

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

DATE & TIME: December 1, 2021 – 5:15 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 847 4907 2694
By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairwoman Eve Walter
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Parete
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislative Counsel Cueva, Sheriff Figueroa, District Attorney Clegg, Steve Peterson – UC Emergency Communications/Management, Director Schmidt – UC Probation, , Director Doyle – UC Planning, Brian Slack – UC Planning/Transportation Council, Deputy County Executive Milgrim – UC Executive’s Office, Mid-Hudson News

Chairwoman Walter called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

She thanked Legislators Haynes and Parete for their service and wished them well in their future endeavors. She also thanked all committee members and complimented their work over the past two years.

See attached transcript.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to APPROVE the Minutes & Transcript of the November 3, 2021 Meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Walter

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Resolutions for the December 21, 2021 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 426: Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Create A Professional Standards Supervisor Position – Sheriff’s Office

Resolution Summary: This resolution creates a full time Professional Standards Supervisor position in the office of the Sheriff at an estimated annual salary of \$85,838 to: oversee audits, quality assurance, and policy for that office and its members, conduct team inspections, uphold the Sheriff’s Office Code of Conduct and investigate and claims of violation.

Resolution No. 427: Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Create A Crisis Intervention Team Manager Position – Sheriff’s Office

Resolution Summary: This resolution creates a full-time Crisis Intervention Team manager position in the office of the Sheriff at an estimated annual salary of \$50,865 to: oversee crisis intervention trainings, including de-escalation and peer-to-peer mental health support trainings, evaluate and recommend potential revisions in law enforcement policy, create, implement, and regularly evaluate a triage diversion plan for individuals presenting with a mental health crisis to law enforcement.

Resolution No. 428: Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Create A Criminal Justice Discrimination Support Referral Specialist – Human Rights Commission

Resolution Summary: This resolution creates a part-time Criminal Justice Discrimination Support Initiative Referral Specialist position in the Human Rights Commission Budget at an estimated annual salary of \$23,894 to provide a support and referral system for community members who feel they have been discriminated against in our criminal justice system.

Motion No. 2: **Moved TO DISCUSS Resolution Nos. 426, 427 & 428**
Motion By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Disposition: **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Resolution No. 564: Confirming Appointment Of Brian Slack As Coordinator Of Traffic Safety

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the appointment of Brian Slack to the position of Coordinator of Traffic Safety for the County of Ulster.

Motion No. 3: **Moved Resolution No. 564 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 589: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With The Wallkill Fire District To Be Used As A Sheriff Substation – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair to execute a lease agreement with the Wallkill Fire District for use of space at 314 square feet of substation space located at 112 Bona Venture Ave to be used as a

Sheriff's substation from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026, at an annual cost of \$10,200.00 for the first three years and \$10,506.00 for the remaining two years.

Motion No. 4: **Moved Resolution No. 589 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 587: Amending Capital Project No. 482 – Countywide Radio System - Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends Capital Project No. 482 to expend \$2,850,000 on components of the radio system buildout including: Project Management, Construction of Radio Communications Towers and Microwave Links.

Motion No. 5: **Moved Resolution No. 587 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 590: Amending Capital Project No. 594 - Black Creek Upgrade - Amending The 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program - Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends Capital Project No. 594 to increase the upgrade amount by \$573,100.00, \$521,000.00 quoted and \$52,100.00 contingency, for J & J Sass Electric to perform all electrical work not covered by Black Creek quote.

Motion No. 6: **Moved Resolution No. 590 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter
Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 592: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services – Raise The Age Program – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair to execute an agreement with DCJS for the Raise the Age Program for the period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2021 in the amount of \$1,531,027.00.

Motion No. 7: **Moved Resolution No. 592 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 596: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$55,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$55,000 with Family of Woodstock to administer the EVOLVE domestic violence program.

Motion No. 8: **Moved Resolution No. 596 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 597: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$27,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$27,000 with Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. to extend the term of agreement, increase funding for electronic monitoring and add gps beacons through December 31, 2022.

Motion No. 9: **Moved Resolution No. 597 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 604: Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Sheriff's Employees Association, For The Period Of March 15, 2020 Through June 6, 2020

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the MOA between the county and UCSEA for a one time COVID payment totaling \$682,501 for the period March 15, 2020 – June 6, 2020 utilizing American Rescue Plan funds.

