

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

DATE & TIME: May 5, 2022 – 5:15 PM
LOCATION: UC Law Enforcement Center, 380 Boulevard, Kingston, NY 12401
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Abe Uchitelle
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Legislators Hansut, Hewitt
ABSENT: Legislators Heppner, Lopez
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Sheriff Figueroa, Under Sheriff Eric Benjamin, Jarrid E. Blades UCSO URGENT, Mario Tagliafierro, UCSO ORACLE UC Sheriff’s Office, DA David Clegg, Chris Kelly Deputy County Executive

Chair Uchitelle called the meeting to order at 5:19 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of the April 7, 2022 Meeting of the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee**

Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 3

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Resolutions for the May 17, 2022 Session of the Legislature

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”

Resolution Summary: This resolution establishes a policy, “No More Incarceration For Profit Policy” prohibiting the housing of incarcerated individuals transferred from facilities outside of Ulster County. Financial Impact TBD.

Motion No. 2: **Moved Resolution No. 189 FOR Discussion**

Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: Chair Uchitelle expressed the sponsor would like to have more conversations with Sheriff Figueroa and request the committee postpone the resolution.

Motion No. 3: **Moved to Postpone Resolution No. 189**
Motion By: Legislator Hansut
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Voting In Favor: Legislators Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 269: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With Kaatskill Development Holdings, LLC, For A Substation Of The Ulster County Sheriff’s Office – Public Works – Buildings And Grounds

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizing the Chair of the UC Legislature to execute a 5-year lease agreement with Kaatskill Development Holdings, LLC for a sub-station located at 146-152 Mount Pleasant Rd., Mt. Tremper to provide patrol services and crime prevention activities. 2000 SF at an annual cost of \$7.8K to include all utilities, maintenance and taxes. June 30, 2022 – June 30, 2027.

Motion No. 4: **Moved Resolution No. 269 FOR Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Hansut
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Discussion: Sheriff Figueroa provided an overview of the sub-station lease agreement noting other locations; Esopus, Port Ewen, Shandaken, SUNY Ulster, Wallkill, Wawarsing and Zone 5 navigation. Chair Uchitelle confirmed this renewal agreement basically includes the same terms as the previous lease. Sheriff Figueroa extended an invitation to attend the new boat christening at The Mount tomorrow, 12 noon.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 270: Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program -Establishing Capital Project # 634 - Ulster County Law Enforcement Center Kitchen And Laundry Equipment - Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget - Ulster County Sheriff’s Office

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program establishing Capital Project No. 634 for UCLEC replacement kitchen and laundry equipment. \$110K. A Bond Resolution Will Be Required. A Bond Resolution Will Be Required.

Motion No. 5: **Moved Resolution No. 270 FOR Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: Sheriff Figueroa provided an overview for the much-needed new energy efficient kitchen and laundry equipment. Current equipment was installed in 2006 - noting the committee will see the area and equipment during tonight's facility tour. Legislator Hewitt confirmed the laundry and kitchen are related in the sense that both need to be upgraded for safety and efficiency. Committee discussion ensued to consider future viable non-gas commercial grade options.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 272: Authorizing An Application For DOJ Body-Worn Camera Grant - Ulster County Sheriff's Office

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes an application for a DOJ BJA FY 2022 Body-worn camera policy and implementation Program Grant for the UC Sheriff's office. The grant requires a 50% match of expended funds. \$460K grant revenue dollars.

Motion No. 6: **Moved Resolution No. 272 FOR Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: Sheriff Figueroa provided an overview noting the county will see numerous federal grants applications this year to help offset taxpayer money if they can. Chair Uchitelle confirmed this grant will be used for corrections and put through the competitive bid process. Committee discussion ensued. Legislator Hewitt inquired where the matching funds would come from. The Sheriff will respond back to the committee.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 273: Appropriating Funds From Insurance Revenues For Replacement Of Vehicle – Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget - Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution appropriates funding from the insurance revenues for the replacement of a vehicle for the Sheriff's office. \$23.5K revenue.

Motion No. 7: **Moved Resolution No. 273 FOR Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: Sheriff Figueroa and Deputy Exec. Kelly provided the background of the damaged vehicle. (Note, Sheriff Figueroa will verify and follow up with Chair Uchitelle as to the vehicle specifics.)

Voting In Favor: Legislators Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 274: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$3,561,981.00 Entered Into By The County – Primecare Medical Of New York, Inc., Professional Care Medical Practice P.C., Professional Care Dental Services P.C., Personalcare Registered Professional Nursing P.C. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #2 for \$3,561,981.00 with Primecare Medical of New York, Inc. Professional Care Medical Practice P.C Professional Care Dental Services P.C. for reasonably necessary medical and dental care for inmates under the care and custody of the UC Sheriff at the UC Jail facility. 100% County Amd. Term 5/1/22 – 4/30/23.

