

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  
Shane Young, Commonwealth's Attorney, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Martin Hatfield, Pulaski County Attorney  
Joe Ross, Logan County Attorney

PAC/OAG STAFF PRESENT

Bobby Stokes  
Madeline Wise  
Gina Carey  
Susan Blake  
Julie Cox  
Penny Quatman  
Samantha Bracco  
Mike Carr  
Chad Coleman  
Lindsay James  
Sheila Kratzer  
Kathy Phillips  
Jenny Reed

GUESTS PRESENT

Joe White, Clay County Attorney  
Kathy Senter, Commonwealth's Attorney, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Karen Young, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 30<sup>TH</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Erwin Roberts, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 30<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Courtney Baxter, Commonwealth's Attorney, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Neil Kerr, Commonwealth's Attorney, 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Rob Sanders, Commonwealth's Attorney, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Brian Wright, Commonwealth's Attorney, 29<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Cam Culbertson, Scott County Attorney  
Michelle Snodgrass, Commonwealth's Attorney, 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Ingrid Geiser, Office of the Jefferson County Attorney  
Lou Anna Red Corn, Commonwealth's Attorney, 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Harry Rothgerber, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Jackie Steele, Commonwealth's Attorney, 27<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Stacey Tapke, Kenton County Attorney  
Mark Robbins, KCAA

Pursuant to KRS 15.100(2), Bobby Stokes, Executive Director 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 recommended everyone take time to walk around and view the newly remodeled convention center. Bobby thanked Susan Blake for the thoroughly planned conference and diverse agenda for the first live PAC conference since 2018.

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

## **Administrative Updates**

### **Training Update**

Susan Blake reported 685 people registered for the KPC conference. Susan advised that Chad Coleman created a scan code for evaluation forms.

Susan Blake advised the next cross examination training would take place in Lexington at Embassy Suites.

Susan reported the administrative training would take place at the end of the year and a schedule is underway.

### **Resource Update**

Tom Lockridge announced the domestic violence manual is almost complete.

Tom reported on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, out of state experts will arrive. Tom and Susan will be arranging meetings with current prosecutors.

Tom requested DPA motions related to capital cases. He stated the need of a 2<sup>nd</sup> chair in a capital murder case. He is hopeful to formulate a good panel of questions from this case.

Tom Lockridge reported they have remained busy creating a jury selection workshop. Technical assistance will be available to different circuits.

### **2020 Child Sexual Abuse Data Report**

Gina Carey announced some particulars are still being honed to assure the system is user friendly. She reported cases have reduced significantly since 2019.

Gina reported many cases have been closed. She requested to spend September tweaking the system and plans to have the report complete by January 2023.

Martin Hatfield made a motion to approve, seconded by Courtney Baxter, and passed by voice vote.

### **2022 PAC Rocket Docket Final Report**

Gina reported that in Fiscal Year 2022, there were 40,803 cases completed. The savings are estimated at \$180 million.

Shane Young made a motion to approve the 2022 Rocket Docket Report, seconded by Joe Ross, and passed by voice vote.

### **TSRP Update**

Jenny Reed and Kathy Phillips announced Bowling Green Police Academy is providing courses regarding DUI, search and seizure, and impaired driving task force. Everyone agrees CLE credits will be given for completed training. Jenny encouraged everyone to reach out if they're in need of experts.

Jenny reported they are working on a grant for roadside oral testing. There have been several technical issues regarding field sobriety testing for marijuana and check points that are being addressed.

Jenny announced Cops in Court will take place in September in Harrison County.

Stacy Tapke presented the proposed reporting forms for the County Attorney Traffic Safety Program Report which is due annually by October 1<sup>st</sup> and recommended that the Council adopt the forms which were modeled after LRC's recommendation to ensure fees are being sent to the correct place.

John Soyars made a motion to approve the forms, seconded, by Joe Ross and passed by voice vote.

