

PAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Cameron, Attorney General  
Chris Cohron, Commonwealth's Attorney, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Shane Young, Commonwealth's Attorney, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Courtney Baxter, Commonwealth's Attorney, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
John Soyars, Christian County Attorney  
Martin Hatfield, Pulaski County Attorney  
Joe Ross, Logan County Attorney  
Margaret Daniel, Citizen Member

PAC/OAG STAFF PRESENT

Bobby Stokes  
Gina Carey  
Madeline Wise  
Thomas Lockridge  
Mike Carr  
Barry Dunn  
Susan Blake

GUESTS PRESENT

Louis Kelly, Commonwealth's Attorney, 54<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Harry Rothgerber, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Kathy Senter, Commonwealth's Attorney, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

Pursuant to KRS 15.100(2), Executive Director, Bobby Stokes asked Madeline Wise to call the roll. After the roll was called, a quorum was announced, and the meeting was called to order.

Bobby Stokes welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced the retirement of James "Jim" Crawford, Commonwealth's Attorney, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. Leigh Ann Roberts has been temporarily appointed to fill the position until the Governor's Office announces the permanent replacement. Vicki Hayden, Ballard County Attorney will be retiring December 31, 2021.

Bobby asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2021 Regular Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the Council was made by Margaret Daniel, seconded by Joe Ross and passed by voice vote.

## **Administrative Updates**

### **Rocket Docket**

Gina provided an update on the Rocket Docket program and indicated that the interim report will be presented to the Council in January for review prior to February's due date. Gina reminded the Council that the biennial budget request included replacement of restricted funds with federal funds for the program.

### **Child Sexual Abuse Report Update**

Gina anticipates submission of the report by February. Susan added that Gina and Terri were working very hard on the report and making great progress.

### **Training Updates**

Susan Blake provided a summary of the Kentucky Prosecutors Institute for County Attorneys which was held in November with 20 participants. The training went well, and the feedback was very favorable and built confidence of attendees. Susan expressed an interest in continuing to offer KPI twice annually so the trainings can be smaller groups and focus more in depth on topics as they relate to Commonwealth's Attorneys and County Attorneys.

Susan updated the Council on additional training opportunities she is coordinating for Jury Selection in April and Administrative Training for the later part of 2022.

PAC staff is in the process of establishing a Personal Service Contract for employment law issues and will review proposals and have a contract in place soon.

### **TSRP Updates**

Tom Lockridge provided an overview of several training opportunities that are currently scheduled which include Commercial Driver's License and McCarthy on December 3, 2021, Prosecuting the Drugged Driver Training that will take place at the Origin Hotel, in the Summit at Fritz Farm, Lexington, on February 23-24, 2022 and Drug Recognition Expert training in March 2022.

Tom reported that he assisted Susan Blake with the Kentucky Prosecutor's Institute for County Attorneys which was an excellent class where all attendees showed marked improvement and the evaluations were excellent.

Tom reported on November 3, 2021, he conducted a training on Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and the McCarthy case. Tom reported that more than 50 attended the session and those attendees were very interactive.

## **Budget**

### **FY2022 Update**

Gina Carey reported that the fiscal year is running as anticipated with the exception of more vacancies than normal.

Gina reported the Biennial Budget is complete and there have been technical changes submitted which is routine.

Gina discussed the Actuarially Accrued Liability Compensation for the County Attorney's Budget. Gina reported \$2.5 million was allocated for this and it appears that approximately \$1.9 million will be used resulting in a lapse which will be addressed with the Governor's Office for Policy and Management.

## **Personnel Requests**

### **A. No Additional Funds**

1. Kathy Senter, Commonwealth's Attorney 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to increase salaries of two (2) Assistant Commonwealth's Attorneys over \$5,000.00 within a fiscal year. Chris Cohron motioned to approve the request, seconded by Shane Young and passed by voice vote.
2. Neil Kerr, Commonwealth's Attorney 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to establish a temporary quarter-time Commonwealth's District Secretary position with no additional funds to be paid with asset forfeiture funds retroactive to November 16, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Chris Cohron motioned to approve the request, seconded by Margaret Daniel and passed by voice vote.
3. Sharon Muse, Commonwealth's Attorney 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to establish an unfunded Commonwealth's Detective position effective January 1, 2022. Chris Cohron motioned to table the request until the January 21, 2022 meeting requesting Sharon be in attendance, seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote.

4. Lou Anna Red Corn, Commonwealth's Attorney 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to reallocate a quarter-time Law Clerk Position to a quarter-time Program Planner position effective January 1, 2022. Chris Cohron motioned to approve the request, seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote.
5. Stephen Bates, Grant County Attorney, requested approval to establish a quarter-time Assistant County Attorney position retroactive to December 6, 2021. Martin Hatfield motioned to approve the request, seconded by John Soyars and passed by voice vote.

B. Tabled Additional Funds

1. Sharon Muse, Commonwealth's Attorney 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to reallocate two (2) full-time Law Clerk positions to two (2) full-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorneys position retroactive to November 1, 2021. Chris Cohron motioned to approve the request, seconded by Shane Young and passed by voice vote.

Bobby reminded members and guests that the next meeting of the Prosecutors Advisory Council would be on Friday, January 21, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Office of the Attorney General, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Frankfort.

A motion to adjourn was made by Margaret Daniel, seconded by Chris Cohron and passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am.