Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: November 2, 2023 – 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Gina Hansut

LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Lizvett Bost, Legislative Employee, Tyron Rogers, Legislative IT Specialist

PRESENT: Deputy Chair Hewitt, Legislator Uchitelle

ABSENT: Legislative Chair Bartels, Legislators Bowen, Fabiano

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Deputy County Executive Chris Kelly; Public Defender Elizabeth Corrado; Emergency Management Director Everett Erichsen; Ulster County UnderSheriff, Eric Benjamin; Col James Mullen, Sheriff's Office; Sheriff's Fiscal Assistant II, Melody Brooks; Director Valerie Naccarato Probation Department, Deputy Adam Sessler, Safety Office; District Attorney & Consumer Fraud, David Clegg

Chair Hansut called the meeting to order at 3:08 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1 Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of the October 5, 2023 Meeting

Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
3
Votes Against:
0

Disposition: MINUTES APPROVED

Chair Hansut started the meeting with Proposed 2024 Budget & 2024-2029 Capital Program Discussion for all Departments in the Law enforcement & Public Safety Committee

Resolutions for the November 14, 2023 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 309 - Placing A Spending Cap Of \$XX,XXX,XXX.00 On All Costs Related To The Proposed Government Operations Center At Paradies Lane In New Paltz

Resolution Summary: Sponsored by Legislator Stewart, places a mandatory spending cap on the total amount of County funds expended for all costs related to the proposed Government Operations Center, including Capital Project 607, at \$XX,XXX,XXX.00.

Discussion: Legislator Uchitelle did not feel comfortable voting on this resolution without

talking to the sponsor

Disposition: NO ACTION TAKEN

Resolution No. 364 - Establishing A Restricted Capital Reserve Fund For The Government Operations Center Of The County Of Ulster Under Section 6-C Of The New York State General Municipal Law

Resolution Summary: Sponsored by Chair Bartels, establishes a \$29 million restricted Capital Reserve Fund for the creation of the Government Operation Center. Funding comes from the unassigned fund balance for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.

Discussion: Legislator Hansut & Uchitelle seeks to amend resolution 364 to match county

executive's budget proposal of \$18 million.

Legislator Uchitelle would like to confirm that the County Executive is behind this, and that this is the right move and also that it matches everything that the vision is forwhat will be a critical life saving function.

Deputy County Executive, Chris Kelly explains the county's plan to offset future costs with \$36 million in excess funding.

Motion No. 2 MOTION to DISCUSS Resolution No. 364

Motion Made By:Legislator UchitelleMotion Seconded By:Legislator Hewitt

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle

Voting Against:

Votes in Favor:

Votes Against:

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Motion No. 3 ADOPT RESOLUTION No. 364 AS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLVED, that twenty-nine eighteen million dollars (\$29,000,000.00 \$18,000,000.00) from unassigned fund balance is hereby restricted for the establishment of a Restricted Capital Reserve Fund for Capital Project No. 607 - Government Operations Center and, be it further

RESOLVED, that out of the ending unassigned fund balance for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, the sum of twenty-nine eighteen million dollars (\$29,000,000.00 \$18,000,000.00) be and the same hereby is restricted for said Restricted Capital Reserve Fund for the Government Operations Center of the County of Ulster, and the Commissioner of Finance of the County is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to transfer from said unassigned fund balance the said sum of twenty-mine eighteen million dollars (\$29,000,000.00 \$18,000,000.00) dollars to said Fund; and, be it further

Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 3 Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 573 - Amending The 2023 Ulster County Sheriff's Office Budget – UCSO Corrections Telephone Account Reserve Contingent Account Transfer To Expenditure- Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution has a few amendments which change the funding source from Telephone Revenue to contingency.

Discussion: As Chair Hansut explained there was changes made, correcting telephone account

reserved to the contingency account and there is plenty of funding there.

Legislator Uchitelle feels it the right decision and feels better about this.

Motion No. 4 Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 573 as PRESENTED below

Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

WHEREAS, there is a balance of \$\frac{311,980.32}{11,980.32} in the Corrections Telephone Account Reserve (1856) \$408,533.00 in the Contingent Account; and

WHEREAS, funds of \$128,870.00 are requested to be transferred into the 2023 Operating Budget to cover expense of repairs to the Officer Dining Room; and

WHEREAS, the Corrections Telephone Account Reserve is funds collected due to Incarcerated Individuals phone calls and has to be spent for the benefit of the Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Ulster County requests that \$128,870.00 be transferred from the Reserve Account into the 2023 Operating Budget; now, therefore be it

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle

Voting Against:

Votes in Favor:

Votes Against:

0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED as AMENDED

Resolution No. 645 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Corrections And Community Supervision (DOCCS) To Provide A Parolee Hearing Room Within The Sheriff's Office – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: Authorizes the Chair to Excute an MOU with NYS DOCCS for use of space at the Law Enforcement Center on Thursday from 9 AM - 5 PM "purpose of meeting with parolees and other general office purposes".

Discussion: Parole office to be moved to sheriff's office, reducing burden on parolees because

they been having to go from Kingston to Poughkeepsie to check in would make

it a lot easier for parolees to check in with their Parole officer.

Motion No. 5 Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 645

Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 646 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Sign An Inter-Municipal Agreement Between The Orange County Sheriff And The Ulster Sheriff Emergency Response Team(U.S.E.R.T.) – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: that the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to sign an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Orange County Sheriff's Office to provide a formal relationship between U.S.E.R.T and the Orange County Sheriff's Office in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney

Discussion: Legislator Gina Hansut questions the accuracy of the resolution's name, Ulster

County Sheriff's Emergency Response Team, and suggests changing it to Ulster

County Emergency Response.

Under Sheriff Benjamin clarifies that the team's name is actually Ulster County Emergency Response Team (UCERT), and that they also have a USERT team

called Sheriff's Emergency Response Team and that is for corrections.

Motion No. 6 Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 646

Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Utichelle

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hanust, Hewitt, Uchitelle

Voting Against: None Votes in Favor: 3

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 647 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$23,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County Bambini Pediatrics PC – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: \$23,000 contract to extend term of agreement for COVID PCR test kits and analysis for UCSO Corrections Division employees through December 2024 (100% County funded).

Discussion: Under Sheriff Benjamin highlights Bambini Pediatrics' quick turnaround time for

COVID tests, saving the county money and potentially preventing the spread of the virus and money saved from that employee being out for 10 days or until a test would come back, which when this first set could be up to 6 to 7 days in itself.

Legislator Uchitelle thought that the Bambini Pediatrics name was the cutest

name.

Motion No. 7 Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 647

Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hanust, Hewitt, Uchitelle

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
3
Votes Against:
0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 648 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$60,364.96, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Black Creek Integrated Systems Corp. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: \$60,364.96 contract amendment to extend term of agreement through December 31, 2024 and increase funding for support, maintenance, and repair of the electronic locking equipment control system for all doors at the UC Jail (100% County funded).

Discussion: Col James Mullen stated that the Black Creek integrated systems contract

amendment for \$63,604.96 to extend the contract into next year, with no rate increase or scope of services increase. Black Creek is a system that runs the camera system inside the jail/correctional facility. Every door is connected to the Black Creek system, Its basically much like a motherboard of a system to run the whole jail. Without the BC system officers have no way to open and close the doors, also no way to watch security cameras to keep track of their officers, it's

the main hub of the jail operations.

Motion No. 8 Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 648

Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 649 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$7,644.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: \$7644 contract amendment to add 4 refurbished mobile radio packages for the remaining 39 months of the agreement. UCSO Criminal Division (100% County funded)

Discussion: None

Motion No. 9 Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 649

Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Voting in Favor: Legislators, Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle

Voting Against:

Votes in Favor:

Votes Against:

0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 650 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Legal Services Of The Hudson Valley – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: \$50,000 contract amendment to extend term agreement for legal services for domestic violence cases referred by the Dept. of Probation – Crime Victims Assistance Program (100% County funded)

Discussion: Legal Services of the Hudson Valley contract amendment for \$50,000 to provide

legal services for the Department of Probation

Deputy Director Naccarato explains that Legal Services has a contract for victims of domestic violence, but they've had issues with attorneys having enough staff to

handle conflicts of interest.

The agency has Spanish-speaking staff to help non-English speakers understand

their rights and navigate the legal system.

Motion No. 10 Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 650

Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Voting in Favor: Legislators, Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Chair Hansut stated Resolution No, 651was no longer on the agenda, the clerk has spoken with the budget office in the County Attorney's Office and they will either resubmit next month or handled through the budget process.

New Business None

Old Business None

Adjournment

Motion No. 11 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

No. of Votes in Favor: 3 No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 4:25 PM

Respectfully submitted: Lizvett Bost, Legislative Employee

Minutes Approved: November 2, 2023