

PAC MEMBERS PRESENT

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

PAC/OAG STAFF PRESENT

Julie Cox  
Penny Quatman  
Samantha Bracco  
Bobby Stokes  
Mike Carr  
Gina Carey  
Susan Blake  
Chad Coleman

GUESTS PRESENT

Lindsay Landis, Greer County Victim Advocate  
Clayton D. Adams, Commonwealth's Attorney, 45<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Terry Geoghegan, Commonwealth's Attorney, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Greg Price, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Louis Kelly, Commonwealth's Attorney, 54<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Tom Simmons, Wayne County Attorney  
Lisa Nally-Martin, Marion County Attorney  
Harry Rothgerber, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Kimberly Baird, Fayette County, 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Brian Goettl, Jessamine County Attorney  
Shane Young, Commonwealth's Attorney, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Martin Hatfield, Pulaski County Attorney  
Allen O. Wilson, Livingston County Attorney  
Zac Greenwell, Commonwealth's Attorney, 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Thomas Wine, Commonwealth's Attorney, 30<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Richie Kemp, Commonwealth's Attorney, 52<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Steve Gold, Henderson County Attorney

Pursuant to KRS 15.100(2), Bobby Stokes, Executive Director called 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 introduced newly hired PAC staff member, Samantha Bracco who will be handling payroll certifications, health insurance benefits and the Procard program. Chris Cohron introduced Adam Turner, the County Attorney elect for Edmondson County.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Council was made by Shane Young, seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote.

### **Administrative Updates**

#### **Training Updates**

Susan Blake provided an update on the training team's work and reported she and Tom Lockridge attended NDAA training at the beginning of May.

Susan reported they are working on an upcoming agenda for the Unified Prosecutorial System which will include practical cross examination training to be held in the fall.

Susan provided an update on the KPC schedule and advised it is almost full. Several speakers cancelled but she expects to fill those slots. Registration information will be distributed in June and the conference rates will remain the same as the previous year. The "early bird" rate is \$150 through June, July will be \$175 and beginning August the rate will be \$200. The onsite registration fee will be \$250. The conference will be held in Lexington August 24 – 26<sup>th</sup>.

Susan advised that the administrative training will take place in December 2022.

#### **TSRP Update**

Tom Lockridge provided an overview of the NDAA Cross Examination training he and Susan attended with 84 other individuals and advised that attending these trainings is invaluable as it allows them to create new trainings for Kentucky.

Tom reported the Circuit Clerk's association would meet next week to discuss CDL regulations. The CDL pilot project would be given to the current TSRP. The plan is to implement this process in two counties, then put into effect throughout the remaining counties.

Tom reported they would begin conducting technical assistance meetings with individuals from the 13<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> Judicial circuits to work on

techniques concerning murder and serious sexual abuse cases. Tom encouraged everyone to reach out to him for assistance as needed.

Jenny Reed and Kathy Phillips reported they had worked with several prosecutors regarding blood search warrant draws.

Jenny provided an overview on a recent and productive meeting with the MADD president and advised she will continue to work on additional projects; she is hopeful to have the president of MADD participate at KPC.

Jenny announced the Lethal Weapon Conference will take place at the Kentucky horse park in conjunction with Tennessee. Bobby paid tribute to the recent loss of Jody Cash, Calloway County Chief Deputy and retired KSP trooper who was very instrumental in the lethal weapon program.

### **Rocket Docket**

Gina advised that the application period is open and requested to establish a committee to review applications the week of June 6<sup>th</sup>. Martin Hatfield made a motion to appoint Courtney Baxter, Chris Cohron, Joe Ross and himself as members to review applications, seconded by Shane Young and passed by voice vote.

### **2022 SONEGO AWARD**

Bobby asked the council to review the nomination form in their folders with a due date of June 13, 2022. Chris Cohron motioned to approve the form and due date, seconded by Margaret Daniel and passed by voice vote.

### **Budget**

#### **FY2023 UPDATE- Additional Position Requests**

Gina announced the contribution rate for retirement has been reduced to 78% and a revised budget will be forthcoming to account for the changes.

