

**Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** August 2, 2016 – 5:15 PM  
**LOCATION:** COB, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, KL Binder Library  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Deputy Chairman Ronald Lapp, Jr.  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Fabiano, Maio and Rodriguez  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Briggs  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Sheriff Van Blarcum, Under Sheriff Freer, Emergency Communication/Emergency Management Director Steve Peterson, Deputy Mario Tagliaferro – UCSO, Mr. Kristopher Aadahl, Ms. Kathy Nolan

Deputy Chairman Lapp called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

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**Motion No. 1:** **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the July 5, 2016 meeting**

**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 4

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Minutes APPROVED**

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Resolutions for the August 16, 2016 Session of the Legislature

**Resolution No. 357:** Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 8 of 2016, (A Local Law Prohibiting The Sale And Use Of Sky Lanterns In Ulster County)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 8 of 2016.

**Motion No. 2:** **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 357**

**Motion By:** Legislator Maio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:**

Legislator Rodriguez advised the members that the Democratic Caucus still had several questions about the law.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 371:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Black Creek Integrated Systems, Corp. – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Black Creek Integrated Systems, Corp. in the amount of \$46,709.11 extending the term and increasing the not to exceed of the agreement to provide support, maintenance and repair of the electronic locking equipment control systems for the doors at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center.

**Motion No. 3:** **Moved to Approve Resolution No. 371**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:**

Legislator Rodriguez asked which doors the contract pertained to. Under Sheriff responded that the contract pertained to all the electronically operated doors within the Correctional facility as well as cameras.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 376:** Creating Two Full Time Deputy Sheriff Positions And Amending The 2016 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution creates two new full time Deputy Sheriff positions with total expenses equaling \$149,981. The SRO contracts will result in revenue of \$56,587.00 from such school districts to cover salary expenses in 2016 resulting in no additional County expenses during the 2016 Fiscal Year and, it is anticipated the County will receive revenue of \$113,175 to cover salary expenses from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 and the County will incur salary and fringe related expenses for the SRO positions and the requested new positions of \$231,327.00 in the 2017 Fiscal Year resulting in a financial impact to the County of \$118,152.00

**Motion No. 4:** Resolution moved for discussion  
**Motion By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Discussion:**

Legislator Maio asked if the resolution pertained to the contracts the committee previously passed authorizing the School Resource Officers at Rondout, Onteora and BOCES. Legislator Rodriguez added that the school districts requesting SROs reimburse the county for their salaries, but that the county picks up the cost of some benefits. He asked if SROs leave the school to respond to a call. Under Sheriff Freer responded that a SRO would only leave if he/she was also a member of special team such as the emergency response team (CERT) or the dive team. He added that the current SROs are not members of any special teams.

**Motion No. 5:** Moved to adopt Resolution No. 376  
**Motion By:** Legislator Fabiano  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

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**Resolution No. 377:** Establishing Capital Project No. 481- Countywide Radio System – Emergency Management

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution establishes Capital Project No. 482 Countywide Radio Systems as approved in the 2016 – 2021 Capital Improvement Program and amends the 2016 Ulster County Capital Fund in the amount of \$420,000.

**Motion No. 6:** Resolution moved for discussion  
**Motion By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Discussion:**

Legislator Fabiano asked when the project was going to be implemented and by what date should the fire districts should have funding ready to make the transition. He asked what will happen if a district doesn't have the funds necessary. Legislator Rodriguez stated that this project has been a long time coming and most districts have been saving.

Emergency Communications/Emergency Management Director Peterson acknowledged the concerns expressed by the local district and advised the members that the resolution before them was for a microwave hop between two towers to improve communication for dispatch and did not

involve the replacement of any radios. He said that project was going to be phased in over a few years. He added that he has been in communication with the local fire departments and will continue to keep them informed.

**Motion No. 7: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 377**

**Motion By:** Legislator Maio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 4

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

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**Resolution No. 379:** Establishing Capital Project No. 482–Fire Training Center – Department of Public Works To Provide for Design and Engineering Work and Seeking Lead Agency Status Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) (Department of Public Works Buildings and Grounds)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution establishes Capital Project No. 483 Fire Training Center as approved in the 2016 – 2021 Capital Improvement Program and authorizes the expenditure of \$152,000 exclusively for design, engineering and any needed environmental analysis necessary to effectuate the design of the Fire Training Center. The resolution also seeks SEQRA lead agency status for the Legislature.

**Motion No. 8: Resolution moved for discussion**

**Motion By:** Legislator Maio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Discussion:**

Legislator Maio asked where the training center would be located. Emergency Communications/Emergency Management Director Peterson responded that the county’s preferred location for the center was county owned property adjacent to the SUNY Ulster County Community College campus in Stone Ridge. Legislator Maio asked what the cost for the center would be and what the time frame was for completion. Legislator Rodriguez responded that the funding was included in the 2016 – 2021 Capital Program. Director Peterson added that the total amount budgeted was \$1.9 million. The members discussed the need for the county training center, and the central location.

**Motion No. 9: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 379**

**Motion By:** Legislator Maio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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Deputy Chairman Lapp recognized Sheriff Van Blarcum to give the monthly Sheriff's report. Sheriff Van Blarcum stated that they were behind in the board in revenue. He stated that they were working with Dutchess County and the US Marshalls and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to try to arrange for more board ins. He added that he remained confident that they would reach the budgeted revenue, or be very close.

Deputy Chairman Lapp introduced Deputy Tagliaferro from the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Tagliaferro introduced himself as the new PBA President and advised the members that he would be attending committee meetings whenever possible.

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Deputy Chairman Lapp asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 5:37 PM

**Respectfully submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk**  
**Minutes Approved: September 6, 2016**