Motion No. 10: **Moved Resolution No. 604 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 613: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$72,943.32 Entered Into By The County – Motorola Solutions Inc. – Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$72,943.32 for maintenance of the 911 system from January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022.

Motion No. 11: **Moved Resolution No. 613 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 614: Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Reopen Section 552 Of The Retirement And Social Security Law

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the county to reopen Section 552 of the retirement and social security law to allow three county sheriff's employees to participate in the optional twenty-year retirement plan.

Motion No. 12: **Moved Resolution No. 614 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 615: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$52,730.00, Entered Into By The County – Black Creek Integrated Systems Corp. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$52,730 with Black Creek Integrated Systems Corp. to extend the term of agreement, increase funding for maintenance and support for the computerized locking system in the jail from January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022.

Motion No. 13: **Moved Resolution No. 615 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 616: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$29,904.76, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – PrimeCare Medical Of New York, Inc., Professional Care Medical Practice, P.C., Professional Care Dental Services, P.C., Personal Care Registered Professional Nursing, P.C. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$29,904.76 with Prime Care Medical to add certified substance and alcohol abuse counseling services through April 30, 2022.

Motion No. 14: **Moved Resolution No. 616 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Walter

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 617: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$18,200.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Public Safety Psychology, PLLC – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$18,200 with Public Safety Psychology, PLLC to increase funding for pre-employment psych evaluations through December 31, 2022.

Motion No. 15: **Moved Resolution No. 617 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Haynes

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Walter

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 618: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$2,640.00, 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: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$2,640 with NYCOMCO to add one radio and related equipment to the URGENT Radio lease and increase funding.

Resolution No. 619: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$11,448.00, 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: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$11,448 with NYCOMCO to amend date for commencement of lease based on delivery of equipment and add 15 radios and increase funding for Corrections Radio lease.

Motion No. 16: **Moved TO BLOCK Resolution Nos. 618 & 619**

Motion By: Legislator Haynes

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions BLOCKED**

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 620: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Trinity Services Group, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment for rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000 with Trinity Services Group, Inc. to exercise the first of 2 one-year options to extend the term of the agreement for jail food service.

Motion No. 17: **Moved Resolution No. 620 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Chairwoman Walter asked the members if there was any other business, and hearing none. See attached transcript

Adjournment

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

TIME: 5:45 PM

Respectfully submitted: Deputy Clerk Mahler
Approved: February 3, 2022

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Chairwoman Walter called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Chairwoman Walter

Super. All right, I'm gonna just give Legislator Parete a moment to connect to audio. Legislator Parete, can you hear us yet? Oh, there you go. Okay, perfect. All right, so I'll call the Law Enforcement Public Safety Committee meeting for December 1. Our final law enforcement public safety meeting of 2021. Our last law enforcement public safety meeting with Legislator Haynes and Parete, who we wish very well on their future endeavors. I just want to say before we start that I have a great appreciation for this team, this committee, I think we addressed a lot of very important things in the last couple of years. And I really, fully appreciate all the input and that each of you have had, on the issues that we've discussed, it's been really great being a part of being the Chair of this group, and so I just wanted to say that I you know, I really appreciate you all.

Legislator Fabiano

Thank you.

Chairwoman Walter

I will take a motion to approve the November 3 meeting minutes and transcripts.

Legislator Fabiano

I move it

Chairwoman Walter

Second?

Legislator Haynes

Second. Haynes

Chairwoman Walter

Motion by Fabiano, second by Haynes. All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye.

Chairwoman Walter

Any opposed? Abstentions? All right. So moved. So now for the resolutions, resolution number 426, amending the 2021 Ulster County budget to create a professional standards supervisor position. Motion to discuss.

Legislator Haynes

I'll make a motion Haynes

Chairwoman Walter

Haynes, second?

Legislator Fabiano

I'll second it

Chairwoman Walter

Second. So, um, once again, this was put on as a placeholder, this is in the 2022 budget. Um, we'll just we'll just I'll take a motion to take both. I think we'll just take no action once again, if next month for some reason, it falls off, then we can regroup on it. And the you know, I might as well just the same as 4, 427 and 428 have no action, if that's okay with everybody. Okay.

Legislator Fabiano

Legislator, Eve, why don't you want to take any action?

