

Authorizing The Chairman To Execute An Agreement And Any Amendments – Hudson Valley Interoperable Communications Consortium – Department Of Emergency Communications/ Emergency Management

The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairman Hayes and Legislators, Briggs, Belfiglio, Hochberg, Ronk, Rodriguez, and Sweeney) offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management, and

WHEREAS, the six (6) counties collectively known as the Hudson Valley Region (Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, Putnam, Ulster, and Westchester) believe it would be in the best interest of their respective public safety first responders if the Hudson Valley Region worked as a consortium to develop a seamless wireless communications system for governmental public safety/service agencies throughout the Hudson Valley Region (hereinafter referred to as the COUNTIES), and

WHEREAS, the COUNTIES seek to demonstrate their commitment to promote multi-jurisdictional and multi-discipline (e.g. law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical, emergency management, public health, public works, and 9-1-1 communications centers) interoperable public safety communications, and

WHEREAS, a collaborative regional partnership would provide each county's public safety first responders the ability to communicate on a common seamless wireless communications system, during natural or manmade events that cause or create a serious negative impact on the Hudson Valley region, and

WHEREAS, the need for collaborative partnerships has been expressed in the National SAFECOM program, and is encouraged by the State and Federal Government through a number of state/federal grant programs, and is well recognized as the standard for implementing interoperable communications systems, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), through its Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications (OIEC), has implemented a grant program to facilitate the development, consolidation or operation of public safety communications to support statewide interoperable communications for first responders, and

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WHEREAS the New York State Division of Homeland Security (HSES) Office of Interoperability and Emergency Communications (OIEC) recognizes the need for most counties in the state to enter into multiple interoperable communications agreements based on geographic partnerships, and

WHEREAS, the six (6) counties: Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, Putnam, Ulster, and Westchester (the COUNTIES), are municipal corporations as defined in Section 119-n of General Municipal Law of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law authorizes municipal governments to contract to perform together that which each government is authorized to perform individually, and

WHEREAS, the COUNTIES find that the development of a seamless wireless communications system for governmental public safety/service agencies throughout the Hudson Valley Region will protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the COUNTIES, and

WHEREAS, the COUNTIES have skilled personnel and facilities available to undertake such a project, and

WHEREAS, the COUNTIES desire this agreement and the work to be performed under it to fully comply with all pertinent State and local laws, regulations and policies, and

WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that in consideration of the mutual benefits to the parties, Ulster County does hereby agree that it does endorse the creation of the Hudson Valley Interoperable Communications Consortium, and be it further

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RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to enter into such subsequent agreements with other neighboring counties as may be beneficial to the emergency communications needs of Ulster County and its first responder agencies, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to execute an agreement, and any amendments with Hudson Valley Interoperable Communications Consortium consisting of: Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, Putnam, Ulster and Westchester Counties for the sole purpose of developing efficient and effective solutions to the Hudson Valley Region's public safety interoperable communications system, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 27 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Bernardo, Frey, Hayes,
Provenzano, Sheeley and Stoeckeler)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
TO BE DETERMINED

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 26th day of April, 2011, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 29th Day of April in the year Two Thousand and Eleven.

/s/ Karen L. Binder
Karen L. Binder, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this
29th Day of April, 2011.

/s/ Karen L. Binder
Karen L. Binder, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Approved by the County Executive this
4th Day of May, 2011.

/s/ Michael P. Hein
Michael P. Hein, County Executive