### **Commonwealth's and County Attorney Detective Stipend Supplement**

Madeline Wise provided an overview of the eligibility guidelines for detectives to begin receiving the monthly stipend from the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund (KLEFPF). She explained in order to qualify you must be a full-time detective and applications must be sent by the County or Commonwealth Attorney's office- not individually and applicants must be up to date on all trainings including annual firearm qualification.

Madeline explained that the Department of Criminal Justice Training (DOCJT) will audit applications prior to approving the stipend. If the applicant is approved the monthly stipend will be added to the detective's paycheck. Applicants must be registered as an official officer and be POP certified.

Bobby encouraged anyone that needs assistance with this process to reach out to Madeline for assistance.

## **Budget**

### **FY2023 Update**

Gina Carey announced there're currently 614 Commonwealth Attorney's and 653 County Attorney's, some of which do crossover. Offices have been granted extra positions that still haven't been filled yet.

Gina requested to reallocate funds from a district secretary position to an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney position. Currently there're more vacancies in the County Attorney's offices than the Commonwealth Attorney's offices. Gina stated that several victims advocate positions remain vacant.

Gina requested to hire an assistant that is a current state employee under the merit system with an annual salary of \$55,000. John Soyars and Joe Ross advised that there were unallocated funds from the County Attorney's budget to fund 50% of the salary. Chris Cohron made a motion to approve the position as requested and funding be divided between the Expungement Fund and the County Attorney's budget for a six-month period followed with a 5% increment upon successful performance, seconded by Martin Hatfield and passed by voice vote.

Gina explained the County Attorney allocation of \$2.2 million dollars was incorrect, there was a lapse of \$800,000 and she would be sending a letter to LRC to explain the lapse.

### **Expert Witness**

Rob Sanders requested approval for expert witness expenses exceeding \$5,000 for Commonwealth vs. Hunter Moore. A motion to approve the request was made by Chris Cohron, 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 of a quarter-time Commonwealth's Detective position effective September 1, 2022.

2. Kathy Senter, Commonwealth's Attorney 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to increase salary of part-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney over \$50,000.00 and requests to establish a quarter-time District Secretary position retroactive to July 16, 2022.
3. Chris Cohron, Commonwealth's Attorney 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to reallocate a full-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position to a part-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position retroactive to July 16, 2022.
4. Shane Young, Commonwealth's Attorney 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to establish a temporary quarter-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position using asset forfeiture funds effective September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.
5. Andy Sims, Commonwealth's Attorney 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to establish a quarter-time District Secretary position effective September 1, 2022.
6. Sharon Muse, Commonwealth's Attorney 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to reallocate a full-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position to a part-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position retroactive to July 16, 2022.
7. Parker Boggs, Commonwealth's Attorney 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to establish a part-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position retroactive to July 5, 2022.
8. Tom Wine, Commonwealth's Attorney 30<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to increase salary of four (4) full-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney positions over \$5,000.00 within a fiscal year retroactive to August 16, 2022 and further requests to temporarily fund a full-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position using asset forfeiture funds effective December 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023.
9. Gary Gregory, Commonwealth's Attorney 41<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to increase salary over 8% for a quarter-time Commonwealth's Detective position retroactive August 1, 2022.

10. Rick Hardin, Commonwealth's Attorney 46<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to reallocate a full-time District Secretary position to a full-time Victim Advocate position retroactive to August 1, 2022.
11. Corey Morgan, Commonwealth's Attorney 49<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to increase salary over \$5,000.00 and establish a quarter-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position retroactive to July 16, 2022..

Chris Cohron made a motion to approve salary and position modifications on personnel requests 1-11, seconded by Courtney Baxter, and passed by voice vote.

12. William Markwell, Commonwealth's Attorney 51<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to increase salary of a full-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney positions over \$5,000.00 within a fiscal year effective September 1, 2022..

Chris Cohron moved to deny the salary increase of a full-time assistant at this time, seconded by Shane Young, and passed by voice vote.

13. Carrie Ovey-Wiggins, Commonwealth's Attorney 56<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 effective September 1, 2022.

Chris Cohron made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote.

