

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 19 OF 2024  
SALARY INCREASE PUBLIC DEFENDER**

**APRIL 24, 2024**

The Delaware County Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing concerning Local Law Intro. No. 19 of 2024 entitled, Salary Increase Public Defender in the Board of Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, at 1:04 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, Chairman Tina B. Molé presiding.

Chairman Molé called the hearing to order and read the notice of public hearing:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Delaware County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 1:10 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, concerning proposed Local Law Intro. No. 19 of 2024 entitled, Salary Increase Public Defender.

All persons interested in speaking concerning the proposed local law will be heard at the aforementioned time and place. Disabled citizens who require assistance in attending said public hearing or in furnishing comments or suggestions should contact the Clerk of the Board's Office to request assistance at (607) 832-5110.

Dated: April 10, 2024

Penny A. Bishop  
Clerk of the Board  
Delaware County Board of Supervisors

Davenport resident George Sydlar stated his objection to the salary increase for the Public Defender stems from his perception that the Public Defender along with the District Attorney are using their offices to deny him a lawful election. He was represented by the Public Defender but was barred from the Public Defender's Office and therefore speaking with the attorney in person. He furthered that in the State of New York, any defendant is entitled to a speedy trial within 90 days from arraignment, and he feels that right was infringed upon. He claims that the District Attorney did not file a Certificate of Compliance which ensures a speedy trial. For this reason, he feels giving these attorneys a raise is unconscionable. He contends that as a victim, an order of protection which had been issued to him by the court was inappropriately dismissed by the District Attorney. He feels proper rules are not being followed by either the District Attorney's Office or Public Defender's Office.

Chairman Molé stated that the Public Hearing is in relation to the salary increase for the Public Defender.

Mr. Sydlar asserted that if they are incompetent at doing their job, they do not deserve a raise. He said he wished to establish a record of what he perceives as election interference, and referenced a press release in which jail time was recommended by the District Attorney for filing a false incident. He lamented that the press release was reiterated by a news station and he compared his jail sentence recommended by the District Attorney's Office with that of felony crimes.

Chairman Molé stated that she felt Mr. Sydlar had made his objection to the salary increase clear and thanked him.

Since no one else wished to speak, Chairman Molé declared the hearing adjourned at 1:10 p.m.