

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee
DATE & TIME: August 2, 2011 @ 6:30 PM
PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor, County Office Building

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Deputy Chairman Thomas Briggs, Legislators Carl Belfiglio, Roy Hochberg, Hector Rodriguez, Kenneth Ronk, Michael Sweeney

LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Chairman Jack Hayes

OTHERS ATTENDING: Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum, Undersheriff Frank Faluotico, Patricia Doxsey (Daily Freeman)

Deputy Chairman Briggs ran tonight's meeting in Chairman Hayes' absence.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 6:30 PM

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 5, 2011 COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Motion offered by Legislator Belfiglio, Seconded by Legislator Sweeney, All in Favor, Carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Resolution Draft No. 0806, August 16, 2011** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For The Aid To Defense Program - Department Of Public Defender

Motion offered by Legislator Sweeney, Seconded by Legislator Ronk, All in Favor, Carried.

The purposes of the Aid to Defense Program are to (1) enhance defense services designed to expedite the processing of violent and serious felony cases through the courts, and (2) ensure thorough case processing and effective defense representation. If funding for this program is eliminated, County participation will be reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee.

Discussion: None

2. **Resolution Draft No. 0807, August 16, 2011** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement And Any Amendments To The Agreement With New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For The Aid To Prosecution Program (APP) - District Attorney

Motion offered by Legislator Ronk, Seconded by Legislator Sweeney, All in Favor, Carried.

The purpose of the Aid to Prosecution Program is to improve the prosecution of repeat violent and serious felony offenders.

Discussion: Legislator Ronk requested that the District Attorney be contacted with regard to the funding and where the funds will be specifically spent.

LATE RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Resolution Draft No. 0811, August 16, 2011** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The National Railroad Passenger Corporation d/b/a Amtrak To Provide In-Car Communications - Ulster County Sheriff

Motion offered by Legislator Ronk, Seconded by Legislator Sweeney, All in Favor, Carried.

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation d/b/a Amtrak desires an in-car communication system for the purpose of dispatch and data exchange. The Ulster County Sheriff's Office has the capacity to provide this service to vehicles owned and operated by other agencies through its computer server using "packet clusters". It would allow them to run license plates, run criminal histories, criminal warrant checks, jail data base, pistol permits, and would give them GPS capability to see where their vehicles are located. They buy their own equipment and pay the Sheriff's Office for their services and licensing fees.

Discussion: None

2. **Resolution Draft No. 0812, August 16, 2011** - Authorizing the Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Ulster County Board Of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) School District To Provide A Deputy Sheriff As A School Resource Officer - Ulster County Sheriff

Motion offered by Legislator Sweeney, Seconded by Legislator Ronk, All in Favor, Carried.

The Ulster County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) has requested a Deputy Sheriff be assigned as a School Resource Officer at the BOCES building located in Port Ewen. BOCES will reimburse Ulster County 100% of the salary plus benefits of the Deputy Sheriff assigned as the School Resource Officer.

Discussion: None

3. **Resolution Draft No. 0813, August 16, 2011** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Town Of Fallsburg To Provide In-Car Communications - Ulster County Sheriff

Motion offered by Legislator Ronk, Seconded by Legislator Sweeney, All in Favor, Carried.

The Town of Fallsburg Police Department desires an in-car communication system for the purpose of dispatch and data exchange, and the Sheriff's Office has the capacity to provide this service to vehicles owned and operated by other agencies through its computer server using "packet clusters".

Discussion: None

- 4. Resolution Draft No. 0814, August 16, 2011** - Encourage Observances Of The Anniversary Of The September Eleventh Two Thousand and One, Attacks Against The United States Of America By All County Facilities And Departments And Acknowledging The Efforts Of Local, State And Federal Governments To Maintain The Safety And Well Being Of All Our Citizens

Motion offered by Legislator Sweeney, Seconded by Legislator Ronk, All in Favor, Carried.

Discussion: The entire Committee agreed that they fully support this Resolution and that they want to be added to the Resolution as sponsors.

Ronk: Stated that he will be contacting Chairman Wadnola with regard to the planning of any County observances. The Sheriff's Office would appreciate any insight as to what is being planned because they will be proving the security.

UPDATE:

Sheriff: Handed out to the Committee the Ulster County Corrections monthly average population and phone commissions for 2011.

Faluotico: Stated that they are moving forward with regard to the Comptroller's request for a Resolution with regard to the URGENT Team. He stated that they have a MOU in place currently. He stated that he is working with Roland from the County Attorney's Office; some of the language in the MOU is being changed. As soon as the MOU is complete, it will become part of the Resolution. He will continue to keep the Committee posted.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 6:45 PM

Motion offered by Legislator Ronk, Seconded by Legislator Rodriguez, All in Favor, Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammy Wilson, Senior Legislative Employee