14. Kathryn Thomas, Barren County Attorney, requested approval to establish a quarter-time Assistant County Attorney position with no additional funds retroactive to July 5, 2022.
15. Gilbert Holland, Knox County Attorney, requested approval to establish a quarter-time Assistant County Attorney position with no additional funds effective September 1, 2022.

16. Brad Derifield, Lawrence County Attorney, requested approval to reallocate a part-time Assistant County Attorney position to a full-time Assistant County Attorney position retroactive to August 1, 2022.
17. Cam Culbertson, Scott County Attorney, requests requested to establish an unfunded part-time Assistant County Attorney position retroactive to August 5, 2022.
18. Hart Megibben, Shelby County Attorney, requested approval to establish a temporary locally funded part-time Assist County Attorney position to be administered by PAC effective September 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.
19. Robert Hammons, Whitley County Attorney, requested approval to establish a quarter-time County Detective position with no additional funds retroactive to August 1, 2022.

Joe Ross made a motion to approve salary and position modifications on personnel requests 14-19, seconded by John Soyars, and passed by voice vote.

### **Additional Funds**

1. Neil Kerr, Commonwealth's Attorney 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested additional funding for staff salary or in the alternative requests approval to increase salary of a full-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position over \$5000.00 effective August 16, 2022.

Chris Cohron made a motion to approve reallocation of funds from a part-time detective position in order to increase salary of a full-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, seconded by Shane Young, and pass by voice vote.

2. Brian Wright, Commonwealth's Attorney 29<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested additional funding for staff salary.

Chris Cohron made a motion to table additional funding for staff salary until funding is available, seconded by Courtney Baxter, and passed by voice vote.

3. Jennifer Hutchinson-Corbin, Adair County Attorney, requested approval to establish a full-time Victim Advocate position with additional funds for salary effective October 1, 2022. The current Victim's Advocate salary is grant funded. She requested \$20,000 in additional funding and giving up a part-time detective position freeing up an additional \$43,000.

Joe Ross made a motion to approve additional funds for the Victim's Advocate position, seconded by John Soyars, and passed by voice vote.

4. Kathryn Thomas, Barren County Attorney, requested approval to establish a full-time Victim Advocate position with additional funds for salary of \$43,000 annually effective September 1, 2022..

Martin Hatfield made a motion to approve a full-time Victim Advocate position at \$40,000 annually, Seconded by John Soyars, and passed by voice vote

5. Joseph White, Clay County Attorney, requested approval to establish a full-time Victim Advocate position with additional funds for salary at \$36,000 as well as benefits, effective October 1, 2022.

Joe Ross made a motion to approve a full-time Victim Advocate position with additional funds for salary, seconded by Martin Hatfield, and passed by voice vote.

6. John Estill, Mason County Attorney, requested approval to establish a part-time Assistant County Attorney position with additional funds in the amount of \$12,000 for salary effective September 1, 2022.

Martin Hatfield made a motion to approve the additional funds for a quarter-time Assistant County Attorney rather than part-time position given that the Assistant County Attorney is also employed with the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, seconded by Joe Ross, and passed by voice vote.

### **Tabled Additional Funds**

1. Tom Wine, Commonwealth's Attorney 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

Chris Cohron made a motion to table reallocation of funds from a Commonwealth's Detective position to a full-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney at this time, seconded by Shane Young and passed by voice vote.

2. Myles Holbrook, Morgan County Attorney, requested approval to establish a full-time Victim Advocate position with funding and requests additional funding for staff salary effective September 1, 2022.

Joe Ross made a motion to deny additional funds at this time, suggesting that a part-time position be established at a salary of \$25,000, seconded by John Soyars, and passed by voice vote.

3. Bill Robinson, Washington County Attorney, requested approval to establish a full-time Victim Advocate position with additional funds for salary of \$35,000 annually.

Martin Hatfield made a motion to approve a part-time Victim Advocate position at a salary of \$25,000 annually, seconded by Joe Ross, and passed by voice vote.

Bobby reminded members and guests that the next PAC meeting of the Prosecutors Advisory Council would be on Friday, October 21, 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 Shane Young, and passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.