

**Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The City Of Kingston For Hazardous-Materials Response Services – Amending The 2007 Ulster County Budget – Emergency Communications/Emergency Management**

The Criminal Justice and Safety Committee (Chairman Dart and Legislators Distel, Gregorius, R.A. Parete, Zimet, Aiello and Every) offers the following:

WHEREAS, a hazard analysis conducted as part of updating the Ulster County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan has identified hazardous materials in transit and hazardous materials at fixed sites as the top two hazards facing Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, these incidents have the potential for causing widespread injury or death to our citizens and the potential for devastating environmental damage, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the safety of Ulster County citizens to provide a means to contain and control these incidents, and

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston Fire Department operates a Hazardous-Materials Response Team with trained personnel and specialized equipment that has been responding to haz-mat incidents under contract with Ulster County since 1997, and has developed an excellent working relationship with the local volunteer fire departments operating at these incidents, and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice and Safety Committee has requested that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to enter into a ten (10) year agreement with the City of Kingston, beginning in August to extend these services for \$325,000.00 (\$15,000.00 annually for a period of ten years) which includes the acquisition of a new hazardous material response vehicle and for materials, training of personnel and consumable supplies, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Ulster County Emergency Communications/Emergency Management has received approval from the New York State Office of Homeland Security to redirect \$175,000.00 in funds allocated under the Federal Fiscal Year 2005 State Homeland Security Program toward this purpose, reducing the County dollars needed for the Haz-Mat Response Services to \$15,000.00 per year for the ten (10) year period of the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice and Safety Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

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WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to enter into a ten (10) year agreement with the City of Kingston, beginning in August to extend hazardous material response services for \$325,000.00 (\$15,000.00 annually for a period of ten years) which includes the acquisition of a new hazardous material response vehicle and for materials, training of personnel and consumable supplies, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to modify the Federal Fiscal Year 2005 State Homeland Security Program contract with the New York State Office of Homeland Security to purchase a vehicle for the transport of CBRNE (chemical, biological, radioactive, nuclear, explosive) haz-mat response equipment and personnel to an incident site, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2007 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**TRANSFER**

<b><u>FROM</u></b>		<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
A4-1331-4553 (App. #)	Contingent Account	\$7,500.00
<b><u>TO</u></b>		<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
A4-1800-4159 (App. #)	Haz-Mat Expenses	\$7,500.00

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Every)

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

\$175,000.00 – FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2005

STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM DOLLARS  
BUDGETED 100% REIMBURSEABLE

\$ 7,500.00 – BUDGETED 2007 COUNTY DOLLARS PROGRAM

\$ 7,500.00 – TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENT ACCOUNT - BUDGETED

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**For information purposes only: \$175,000.00 from the Federal Fiscal Year 2005 State Homeland Security Program, \$97,200.00 from the Federal Fiscal Year 2006 State Homeland Security Program and \$98,400.00 from the Federal Fiscal Year 2006 Law Enforcement Terrorism and Prevention Program have been earmarked for participation in the Statewide Wireless Network. However, Federal Fiscal Year 2005 funds must be expended before the expected 2009 deployment date of the Statewide Wireless Network.**