

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

DATE & TIME: November 7, 2016 – 5:30 PM
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, KL Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman TJ Briggs
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Fabiano and Lapp
ABSENT: Legislators Maio and Rodriguez
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Sheriff Van Blarcum and Under Sheriff Freer – UC Sheriff's Office, Director Mullins – Department of Probation, Director Peterson – Emergency Communications/Emergency Management, Sgt. Tagliaferro – UC Sheriff's PBA

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

Motion No. 1: **Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of the October 4, 2016 meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Fabiano & Lapp
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Resolutions for the November 22, 2016 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 464: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Vanacore, DeBenedictus, DiGovanni & Weddell – Ulster County District Attorney

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Vanacore, DeBenedictus, DiGovanni & Weddell in the amount of \$50,000 for forensic accounting services.

Motion No. 2: **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 464**
Motion By: Legislator Lapp
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion:

Chairman Briggs informed the members that they have an email in their meeting materials from Assistant District Attorney Kavanagh explaining that the District Attorney's Office has been using Vanacore et al for some time and that they are extremely pleased with their work. He asked if the members had any questions; none were heard.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Fabiano & Lapp
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 468: Amending Capital Project No. 406 – For The Purchase And Remediation Of Flooded Homes Damaged During Hurricane Irene And Tropical Storm Lee - Department Of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends Capital Project No. 406 in the amount of \$150,917 in additional FEMA approved funding to cover costs associated with the Benefit to Cost Buyout Program.

Motion No. 3: **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 468**
Motion By: Legislator Lapp
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Fabiano & Lapp
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 473: Approving Ulster County's 2017 STOP DWI Program Plan And Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute All Inter-municipal Agreements Required Under The Plan – Ulster County Probation, DWI Division

Resolution Summary: This resolution approve the 2017 STOP DWI Program Plan as presented

Motion No. 4: **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 473**
Motion By: Legislator Lapp
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion:

Chairman Briggs mentioned that there were some questions in the past about whether the county was doing enough to discourage drunk driving. Director Mullins responded that the county takes very seriously the funding they receive for the STOP DWI Program and added that the Governor's Traffic Safety provides the framework on how the money needs to be spent. She said they do a lot of educational outreach at the colleges and fairs, as well as public service announcements, posts to their Facebook page and advertisements at the area movie theaters.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Fabiano & Lapp
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 475: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With 1500 NYS Route 208, LLC, For A Substation Of The Ulster County Sheriff's Office – Department Of Public Works – Buildings And Grounds

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute a lease agreement at an annual rent of \$9,000, including utilities, for the lease of 1500 Route 208, Wallkill for use as a Sheriff's substation.

Motion No. 5: **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 75**
Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Discussion:

Under Sheriff Freer stated that the county has leased this station for years and is quite pleased with the location and price.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Fabiano & Lapp
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

The Sheriff's report was presented. Chairman Briggs asked if there were any questions; none were heard.

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Chairman Briggs moved on to new business. He informed the membership that the Minority Leader mentioned the topic of take home vehicles it in his speech at the beginning of the year. He added that he felt the Sheriff's Office has been unfairly targeted by some legislators and elected

officials in regard to vehicle assignments and felt that a county-wide assessment would be more appropriate.

He added that he recently received a copy of the 2007 “Charlie Busick” Policy and would be reviewing it to determine relevance post enactment of the Charter. He stated that a copy would be sent to the members for further discussion in December.

Sheriff Van Blarcum added that his Office is not a Department of the County and was not sure how that would affect any policies the Legislature decides to put forward.

Chairman Briggs asked if there was any other new business. Sheriff Van Blarcum informed the members that the Ellenville School District has approached his office requesting a School Resource Officer. He informed the members that he would not be agreeing to provide one unless the Executive approves the back-filling of the position.

Chairman Briggs complimented the Sheriff and Director Peterson on their handling of the Active Shooter Drill recently conducted in Ellenville. He said that it went smoothly, a lot of information was shared and that he learned a lot. He added that he was incredibly impressed and proud with the way it went and said he looked forward to the next one.

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Fabiano

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

No. of Votes in Favor: 3

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:38 PM

Respectfully submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: December 6, 2016