Chairwoman Walter

Because they're, they're in the 2022 budget.

Legislator Fabiano

Oh, okay

Chairwoman Walter

And we put them there in case they did not appear there. The 2022 budget hasn't been fully approved, so that we may, if for some reason they got removed from that budget, we would then want to potentially put it forward in January, but right now they're all they're all in, and I believe they're all going hopefully to be approved.

Legislator Fabiano

And what would be the harm to approve them now?

Chairwoman Walter

Um, I don't know if. I mean, it's interesting. It's a good question. I guess the, it's not a harm, but that we recognize that we didn't I think we had a sort of agreement that approving a new position outside of the budget, so close to the budget wasn't necessary. And so it's sort of because it's going to be approved ideally in the budget that that's the ideal scenario. If these had come up eight months, nine months ago, prior to the budget, it would have been a different story, but it had when they first came up in front of us it was so close to the budget that we just felt like let's wait.

Legislator Fabiano

Yeah, so these three then we'll be voting on them tomorrow night in the budget?

Chairwoman Walter

Exactly. Exactly.

Legislator Fabiano

Thank you

Chairwoman Walter

Two full time and then yeah, one part time, sort of, um, okay, so resolution 564 confirming the appointment of Brian Slack as coordinator of Traffic Safety a motion to discuss?

Legislator Haynes

Did we do we didn't we didn't make motions for no action, or we don't need to?

Chairwoman Walter

We're taking no action. I just sort of made motions to open the conversation but that no action on the first three.

Legislator Haynes

Okay.

Chairwoman Walter

Yeah

Legislator Haynes

I make the motion for 564. Haynes

Chairwoman Walter

Okay.

Legislator Heppner

I'll second it

Chairwoman Walter

Okay, um, Brian is with us. Hi, Brian. Welcome. Um, anything you want to share about yourself?

Brian Slack

Oh sure, thank you for the opportunity. My name is Brian Slack for those of you who don't know me, I've been serving as principal transportation planner for the Ulster County Transportation Council since 2011. I work here in the planning department, and I've been serving in an ex officio capacity on the traffic safety board since 2013, when its current coordinator took over. And I've been attending meetings regularly since that point in time. My background is in urban planning with a focus on land use and transportation planning. Gosh, I've been doing that since 2003. I think all of you probably have my resume in your supporting information. Um, I'd just like to note, I also have a, I'm a licensed New York state and school bus driver. Even though I don't practice driving school bus, I am familiar with rules and laws regarding safe operation of school bus and the importance of those safety rules for our highways and the safety of the public.

So I also participate in a variety of similar committees throughout Ulster County, including the Kingston Complete Streets Advisory Committee, which addresses a lot of similar issues. And I'm very actively involved in the planning of our transportation system here in Ulster County, including the use of federal aid for the improvement of that system. Which also includes our transit system, Ulster County Area Transit.

So I'm very involved in the system. I'm very interested, I'm a Kingston resident, and I have two school aged children myself, who I would one day like to have walking to school in the Kingston City School District. But in terms of going forward, I plan on supporting the committee to the fullest of my ability, Eric Kite is the current Chair, Diane Beitel will continue to serve as her time allows, but I fully anticipate fulfilling the role of the coordinator, which is to continue to pursue studies and support of Traffic Safety in Ulster County, and also to provide the needed coordination, which I think has been lacking in the past several years to really just provide that backbone of support and coordination for the existing committee. If anyone has any questions, I'm more than happy to answer.

Chairwoman Walter

Anyone have any questions? Oh, I don't know how, are you familiar with the IoT information of things? So IoT information of things is this idea of different data communicating with each other, and one that I read that I was most interested in is this idea of communicating traffic patterns to ambulance services. So that, in kind of a real time, where it assesses what's going on in these especially busy streets, and sends that information, right, immediately, I mean, I know this is somewhat futuristic in some places, but do you have any, any experience with like, thoughts about something related to that for, for our county?

Brian Slack

Certainly it is definitely seems very futuristic, but it's very present in Ulster County and throughout the mid Hudson region. The general term is the, the New York State DOT and the Federal Highway Administration uses is ITS, which refers to intelligent transportation systems. So it can be anything from our EZ Pass system to the camera system that's used on the thruway authority, and now the bridge authority to smart signals and smart signal technology, which is being slowly but surely deployed on the Broadway corridor, which is a project that we had a hand in early on in the development. And there are plenty of other applications.

