

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee
DATE & TIME: February 8, 2011 @ 5:00 PM
PLACE: Legislative Conference Room, 6th Floor, County Office Building

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

LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislator Kenneth Ronk

OTHERS ATTENDING: Deputy County Executive Robert Sudlow, Sheriff Paul
VanBlarcum, Capitan Michael Freer (Sheriff's Office)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 5:02 PM

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2010 COMMITTEE MINUTES:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Resolution Draft No. 0211, February 15, 2011** - Appointing Member To Fill Vacancy
On The Ulster County Fire Advisory Board

Motion offered by Legislator Rodriguez, Seconded by Legislator Sweeney, All in Favor, Carried.
Discussion: None

2. **Resolution Draft No. 0212, February 15, 2011** - Confirming Appointment Of
Members To The Traffic Safety Board

Motion offered by Legislator Rodriguez, Seconded by Legislator Briggs, All in Favor, Carried.
Discussion: None

3. **Resolution Draft No. 0217, February 15, 2011** - Establishing Capital Project No.
337 For The Purchase Of Vehicles For The County Sheriff For The Year 2011 -
Amending The 2011 Ulster County Capital Project Fund Budget (**This Resolution
Requires a Bond Resolution**)

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

Discussion: The vehicles purchased will replace vehicles that have high mileage or have been
damaged beyond reasonable repair and have been determined to be unsafe. Capital Project No.
337 will be established to purchase four marked patrol cars at \$122,000.00, one SUV at

\$34,500.00 and five packages of police vehicles software and equipment at \$53,385.00 for a total cost of \$209,885.00. (Summary Attached)

4. **Resolution Draft No. 0226, February 15, 2011** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The County Of Oneida For Security For Ulster County Inmates Boarded Out At The Central New York Psychiatric Center - Ulster County Sheriff

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

Discussion: The Sherriff explained to the Committee that these funds are only used if an inmate has to be boarded out to this facility for psychiatric treatment. He has yet to board out any inmate to this facility. Legislator Belfiglio asked why Psychiatrists that are employed by the County could not be used for these situations. Legislator Briggs, who works for a State Correctional Facility explained that they also board out to this Psychiatric Center and that is because they have the level of care that is necessary and that this Facility is a secure building.

The following hand out was e-mailed prior to the meeting to the Committee and in addition handed out at the meeting (Please see below - Update written by Chairman Jack Hayes). Both New and Old Business will be addressed at next months meeting.

New Business

1. Blue Wing Emergency Communication Survey: Blue Wing Communication Consultants have begun presenting their findings to Fire Departments. It is my understanding that many FD's have not participated in the survey. I would like to insure all Departments are polled. I have asked the County Executive to have Blue Wing present to the Legislature in as much as the Narrowband mandates carries a large price tag. I have also written to surrounding County Executives, Legislators and Emergency Managers to see if there was any potential for a Regional approach/shared services response to this mandate. I am trying to meet with some of these people in Albany @ NYSAC.

2. Ulster County Agricultural Vehicle Safety Seminar: I have met with Cornelle, CE, Nina Postupack, UCCC, and Ulster County Traffic Safety, regarding presenting an Ulster County Agricultural Vehicle Safety Seminar, tentatively 3-23-11 10am-2pm. Planning is progressing on this.

3. 911 Tenth Anniversary Observances: This year is the tenth anniversary of the 9-11 attacks on the US. I would like to insure that appropriate plans are made to pay tribute to all who were killed and the brave response made by many. I have a favorite 911 group www.gerrynevins.org, Gerry was a New York City Fireman, assigned to Rescue 1, he was one of the many who entered the building and was en route to help people. I am friends with his brother Steve Nevins, who is a Captain on the New York State Police.

Old Business

1. Security Ulster County Buildings: The Security of Ulster County Buildings. Working Group has met and made progress on how to proceed. It will meet again 2-10-11 @ 2pm. Peter Brennan of Dow Jones Security is tentatively going to join the group for that meeting.

2. Ulster County Rehab Facility Security: Ulster County Rehabilitation Facilities Protocol; The office of NYS Alcohol and Substance Abuse has not replied to my inquiry about whether there is an investigation of the incident being conducted. The NYS Comptroller has advised they will consider conducting an audit. I will continue to follow up on this. I have received a copy of the Nuisance Abatement Law, City of Kingston, which I feel may assist in identifying facilities which are not well managed and create a mechanism to deal with them.

3. Town of Wawarsing site specific Emergency Action Plan for Delaware Aqueduct, West Branch Tunnel Leak: Wawarsing Tunnel Leak- FEMA and NYS Emergency Management have agreed to initiate a Technical Assistance Agreement to consider developing a comprehensive emergency response plan for the possible catastrophic failure of the tunnel. I have advised the County Executive and I am awaiting a response.

4. Medical Examiner Protocol: We have received information regarding the Ulster County Medical Examiner from Dr. Hasbrouck and it appears to be in good order. I would like to meet with stakeholders on this sometime in the future.

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 5:13 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammy Wilson, Senior Legislative Employee
