

PAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Cameron, Attorney General
Christopher Cohron, Commonwealth's Attorney, 8th Judicial Circuit
Courtney Baxter, Commonwealth's Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit
Shane Young, Commonwealth's Attorney, 9th Judicial Circuit
John Soyars, Christian County Attorney
Joe Ross, Logan County Attorney
Martin Hatfield, Pulaski County Attorney
Margaret Daniel

PAC/OAG STAFF PRESENT

Amy Burke
Bobby Stokes
Gina Carey
Madeline Wise
Julie Cox
Sheila Kratzer
Rachel Conyers

GUESTS PRESENT

Emma Mills, Legislative Research Commission
Kathy Senter, Commonwealth's Attorney, 4th Judicial Circuit
Lou Anna Red Corn, Commonwealth's Attorney, 22nd Judicial Circuit
Louis Kelly, Commonwealth's Attorney, 54th Judicial Circuit
Ann Schiavone Dyke, Office of the Jefferson County Attorney
Ingrid Geiser, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 30th Judicial Circuit
Joe White, Clay County Attorney
Brian Wright, Commonwealth's Attorney, 29th Judicial Circuit
Rob Sanders, Commonwealth's Attorney, 16th Judicial Circuit
Erwin Roberts, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 30th Judicial Circuit
Robert Neace, Boone County Attorney

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 discussed the success for the first virtual day of KPC and thanked Susan, Chad, Gina, Tom and Madeline for their assistance with the live conference. Bobby announced that Keith Hall, Pike County Attorney will be resigning effective August 24, 2020 and Karen Blondell, Commonwealth's Attorney, 44th JC will retire effective September 1, 2020.

Bobby Stokes asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2020 Special Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the Council was made by Chris Cohron, seconded Martin Hatfield and passed by voice vote.

Administrative Update

Training Updates

Bobby shared that over 400 people registered for virtual KPC 2020. Martin Hatfield & Joe Ross thanked everyone for their efforts setting up this year's conference.

Advance KPI Training focusing on jury selection will be held in Louisville, the week of January 11, 2021. Registration will open in September and all that registered prior to the pandemic, will need to reregister.

The Prosecutor's Basic DUI Trial Advocacy course is scheduled for September 29-30, 2020 in conjunction with Ohio. Registration for this training will be limited to 15 participants and there is already a wait list.

KY Impaired Driving Summit will be held in downtown Lexington on Nov. 17, 2020.

Rocket Docket

Gina had prepared and provided a copy of the interim report for the Rocket Docket Program to the Council which continues to be successful at each of its goals despite the cancellation of courts due to the pandemic from March through June. The 2020 annual report showed cumulative savings exceeding \$125 Million over the five years of the project.

Chris Cohron thanked Gina for her hard work on the project. Martin Hatfield suggested adding, "meeting and exceeding objectives" to page 2 & page 3. A motion to approve the suggested changes and submit the final report to the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet was made by Margaret Daniel, seconded by Joe Ross and passed by voice vote.

Budget Update

Bobby shared a request from Melvin Leonhart, Commonwealth's Attorney, 20th JC for a budget adjustment for the purpose of increasing the rate for janitorial services by 160%. Due to the extravagant increase and nepotism concerns, Chris Cohron motioned to table the request to the next PAC meeting to gather additional information and request Mel to appear for discussion, seconded by Margaret Daniel and passed by voice vote.

Gina provided an update on the current year budget stating that vacancy credits are running as projected. The vacancy credits for the Commonwealth's Attorneys' budget is on par and the County Attorney's vacancy credits are ahead due to higher turnover. Overall expenses are on track as budgeted. KPC budget will show savings this year due to virtual training.

Chris Cohron motioned to increase Susan Blake's salary plus benefits by \$5,000 with funding from Expungement Funds, seconded by Martin and passed by voice vote.

Chris Cohron motioned Gina Carey's position be converted to full time, with salary to \$75,000 plus fringe with half being paid from Commonwealth's Attorneys budget and half being paid from the County Attorney budget, seconded by Shane Young and passed by voice vote.

Expert Witness Request

Shelly Miller, Commonwealth's Attorney 11th Judicial Circuit, requested approval for expert witness funds more than \$5,000. Chris Cohron motioned to approve the expenses and seek reimbursement from the Justice Cabinet, seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote.

Personnel Requests

A. No Additional Funds Required

1. Mike Stacy, Commonwealth's Attorney 1st Judicial Circuit, requested approval to temporarily reallocate a quarter-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position to a quarter-time Law Clerk position and raise salary by \$10,000.00 effective September 1, 2020. Chris Cohron motioned to approve, seconded by Shane Young and passed by voice vote.
2. Michelle Snodgrass, Commonwealth's Attorney 17th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to temporarily reallocate a full-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position to a full-time Law Clerk position effective September 1, 2020 and revert back once the individual passes bar exam. Chris Cohron motioned to approve, seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote.

3. Lou Anna Red Corn, Commonwealth's Attorney 22nd Judicial Circuit, requested approval to reallocate a part-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney to a full-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney and increase salary over \$5,000.00 retroactive to August 1, 2020. Chris Cohron motioned to approve, seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote.
4. Tom Wine, Commonwealth's Attorney 30th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to extend use of asset forfeiture to fund part-time District Secretary position until December 31, 2020. Christ Cohron motioned to approve, seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote.
5. Martin Hatfield, Pulaski County Attorney, requested approval to reallocate a part-time Assistant County Attorney position to a part-time Legal Secretary position effective September 1, 2020. Motion to approve was made by Joe Ross, seconded by John Soyars and passed by voice vote.

Bobby reminded members and guests that the next meeting of the Prosecutors Advisory Council will be on October 23, 2020.

A motion to adjourn was made by Margaret Daniel, seconded by Chris Cohron and passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 AM.