Motion No. 8: **Moved Resolution No. 274 FOR Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: Sheriff Figueroa provided an overview of the one-year extension providing 24/7 medical care at the jail, noting inmates with insurance are charged when treatment is needed. The COVID pandemic limited the insurance payment process. Warden Becker to update the Sheriff when the normal process with resume. Committee discussion ensued.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 275: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$12,149.09, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be Equal To \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Visual Computer Solutions Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #10 for \$12.1K causing the aggregate contract plus amendment amount to be equal to \$50K with Visual Computer Solution Inc. for support and maintenance of the Police Officer Scheduling System and Correction Officer Scheduling System (POSS/COSS). 100% County, Amd. Term 6/1/22 – 5/31/23.

Motion No. 9: **Moved Resolution No. 275 FOR Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: Sheriff Figueroa provided an overview of the VCS payroll/overtime system. Jarrid Blades, Commander of URGENT and Chief Administrator provided an overview of scheduling and the payroll process for 285 employees, noting the program can accommodate payroll variables and only requires one payroll employee. Chair Uchitelle confirmed the \$12K fee amendment renewal will require annual approval above

\$50K. Chair Uchitelle inquired why the Sheriff’s office use different software from the rest of the county departments. Sheriff Figueroa expressed his office staff requires 24/7 coverage – a multitude of shift work requiring a different software – administrative hours, overtime, 8 and 12 hours shifts for three blocks, A, B & C line, special teams, call outs, shift differentials, etc. Deputy Exec. Kelly expressed the rest of the county payroll is not as complex, noting only 911 is 24/7 and on the same schedule, and the rest of the county utilizes the vendor Time Force. Chair Uchitelle for the record wondered if IS has other recommendations and if the entire workforce should utilize the same software. Committee discussion ensued.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 276: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Ulster County Board Of Cooperative Educational Services To Provide A Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair of the UC Legislature to execute an agreement with the UC Board of Cooperative Educational Services to provide a Deputy Sheriff to serve as a part-time school resource officer. \$53.2K Term 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

Resolution No. 277: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Rondout Valley Central School District To Provide A Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair of the UC Legislature to execute an agreement with the Rondout Valley Central School District to provide a Deputy Sheriff to serve as a full-time school resource officer. \$111,054.66 Term 9/1/22 – 6/30/23

Resolution No. 278: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Onteora Central School District To Provide A Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair of the UC Legislature to execute an agreement with the Onteora Central School District to provide a Deputy Sheriff to serve as a full-time school resource officer. \$111,054.66 Term 9/1/22 – 6/30/23

Motion No. 10: **Moved To Block Resolution Nos. 276, 277, 278**
Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: Sheriff Figueroa provided an overview of the three locations request for SRO’s and the need to have a resource officer professional, noting certified SRO’s selected today require a different skill set and is not like the old days. The schools perform their own interviews. The Sheriff highly recommends the committee google “C-PASS” program, Committee On Policing And Safeguarding Schools. <https://www.c-pass.org>

Legislator Hansut confirmed the schools reach out to the Sheriff's office to hire an SRO. She also expressed having an SRO at the school is definitely an asset, especially after COVID. Legislator Hewitt plans to visit his district SRO on the Sheriff's recommendation. Chair Uchitelle noted the need for all officers to be equipped with the same skill set out working/interacting with the general public. The requests are not in his district, thus will move the resolution through committee but will consider his stance when the full body meets on the 17th as his constituents have expressed concern with the KPD SRO's. Committee discussion ensued.

Motion No. 11: **Moved To Discuss Resolution Nos. 276, 277, 278**
Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Voting In Favor: Legislators Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 279: 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 of the UC Legislature to execute a contract No. C524127 and any amendments with NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Raise The Age Program for the period 4/1/2021 through 3/31/22 in the amount of \$720K. This contract will pay for program staff salaries, restorative justice programming, juvenile accountability board, transportation, and portions of the debt service for the construction of the Restorative Justice Center.

Motion No. 12: **Moved Resolution No. 279 FOR Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Hansut
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Discussion: Deputy Executive Chris Kelly provided a detailed overview on behalf of Probation Director Nancy Schmidt, who was unable to attend the meeting. The Restorative Justice program after 2 years (due to COVID) is starting to ramp up again. State funding is for the preceding year – last year's reimbursement. The state is a year away from all Raise The Age funding. Deputy Exec. Kelly noted DCJAS has not asked for the plans as yet, however we're confident the appropriation is there. The State fiscal year calendar runs 4/1 – 3/31. See summary detail above. Committee discussion ensued.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Hansut, Hewitt, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

New Business – Chair Uchitelle advised the June committee meeting will be held at the Ulster County Restorative Justice Center whereas, Director Schmidt will provide a 10-minute overview of larger probation

programs and Kim Mapes, Youth and Family Engagement Coordinator on the restorative side. A tour will follow at the end of the meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Uchitelle asked the members if there was any other business, and hearing none.

Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:12 PM

Respectfully submitted: Legislative Staff, Nettie Tomshaw
Meeting audio available on Legislative website.
Approved: June 9, 2022