

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

**DATE & TIME:** June 30, 2014 - - 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** UC Law Enforcement Center, the Rotunda  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman TJ Briggs  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk/Confidential Secretary  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Gregorius and Loughran  
**ABSENT:** Legislators Maio and Ronk  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Sheriff Paul Van Blarcum

Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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There was discussion about the official approval of the minutes from the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Legislator Loughran was not at that meeting and with the absences of Legislators Maio and Ronk, there was not a majority of members present to approve the minutes. The minutes of the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be held for approval until the next meeting of the committee on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

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**MOTION NO. 1:     RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of June 17, 2014 Special Meeting**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Gregorius  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Loughran  
**Discussion:** None  
**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, Loughran  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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Chairman Briggs read the title of Resolution No. 235 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2014, A Local Law Requiring That The County Of Ulster Be Reimbursed By Third Party Insurance Providers For The Cost Of Medical Care And Treatment Provided To Inmates Of The Ulster County Jail, To Be Held On Tuesday, August 19, 2014 At 7:15 PM.

Legislator Loughran, the sponsor of Resolution 235, indicated that he was pulling the Resolution as there were some questions and language that needed to be addressed before he felt the Local Law was ready for consideration. Specifically he mentioned the possibility of adding assistance for signing inmates without insurance up for coverage through the Affordable Care Act.

Sheriff VanBlarcum commended Legislator Loughran for introducing the legislation saying that it was a great idea. He also informed the committee that the Sheriff's Office currently assists inmates with signing up for insurance through the Affordable Care Act with the assistance of "navigators."

There was some discussion about Medicaid's current role in paying for inmate care and whether injury was a requirement before Medicaid would pay.

Sheriff VanBlarcum advised the committee that a list of inmates is sent to the Department of Social Services daily.

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**Motion No. 2:** Resolution No. 253 – July 15, 2014

**Text of Motion:** Resolved to approve Resolution No. 253 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Correctional Medical Care Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Loughran

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gregorius

**Resolution No. 253 Summary:** This Resolution will approve the execution of a contract in the amount of \$7,981,643 for inmate health services at the Ulster County Jail.

**Discussion:**

Sheriff VanBlarcum advised the committee that there were three different bidders for the service. The current provider, Correctional Medical Care, Inc. (CMC) was the lowest bidder. The Sheriff stated that they are happy with the service CMC has been providing and he is pleased with the choice. He continued by commending Ellen Kirpatrick who administers the program in Ulster County.

**Roll Call Vote:** No

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, Loughran

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3

**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 3:** Resolution No. 254 – July 15, 2014

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 254** - Appropriating Funds From An Insurance Recovery For The Repair Of A Sheriff's Patrol Vehicle - Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Sheriff

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Gregorius

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Loughran

**Resolution No. 254 Summary:** This Resolution will approve an insurance recovery in the amount of \$7,524 to repair a damaged 2010 Ford Crown Victoria patrol car.

**Discussion:**

The Sheriff stated for the record that the accident was not the fault of the officer. The vehicle was hit while parked.

**Roll Call Vote:** No

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, Loughran

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 4:** Resolution No. 255 – July 15, 2014

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 255** - Appropriating Funds From The District Attorney Forfeiture Reserve Account - Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County District Attorney's Office

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Loughran

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gregorius

**Resolution No. 255 Summary:** This Resolution will appropriate \$10,000.00 from the District Attorney's Fund Balance Forfeiture Account for the purchase of law enforcement equipment, as defined in Article 13A of the NYCPLR, US Department of Justice Guidelines for Equitable Sharing, Title 18 USC §981, Title 21 USC §881 and Title 19 USC §1646.

**Discussion:**

Sheriff VanBlarcum stated his opinion that the Legislature should not pass resolutions that do not have a Department head or other responsible person present to answer questions.

Legislator Loughran agreed. Chairman Briggs said that District Attorney Carnright would be asked to attend future meetings that involve resolutions from his department, or to send something in writing.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	No
<b>Voting In Favor:</b>	Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, Loughran
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	3
<b>No. of Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	Carried

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**Motion No. 5:** Resolution No. 269 – July 15, 2014

**Text of Motion:** Resolved to approve Resolution No. 269 - Appointing Member To The Ulster County Fire Advisory Board

<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Loughran
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Gregorius

**Resolution No. 269 Summary:** This Resolution will appoint John Hepner as the Saugerties representative to the Ulster County Fire Advisory Board to replace Terence Valk.

**Discussion:**

Legislator Gregorius asked if there was any information on the individual.

Chairman Briggs informed him that the recommendation comes from the Town through their various fire departments.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	No
<b>Voting In Favor:</b>	Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, Loughran
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	3
<b>No. of Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	Carried

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## **Sheriff's Report**

Sheriff VanBlarcum advised the committee that the Inmate Telephone and Board In revenue report cannot be run until the first of the month for the previous month. Because the meeting was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> he did not have the report. He said that he would provide the reports for June and July at the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Legislator Briggs complimented the Sheriff on the good work of his office, especially in the Ellenville area.

Sheriff VanBlarcum advised the committee that he found out earlier that afternoon that United State Senator Charles Schumer was having a press conference the next day at the Law Enforcement Center at 1:30 PM to announce Ulster County designation as a HIDTA or High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. He told the committee that the designation opens up funding and other resources.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

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There was a brief discussion of the number of pods being built in Dutchess County and how that will affect the Board In revenue in Ulster.

Legislator Gregorius complimented the Sheriff on his office's participation with traffic control on Route 28 over the weekend to allow people to walk across the busy Route between a car and a motorcycle show.

### **Adjournment**

<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Loughran
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Gregorius
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	3
<b>No. of Votes Against:</b>	0

**TIME:** 6:15 PM

**Respectfully submitted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014**

**Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk**

**Minutes Approved: August 4, 2014**