

PAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Cameron, Attorney General

Courtney Baxter, Commonwealth's Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit

John Soyars, Christian County Attorney

Joe Ross, Logan County Attorney

Martin Hatfield, Pulaski County Attorney

Chris Cohron, Commonwealth's Attorney, 8th Judicial Circuit

PAC/OAG STAFF PRESENT

Gina Carey

Madeline Wise

Susan Blake

Thomas Lockridge

Rachel Conyers

Kathy Phillips

GUESTS PRESENT

Harry Rothgerber, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 8th Judicial Circuit

Kathy Senter, Commonwealth's Attorney, 4th Judicial Circuit

Terry Geoghegan, Commonwealth's Attorney, 10th Judicial Circuit

Don Smith, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 35th Judicial Circuit

Erin Chamberlin, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 35th Judicial Circuit

Brian Wright, Commonwealth's Attorney, 29th Judicial Circuit

Richie Kemp, Commonwealth's Attorney, 52nd Judicial Circuit

Joe White, Clay County Attorney

Bailey Taylor, Commonwealth's Attorney, 55th Judicial Circuit

Lou Anna Red Corn, Commonwealth's Attorney, 22nd Judicial Circuit

Tom Wine, Commonwealth's Attorney, 30th Judicial Circuit

Sam Phillips, Simpson County Attorney

Ingrid Geiser, Office of Jefferson County Attorney

Ann Dyke, Office of Jefferson County Attorney

Kelly Clark, Commonwealth's Attorney, 19th Judicial Circuit

Jackie Steele, Commonwealth's Attorney, 27th Judicial Circuit

Josh Abner, Office of Jefferson County Attorney

Michelle Snodgrass, Commonwealth's Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit

Pursuant to KRS 15.100(2), Executive Advisor, Madeline Wise called the roll. After the roll was called, a quorum was announced, and the meeting was called to order.

Madeline asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2022 Regular Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the Council was made by Joe Ross, seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote.

Administrative Updates

Training Updates

Susan Blake provided an update on the training team. Susan reported she received interest from 25 attendees for the Administrative Training on April 18-20. Due to low interest for these dates, the Administrative Training will be postponed until November or December.

Susan reported Derrick Wright has agreed to participate in filming, "The Do's and Don'ts of Hiring and Firing" and "What is Workplace Harassment" for the on-demand video library. Susan also reported that Derrick has started reviewing the Employee Manual from 2018 for sections requiring updates.

Susan requested funding to attend the NDAA Cross Examination Training in Nashville May 1-4, 2022. Susan stated the anticipated cost of \$1,000.00 will cover hotel and meals. Chris Cohron motioned to approve Susan's request, seconded by Joe Ross and passed by voice vote.

TSRP Updates

Tom Lockridge provided the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Program (TSRP) update and announced that Jennifer Reed has been selected for the full time TSRP position and will begin February 16, 2022.

Tom announced that Kathy Phillips has been selected for the quarter time TSRP position and has already begun working.

Tom reported that Prosecuting the Drugged Driver Course is scheduled for February 23 & 24, 2022 in Lexington. Tom stated there are a couple of spots available if anyone is interested in attending.

Tom reported that a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) School is scheduled for March 7 & 18, 2022.

Tom reported that he will be attending the NDAA Sexual Assault Training, April 2022 in San Antonio, TX.

Tom reported that the Advanced KPI Jury Selection Course is scheduled for May 16-19, 2022, in Lexington.

Tom reported that the Lethal Weapon Crash Course is scheduled for June 27-30, 2022. The course will be held at the Hilton Downtown Lexington.

Tom reminded everyone that he has transitioned to his new position as the Violent Crime Resource Prosecutor and offered his assistance and requested feedback on what offices need help with the most in serious cases.

2019 Child Sexual Abuse Data Report

Gina Carey announced that the team is still auditing the reported cases and the completed report is expected by the next meeting.

Legislative Update

Martin Hatfield reported the DUI Search Warrant Bill is now awaiting a Judiciary vote and a Juvenile Justice Bill is currently circulating through the Legislature and is viewed favorable by prosecutors.

Chris Cohron reported that this session will have a significant impact on the budget for the Commonwealth's Attorney's. Chris reported they are currently waiting on a PFO reform bill.

Budget

FY2022 Update

Gina Carey reported FY 2022 budget is running as anticipated and added that vacancies are leveling off for the month. Gina reported there are 10 servers in the state that need to be replaced. The approximate cost to replace the servers is \$200,000 and funds are available in this fiscal year to purchase.

Gina reported there is a \$785.00 bill for a Victim's Advocate salary. This bill was acquired during the aftermath of the December 2021 tornadoes. The Graves County Victim's Advocate was required leave and relocate after his/her home was destroyed and the VOCA Grant will not cover this type of leave. Gina requested approval to pay the outstanding balance from general funds. Martin Hatfield motioned to approve the request, seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote.

Expert Witness

- A. Bill Slone, Commonwealth's Attorney, 35th Judicial Circuit, requested approval for expert witness expenses in an amount exceeding \$5,000. Chris Cohron motioned to approve the request, seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote.

Personnel Requests

A. No Additional Funds

1. Kathy Senter, Commonwealth's Attorney 4th 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 Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote.
2. Dan Boaz, Commonwealth' Attorney 2nd Judicial Circuit, requested approval to establish a temporary quarter-time District Secretary position with no additional funds effective March 1, 2022 to April 30, 2022. Courtney Baxter motioned to approve the request, seconded by Chris Cohron and passed by voice vote.

B. Tabled No Additional Funds

1. Sharon Muse, Commonwealth's Attorney 14th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to establish an unfunded Commonwealth's Detective Position. Chris Cohron motioned to deny the request, seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote.

Chris Cohron motioned to set a Special PAC Meeting for Friday, March 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in Frankfort, seconded by John Soyars and passed by voice vote.

Motion to go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(c) & (f) to discuss pending litigation was made by Chris Cohron, seconded by Courtney Baxter, and passed by voice vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into open session was made by Chris Cohron, seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote. Upon returning to open session, Chris advised that due to the ongoing investigation, no decision will be made at this time regarding Sharon Muse, Commonwealth's Attorney, 14th Judicial Circuit. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Madeline reminded members and guests that the next meeting of the Prosecutors Advisory Council would be on Friday, March 18, 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 Martin Hatfield and passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.