

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 22, 2008

Meeting called to order at 4:55 p.m.

Present: Legislators Dart, Parete, Briggs, Hansut, Ronk, Aiello

Dart: Suggested that those in attendance introduce themselves, as this is the first meeting of the new year with the freshman legislators present.

Sheriff: Conference Attendance Request – Sheriff’s Annual Conference / Albany \$477
Dart approved.

Committee agrees to use same procedures for approving purchases and conference attendance requests as were used in the past – where Committee Chair can approve if the total amount is under \$1000

Resolutions (4):

Upgrade DS Lieutenant to DS Detective Lieutenant

Downgrade one DS Sergeant to Deputy Sheriff

Motion to accept both resolutions:

Motion: Aiello

Seconded: Briggs

All in Favor

Carried

Renew lease with Oneida County for Psychiatric Inmates

Motion: Aiello

Seconded: Briggs

All in Favor

Carried

Renew lease for Wallkill Sub Station

Motion: Ronk

Seconded: Parete

All in Favor

Carried

Requests to Fill (4)

3110-0-1415 Deputy Sheriff FT Temp with benefits to backfill Babcock (DBL)

3110-0-1040 Deputy Sheriff FT Temp with benefits to backfill Mezzacappa (Medical)

3110-0-1391 DS Sergeant, to be backfilled with a DS until Benjamin completes probation

3150-0-1419 CO – new for 2008 (URGENT), FT Temp with benefits (Leonardo)

Motion to approve all four:

Motion: Briggs

Seconded: Hansut

All in Favor

Carried

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Captain Mike Freer submitted vehicle replacement report – as requested by former Legislator, prior to approving the purchase of new vehicles for 2008. Reso had been previously submitted and was forwarded to Ways & Means, pending this report's approval by this committee. Money is in Sheriff's budget.

Motion to approve purchase:

Motion: Aiello

Seconded: Briggs

All in Favor

Carried

Resolutions (Jail) (2):

To replace two jail vehicles – 100% funded.

Motion to approve:

Motion: Hansut

Seconded: Aiello

All in Favor

Carried

Conference Attendance Request / Jail Conference / West Coast - \$4402.00

Motion to approve:

Motion: Aiello

Seconded: Ronk

All in Favor

Carried

Superintendent Brad Ebel submitted written response to Lenny Distel's retirement letter where he makes statements about the new jail facility.

Sheriff VanBlarcum requests that Melissa Potolsky and Louis Spina be added to the February CJC agenda, to explain Second Chance Tutoring where employable people with handicaps and/or disabilities wish to work for the County where possible.

Sheehan: Criminal Justice Council – introduced himself to new legislators and explained the functions of the council. Introduced a resolution to reappoint the current members of that council.

Motion to reappoint:

Motion: Aiello

Seconded: Hansut

All in Favor

Carried

Kosover: Overview of his Department – oral report

Conflict Counsel's Office – A resolution will be presented tonight to hold another public hearing. // County vows to do a review of all County Attorney's salaries to develop a structure and, hopefully, parity.

Introduction of Local Law #21 of 2008 – Public Hearing

Motion: Aiello

Seconded: Ronk

All in Favor

Carried

Snyder: Conference Attendance Request – Syracuse
Dart approved.

Requests to Fill (4):
Senior Emergency Services Dispatcher (1)
Emergency Services Dispatcher (3)
Motion to approve all four:
Motion: Aiello
Seconded: Parete
All in Favor
Carried

Sudlow: Overview of his department for new legislators.
GPS – ready to go, has four units, putting finishing touches on the policy manuals.

Williams: Explanation of Social Host Ordinance – overview and updates on where it stands. Copy of the proposed Local Law #22 of 2007 given to Legislators for review.
Lengthy Discussion (Sinsapaugh, Williams, Miller, Shultis, Sears, Sudlow)
Dart suggests setting up a meeting which would include the legislators, judges, Sudlow, Miller, Bennett and members of the criminal justice committee.
Motion to resubmit Resolution for the Local Law:
Motion: Briggs
Seconded: Ronk
Aiello wants to see the Local Law amended to include an education component before he'll vote "yes".
No: Aiello
Carried (with one "no" vote)

Dart: Resolution submitted for continuance of a grant for the DA's office - \$24, 218.00 – 100% aid
Motion to accept:
Motion: Aiello
Seconded: Hansut
All in Favor
Carried

Carnright: Resolution to transfer monies from two vacant lines in his budget into lines where he hired two new employees, retroactive to January 1, 2008 (John Tobin, Tom Melanson(?)) Carnright apologized for not following proper procedures for hiring new employees and vows to educate himself on County's hiring procedures for the future.

Resolution to transfer money from a vacant line to hire Bill Weishaupt as Special Investigator at \$91,000 a year. (Weishaupt is also a trial attorney)

Motion to approve two resolutions:
Motion: Hansut
Seconded: Parete
All in Favor
Carried

Dart: League of Women Voters' recommendations from 2007
1. there should be an interagency council

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2. there should be a method of determining the effectiveness of current Criminal Justice Programs in Ulster County, and...
3. there should be a database of people within the Criminal Justice System to track recidivism, etc.

Dart: Fire Advisory Board – needs to be reappointed for 2008 and welcomes any member of the CJC to attend their meetings.

Motion to reappoint:

Motion: Briggs

Seconded: Ronk

All in Favor

Carried

Dart: Arson Task Force – needs to be reappointed for 2008:

Motion to reappoint:

Motion: Briggs

Seconded: Aiello

All in Favor

Carried

Parete: Requested that the CJC be provided with a list of all Boards and Committees that the CJC is responsible for making appointments to so that everyone can familiarize themselves with the members, meeting dates, functions, etc.

Dart: Motion to adjourn

Motion: Briggs

Seconded: Parete

All in Favor

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Barbara O'Brien – UC Sheriff's Office