Gina reported the eDiscovery software is expected to begin roll out June 1<sup>st</sup>,2022.

Gina announced the addition of eleven (11) new County Attorney's due to the primary election.

Chris announced for the first time in a decade, substantial funding was received to allocate for additional funding of positions. All but six Judicial Circuits requested additional positions that totaled \$5.4M for Commonwealth's Attorneys. All requests

were reviewed and the first round of allocations were announced. Chris stated that round two allocations will be Rocket Docket then round three allocations will take place once Rocket Docket funding is set.

Chris Cohron directed the Council to their folders to review the list of recommended requests for approval of additional funding of new positions and salaries for the Commonwealth Attorney and motioned to approve the list, while denying the request from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote.

Chris Cohron made a motion to approve the funding to change the remaining part time offices to full time offices, seconded by Martin Hatfield and passed by voice vote.

Martin Hatfield provided an overview of the requests received from County Attorneys for additional positions. Of the 84 requests received which totaled \$4.7M, 59 requests were approved. Martin advised that ten requests were for salary increases and were not approved since the funding was specific to new positions. Joe Ross made a motion to approve the requests for additional funding of new positions and salaries for County Attorneys as outlined, seconded by Martin Hatfield and passed by voice vote.

Chris Cohron made a motion for all new attorney positions allocated for Commonwealth and County Attorneys be deemed either Law Clerks or Assistant positions temporarily pending the results of the BAR exam at the discretion of the elected, seconded by Martin Hatfield and passed by voice vote.

### **Expert Witness**

Chris Cohron made a motion to approve the expert witness funding request from Brian Wright, Commonwealth's Attorney 29<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, up to an additional \$5,000 for a total of \$15,000 based on prior request, seconded by Shane Young and passed by voice vote.

### **Personnel Requests**

#### **No Additional Funds**

1. Mike Stacy, Commonwealth's Attorney 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to increase salary over \$5,000 of a full-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney. Chris Cohron motioned to approve the request, seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by a voice vote.
2. Chris Cohron, Commonwealth's Attorney 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to reallocate a part-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position to a full-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position with no additional funding retroactive

to May 1, 2022. Shane Young made a motion to approve, seconded by Margaret Daniel and passed by voice vote.

3. Shelly Miller, Commonwealth's Attorney 11<sup>th</sup> judicial Circuit, requested approval for a salary increase over \$5,000 of a part-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney. Chris Cohron motioned to approve, seconded by Shane Young and passed by a voice vote.
4. Jennifer Oldham, Hardin County Attorney, requested the approval to reallocate a part-time assistant County Attorney position to a full-time Assistant County Attorney position and to reallocate a part-time Legal Secretary position to a part-time Victim Advocate position with no additional funds effective June 1, 2022. Motion to approve by Joe Ross, seconded by Martin Hatfield and passed by a voice vote.

Gina announced that the Personnel Cabinet's KHRIS system will be unavailable the first of June due to software maintenance and effective dates for new hires will be June 16, 2022 or after July 5, 2022. Julie Cox requested all June actions be submitted as soon as possible.

Gina provided an overview to the ethics component of House Bill 773 and advised that a committee for County and Commonwealth Attorney's will need to be established by the Associations.

Gina advised due to the passing of HB 782, County Attorneys must collect financial statements beginning July 1, 2022, and PAC will merely be the collector of the information by providing an email address for the submission of forms as required by the Auditor's Office. Joe Ross made a motion to establish a committee consisting of himself, Martin Hatfield and John Soyars to oversee the collection of forms, seconded by Martin Hatfield and passed by voice vote.

General Daniel Cameron announced Rewa Zakharia will serve as the new Director of the Office of Special Prosecutions.

Bobby reminded members and guests that the next meeting of the Prosecutors Advisory Council would be on Friday June 17, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Office of the Attorney General, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Frankfort.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Cohron, seconded by Margaret Daniel and passed by a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.