

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

**DATE & TIME:** July 6, 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 Lapp, & Rodriguez  
**ABSENT:** Legislators Fabiano & Maio  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Sheriff Van Blarcum & Undersheriff Freer – UCSO, Director Mullins – UC Probation

Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

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**Motion No. 1:** Moved to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the June 6, 2017 meeting

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

**Discussion:** None

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

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Resolutions for the July 18, 2017 Session of the Legislature

**Resolution No. 288:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Colossus, Incorporated D/B/A Interact Public Safety Systems – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Colossus, Inc., d/b/a Interact Public Safety Systems in the amount of \$25,940.32 to extend the term of agreement, adding one year maintenance and two new Mobile Classic Client Licenses for MobileCop software.

**Motion No. 2:** Moved to **ADOPT Resolution No. 288**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Discussion:**

Sheriff Van Blarcum explained that the contract was for mobile data terminals which every police agency, and most fire companies in the county have. Legislator Rodriguez asked if the IS Department assists with supporting the terminals. Sheriff Van Blarcum responded that they do.

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

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**Resolution No. 299:** Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2017, A Local Law Repealing The Wireless Communications Surcharge Authorized By Article Six Of The County Law Of The State Of New York; And Imposing The Wireless Communications Surcharges Pursuant To The Authority Of Tax Law § 186-G, To Be Held On Tuesday, August 8, 2017 At 6:10 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution sets a public hearing on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 6:10 PM for the purpose of hearing public comment on Proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2017.

**Motion No. 3:** **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 299**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Discussion:** None

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

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**Resolution No. 300:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services – Rape Crisis Services – Department of Probation

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an agreement with NYS DCJS in the amount of \$39,000 in state funding for the purpose of support services of the Rape Crisis Services Prevention Program for the term January 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

**Motion No. 4:** **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 300**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp  
**Discussion:** None

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

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**Resolution No. 301:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services — Project GIVE — District Attorney, Sheriff And The Department Of Probation

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute all contracts with NYS DCJS for the purpose of Ulster County's participation in the GIVE initiative, for the period from July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 in the following amounts: \$77,725.00 to the District Attorney's Office, \$22,200.00 to the Sheriff's Office, and \$35,000.00 to the Probation Department.

**Motion No. 5:** **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 301**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Discussion:**

Legislator Rodriguez questioned why the District Attorney's Office receives more funding than the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Van Blarcum asked Under Sheriff Freer to respond as he attends GIVE meetings. Under Sheriff Freer advised the members that the District Attorney's Office writes and administers the grant. He added that the City of Kingston gets most of the funding and is the reason that the county qualifies for the grant. He informed the members that their portion of the grant is used to fund part of a domestic violence investigator. Director Mullins stated that Probation Department's portion of the funding is used to pay half of two domestic violence case worker's salaries.

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

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**Resolution No. 302:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With Various Municipalities For The Operation Of HVCAC (Hudson Valley Crime Analysis Center) – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an intermunicipal agreement with various municipalities for the development and operation of a Regional Crime Analysis Center to be known as the Hudson Valley Crime Analysis Center (HVCAC) for an

indefinite term. Participants include: NYS DCJS, Orange County District Attorney's Office, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Dutchess County District Attorney's Office, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, Ulster County District Attorney's Office, Ulster County Sheriff's Office, City of Kingston Police Department, City of Newburgh Police Department, and the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department.

**Motion No. 6:** Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 302  
**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Discussion:** None

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

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**Resolution No. 303:** Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Enter Into An Intermunicipal Agreement With The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) For The Provision Of Police Protective Equipment – Amending The 2017 Ulster County Budget– Sheriff's Office

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the County Executive to enter into an intermunicipal with NYS DCJS in the amount of \$27,233 in state funding to be used for the purchase of police protective equipment.

**Motion No. 7:** Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 303  
**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Discussion:**

Sheriff Van Blarcum advised the members that the grant would be used for the purchase of ballistic helmets which is required for every police officer in the county.

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

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Chairman Briggs advised the members that the Sheriff's report was attached to their meeting materials. Legislator Rodriguez asked what the capacity of the jail was. Sheriff Van Blarcum responded that capacity was 485 – 505. He added that there was an uptick in board ins because

Dutchess County is overcrowded at the moment and the telephone revenue is up because they have issued tablets for inmate use. He continued by saying that the introduction of the tablets has also led to a calmer atmosphere in the housing units.

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Chairman Briggs advised the members that he reached out to Mr. Mutz who could not attend the July meeting, but would attend in September to receive recognition for his years of service as the Ulster County Fire Coordinator.

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

**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Lapp  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 5:39 PM

**Respectfully submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk**  
**Minutes Approved: August 1, 2017**