

COURTS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
August 9, 2018

Present: Legislators Larry Dolhof, Greg Kulzer, Jerry King and Ron Burns, County Manager Ryan Piche, Probation Director MaryJo Burkhard, Fire & Emergency Management Director Robert MacKenzie, Sheriff Michael Carpinelli, Undersheriff Jason McIntosh, District Attorney Leanne Moser and Investigator Richard Knight. Reporter Nick Altmire

Legislator Kulzer called the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Legislator King made a motion to approve the 7/12/18 committee meeting minutes, seconded by Legislator Burns and carried.

The following dockets were approved:

- 1-Appropriate forfeiture funds into DA account for conference expenses-\$1,568.00
- 2-Appropriate forfeiture funds into DA account for investigator toolbox expense-\$248.39
- 3-Appropriate insurance recovery into Emergency Management account - \$150.00

Probation Director MaryJo Burkhard reviewed her report (attached).

MaryJo highly commended Probation Officer Mike Virkler's performance. Although regretful to accept his resignation, she's confident he will be a great asset in his new Watertown Police Officer role. Legislator King made a motion to authorize refilling a full-time Probation Officer or Probation Officer Trainee position pending recruitment, effective immediately seconded by Legislator Kulzer and carried.

She referenced the recent arrest of three juveniles for crimes in Harrisville. These cases will be a good comparison of requirements before and after 10/1/18 when the new "Raise the Age" regulations commence. The goal is to keep juveniles from having a permanent criminal justice record that affects all future endeavors.



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Memo

TO: Courts and Law Committee

FROM: Mary Jo Burkhard, Director

DATE: August 6, 2018

RE: Probation Update

1. I reported last month that I did not see any major concerns or changes to my 2019 budget. I have met with Ryan and Patty to review my budget line by line. However, we will require additional monies in our training budget next year because effective August 20, 2018 we will be without PO Mike Virkler. He notified me on 7-27-18 that he had been hired by the Watertown Police Department and would be leaving his position with us, effective 8-17-18. I have met with Ryan and Chris and we will begin canvassing from the existing civil service list. As has been the case in the past when we are short staffed, we will all have to pick up the slack and take on additional responsibilities until we have a new Probation Officer on board.
2. A new employee will be required to attend 4 weeks in Albany for Fundamentals and Peace Officer Training, at an estimated cost of \$4,000. We will also incur the cost of a new bullet proof vest. The new PO or PO trainee will start out at an hourly rate of \$20.31 or \$22.00/hr vs Mike's rate of \$22.29.
3. We continue to spend time preparing for RTA, effective Oct. 1, 2018. Our DCJS data from Jan-June 2018 show 1 16 year old arrest for a violent felony and 3 misdemeanor arrests to date. The data for 17 year olds arrested in the first 6 months of this year shows 1 violent felony, 2 felonies and 1 misdemeanor arrest. As presumed, the numbers are not excessivehowever, since we will not have full staffing and since this is a new process, my guess is we will be scrambling to keep up for the next few months.