

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

**DATE & TIME:** March 1, 2016 – 5:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** COB, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Karen Binder Library  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman TJ Briggs  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Jay Mahler, Legislative Staff  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Fabiano, Lapp, Maio and Rodriguez  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Sheriff VanBlarcum, Legislator Mary Wawro, Melanie Mullins – Department of Probation, Jessica Schutzman – UC DA’s Office, Michael Gaffney – Department of Emergency Management/Emergency Services, Jack Hayes – UC Police Chief’s Association

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

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**Motion No. 1: RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of the February 8, 2016 meeting**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, and Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 2:** Resolution No. 91 – March 15, 2016

**Text of Motion: Resolved to approve Resolution No. 91 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock – Department of Probation**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Resolution No. 91 Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock, Inc. in the amount of \$110,000 for an Alternative to Juvenile Detention Project, a diversion services program for low to moderate risk youth 7-15 years of age.

**Discussion:**

Chairman Briggs recognized Ms. Melanie Mullins from the Department of Probation to speak on the resolution. Ms. Mullins informed the members that she did not know the resolution was on last month's agenda and apologized for not being present. She advised the members that this was the second or third year for the contract and that the funding was for the 180 Program which is a diversion program targeted at low to moderate risk youth. She added that they were hoping to expand the program this year to higher risk youth. She said that, as a part of the program, the offending youth must recognize what they did wrong and make amends to the community through some form of service.

Legislator Rodriguez asked how many participants there are in the program. Ms. Mullins responded that there were 15-20 participants in 2015. She added that any expansion of the program would be only a few.

**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio and Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 3:** Resolution No. 95 – March 15, 2016

**Text of Motion: Resolved to approve Resolution No. 95** – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For Participation In The Crimes Against Revenue Program – District Attorney

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Fabiano  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Resolution No. 95 Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute an agreement with the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$151,815 for the District Attorney’s participation in the Crimes Against Revenue Program for the term January 1 – December 31, 2016.

**Discussion:**

Chairman Briggs recognized Ms. Jessica Schutzman from the Ulster County District Attorney’s Office to speak to the resolution. Ms. Schutzman explained that she manages the grant, including preparing all of the tracking paperwork for the state. She added that the program began in January 2011, and she came on board in June 2013. She said the program has been successful and has made a difference to the DA’s Office. She informed the members that the program targets crimes against government agencies which ultimately results in the return of funds to the state.

The members discussed a different types of cases handled through the program.

Legislator Fabiano asked if the amount in front of them was an increase from last year. Ms. Schutzman responded that the state changed the structure of the program and the amount being voted on was, in fact, the unexpended amount of a previously awarded forensic accounting grant and additional funding for salaries.

Sheriff Van Blarcum asked if the DA’s office had investigators who could look in to possible Workers’ Compensation fraud cases. Ms. Schutzman responded that was an issue that her program would look into and asked the Sheriff to give her a call to talk about specifics.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	No
<b>Voting In Favor:</b>	Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio and Rodriguez
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	5
<b>No. of Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	Carried

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**Motion No. 4:** Resolution No. 114 – March 15, 2016

**Text of Motion: Moved to approve Resolution No. 114** – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Walker Valley Chemical Engine No. 1 For The 2016 Appropriation – Legislature

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Resolution No. 114 Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an agreement with the Walker Valley Chemical Engine No. 1 not to exceed the amount of \$10,000.00 to be expended towards costs associated with purchasing heat resistant wall panels for the Walker Valley Fire District burn tower.

**Discussion:**

Chairman Briggs explained that the resolution was for burn panels for the Walker Valley burn tower which the Legislature previously voted to fund during the budget process.

**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio and Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 5:** Resolution No. 147 – March 15, 2016

**Text of Motion: Moved to approve Resolution No. 147 –** 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 2015-2016 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant - Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget – Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Resolution No. 147 Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an agreement with the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the amount of \$154,511 for participation in the 2015-2016 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant for the term January 1 – December 31, 2016.

**Discussion:**

Chairman Briggs recognized Mr. Michael Gaffney from the Department of Emergency Management/Emergency Communications to speak to the resolution. Mr. Gaffney

explained that the grant has been received for the last three years and is used for equipment and salaries in the 9-1-1 dispatch center.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	No
<b>Voting In Favor:</b>	Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio and Rodriguez
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	5
<b>No. of Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	Carried

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## **Sheriff's Report**

Chairman Briggs advised the members that the Sheriff's monthly report was attached to their materials. He informed the members that he had heard there were concerns in Dutchess County about getting approval to build the new jail. The Sheriff advised the members that negotiations to secure boarding of Dutchess inmates was on his agenda for his next staff meeting.

Chairman Briggs informed the members that the Sheriff also provided information on the re-accreditation process. Sheriff Van Blarcum explained that when a facility is about a year away from the time for re-accreditation the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services comes to conduct evaluations. He added that they would have no issues being re-accredited.

Legislator Rodriguez asked for clarification on the process for developing the monthly telephone revenue numbers and asked about the variances. Sheriff Van Blarcum explained that they were taking in female board-ins from Dutchess County and were taking inmates from Sullivan and Greene Counties as well. He added that if the variances were not leveling out by the summer he would have to reevaluate budget projections.

Chairman Briggs congratulated the Sheriff for raising over \$20,000 for Alzheimer's through the Sub Zero Heroes plunge. Sheriff Van Blarcum added that members of the dive team were on hand for the event. He added that it does not cost any additional money to have the staff there because the event is used as a training day.

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## **Old Business**

Chairman asked if there was any old business. None was heard.

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## **New Business**

Chairman Briggs asked if there was any new business. None was heard.

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

## **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 5:48 PM.

**Respectfully submitted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016**

**Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk**

**Minutes Approved: April 5, 2016**