

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

DATE & TIME: April 4, 2017 – 5:30 PM
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, KL Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman TJ Briggs
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Fabiano, Lapp, Maio, Rodriguez and Ronk
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Sheriff Van Blarcum, Director Peterson – UC Emergency Management/Emergency Communications, Director Mullins – UC Probation, Angela Figurelli & Lauren Sheeley – Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, Douglas C. Smyth, Time Delaney, David Gonzalez & Neal Grover – members of the public

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

Motion No. 1: Moved to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the February 28, 2017 meeting

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Resolutions for the April 18, 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. 147: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Legal Services Of The Hudson Valley – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley in the amount of \$50,000 to extend the term of the agreement for legal services for victims of domestic violence.

Motion No. 2: Moved to **ADOPT** Resolution No. 147

Motion By: Legislator Lapp
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion:

Chairman Briggs asked if there were any questions for Director Mullins or the representatives of Legal Services present. None were offered.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 168: Amending Capital Project No. 483– Fire Training Center – Department of Public Works To Increase Funding for Design and Engineering Work and Include Funding for Legal Work (Department of Public Works Buildings and Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends Capital Project No. 483 established in August 2016 to increase funding available for design of the facility and to include funding for legal assistance during the course of the project.

Discussion:

Chairman Briggs recognized Director Peterson for an explanation of the amendment to the Capital Project. Director Peterson advised the members that the five bids that came back during the RFP process were higher than the amounts estimated for design and engineering when the project was adopted in 2016.

Legislator Maio pointed out an error with a date in the resolution.

Motion No. 3: **Moved AMEND the date in the fifth Whereas to “August 2016”**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Amendment ADOPTED**

Discussion:

Legislator Ronk asked how the project was going. Director Peterson responded that the committee meetings were going well.

Motion No. 4: Moved ADOPT Resolution No. 168 as amended
Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

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 on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 6:00 PM for the purpose of hearing public comment on Proposed Local Law No. 1 or 2017.

Motion No. 5: Moved ADOPT Resolution No. 95
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 138: Creating A Policy To Maintain A Safe, Inclusive Government And Ensure The Protection, Order, Conduct, Safety, Health, And Well-Being Of All Persons In Ulster County

Resolution Summary: This resolution creates a policy for Ulster County pertaining to the treatment of county residents and the enforcement of immigration laws.

Motion No. 6: Moved to POSTPONE Resolution No. 138
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion:

Legislator Rodriguez advised the members that, as the sponsor, he would like to have the resolution postponed. He added that it was his intention to give members time to read and fully digest the policy before moving forward.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp & Rodriguez
Voting Against: Legislators Maio & Ronk
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 2
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 170: Appointing Member To Fill Vacancy On The Ulster County Fire Advisory Board

Resolution Summary: This resolution appoints Peter Carberry as the Town of Woodstock representative to fill a vacancy on the Fire Advisory Board completing a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Motion No. 7: **Moved ADOPT Resolution No. 170**
Motion By: Legislator Lapp
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 171: Appointing Member To Fill Vacancy On The Ulster County Fire Advisory Board

Resolution Summary: This resolution appoints David Weeks as the Town of New Paltz representative to fill a vacancy on the Fire Advisory Board completing a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Motion No. 8: **Moved ADOPT Resolution No. 171**
Motion By: Legislator Lapp
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 172: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The County Of Oneida For Boarding Inmates At The Central New York Psychiatric Center – Sheriff’s Office

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an inter-municipal agreement with the County of Oneida for boarding inmates at Central New York Psychiatric Center at a cost of \$185.00 per inmate per day for a term beginning on January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2019.

Motion No. 9: Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 172
Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion:

Legislator Maio asked about the financial impact. Sheriff Van Blarcum advised the members that the amount was calculated based on figures over the past seven years. He added that they have not needed to board an inmate at that facility in two years.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 173: Amending The 2017 Ulster County Budget-Appropriating Unexpended Funds From The New York State Office Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For The Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (Contract No. C974150) – Ulster County Sheriff Office

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the Ulster County Budget to appropriate unexpended funds from the NYS HSES in the amount of \$67,500 to be used to purchase communication and computer equipment.

Motion No. 10: Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 173
Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Discussion:

Legislator Rodriguez asked for an explanation of the funding. Sheriff Van Blarcum responded that the funding referred to in Resolutions 173 & 174 was being carried over from previous years. He

added that Director Peterson was waiting for a grant to upgrade communications and that the money was going to those upgrades. Director Peterson added that he had communication issues in Marlborough and Saugerties especially that needed to be addressed.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 174: Amending The 2017 Ulster County Budget-Appropriating Unexpended Funds From The New York State Office Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For The Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (Contract No. C974160) – Ulster County Sheriff Office

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the Ulster County Budget to appropriate unexpended funds from the NYS HSES in the amount of \$67,500 to be used to purchase communication and computer equipment.

Motion No. 11: **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 174**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Lapp, Maio, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Chairman Briggs thanked Sheriff Van Blarcum for providing the monthly board in and telephone revenue report and asked if there were any questions. Legislator Rodriguez asked if the Sheriff if he felt the annual revenue projection would be reached. Sheriff Van Blarcum responded that he was hopeful and added that the telephone revenue would be exceeded due to the addition of tablets for the inmates to use.

The members discussed the capacity of the jail and the various pods dedicated to certain inmate populations. Sheriff Van Blarcum asked that the members contact him prior to meetings with their questions so he could come prepared to answer them.

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:47 PM

Respectfully submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Minutes Approved: May 2, 2017