

LEGAL COMMITTEE

March 19, 2008

PRESENT:

James Keegan-Deputy Chairman
Elizabeth Young
John Musall
Tom Dias
William Hughes

ABSENT:

Doug McGivney-notified
Lawrence Andrews-notified
Reginald Crowley

ALSO PRESENT:

Melissa Noblin-Deputy
Arlene Levinson
Sheriff Harrison
David Bartlett
Mike Benvenuto
Charles Benton

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Deputy Chairman Keegan called meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

SHERIFF - David Harrison:

The out of county inmate report was given and Sheriff Harrison stated that \$58,450 was received, which is an increase of \$2,000 over this time last year.

Resolution Request to authorize the Sheriff to create and fill two part-time Clerk positions, at an hourly rate of \$12.8953, not to exceed 17.5 hours per week and to fill one cook position with an annual salary of \$27,882.00 and one Correction Officer PCP position(s) at an annual salary of \$30,548.00. Motion to approve and move to Finance made by E. Young and seconded by T. Dias, motion carried.

PROBATION – Mike Benvenuto:

Resolution Request to approve and authorize the Chairman of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to execute and deliver any and all documents for implementation of an Alternatives To Incarceration Contract with NYS providing \$21,600.00 in State Aid for Probation's Community Service and Pre-Trial Release Programs. Motion to approve and move to Finance made by E. Young and seconded by W. Hughes, motion carried.

.2 Purchase approval was requested for SQL Server 2005 Software, at a cost of \$2,604.53. Motion to approve made by T. Dias and seconded by W. Hughes, motion carried.

PUBLIC DEFENDER - A. Levinson:

Conference approval for Assistant Public Defenders was then requested, for the NYSBA Practical skills: Family Court Practice Conference at a cost of \$75-\$90 per attorney, four to attend and the NYSACDL Annual Mid-Hudson Trainer conference at \$100 per attorney, eight to attend. Motion to approve made by T. Dias and seconded by E. Young, motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding February report and drug court and it was suggested that Deputy Chairman Keegan request Judge Nichols appear before Legal Committee soon, and discuss drug court.

Committee requested the District Attorney's Office be contacted and someone from that Office appear.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 10:31 a.m., to discuss specific Personnel within the Sheriff's Department and actions to be taken with respect to same made by E. Young and seconded by W. Hughes, motion carried.

Motion to move to Regular Session at 10:43 a.m. made by T. Dias and seconded by E. Young, motion carried.

No one from the District Attorney's Office was available to appear and it was requested that the record show that there was no representation from the District Attorney's Office or the County Attorney's Office.

Motion to adjourn at 10:51 p.m., made by E. Young and seconded by T. Dias, motion carried.