

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

DATE & TIME: November 2, 2017 – 5:30 PM
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, KL Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman TJ Briggs
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Lapp, Rodriguez & Ronk
ABSENT: Legislators Fabiano & Maio
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Undersheriff Freer – UCSO, Director Mullins & Probation Supervisor Schmidt – UC Probation, Director Peterson – UC Emergency Communications/Management, Mr. Everett Erichsen

Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of the October 3, 2017 meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Lapp, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Resolutions for the November 14, 2017 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 406: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Aramark Correctional Services LLC – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Aramark Correctional Services, Inc. to extend the term of agreement through December 31, 2018 for food service at the jail.

Motion No. 2: **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 406**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Discussion: Legislator Rodriguez stated that members in his caucus were concerned with the quality of the food at the jail, specifically fresh fruit and vegetables.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Lapp, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution is ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 431: Establishing Capital Project No. 512, Probation Building Construction – To Accommodate The Ulster County Restorative Justice And Community Empowerment Center – Amending The 2017 Capital Fund Budget– Public Works (Building and Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This resolution establishes Capital Project No. 512 to renovate the existing space at the Ulster County Probation Building to provide rehabilitative and restorative justice for adolescents.

Motion No. 3: **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 431**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Lapp, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution is ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 435: Appointing Member To Fill Vacancy On The Ulster County Fire Advisory Board

Resolution Summary: This resolution appoints Steven Lee from Highland to fill a vacancy on the Fire Advisory Board completing the term of Fred DeMaio set to expire on December 31, 2017.

Motion No. 4: **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 435**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Lapp, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution is ADOPTED

Resolution No. 436: Confirming The Appointment Of Everett Erichsen As Fire Coordinator

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the appointment of Everett Erichsen to the position of Ulster County Fire Coordinator.

Motion No. 5: Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 436

Motion By: Legislator Lapp

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion:

Chairman Briggs thanked Mr. Erichsen for attending the meeting. Chairman Ronk advised the members that he was pleased to hear that there were going to be some changes in the Fire Coordinator's Office. He added that he would like to see the county hire fire training instructors, commenting that the previous coordinator was hesitant to do so.

Mr. Erichsen thanked the members for their support and said he was looking forward to assuming the role of Fire Coordinator. He informed the members that hiring instructors was on his agenda as well as the development of a county training curriculum and other training improvements.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Lapp, Rodriguez & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution is ADOPTED

Resolution No. 437: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Participation Agreement, And Any Amendments Thereto, With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For Participation In The Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Program For Federal Fiscal Year 2017 – Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute a Participation Agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for participation in the Local Emergency Management Performance Grant program for Federal Fiscal Year 2017, with an annual allocation of \$72,913.00.

Motion No. 6: Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 437

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Discussion:

Legislator Rodriguez asked for clarification on what the funding was being spent on. Director Peterson responded that the funding is dedicated to salaries.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Lapp, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution is ADOPTED**

Under new business Chairman Briggs advised the members that he had received a letter from Kristopher Aadahl regarding concerns with a firearms retailer located on Route 32 in Tillson. Under Sheriff Freer offered to reach out to the Town of Rosendale Police Chief for more information.

Chairman Briggs advised the members that the monthly Sheriff's report was provided and asked if there were any questions. The members discussed the decline in Board In revenue due to Dutchess County's addition of temporary pods while a new jail is being built. Undersheriff Freer advised the members that the Sheriff's office continues to advocate for federal inmates to be boarded at the jail, and added that as the new jail in Dutchess is completed there would be further decline in revenue.

Legislator Rodriguez commented that the county needs to develop a plan to address the board in decline. Chairman Ronk stated that the juvenile pod will not be needed after the state's raise the age law regarding 16 and 17 year old offenders takes effect. He added that there would be no possibility of an agreement to bolster board in revenue with federal inmates if members of the legislature attempted to pursue sanctuary county policies.

Under Sheriff also expressed concern with the lack of facilities to house the 16 and 17 year olds. Chairman Briggs advised the members that the staffing levels required for juvenile facilities are far greater than at adult correctional facilities.

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Lapp
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk
No. of Votes in Favor: 3 (Legislator Rodriguez left at 5:45 PM)
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:47 PM

Respectfully submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Minutes Approved: December 5, 2017