We also monitor actively in this office in the MPO, the ECTC congested corridors and intersections. And to do that, in the old days, we used to actually have the floating driver. Hire a consultant to go out there in their car and drive these corridors and time it. But today, we can use cell phone data, metadata that we have instant access to at our desktops to really monitor over the course of many years, what our highways look like in terms of congested areas, and we can, we publish the congestion management plan, which is available on our website, that identifies those hot hotspot areas.

So there's a variety of other applications here. It's a lot to handle. We're a two person staff with the assistance of our director, Dennis Doyle. So we are limited in our ability of utilizing this information, but that's where partnerships really come in handy. And we actively pursue partnerships not only with the New York State DOT, and Federal Highway Administration, I should also mention the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, which is directly relevant to the Traffic Safety Board. But also all the MPOs statewide and our major metropolitan areas Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany and New York City. We meet with these folks on a regular basis to see how they're using the technology, and how we can best use that technology locally. So it's a broad topic. Smart cars are part of it as well, as well as charging infrastructure for future electric vehicles. So I'm happy to try to touch on that more,

Chairwoman Walter

No, no. That's great

Brian Slack

But it's it's a big topic.

Chairwoman Walter

Well, we're looking forward to having you aboard. Any other? legislative Parete?

Legislator Parete

Yeah, Mr. Slack. I've just, curiously, do you take phone calls from the public?

Brian Slack

Yeah, every day. Yep.

Legislator Parete

Okay, that's wonderful. Because I'm constantly being bombarded with, I got a better idea, or suggestions or something. And now I know where to route the calls. Thank you very much.

Brian Slack

You're welcome. There is a page on the Ulster County website for the Traffic Safety Board. It has not been updated in some time, I will take control of that page at the appropriate juncture and provide the updates and put my contact in there

Legislator Parete

Well, as long as you can get me to phone number to your desk, that's okay.

Brian Slack

Sure.

Chairwoman Walter

Okay, so all in favor of resolution 564?

Committee Members

Aye

Chairwoman Walter

Opposed? Abstentions? So moved

Brian Slack

Thank you

Chairwoman Walter

Resolution 589 authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a lease agreement with the Wallkill fire district to be used as a Sheriff's substation. Motion to discuss?

Legislator Heppner

I'll second.

Legislator Haynes

Haynes

Chairwoman Walter

Haynes. Sorry, I looked away. Okay. Great. Second by Heppner. Any discussion? Any questions?

Legislator Parete

Sheriff, was that once used as a substation years ago?

Legislator Haynes

Did we skip one?

Deputy Clerk Mahler

We did.

Chairwoman Walter

Okay, well, we'll go back

Deputy Clerk Mahler

We can go back.

Sheriff Figueroa

Yes, I can answer that question for Mr. Parete. So years ago, yes. But this is a brand new building that was built by the firehouse. We presently are in a building that the Wallkill school district just bought, and they want to use the office that we're in. So we have to look for a new place and being that it's a new firehouse that's being built, and they're building it for us. we just have to pay for the rent. It's a perfect opportunity for both of us to keep the Sheriff's office down in the Wallkill district in that part of the county.

Legislator Parete

Great.

Chairwoman Walter

All right, on favor resolution 589.

Committee Members

Aye

Chairwoman Walter

Opposed? Abstentions? Okay, back to resolution number 587 amending capital project number 482 for county wide radio system, Department of Emergency Communications. Motion to discuss?

Legislator Haynes

Make the motion, Haynes

Chairwoman Walter

Haynes

Legislator Heppner

Second

Chairwoman Walter

Heppner. Any questions or discussion? All right. All in favor resolution 587?

Committee Members

Aye.

Chairwoman Walter

Any opposed? Abstentions? All right.

Everett Erichsen

Thank you, everyone.

Chairwoman Walter

Next, we have resolution 590 amending capital project 594 Black Creek update, amending the 2021-2026 capital improvement for the Sheriff. Motion to discuss?

Chairwoman Walter

Haynes.

Chairwoman Walter

Second?

Legislator Heppner

I'll second

Chairwoman Walter

Okay. Sheriff, do you want to give us a little background?

