

MINUTES

Friday, July 17, 2020

10:00 AM EST

Special Meeting

Skype Video Conference Meeting

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
Aaron Dail, Citizen Member

PAC/OAG STAFF PRESENT

Amy Burke
Bobby Stokes
Gina Carey
Madeline Wise
Julie Cox
Susan Blake
Rachel Conyers
Thomas Lockridge
Barry Dunn

GUESTS PRESENT

Carrie Ovey-Wiggins, Commonwealth's Attorney, 56th Judicial Circuit
Emma Mills, Legislative Research Commission
Hallye Arterburn, Allen County Attorney
Kathy Senter, Commonwealth's Attorney, 4th Judicial Circuit
Laura Witt, Commonwealth's Attorney, 53rd Judicial Circuit
Lou Anna Red Corn, Commonwealth's Attorney, 22nd Judicial Circuit
Louis Kelly, Commonwealth's Attorney, 54th Judicial Circuit
Ralph Vick, Commonwealth's Attorney, 45th Judicial Circuit
Shelly Miller, Commonwealth's Attorney, 11th Judicial Circuit
Bailey Taylor, Commonwealth's Attorney, 55th Judicial Circuit
Spark, Guest
Rob Sanders, Commonwealth's Attorney, 16th Judicial Circuit
Ben Harrison, Lewis County Attorney
Bill Markwell, Commonwealth's Attorney, 51st Judicial Circuit

Corbin Kline, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 46th JC
Erwin Roberts, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 30th Judicial Circuit
Jenny Oldham, Hardin County Attorney
Jennie Haymond, Estill County Attorney
Stacy Tapke, Kenton County Attorney
Steve Gold, Henderson County Attorney
Jackie Steele, Commonwealth's Attorney, 27th 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 introduced the two new Commonwealth's Attorneys council members; Shane Young from the 9th Judicial Circuit and Courtney Baxter from the 12th Judicial Circuit. Bobby reminded everyone that this was a special meeting and discussions would be limited to the items on the agenda.

Bobby Stokes asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 19 , 2020 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

Susan Blake provided an updated on KPC 2020 stating additional equipment was needed and has been ordered. She discussed that presentations and recordings will be offsite and local meeting spaces have been visited and tested for strong band width. Susan also discussed the Jury Selection course, also known as Advanced KPI, that has been rescheduled for Jan 2021; she'll be sending registration information out.

Tom Lockridge discussed DUI Training for Sept. 29 & 30, 2020, to be held at the Loft in Northern KY in conjunction with Ohio. Registration for this training will be limited to 15 participants.

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

Rocket Docket

Gina advised that the Rocket Docket report for fiscal year 2020 will be submitted to the Council at the August meeting.

KPC 2021 Proposals

Madeline Wise presented proposals for KPC 2021 and discussed that Louisville Marriott Downtown had agreed to honor the 2020 contractual agreement and pricing. Madeline also advised that she had requested an update from Lexington on the construction project for the Central Bank Center but did not get a response by the time of the meeting.

Chris Cohron made a motion to select Louisville Marriott Downtown for the dates of August 25-27 for KPC 2021, seconded by Shane Young and passed by voice vote.

2020 Ian Sonogo Award of Excellence Nomination Review

Chris Cohron requested that the recipient of the Sonogo Award of Excellence be determined at the end of this PAC meeting.

Salary Scale Subcommittee Recommendation Reports for Consideration/Approval

Gina provided an overview of the report for Commonwealth's Attorneys. Shane Young motioned to approve the report once the language related to KRS 69.010 was updated, seconded by Chris Cohron and passed by voice vote.

Gina gave an overview of the County Attorney Report and noted that a few formatting changes were needed. Martin Hatfield made a motion to approve with proposed formatting changes, seconded by Joe Ross and passed by voice vote.

Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Proposal

Bobby advised that the Justice Cabinet's grant review committee unanimously denied PAC's application for funding and an appeal would be filed.

Discussion of August Meeting Date/Time

Bobby reminded the Council that the date for the August PAC meeting is set for August 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM CST which was originally planned to be held in conjunction with KPC 2020 and asked if the meeting date or time needed adjusting. The council agreed that no changes were necessary. Bobby advised that the meeting will be held via Skype Video Conferencing.

Budget Update

Gina advised that fiscal year 2020 officially closed July 16, 2020 and a small number of invoices would be carried forward to FY21 which is normal. Gina indicated that the mandatory vacancy period the Council previously approved is effective and the current year budget is in line with projections.

Expert Witness Request

Shelly Miller, Commonwealth's Attorney 11th Judicial Circuit, requested approval for expert witness funds more than \$5,000.00. Chris Cohron made a motion to approve the odontologist and anthropologist expenses if the Justice Cabinet does not cover the expenses under their contracts and review the mental health expenses at the August meeting, seconded by Shane Young and passed by voice vote.

Personnel Requests

A. No Additional Funds Required

1. Lou Anna Red Corn, Commonwealth's Attorney 22nd Judicial Circuit, requested approval to increase salary over \$5,000 for a part-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position effective August 1, 2020 and further requests approval to reallocate a part-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position to a full-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position effective August 1, 2020. Chris Cohron motioned to approved, seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote.
2. Baily Taylor, Commonwealth's Attorney 55th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to increase salary over \$5,000 for a full-time District Secretary position effective August 1, 2020. Chris Cohron motioned for approval, seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote.
3. Stacy Tapke, Kenton County Attorney, requested approval to temporarily reallocate a full-time Assistant County Attorney position to a full-time Law Clerk position and revert back once individual passes bar exam effective August 1, 2020. Stacy Tapke withdrew her request during the meeting.
4. Bill Robinson, Washington County Attorney, requested approval to allow PAC to administer local funds to supplement salary of a part-time Legal secretary position effective August 1, 2020. Martin Hatfield motioned to approve, 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 Tuesday August 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and advised that the meeting will be held via Skype Video Conference.

2020 Ian Sonego Award of Excellence Nomination Review

After review and discussion of the nominations for the Sonego Award, Chris Cohron made a motion to select Andrea Williams, seconded by General Cameron and passed by voice vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Cohron, seconded by John Soyars and passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM.