

**Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** December 11, 2018 – 6:15 PM (or immediately following Public Hearing)  
**LOCATION:** COB, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Legislature Chairman’s Office  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairwoman Mary Beth Maio  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Eckert, Haynes & Ronk  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Collins & Fabiano  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Litts, Roberts & Wawro, Captain Altieri & Detective Tagliaferro – UC Sheriff’s Office, Director Doyle – Planning Department, Deputy County Executive Rider – UC Executive’s Office, Mr. Tom Kadgen – League of Women Voters

Chairwoman Maio called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

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**Motion No. 1:** Moved to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the November 5, 2018 meeting

**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Haynes

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Eckert, Haynes, Maio & Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Minutes APPROVED**

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Resolutions for the December 18, 2018 Session of the Legislature

**Resolution No. 484:** Appointing Member To Fill Vacancy On The Ulster County Fire Advisory Board

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution appoints Thomas Henebery, Jr. from the Accord Fire Company to the Fire Advisory Board to fill a vacancy for a term to expire December 31, 2019.

**Motion No. 2:** **Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 484**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Haynes  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Eckert

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Eckert, Haynes, Maio & Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 502:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Black Creek Integrated Systems Corp. – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Black Creek Integrated Systems Corp. in the amount of \$52,600 for support and maintenance for computerized electronic locking equipment at the Ulster County Jail from January 1 – December 31, 2019.

**Motion No. 3:** **Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 502**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Haynes

**Discussion:**

Captain Altieri informed the members that the contract covers the computer system that runs all of the locks on the doors in the corrections division. He added that the contract includes the maintenance agreement, upgrades to the software and any repairs. Chairwoman Maio advised the members that the contact also includes a week long onsite visit by techs from the company to check and service equipment.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Eckert, Haynes, Maio & Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 503:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Probation

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock Inc. in the amount of \$55,000 to run the EVOLVE domestic violence program from January 1 – December 31, 2019.

**Motion No. 4:** **Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 503**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Haynes  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Eckert

**Discussion:**

Deputy County Executive Rider informed the members that the contract was one of two the county has with Family of Woodstock to facilitate the EVOLVE program. He added that the other contract was through DSS. He advised the members that the program targets perpetrators of domestic

violence and aims to reduce recidivism. Legislator Haynes asked if the program has been offered in the past. Chairwoman Maio stated that the program has been offered since at least 2011.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Eckert, Haynes, Maio & Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 505:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Legal Services Of The Hudson Valley – Department Of Probation

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley in the amount of \$257,769 to provide holistic legal services to victims of crimes from October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019.

**Motion No. 5:** **Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 505**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Haynes

**Discussion:**

Deputy County Executive Rider advised the members that contract is to provide the legal services outlined in the grant that was approved the previous month. He added that the program greatly extends legal services to victims of crimes. He stated that in the past legal services were only offered to victims of domestic violence crimes.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Eckert, Haynes, Maio & Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 518:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Barone Construction Group, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Barone Construction Group, Inc. in the amount of \$163,000 to provide construction management services for construction of the fire training center in the Town of Ulster from January 1, 2019 – May 20, 2020.

**Motion No. 6:** **Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 518**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Haynes

**Discussion:**

Deputy County Executive Rider explained that the Resolution submitted to amend the Capital Project associated with the contract had a number of ministerial errors pertaining to dollar amounts and was therefore withdrawn. It was explained that a late resolution would be submitted with the correct details. Chairwoman Maio explained that the committee would have to hold a special meeting to consider Resolution No. 518 if it was not voted on presently.

Planning Director Doyle added that the contract is for work at the Public Safety Training Center in the Town of Ulster. He advised the members that work is currently underway at the site and the contract is for construction management services. Mr. Rider added that because the firm will be responsible for much of the cost estimating throughout the project, the contract really needed to be approved before January.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Eckert, Haynes & Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Abstention:** Legislator Maio  
**Votes in Favor:** 3  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 519:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Department Of Justice For Asset Forfeiture - Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an agreement with the Department of Justice to report asset forfeitures through the eShare Access program.

**Motion No. 7:** **Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 519**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Eckert

**Discussion:**

Captain Altieri informed the members that the resolution is for the eShare software program used by the department to report asset forfeitures.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Eckert, Haynes, Maio & Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 520:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Town Of Ulster For Use Of The Ulster Police Firearms Range And Training Facility – Sheriff's Office

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an agreement on behalf of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office with the Town of Ulster for use of their Police Firearms range at no cost from January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019.

**Motion No. 8:                    Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 520**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Ronk

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Haynes

**Discussion:**

Captain Altieri advised the members that the use of the range is free of charge, but the agreement is required in case someone gets hurt. Legislator Haynes asked if the agreement has been used in the past. Captain Altieri responded that it is done annually.

**Voting In Favor:**            Legislators Eckert, Haynes, Maio & Ronk

**Voting Against:**            None

**Votes in Favor:**            4

**Votes Against:**            0

**Disposition:**              **Resolution ADOPTED**

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Chairwoman Maio moved on to the Sheriff's report and highlighted that the board in revenue appeared to be on target to meet budgeted projections for the year.

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Chairwoman Maio asked if Legislators Haynes and Eckert wished to discuss their recent tour of the Jail and Law Enforcement Center. Legislator Haynes thanked representatives of the Sheriff's Office for allowing them to take the tour. She added that it was very informative and provided a lot of insight into the operations of the Sheriff's Department and Law Enforcement Center. Legislator Eckert stated that it was her first time at the Law Enforcement Center and found the experience fascinating. Legislator Haynes advised the members that she was impressed with the efficiency and cleanliness of the facility. Legislator Eckert complimented the officer who conducted the tour for his patience in answering their many questions. Legislator Haynes stated that the tour gave some clarity on the reality of what goes on at the facility and provided a human aspect.

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Chairwoman Maio advised the members the previously discussed late Resolution No. 523 – Amending Capital Project No. 483 – Fire Training Center to Increase Funding For Construction Management appeared on their agenda under new business. She informed the members that the resolution will be considered by the Laws & Rules and Ways & Means Committees prior to Session.

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Chairwoman Maio asked if anyone had any events around the county they wanted to share. Hearing none, she complimented and thanked Sheriff VanBlarcum for his more than forty years of service to the county. Chairman Ronk also thanked Sheriff VanBlarcum for his decades of service to Ulster County. He added that, prior to becoming Sheriff, VanBlarcum served as a School Board member, Town Councilman and in the corrections, patrol, detective and administrative sides of the Sheriff Office. Legislator Haynes added her compliments and gratitude for the Sheriff's service and said she was looking forward to working with the new administration. Captain Altieri advised the members that

the Sheriff-elect has already been to a number of staff meetings. He added that Sheriff VanBlarcum has encouraged a smooth transition to the new Sheriff.

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Chairwoman asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

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**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Haynes  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 7:19 PM

**Respectfully submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk**  
**Minutes Approved:**