Sheriff Figueroa

So basically, when we did the original upgrade request, the cameras are IP cameras versus analog, which means the coaxial cabling system has to be replaced and it's got to be done by another system. So we had to go back in again and put it out for bid. And the bid came back. The lowest bidder I think was SAS, and I believe it was for \$525,000. I just want to remind everyone that this system has not been updated since 2007.

Chairwoman Walter

I apologize for the squeaking in the background. Um, okay, any other, any questions?

Chairwoman Walter

Okay, all in favor resolution 590?

Committee Members

Aye

Chairwoman Walter

Opposed? Abstained? Oh my god. Okay, great. You know, the dogs are completely calm all day until I have to do this. Okay, resolution 592 authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a contract with New York State Division. Oh, I think that's an extra division of division in that typo in that heading. But New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, raise the age Department of Probation. Motion to discuss?

Legislator Haynes

Haynes

Chairwoman Walter

Second?

Legislator Fabiano

Fabiano

Chairwoman Walter

Fabiano. Nancy, do you want to, any background of how these funds are used?

Director Schmidt

Yes, this is our state funding for the raise the age program. Unfortunately, the state has been delayed every year. We're approving this after the fact the period has already gone by. And they haven't been getting the applications out, the approvals out until after the period started or after it's already ended. So, this is a, at, this period ended in March of 2021. So, we want to be reimbursed.

Chairwoman Walter

Right. Makes sense. Okay. Any questions? All in favor of resolution 592?

Committee Members

Aye

Chairwoman Walter

Opposed? Abstained? Okay. Resolution 596, approving the execution of a contract for \$55,000 entered into county with family of Woodstock with the Department of Probation, for the EVOLVE domestic violence. Motion to discuss?

Legislator Haynes

Haynes

Chairwoman Walter

Second?

Legislator Heppner

Second

Chairwoman Walter

Any questions for Nancy about this? All right, all in favor of resolution 596?

Committee Members

Aye

Chairwoman Walter

Opposed? Abstentions? Resolution number 597 approving the execution of a contract amendment for 27,000 causing the aggregate contract plus amendment to be in excess of 50,000 entered into county alcohol monitoring system. Motion to discuss

Legislator Haynes

Haynes

Chairwoman Walter

Haynes. Second?

Legislator Heppner

Second

Chairwoman Walter

Okay. Um, so Nancy. I remember millions and millions of years ago in the Criminal Justice Council, when we first started, when we first got this system. When we were first discussing this system. Was it? Is it? Was it ever funded by the state? Or were we always

Director Schmidt

It's never to my knowledge been funded by the state. It's always been a county cost.

Chairwoman Walter

It's always been a county thing. Okay. Yeah, I was just curious, because I remember when we first put it in, and I can't remember the conversation because I felt like there was some incentive at that time. But perhaps it wasn't

Director Schmidt

That, well, the incentive has always been as an alternative to incarceration.

Chairwoman Walter

Right, right. And the utility of it. No, I, of course, I just, you know, what, what brought it to our attention. I know that there was a company that was involved, but um, yeah, okay, great. I was just curious if this was ever state supported. Seems like the kind of thing that should be.

Director Schmidt

I totally agree with you

Chairwoman Walter

Alright, so we'll let Legislator Heppner, Legislator Hayes get some of that information up there. Okay, all in favor of resolution number 597?

Committee Members

Aye

Chairwoman Walter

Opposed? Abstentions? Okay. Resolution number 604 amending the Ulster County bud, 2021 Ulster County budget for an MLA between the county of Ulster and Ulster County Sheriff's Employees Association. Motion to discuss?

Legislator Haynes

Haynes

Chairwoman Walter

Second?

Legislator Heppner

Heppner

Chairwoman Walter

Okay, so this is using ARPA funds. And yeah, so this is COVID pay for ARPA funds. I think we have a second one similar to this. Anybody have questions for either the Sheriff or deputy executive Milgrim related to this? Okay, I mean, there is a, I did ask about how they determined who should get how much? There is a calculation based on what maximum overtime is and what goes beyond if you have any questions about this. Again, you can ask or it bring it up later. Does everyone feel comfortable? Good. Okay. So motion to approve resolution 604. I mean, all in favor of resolution 604?

Committee Members

Aye.

Chairwoman Walter

Opposed? Abstained? Okay. Resolution 613 approving an execution of a contract for 72,943 for Motorola. This is maintenance of the 911 system [inaudible] Motion to discuss?

