

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

**DATE & TIME:** February 28, 2017 – 5:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** COB, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, KL Binder Library  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman TJ Briggs  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Fabiano, Lapp, Maio and Rodriguez  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Sheriff Van Blarcum, Under Sheriff Freer – UC Sheriff’s Office, District Attorney Carnright – UC District Attorney’s Office, Director Peterson – UC Emergency Management/Emergency Communications

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

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**Motion No. 1:** **Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting**

**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Minutes APPROVED**

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Resolutions for the March 14, 2017 Session of the Legislature

Chairman Briggs informed the members that he would be taking some Resolutions out of order to accommodate the individuals present.

**Resolution No. 120:** Amending The 2017 Ulster County Budget To Appropriate Forfeiture Revenue – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends the 2017 County Budget to reflect \$31,000 transferred from the URGENT forfeiture of crimes proceeds to vehicles.

**Motion No. 2:** **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 120**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp  
**Discussion:**

Legislator Rodriguez commented that his caucus still has concerns with URGENT's informant policy and asked when the next meeting was. Sheriff Van Blarcum responded that he has informed the members a number of times that URGENT meetings are held every Tuesday at 11:00 AM at the Law Enforcement Center. He added that he would appreciate any questions be forwarded to him in advance of the meeting so he has time to look gather any information requested.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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**LATE Resolution No. 136:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services Funding Of A Director Of Projects Of The Intimate Partner Violence Initiative- District Attorney's Office

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an agreement with DCJS in the amount of \$87,235 annually for the Intimate Partner Violence Initiative for a term commencing March 6, 2017 through March 5, 2019.

**Motion No. 3:** **Moved ADOPT Resolution No. 136**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Fabiano  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Discussion:**

Chairman Briggs recognized District Attorney Carnright for an explanation of the program. DA Carnright stated that domestic violence is a problem in Ulster County which has been a focus of his office for a number of years. He advised the members that he was approached by a representative from DCJS who acknowledged that focus and the great work of his office on the issue and asked if he would be willing to conduct a pilot program. The program is only being rolled out in one county in the state. He added that he coordinated with Family of Woodstock, the Commissioner of Social Services, Sheriff Van Blarcum, the Departments of Probation and Parole and other stakeholders to discuss the program and the coordination that would be necessary.

He informed the members that the primary goal and test of the program was to prevent domestic violence from happening by identifying individuals who are likely to re-commit an act of domestic violence and direct him or her to services. He added that there will be data collected on the program and that the funding being approved will go towards a project manager to coordinate all of the services through all of the agencies that may be needed for an individual's rehabilitation. Chairman Briggs informed the members that DA Carnright provided program information which was included in the meeting materials.

Chairman Briggs asked if there were any questions. Legislator Rodriguez advised the DA that there was a stipulation in the resolution that the program would be eliminated if the grant funding was eliminated. DA Carnright said he was aware. He added that the state approached him and that they

were absolutely committed to the program and would most likely use Ulster County as an example for a roll out of the program in other counties.

Legislator Maio asked that the District Attorney update the committee on the program's progress. He responded that he would be happy to and thanked the members for their time. Chairman Briggs thanked DA Carnright for attending the meeting.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 112:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Motorola Solutions Inc. – Department of Emergency Management

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves a contract amendment with Motorola Solutions, Inc in the amount of \$66,164.04 to extend the term of agreement from March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017 for post warranty support and services for the 911 telephone system.

**Motion No. 4:** **Moved ADOPT Resolution No. 112**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Lapp  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 121:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement, And Any Amendments Thereto, With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For Participation In The 2016-2017 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant – Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an agreement with DHSHS in the amount of \$155,526 for the PSAP grant for a term January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

**Motion No. 5:** **Moved ADOPT Resolution No. 121**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Lapp  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 73:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Walker Valley Chemical Engine No. 1 For The 2017 Appropriation – Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an agreement with the Walker Valley Chemical Engine No. 1 in the amount of \$5,000 to offset the costs associated with purchasing heat resistant wall panels.

**Motion No. 6:** **Moved ADOPT Resolution No. 73**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 88:** Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 14 of 2016 (A Local Law of the County of Ulster for the Regulation of Pet Sellers)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 14 of 2016.

**Motion No. 7:** **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 88**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** Legislator Lapp  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 1  
**Disposition:** **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 92:** Requesting The New York State Legislature Introduce Legislation Expanding The Hate Crimes Law, New York Penal Law §485.05

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution requests the NYS Legislature introduce legislation expanding the Hate Crimes Law to define crimes against Troopers, Deputy Sheriffs, police officers, peace officers, and first responders as hate crimes.

**Motion No. 8:** Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 92

**Motion By:** Legislator Maio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Resolutions ADOPTED

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**Resolution No. 95:** Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2017 (A Local Law Prohibiting The Possession, Distribution, Or Use Of Tobacco Products By A Minor In Ulster County) To Be Held On Tuesday, May 9, 2017 At 6:00 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution sets a Public Hearing for Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM for the purposes of hearing public input in Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2017.

Legislator Briggs informed the members that the Public Health & Social Services Committee voted to postpone the Resolution at their meeting the evening before in order to have a couple of legal questions answered. He stated that he would like to have those questions answers and any amendment made before the committee votes on the law. He added that resolution was in the meeting materials and asked that the members review the proposed law and forward any thoughts.

Therefore the committee took no action on the Resolution.

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**Resolution No. 113:** Appointing Member To Fill Vacancy On The Ulster County Fire Advisory Board

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution appoints Frank Banks as the Town of Esopus representative on the Fire Advisory Board to fill the vacancy of Scott Sammons for the duration of his term ending on December 31, 2017.

**Motion No. 9:** Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 113

**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 114:** Appointing Member To The Ulster County Fire Advisory Board

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution appoints Justin VanWagenen as the Town of Marbletown representative on the Fire Advisory Board for a term commencing immediately and continuing through December 31, 2017.

**Motion No. 10:** **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 114**

**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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

**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 5:47 PM

**Respectfully submitted:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

**Minutes Approved:** April 4, 2017