

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

**DATE & TIME:** April 3, 2018 – 5:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** COB, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, KL Binder Library  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman Mary Beth Maio  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Collins, Eckert & Haynes  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Fabiano  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Petit, Captain Altieri – UC Sheriff's Office, Acting Director Schmidt – UC Probation Department, Director Peterson – UC Emergency Management/Communications

Chairwoman Maio called the meeting to order at 5:54 PM.

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**Motion No. 1:** Moved to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the March 6, 2018 meeting

**Motion By:** Legislator Collins  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Haynes

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Collins, Eckert, Haynes & Maio  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Minutes APPROVED**

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Resolutions for the April 17, 2018 Session of the Legislature

Chairwoman Maio advised the members that she would be taking some of the Resolutions out of order to accommodate department representatives present to answer questions.

**Resolution No. 132:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Emergency Management

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$23,112 with NY Communications Company to extend the term of agreement for lease of Common Police Radio Frequency for one year.

**Motion No. 2:** Moved to **ADOPT** Resolution No. 132

**Motion By:** Legislator Haynes  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Collins

**Discussion:**

Emergency Management/Emergency Communications Director Peterson explained that the agreement pertains to the Common Police frequency and covers maintenance costs.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Collins, Eckert, Haynes & Maio  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 134:** Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget To Adjust The Annual Salary Of The District Attorney As Required By The New York State Judiciary Law– District Attorney

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends the 2018 Budget to increase the salary of the Ulster County District Attorney by \$15,802 to \$200,000 to match the salary of the County Court Judge as required by NYS Judiciary Law.

**Motion No. 3:** **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 134**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Eckert  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Haynes

**Discussion:**

Chairwoman Maio advised the members that the funding would be taken from contingency for the remainder of the year and reminded them that the salary obligation is set by the state.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Collins, Eckert, Haynes & Maio  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 135:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature to Accept Funding From The Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee For The STOP DWI Program – Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget – Probation Department -STOP DWI Division

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to accept \$27,500 in funding from the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for the Ulster County STOP DWI Program which will be used to provide additional educational services for individuals and trainings for law enforcement personnel to promote community safety.

**Motion No. 4:** **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 135**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Collins

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Eckert

**Discussion:**

Acting Probation Director Schmidt advised the members that the funding represents Ulster County's portion of a \$1.6 million program based on the number of licensed drivers in the county. The program focuses on prevention work. Chairwoman Maio stated that the contract amount represents all state revenue dollars.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Collins, Eckert, Haynes & Maio  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 136:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services – Sexual Assault Crisis And Prevention Program – Department of Probation

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an agreement with NYS DCJS to accept \$72,506 in funding for the current Sexual Assault Crisis and Prevention Program's efforts providing prevention, training, education and support services to victims of sexual assault.

**Motion No. 5:** **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 136**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Eckert  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Collins

**Discussion:**

Chairwoman Maio advised the members that the agreement represents 100% state revenue dollars. Acting Probation Director Schmidt stated that the grant funds almost half of one of their crime victims' counselors. She added that half of that position's work is providing prevention programs, including: community presentations, the new Bystanders Against Sexual Assault (BASA) program, trauma informed yoga and a trauma expert to assist with a survivors of sexual assault group. Legislator Haynes asked for clarification on whether funding in the contract pertaining to the Director's salary was included as part of the salary, or if it was an additional stipend. Acting Director Schmidt responded that the grant covers 5% of her annual salary.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Collins, Eckert, Haynes & Maio  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 137:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Multi-Year Agreement With New York State Department Of Health – Enough Is Enough Initiative - Department Of Probation

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute a multi-year agreement with the US DOH in the amount of \$183,672 (98% State Revenue and 2% Federal Revenue) from May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2021 which will provide funding for the continuation and support for the Enough is Enough program's efforts providing prevention, education and direct victim services.

**Motion No. 6:** Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 137

**Motion By:** Legislator Eckert

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Haynes

**Discussion:**

Acting Director Schmidt explained that this grant began in 2016 and provides prevention education on the two college campuses in Ulster County and also support services for anyone who has been the victim of sexual assault. She added that the grant reimburses the county for funds spent for the salary of a probation officer who is a crime victims' counselor. The officer provides hours on both campuses as well as at the main office in Kingston.

