about \$20,000 more than last year.

Probation: Michael Benvenuto

No specific requests this month. He will be readdressing a resolution to fill a vacant budgeted Probation Officer position at next week's Budget and Salary Review Committee; a position that has been vacant since May 2009.

He attached a copy of the "NYS Council of Probation Administrator's Written Testimony before the Joint Fiscal Committees of the New York State Legislature". Noted that the testimony should be read at the Supervisors leisure in order to give them an uncompromised look at the fiscal plight of probation and the job that probation performs.

Alternate Conflict Defender:- Sean Lally

S. Lally handed out a monthly report.

Public Defender – Arlene Levinson

A. Levinson distributed January 2010 monthly report.

Conference Objective Form: Twenty Fourth Annual Metropolitan New York Trainer, March 13, 2010, New York, NY, with one person attending at a total cost of \$85.00. Motion by E. Young, seconded by E. Nabozny, motion carried.

Conference Objective Form: Assessing and Treating Criminal Thinking, March 25, 2010 and March 30, 2010, Albany Judicial Center, with four people attending at no cost. Motion by P. Grattan, seconded by W. Hallenback Jr., motion carried.

L. Scheer asked if A. Levinson and S. Lally had discussed new Conflict Defender computer software. S. Lally said that he would pass the information along to Chairman Grattan and A. Levinson.

Second Conflict Defender – Dennis McEvoy
D. McEvoy handed out a monthly report.

District Attorney – B. Cozzolino

L. Scheer mentioned she is very proud of the District Attorney's new office.

B. Cozzolino said she would like to have a Legal Committee meeting at the new office with a tour and possibly a small reception.

B. Cozzolino reported that she has two Felony Trials starting on Monday with S. Lally representing one of the clients.

Chairman Grattan decided a special meeting should be set up to interview candidates for the vacant Conflict Defender position. It was decided that the meeting would take place on Friday February 26, 2010 at 3:30 P.M. It was asked that the Deputy Clerk make copies of resumes for all Legal Committee members, and that no resumes be accepted after February 25, 2010.

With no further business a motion to adjourn at 6:20 P.M. by J. Musall, seconded by E. Nabozny, motion carried.