

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

DATE & TIME: June 2, 2014 - - 7:00 PM
LOCATION: UC Law Enforcement Center, the Rotunda
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman TJ Briggs
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk/Confidential Secretary
PRESENT: Legislators Ronk, Gregorius, Maio
ABSENT: Legislator Loughran
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Sheriff Paul Van Blarcum

Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MOTION NO. 1: RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of May 5, 2014 meeting
Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio
Discussion: None
Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, Maio, Ronk
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

The Sheriff distributed his monthly Inmate Telephone and Board in Revenue Report. Chairman Briggs complimented the Sheriff on the continued excellent work of his Office and the URGENT Task Force.

Motion No. 2: Resolution No. 196 – June 17, 2014
Text of Motion: Resolved to approve Resolution No. 196 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc. – Probation
Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Resolution No. 196 Summary: This Resolution will approve the execution of a contract in the amount of \$55,000 to fund the EVOLVE Program, a domestic violence prevention education program for male domestic violence offenders to aid them learning positive behaviors and emotional control.

Discussion:

Legislator Ronk stated that the EVOLVE program is a wonderful program.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, Maio, Ronk
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 3: Resolution No. 203 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to postpone Resolution No. 203 to a future meeting where someone will be present to offer explanations and answer any questions** - Approving And Adopting The Updated Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan For Ulster County – Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Resolution No. 203 Summary: This Resolution will approve and adopt the updated Ulster County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

Discussion:

The committee discussed the fact that the Comprehensive plan totals 92 pages and there was no one present from the Executive’s Office to explain the changes, offer any other input or answer any questions. The committee decided that a vote on the Resolution should wait until they each had time to adequately review the plan and have any questions answered.

Legislator Ronk was particularly interested in hearing from someone who can provide information on any financial impact.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, Maio, Ronk

Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 4: Resolution No. 213 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 213** - 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 Gregorius
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Resolution No. 213 Summary: This Resolution will authorize the Chairman of the Legislature to execute an agreement with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and the UC District Attorney’s Office in the amount of \$99,500 for participation in the Crimes Against Revenue Program (CARP).

Discussion:

Legislator Ronk advised the committee that last year counsel advised them to add “and the Chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee” to the end of the first Resolved.

The committee agreed that the resolution should be amended to include some Legislative over site and discussed whether it should be the Chairman of the Legislature or the Chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee. They agreed on the Chairman of the Legislature.

Motion No. 5: Amendment to Resolution No. 213

Text of Motion: The first Resolved is amended to read “..., or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney **and the Chairman of the Legislature**; and be it further...”

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded by: Legislator Maio

Vote on the Amendment

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, Maio, Ronk

Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Vote on the Resolution as Amended

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, Maio, Ronk
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 6: Resolution No. 214 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 214** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services For The Gun Involved Violence Intervention Initiative (GIVE) – District Attorney, Sheriff And Probation

Motion Made By: Legislator Gregorius
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Resolution No. 214 Summary: This Resolution will authorize the Chairman of the Legislature to execute an agreement with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and the UC District Attorney’s Office, the UC Sheriff’s Office and the UC Probation Department in the amount of \$86,800, \$17,000 and \$20,500 respectively for participation in the Gun Involved Violence Intervention (GIVE) Initiative.

Discussion:

Legislator Gregorius pointed out that the same issue that existed in Resolution 213.

Legislator Ronk advised the committee that he would speak with Clerk of the Legislature Fabella to see how the change can be applied automatically to all similar resolutions.

Motion No. 7: Amendment to Resolution No. 214

Text of Motion: The first Resolved is amended to read “..., or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney **and the Chairman of the Legislature**; and be it further...”

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded by: Legislator Maio

Vote on the Amendment

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, Maio, Ronk
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Vote on the Resolution as Amended

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, Maio, Ronk
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Sheriff Van Blarcum advised the committee that the GIVE initiative used to be called Operation IMPACT. The name was changed and some funding was reduced, but other than that the program remained the same. He stated that he offered to speak on behalf of District Attorney Carnright so he did not have to attend the meeting.

A discussion ensued about prosecuting traffic tickets and the costs associated with overtime pay for officers.

Old Business

Sheriff Van Blarcum advised the committee of a Middletown Record article he emailed to Legislators Briggs and Ronk regarding an alarm law they have in Columbia County.

Legislators Ronk and Maio expressed support for the initiative.

There was some discussion about which party, the owner or the alarm company was responsible for correcting the faulty alarm.

New Business

None

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gregorius
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of August, 2014

Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: August 4, 2014