

PAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Cameron, Attorney General

Shane Young, Commonwealth's Attorney, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

John Soyars, Christian County Attorney

Joe Ross, Logan County Attorney

Martin Hatfield, Pulaski County Attorney

Margaret Daniel, Citizen Member

PAC/OAG STAFF PRESENT

Bobby Stokes

Amy Burke

Gina Carey

Madeline Wise

Tom Lockridge

Mike Carr

Rachel Conyers

Kathy Phillips

Jenny Reed

GUESTS PRESENT

Harry Rothgerber, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

Rob Sanders, Commonwealth's Attorney, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

Louis Kelly, Commonwealth's Attorney, 54<sup>th</sup> 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.

Bobby Stokes welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded them that this is a special meeting, so discussions will be limited to the items on the agenda.

Bobby announced that Mike Nichols, Hart County Attorney and Greg Hall, Menifee County Attorney will be retiring at the end of March.

Bobby asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2022 Regular Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the Council was made by Margaret Daniel, seconded by Joe Ross and passed by voice vote.

## **Administrative Updates**

### **Training Updates**

Tom Lockridge provided an update on the training team. Tom reported the Jury Selection Course scheduled for May 16-19 at the Hilton Lexington Downtown is full and there is a waiting list.

In Susan Blake's absence, Tom reported she requested funding to attend the NAPC Summer Conference in Golden, Colorado July 10-13, 2022. Susan anticipated the cost to be \$1,500.00 which will cover lodging and meals. Joe Ross motioned to approve Susan's request, seconded by Attorney General Daniel Cameron and passed by voice vote.

Tom suggested having a police use of force training simulator available at KPC which was well perceived by the Council.

Tom provided an update on his Violent Crime Resource Prosecutor position and stated he had completed meetings with Fayette, Kenton and Jefferson Counties to discuss new ways to provide services throughout the state. Tom has participated in several calls with prosecutors regarding difficult cases and offered his services to all offices.

### **TSRP Updates**

Jenny Reed provided an update for the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Program (TSRP) and reported that Tom has been a great resource for her and Kathy.

Jenny reported with the help of Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) and Prosecutors, the Prosecuting Drugged Driver Conference was a success. Jenny reported there are currently more drug impaired cases than alcohol impaired cases. Tom reported TSRP was awarded a grant of \$8,000 by the National Association of Prosecuting Board that paid for the Prosecuting Drugged Driver Conference.

Jenny reported that she and Kathy have been teaching legal blocks in the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) courses in London and that the Lethal Weapon Crash Course is scheduled for June 29-30, 2022.

Jenny reported that requests for expert witness funding has increased recently.

## **Legislative Update**

Joe Ross reported HB154, DUI Search Warrant Bill is now on track to pass and an additional bill that will make DUI 3<sup>rd</sup> a felony.

Joe provided an overview on the bill to reorganize the Council and manner in which members are selected.

Rob Sanders reported an overview to SB31 and SB90 which would impact Prosecutors.

Gina Carey reported HB782 would require PAC to retain financial statements which would be burdensome to the already limited PAC staff.

## **Rocket Docket 15<sup>th</sup> JC**

Leigh Ann Roberts requested to allow PAC to administer local Rocket Docket Funding. Shane Young motioned to approve the request, seconded by John Soyars and passed by voice vote.

## **2019 Child Sexual Abuse Data Report**

Gina Carey announced 2019 report is complete and requested approval of the report. Shane Young approved the report for 2019, seconded by Margaret Daniel and passed by voice vote.

Gina announced the proposed calendar for the remaining CSA reports is included in the meeting folder. Data should be loaded in April and there are proposed program changes for data collection upcoming. A help desk ticket for the changes will be required.

Gina requested approval of funds for the proposed program updates for CSA data collection. Joe Ross motioned to approve the request, seconded by John Soyars and passed by voice vote.

## **Budget**

### **FY2022 Update**

Gina Carey reported FY 2022 budget is running as anticipated. Gina included the significant number of turnover positions are being filled quickly and the initial vacancies credits may even out.

Gina reminded those in attendance there is approximately a month remaining to get supply orders submitted to PAC.

Gina reported PAC is scheduled to replace computers with an upcoming warranty expiration with FY 2022 funds.

### **HB1/Biennial Budget Update**

Gina reported HB1 is going to conference soon and salary budget increases look promising.

Gina reported the Senate Budget did not allow additional funding for Rocket Docket.

Gina reported the Senate Budget changed one word for the Commonwealth's Attorneys from "positions" to "personnel". Gina included the language stayed the same for the County Attorneys.

Gina reported the Commonwealth's Attorney's budget has funding to change the remaining 3 part-time offices to full-time.

## **Personnel Requests**

### **A. No Additional Funds**

1. Jackie Steele, Commonwealth's Attorney 27<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 April 1, 2022. Shane Young motioned to approve the request, seconded by Attorney General Daniel Cameron and passed by voice vote.

2. Brian Wright, Commonwealth's Attorney 29<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, requested approval to establish a temporary quarter-time District Secretary position with no additional funds to be paid with asset forfeiture funds effective April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022. Shane Young motioned to approve the request using General Funds, seconded by Joe Ross and passed by voice vote.
3. Stephen Bates, Grant County Attorney, requested approval to establish an unfunded Assistant County Attorney position effective March 21, 2022. Joe Ross motioned to approve the request, seconded by Shane Young and passed by voice vote.

Bobby reminded members and guests that the next meeting of the Prosecutors Advisory Council would be on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Office of the Attorney General, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Frankfort.

A motion to adjourn was made by Margaret Daniel, seconded by Attorney General Daniel Cameron and passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 am.