

PAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Cameron, Attorney General
Chris Cohron, Commonwealth's Attorney, 8th Judicial Circuit
Shane Young, Commonwealth's Attorney, 9th Judicial Circuit
Joe Ross, Logan County Attorney
Martin Hatfield, Pulaski County Attorney
Margaret Daniel, Citizen Member

PAC/OAG STAFF PRESENT

Bobby Stokes
Madeline Wise
Gina Carey
Mike Carr
Thomas Lockridge
Julie Cox
Jenny Reed

GUESTS PRESENT

Harry Rothgerber, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 8th Judicial Circuit
Rob Sanders, Commonwealth's Attorney, 16th Judicial Circuit
Richie Kemp, Commonwealth's Attorney, 52nd Judicial Circuit
Joe White, Clay County Attorney
Lou Anna Red Corn, Commonwealth's Attorney, 22nd Judicial Circuit
Tom Wine, Commonwealth's Attorney, 30th Judicial Circuit
Russ Guff, Green 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 announced that new technology was being used to stream the meeting utilizing a 360-degree view with sound.

Administrative Updates

Training Updates

In Susan Blake's absence, Tom Lockridge provided an update on KPC and advised that registration is open and final travel arrangements were being made for speakers

Tom advised that a training is being coordinated for Cross Examination for October 31 – November 2 at Embassy Suites in Lexington. This training will be modeled after the NDAA training Susan attended in Nashville and will be open to County and Commonwealth Attorney prosecutors with a limit of 40. Registration details will be sent at a later date.

Tom advised that training is being coordinated for Basic Training December 5-8 at Embassy Suites which will focus on newly elected County Attorneys and may provide a refresher course for administrative positions.

TSRP Update

Jenny Reed provided an update on the progress being made with the TSRP program and advised that she has been filming with KSP and will send out training on KY Ops for standardized reporting for field sobriety testing.

Jenny is planning an ARIDE training for fall which will be for County and Commonwealth's Attorneys.

2023 Rocket Docket Award Recommendations

Gina had prepared and provided a copy of the recommendations of the programs to receive funding which included six new offices. Chris Cohron indicated that the programs were continuing to run amazingly well despite the Covid setbacks. Chris Cohron made a motion to approve the recommendations as presented by Gina through December 31, 2022 then review to ensure offices are running successful programs and being good stewards of the money and to remove programs not performing satisfactorily. Joe Ross seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice vote.

2022 Ian Sonogo Award Process

Bobby provided an overview of the eligibility requirements for the Sonogo Award of Excellence and noted this is a prestigious award that is awarded annually at the KPC conference in memory of Ian Sonogo. Bobby directed to the Council to copies of the nominations received which were in their folders. Joe Ross made a motion to select Lynn Harber as the recipient of the award for the County Attorneys, seconded by Martin Hatfield and the motion passed by voice vote.

Shane Young made a motion to select Kristi Gray as the recipient of the award for the Commonwealth's Attorneys, seconded by Chris Cohron and the motion passed by voice vote.

FY2023 Update

Gina announced that the revised budgets include additional funds disbursed from the last meeting and Rocket Docket funding. Discussions are ongoing with the Personnel Cabinet regarding the implementation of the 8% increment and how it applies to non-executive branch employees. Chris Cohron made a motion to approve the corrections to salaries effective July 5, 2022, seconded by Shane Young and passed by voice vote.

Shane Young made a motion to approve the updated budget as presented by Gina, seconded by Chris Cohron and passed by voice vote.

FY2022 Update

Gina advised that the fiscal year is almost over and all funds will be spent.

Gina provided a brief update on the CSA data collection for 2022 and indicated that Pendleton County is the only office that is nonresponsive and holding up the completion of the report. All data collection remains on schedule to be completed as projected by February 2023.

Leases

Madeline Wise provided an update on the lease for the office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 6th Judicial Circuit which was up for renewal. The increase requested by the County was reasonable according to Real Properties. Chris Cohron made a motion to approve the additional funding for the lease increase, seconded by Shane Young and passed by voice vote.

Expert Witness

Shane Young, Commonwealth's Attorney, 9th Judicial Circuit requested approval for expert witness expenses in an amount exceeding \$5,000 to have NMS Labs testify regarding CW v. T Raehme. A motion to approve the request was made by Chris Cohron, seconded by Joe Ross and passed by voice vote.

Personnel Requests

A. No Additional Funds

1. Zac Greenwell, Commonwealth's Attorney 5th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to reallocate a full-time Secretary position to a part-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position effective July 16, 2022. Chris Cohron made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Margaret Daniel and passed by voice vote.
2. Shane Young, Commonwealth's Attorney 9th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to establish a temporary quarter-time District Secretary position using asset forfeiture funds effective August 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Margaret Daniel made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Chris Cohron and passed by voice vote.
3. Sharon Muse, Commonwealth's Attorney 14th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to establish two (2) unfunded Law Clerk position retroactive to May 1, 2022. Chris Cohron made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Shane Young and passed by voice vote.
4. John Soyars, Christian County Attorney, requested approval to reallocate a full-time Secretary position to a part-time Secretary position retroactive to June 16, 2022. Joe Ross made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Martin Hatfield and passed by voice vote.
5. Russ Goff, Green County Attorney, requested approval to reallocate newly awarded full-time Victim Advocate position to a part-time

Victim Advocate position retroactive to June 16, 2022 and requests to reallocate funding previously approved for staff. Joe Ross made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Martin Hatfield and passed by voice vote.

6. Allen Wilson, Livingston County Attorney, requested approval to increase salary over 8% for a quarter-time Assistant County Attorney position effective July 5, 2022. Martin Hatfield acknowledged nepotism and made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Joe Ross and passed by voice vote.
7. Matthew Hite, Nelson County Attorney, requested approval to establish a quarter-time Assistant County Attorney position with no additional funds retroactive to May 1, 2022. Martin Hatfield made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Joe Ross and passed by voice vote.
8. Clint Prow, Webster County Attorney, requested approval to establish a quarter-time Secretary position with no additional funds retroactive to June 1, 2022. Joe Ross made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Martin Hatfield and passed by voice vote.

B. Additional Funds

1. Tom Wine, Commonwealth's Attorney 30th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to reallocate a full-time Commonwealth's Detective position to a full-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position with funding for salary effective July 1, 2022. Chris Cohron made a motion to table the request to the August meeting, seconded by Margaret Daniel and the motion passed by voice vote.
2. Richie Kemp, Commonwealth's Attorney 52nd Judicial Circuit, requested approval to reallocate a part-time Law Clerk position to a full-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position with funding effective July 1, 2022 and to reallocate funding previously approved for staff. Chris Cohron made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Shane Young and passed by voice vote.

3. Joseph White, Clay County Attorney, requested approval to establish a temporary part-time Paralegal position with funding effective July 5, 2022 through September 31, 2022. Martin Hatfield made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Joe Ross and passed by voice vote.
4. Myles Holbrook, Morgan County Attorney, requested approval to establish a full-time Victim Advocate with funding effective July 5, 2022 and requests additional funding for staff salary. Martin Hatfield made a motion to table both requests to the August meeting, seconded by Joe Ross and passed by voice vote.
5. Bill Robinson, Washington County Attorney, requested approval to establish a full-time Victim Advocate position with additional funds for salary retroactive to June 16, 2022. Joe Ross made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Martin Hatfield and passed by voice vote.

Bobby reminded members and guests that the next meeting of the Prosecutors Advisory Council would be on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 10:00 am at the Hyatt Regency, Downtown Lexington.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Cohron, seconded by Shane Young and passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.