

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

DATE & TIME: December 8, 2022 – 5:00PM
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Abe Uchitelle
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Michael Tierney, Senior Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Legislators Hansut, Heppner, Hewitt
ABSENT: Legislator Lopez
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Erner; Sheriff Juan Figueroa, Chad Stoery, Undersheriff Eric Benjamin, Jon Becker, Juanita Hotchkiss; Planning Director Dennis Doyle; Deputy County Executive Chris Kelly; Probation Director Nancy Schmidt; Probation Deputy Director Valerie Naccarato; Emergency Services Direct Everett Erichsen; Acting Public Defender Cliff Owens; Lukee Forbes, Clean Slate New York; Elliot Mathos, Clean Slate New York; Garrett Smith, Clean Slate New York; Kate Goldstein, Clean Slate New York

Chair Uchitelle called the meeting to order at 5:08PM.

Chair Uchitelle stated that Resolution No. 495 will be taken out of order.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of the November 3, 2022 Meeting of the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee**

Motion by: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded by: Legislator Hewitt

Discussion: None. Hearing none Chair Uchitelle called the question.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hansut, Heppner, Hewitt, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None.
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Resolutions for the November 15, 2022 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 495: Supporting NYS Clean Slate Act – A6399A and S1553B

Resolution Summary: Memorializing Resolution urging the State Legislature to pass A6399A/S1553B

Motion No. 2: **Moved for DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Discussion: Chair Uchitelle recognized members from Clean Slate New York to discuss its importance to those formerly incarcerated. Sheriff Figueroa reiterated his support for the legislation. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Uchitelle called the question.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Hansut, Heppner, Hewitt & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes In Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 189: Establishing A Policy Prohibiting The Housing Of Incarcerated **Individuals** Transferred From Facilities Outside Of Ulster County, ~~The “No More Incarceration For Profit Policy”~~ The Ulster County Board-In Policy

Resolution Summary: Requires the Ulster County Sheriff to report the transfer of incarcerated individuals.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to POSTPONE**
Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: None. Hearing none Chair Uchitelle called the question.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hansut, Heppner, Hewitt & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 652: Amending The 2023 Budget To Create Three Positions For BJA FY22 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, And Substance Abuse Site-Based Program Grant – Ulster County Sheriff’s Office

Resolution Summary: Federal grant through the Department of Justice for \$394,308.00. Will create three positions in the Sheriff’s Department: two Substance Abuse Disorder Care Managers and Director of Community and Incarcerated Services.

Motion No. 4: Moved for DISCUSSION

Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: None. Hearing none Chair Uchitelle called the question.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hansut, Heppner, Hewitt, & Uchitelle

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 653: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$56,948.00 Entered Into By The County – Clack Creek Systems Corp. – Ulster County Sheriff’s Office

Resolution Summary: Contract for locking door mechanisms in the County Jail, extending agreement through December 31, 2023.

Motion No. 5: Moved for DISCUSSION

Motion By: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair Uchitelle called the question.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hansut, Heppner, Hewitt & Uchitelle

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution APPROVED**

Resolution No. 654: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000 Entered Into By The County – Aramark Correctional Services, LLC – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: Food Service contract for the County Jail.

Motion No. 6: Moved for DISCUSSION

Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: Sheriff Figueroa stated that the Jail is shifting suppliers from Trinity to Aramark. Aramark was the contract holder from 2014 to 2018, when it was switched to Trinity due to costs, however they feel that Aramark can provide a better quality meal service, including a wider variety of produce, meal schedule for both staff and incarcerated, as well as offer food handling certification to inmates, which Trinity did not provide. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Uchitelle called the question.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hansut, Heppner, Hewitt & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution APPROVED**

Resolution No. 655: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$51,136.20 Entered Into By The County – Motorola Solutions Inc. – Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: Contract for the repair and maintenance of the microwave communication system.

Motion No. 7: **Moved for DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Discussion: None. Hearing none the Chair called the question.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hansut, Heppner, Hewitt & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution APPROVED**

Resolution No. 656: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$69,981.00 Entered Into By The County – Motorola Solutions, Inc. – Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: Contract for the repair and maintenance of the dispatch radio system.

Motion No. 8: **Moved for DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: None. Hearing none Chair Uchitelle called the question.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hansut, Heppner, Hewitt & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution APPROVED AS AMENDED**

Resolution No. 657: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$174,500.00 Entered Into By The County – Tetra Tech, In. – Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: Contract to revise and update the FEMA approved Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion No. 9: **Motion for DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: None. Hearing none Chair Uchitelle called the question.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hansut, Heppner, Hewitt, Lopez & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution APPROVED**

Resolution No. 658: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Legal Services Of The Hudson Valley – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: Contract with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley for domestic violence cases referred by the Department of Probation Crime Victim Assistance Program.

Motion No. 10: **Motion for DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Hewitt

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: None. Hearing none Chair Uchitelle called the question.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hansut, Heppner, Hewitt & Uchitelle

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Motion APPROVED**

Resolution No. 659: Amending The 2023 County Budget TO Create A Full Time Family Court Assistant Public Defender Position – Public Defender’s Office

Resolution Summary: Adds fulltime Family Court Assistant Public Defender position.

Motion No. 11: **Motion for DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Hansut
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: None. Hearing none Chair Uchitelle called the question.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hansut, Heppner, Hewitt & Uchitelle

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution APPROVED**

Resolution No. 660: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Indigent Legal Services For Distribution #13 – Public Defender’s Office

Resolution Summary: Contract with New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services to provide funding of salary and benefits for Criminal Court Assistant Public Defender position as part of the Ulster-Dutchess Conflict Swap Program.

Motion No. 12: **Motion for DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: None. Hearing none Chair Uchitelle called the question.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hansut, Heppner, Hewitt, Lopez & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution APPROVED**

Resolution No. 661: Confirming Appointment Of Member TO The Traffic Safety Board

Resolution Summary: Appointing Robert Lucchesi of New Paltz to the Traffic Safety Board.

Motion No. 13: **Motion for DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: None. Hearing none Chair Uchitelle called the question.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hansut, Heppner, Hewitt, Lopez & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution APPROVED**

Chair Uchitelle asked the members if there was any other business.

Planning Director Dennis Doyle apprised the Committee of Late Resolutions that will cover Brownfield Remediation at the Government Operations Center site in New Paltz. Chair Uchitelle requested a Government Operations Center Update at every Committee Meeting.

Chair Uchitelle and the Committee thanked Probation Director Schmidt for her years of service to the County and the knowledge she brought to the Committee, wishing her well in retirement.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Hansut
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:22PM

Respectfully Submitted: Michael Tierney, Senior Legislative Employee
Approved: February 2, 2023