Legislator Haynes

Haynes

Chairwoman Walter

Okay, second? Heppner. Any questions for emergency management? All right, all in favor of resolution number 613.

Committee Members

Aye

Chairwoman Walter

Okay. Um, next we have resolution 614, authorizing the county of Ulster to reopen section 552 of the retirement and security law. Motion to discuss?

Legislator Haynes

Haynes

Chairwoman Walter

Second?

Legislator Heppner

Second

Chairwoman Walter

So this is the last, so we had approved this, the local, the Home Rule request back in April to the state. And now we have to, this is just completing that process. So we've already gone through the conversation about correcting this retirement situation for these three employees. Does anyone need a reminder or any other kinds of information about it?

Legislator Heppner

No, I'd just add that it was passed through both houses of legislature.

Chairwoman Walter

Great which it then brings it back to us. [inaudible] Okay, all in favor of resolution 614?

Committee Members

Aye

Chairwoman Walter

Opposed? Abstained? All right. Um resolution 615. Approving the execution of contract amendment for 52,730 entered in the county for Black Creek Integrated system. Motion to discuss?

Legislator Haynes

Haynes.

Chairwoman Walter

Haynes. Second?

Legislator Heppner

Heppner

Chairwoman Walter

Heppner. Any questions for the Sheriff for regarding this? Everyone's good. Okay. All in favor resolution? 615.

Committee Members

Aye

Chairwoman Walter

Opposed? Abstained? All right. Moving along. [inaudible] Resolution 616, approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$29,904.76 causing the aggregate of the contract plus amendment to be in excess of 50,000 entered into the county with Prime Care medical of New York. This is the Sheriff, motion to discuss?

Legislator Haynes

Haynes

Chairwoman Walter

Second?

Legislator Heppner

Hepner

Chairwoman Walter

Heppner. Okay. Any questions?

Legislator Heppner

Yeah, I would just, if we, from the Sheriff, if we could just get a little bit more background on the amended number. Because this is for both medical and dental?

Sheriff Figueroa

So no, this is for the medical assisted treatment program. We originally had a maintenance program, which means if you come into the jail, and you were on a prescription and fell off of it, and we would honor that prescription via your doctor. We went to what's called an injunction program, which started about two weeks ago. That means anybody that comes into the facility and wants to go on to a program that is addicted to opioids, that we would go ahead and give them the opportunity to do that program.

This law was recently passed by the governor and signed and this is a MAT program that's going to be on jails in the state pretty soon. With that type of program, the induction program there's, there's associated counseling and services that have to come from within. And this is a [KSAC] that's going to be within. Right now we have 15 individuals in the program. But I could see as many as 30 being part of it. Some folks showed up, show up at the jail and claim they have no issues until we start seeing them going through, you know, withdrawals, bad withdrawals, and that's when we offer them the program. So we're, just given them Suboxone, which is what we mainly give unless there's script for methadone. There has to be counseling services associated with that. And that's where the KSAC comes in. And there'll be assigned to our vendor.

Legislator Heppner

Thank you. That's great. And just one quick follow up if you don't mind, Legislator Haynes?

Legislator Haynes

No, not at all. Yeah, no, go ahead.

Legislator Heppner

So with that, just out of curious, this sounds great, just out of curiosity, is there in terms of post release, is there any type of service? Is there any type of part of that program that moves into the post release aspect or connects for the post release?

Sheriff Figueroa

So we're talking about reentry?

Legislator Heppner

Yeah. Re entries.

Sheriff Figueroa

So yes, we are working with ORACLE. I know the Chair is also working on a program to do an RFP, and I'm sure she can if she didn't, I believe you explained that earlier at one of the previous meetings? But yes, we are looking. This

is the point while they're in the jail, which is a law that we have to submit a plan to the Department of Health, and we submit that and put that plan together and then send it to the state which OASAS reviews and approves, but this is part of that process. But at some point, we have already started having discussions and meetings with the Department of Health around reentry. So there's discharge which is what it's the maintenance and the induction within the facility. Then there's a discharge planning prior prior to you getting out and then once you leave, that's called the reentry part of it and we intend to follow them out along with the ORACLE program and the RFP, if Family of Woodstock or another entity get to, to follow them out for at least one year.

