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## **Special Committee To Investigate Matters Regarding Law Enforcement Center Announces Hearings**

The Ulster County Legislature's Special Committee to Investigate Matters Regarding the Pre-Planning, Planning and Construction of the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center, created by Chairman David B. Donaldson, announced today that it had invited seventeen individuals to appear and give sworn testimony before the Committee during two days of hearings scheduled for Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> in the Legislative Chambers, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York. The hearings will be open to the public.

The following individuals have been invited: former Chairman of the Legislature Ward Todd, former Ulster County Commissioner of Buildings and Grounds Harvey Sleight, former Ulster County Attorney Francis T. Murray, former Chairman of the Legislature and current County Legislator Richard Gerentine, Senior Jail Project Advisor Brian Cunningham, Civil Engineer Dennis Larios, former Legislator Michael Stock, Chairman of the Legislature David Donaldson, Legislator Richard Parete, Richard Scaife and Mark Balling of Bovis Lend Lease, former Special Counsel Mark Sweeney, Esq., Frank Giunta and Timothy Ronan of Hill International, former Department of Buildings & Grounds employee Marc Phelan, and Stephen Bishop and Joseph Roblee, former principals of the architect Crandell Associates.

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On Tuesday, letters were sent by the Committee Chair Tracey Bartels to eleven of the individuals, with the seven who are currently represented by counsel having been notified through their attorneys.

Enclosed with each of the letters was a subpoena, which each of the witnesses was asked to accept.

Committee interviews will begin on August 27, 2007 at 9:30 AM in Chambers.

The Committee is hopeful that the broad cooperation which it has received in the informal interviews it has conducted in the lead-up to the public sessions will continue.

The Committee encourages members of the public to attend. "We anticipate it will be most informative," said Legislator Bartels.

The Committee remains on track to submit its report to the Ulster County Legislature by the September 17<sup>th</sup> deadline.