Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: August 6, 2025 – 5:00 PM

LOCATION(S): Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Livestreamed at https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Hansut

LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Lizvett Noriega, Legislative Administration Assistant; Tyron Rogers, Legislature

Technical Support Specialist

MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Clinton, Hewitt (arrived at 5:03 PM), Levine, McCollough, and Walls

MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislator Maloney

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Deputy County Executive Jamie Capuano - County Executive's Office; Director Everett Erichsen – Emergency Management Services; Director Valerie Naccarato, Deputy Director Cynthia King - Probation

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Chair Hansut called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: Motion to Approve the minutes of the July 2, 2025 Regular meeting

Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator McCollough

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hansut, Hewitt, Levine, and McCollough

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
5
Votes Against:
0

Disposition: Minutes Approved

Law Enforcement & Public Safety Department Head Updates

- **Emergency Management** Everett Erichsen: 911 calls & text calls updates; Project Safe has begun; Dutchess outage, taking the 911 center down for 7 hours; 62 Volunteer Firefighters graduated.
- **Department of Probation** Director Valerie Naccarato: Introduced Cindy King as the new Deputy Director; Continuing filling vacancies.
- County Executive Office Deputy County Executive Jamie Capuano: The Safe Start Program as begun.

Resolutions for the August 19, 2025 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 245 – Calling For Enhanced Security Measures, Including Magnetometers And Airport-Style Screening, At the Ulster County Office Building During All Hours Of Public Access

Resolution Summary – This Resolution demands the immediate implementation of enhanced security measures at the Ulster County Office Building to be in place during all hours that the building is open to the public, defines enhanced security measures, and calls upon the County Executive, the Sheriff, and the Department of Public Works to take all necessary steps to execute the prompt funding, acquisition, and deployment of the included security measures.

Disposition: No Action Taken

Resolution No. 389 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to receive funding in the amount of \$73,920.00 for the Sexual Assault Crisis Prevention Program (SACPP) grant for the contract period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 to be used for salaries and fringe, operation of a 24-hour rape crisis hotline, sexual assault prevention, education, training and outreach.

Motion No. 2: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 389

Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hansut, Hewitt, Levine, and McCollough

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
5
Votes Against:
0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 390 – Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Transfer Funds Within The Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management To Establish An Emergency Management Planning Specialist Position – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Resolution Summary – This Resolution amends the 2025 Operating Budget to increase the Department of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management personnel and fringe benefit lines for the purpose of creating and funding a new full-time staff position focused on the implementation of domestic terrorism prevention initiatives, the development and maintenance of emergency management plans, and the coordination of related interagency activities for an annual salary of \$65,772.00.

Motion No. 3: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 390

Motion Made By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator McCollough

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hansut, Hewitt, Levine, and McCollough

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 391 – Authorizing Submission Of A Grant Application To The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) For The Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S) Grant And Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Resolution Summary – This Resolution supports the grant application and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign an agreement and any amendments thereto for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program which provides funding to support projects aimed at reducing injury and preventing death among high-risk populations and improving firefighter safety in the amount of \$386,444.00, which shall be composed of \$367,122.00 of Federal dollars and \$19,322.00 of County matching funds.

Motion No. 4: Motion to Adopt Resolution Nos. 391

Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator McCollough

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hansut, Hewitt, Levine, and McCollough

Voting Against:

Votes in Favor:

Votes Against:

0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 392– Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Memorandum Of Understanding With The New York State Bridge Authority – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign an agreement and any amendments thereto with the New York State Bridge Authority and the Ulster County Department of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management for live video feed.

Motion No. 5: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 392

Motion Made By: Legislator Levine Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hansut, Hewitt, Levine, and McCollough

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
5
Votes Against:
0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 393– Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Memorandum Of Understanding With The New York State Bridge Authority – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement and any amendments thereto with the Town of Wawarsing allowing access to lands owned by the Town located at 7284-7286 Route 209 and further identified as Real Property Tax Parcel No. 83.6-4-1 for the purposes of conducting the needed analysis for the construction of a Public Safety Radio Tower at this location.

Motion No. 6: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 393

Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hansut, Hewitt, Levine, and McCollough

Voting Against:

Votes in Favor:

Votes Against:

0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 394 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$222,150.00 Entered Into By The County – Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists & Land Surveyors, D.P.C. – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$222,150.00 with Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists & Land Surveyors, D.P.C., for the engineering design and construction services for a new public safety radio tower to be located in the Town of Wawarsing at 7284-7286 Route 209, Wawarsing for the term 9/1/25 - 10/31/26.

Motion No. 7: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 394

Motion Made By: Legislator McCollough
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hansut, Hewitt, Levine, and McCollough

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 395 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$153,200.00 Entered Into By The County – Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists & Land Surveyors, D.P.C. – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$153,200.00 with Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists & Land Surveyors, D.P.C., for the engineering design and construction services for a new public safety radio tower to be located in the Town of New Paltz at 10 Paradise Lane, New Paltz for the term 9/1/25 - 10/31/26.

Motion No. 8: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 395

Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator McCollough

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hansut, Hewitt, Levine, and McCollough

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
5
Votes Against:
0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Votes in Favor: 5 Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:24 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Lizvett Noriega, Legislative Administrative Assistant

Approved: September 3, 2025

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