Legislator Heppner

That's great. Thank you.

Chairwoman Walter

Thanks. Can I just follow up and let, before Legislator Haynes, where, where's the status with the RFP for the reentry? Deputy Executive Milgrim?

John Milgrim

Still in the process. We are waiting to hear what Family of Woodstock is getting from the federal government in their application and

Chairwoman Walter

Right, and we I think we made the agreement, because we voted on it, to just go forward with that RFP in the meantime.

John Milgrim

Yeah, we met with Bard on it today, they're taking a look and they're gonna add some services potentially to it. So we're working with the BPI, Bard Prison initiative, and their staff to try to beef it up and, and some other reentry service potential.

Chairwoman Walter

Okay, would you share, share the latest? I saw an earlier version, I gave comments and edits. But if you could share the latest with us all in this committee, so we could see the RFP and what you, when you expect you're actually going to release it. That'd be great. I don't want it to, every day that it takes before we we complete this is another person who's potentially is lost to the system and that we're not taking care of. So that'd be great. Thank you. Sorry, Legislator Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

No I'm all set, thank you.

Chairwoman Walter

All right, terrific. I'm so all in favor resolution 616?

Committee Members

Aye

Chairwoman Walter

All right. Any opposed? Abstained? All right. Resolution 617, approving the execution of a contract amendment for 18,200 causing the aggregate of contract plus amendment to be in excess of 50,000 entered into the county for public safety psychology for psych evals, motion to discuss?

Legislator Haynes

Haynes

Chairwoman Walter

Haynes. Second?

Legislator Heppner

Second

Chairwoman Walter

Heppner. Sheriff, I assume this is, you want to say anything about this?

Sheriff Figueroa

Sure. It's our pre-employment process for a psychological evaluations for all the employees that come and work and take employment at the Sheriff's office.

Chairwoman Walter

Are psych eval is done after like during the duration of employment?

Sheriff Figueroa

It's before you get offered employment. So there's a background investigation.

Chairwoman Walter

Right, but do you ever do them, like, you know, after five years just to assess the sort of wear and tear of being there?

Sheriff Figueroa

No, we do not. However, the one of the main purposes of, of getting a crisis intervention piece in the Employee Assistance Program is to target problems and issues that arise from working in law enforcement, which occurs and a lot of people don't talk about.

Chairwoman Walter

Thank you. Legislator, Heppner?

Legislator Heppner

I'm good, actually.

Chairwoman Walter

Okay. Yeah, I think, you know, that's an important topic that we should, you know, make sure next year we really put attention to is making sure mental and physical well being of law enforcement. Okay, all in favor of resolution 617?

Committee Members

Aye

Chairwoman Walter

Opposed? Okay. Resolution 618 approving the contract amendment for 2,640 causing the, actually a motion to block 618 and 619? It's the same, it's the one, they're the radios.

Legislator Haynes

Haynes

Legislator Heppner

Heppner

Chairwoman Walter

Haynes. Seconded, all favor the block?

Committee Members

Aye

Chairwoman Walter

All in favor of Resolutions 618, 619?

Committee Members

Aye.

Chairwoman Walter

Any opposed? Okay. Um resolution 620 approving execution of a contract amendment for rates anticipated for \$50,000 entered into the county Trinity services. Motion to discuss?

Legislator Haynes

Haynes

Legislator Heppner

Heppner

Chairwoman Walter

Great, um, so I've said this at the Chairs' meeting, but, you know, I'm really hoping that this year, we can identify some of a great program to not only provide better food services, but also a vocational opportunity in the jail. You know, it's an excellent skill that could be provided to any inmates who are there for a longer period. So that's my hope is that we won't be approving this in a year from now. Any questions for the Sheriff? All right, all in favor of resolution 620.

Committee Members

Aye

Chairwoman Walter

All right, um, any new business? Any old business?

Legislator Heppner

No, I'll just say thank you for good sessions Chair

Chairwoman Walter

Thank you. Um, well, then with that said, I'll take a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Fabiano

So moved

Chairwoman Walter

All right.

Legislator Haynes

Second

Chairwoman Walter

All in favor of adjournment?

Committee Members

Aye

Chairwoman Walter

All right. Thank you all have a good holiday.

Legislator Heppner

You too.

Chairwoman Walter

I'll see you soon.