Chairwoman Maio advised the members that she was shocked at the number of individuals who have used the program and expressed her appreciation that it is being offered in Ulster County. Acting Director Schmidt stated that the first year the program was implemented was within a week of the incident in New Paltz where a number of college students were assaulted in the span of a few evenings. She added that the administrations at both colleges love the program.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Collins, Eckert, Haynes & Maio

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 4

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

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**Resolution No. 98:** Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2018, A Local Law To Adopt Countywide Notification Requirements For The Trapping of Free Roaming, Stray and/or Feral Cats, To Be Held On Tuesday, May 8, 2018 At 6:15 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution sets a Public Hearing for Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 6:15 PM to allow the public to offer comments on Proposed Local Law Number 9 of 2018.

**Motion No. 7:** Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 98

**Motion By:** Legislator Haynes

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Eckert

**Discussion:**

Chairwoman Maio recognized Legislator Petit, sponsor of the Proposed Law to give a brief synopsis of the changes that were made to the law in the Public Health & Social Service Committee the night before. Legislator Petit explained that the changes to the law primarily served to clarify it. For example, the title was amended, and the change needed to be carried throughout the law. Additionally, Section B pertaining to notifications was found to be redundant and therefore

eliminated. She added that the “R” in TNR was clarified to mean “return” as opposed to release. She explained that releasing an animal into the wild is not permissible under NYS Agriculture & Markets standards. She advised the members that returning an animal to within 50 feet of where it was trapped is, however, permissible.

Chairwoman Maio recognized, that while they were all seeing the law for the first time in this form, she supported moving it forward to a public hearing to allow the public’s input. She asked Legislator Petit if she felt the law was in a good state at this point in order to be moved forward to the public hearing. Legislator Petit responded that the Executive Director of the Ulster County SPCA and her Humane Officer were at the Health Committee meeting and had a lot of input. She added that there were a number of rescue groups also present at the meeting and they were all supportive of the law.

Chairwoman Maio encouraged the members to read the new version of the law and reach out to Legislator Petit with any questions.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Collins, Eckert, Haynes & Maio  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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Chairwoman Maio advised the members that a copy of the Sheriff’s monthly report was provided with their meeting materials. She asked Captain Altieri if he had anything to add to the report. Captain Altieri advised the members that the numbers are lower than they have been in the past because of the new housing units in Dutchess County. He added that the Sheriff is regularly looking for opportunities for additional board ins from neighboring counties or federal agencies. He informed the members that federal agencies prefer to utilize counties with airports to reduce the cost and risks of transporting inmates around the country.

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Chairwoman Maio asked the members if they had any new or old business. Hearing none she asked if there were any events around the county to be shared. She informed the members that a “Blankets & Bears” charity event was being coordinated through her bank. She advised the members that the eight bank branches will collect teddy bears and blankets to be distributed to local fire and police departments. The responders will give a blanket and/or a bear to small children present when they respond to an emergency. Legislator Eckert expressed interest in coordinating similar collection events in Ulster County.

Chairwoman Maio informed the members that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM and asked if there was any other business. Hearing none;

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### **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Eckert

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Collins

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 6:17 PM

**Respectfully submitted:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

**Minutes Approved:** May 1, 2018

**2018 Sheriff's Telephone/Board In revenue**

**Telephone Revenue**

	Budget	Actual	Variance
January	\$18,747.83	\$18,109.00	(\$638.83)
February	\$18,747.83	\$17,261.00	(\$1,486.83)
March	\$18,747.83	\$18,690.00	(\$57.83)
April	\$18,747.83		(\$18,747.83)
May	\$18,747.83		(\$18,747.83)
June	\$18,747.83		(\$18,747.83)
July	\$18,747.83		(\$18,747.83)
August	\$18,747.83		(\$18,747.83)
September	\$18,747.83		(\$18,747.83)
October	\$18,747.83		(\$18,747.83)
November	\$18,747.83		(\$18,747.83)
December	\$18,747.83		(\$18,747.83)
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$224,973.96</b>	<b>\$54,060.00</b>	<b>(\$170,913.96)</b>

**Board in Revenue**

Budget	Actual	Variance
\$16,425.00	\$27,705.00	\$11,280.00
\$16,425.00	\$11,050.00	(\$5,375.00)
\$16,425.00	\$10,170.00	(\$6,255.00)
\$16,425.00		(\$16,425.00)
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<b>\$197,100.00</b>	<b>\$48,925.00</b>	<b>(\$148,175.00)</b>

**Board in Counts**

ADUC	ADBI	TDA
268	8	276
265	4	269
250	4	253
<b>783</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>798</b>

**Total  
Budgeted**

**SCAP**

55 percent