

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

**DATE & TIME:** May 1, 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 Eckert, Fabiano & Haynes  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Collins  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Sheriff Van Blarcum, Director Peterson – UC Emergency Management/Communications, and Legislators Nolan & Rodriguez

Chairwoman Maio called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

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**Motion No. 1:** Moved to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the April 3, 2018 meeting

**Motion By:** Legislator Fabiano  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Haynes

**Discussion:** None

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

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Resolutions for the May 15, 2018 Session of the Legislature

**Resolution No. 172:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services, Office Of Interoperable And Emergency Communications, For The 2017 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant – Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an agreement with NYS DHSES, Office of Interoperable & Emergency Communications, in the amount of \$524,993 to make necessary improvements and provide for sustainment of Land Mobile Radio Systems (LMR), implementation and maintenance of components supporting interoperability, continuous training and exercise, sustainment and further development of the governance structure, for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019.

**Motion No. 2:** Moved to **ADOPT** Resolution No. 172

**Motion By:** Legislator Eckert  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:**

Chairwoman Maio informed the members that the contract represented 100% state revenue dollars. Legislator Eckert asked if the program was intended to ensure emergency service providers could communicate with one another within the county. Director Peterson explained that the program was developed to assist emergency service providers with statewide communication. He added that the program was developed in 2010 as a competitive grant to build a network of interoperability across the state. He advised the members that the program continued as a competitive grant for four years and then became a formula grant distributed to counties across the state.

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

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**Resolution No. 173:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement, And Any Amendments Thereto, With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For Participation In The 2017-2018 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget – Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an agreement with NYS DHSES, Office of Interoperable & Emergency Communications, in the amount of \$144,340 to sustain ongoing operations and improvements of public safety answering points, for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

**Motion No. 3:** **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 173**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Fabiano  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Haynes

**Discussion:**

Chairwoman Maio recognized Director Peterson who explained that the contract was a \$10 million statewide grant which is distributed to counties throughout the state. He added that the funding is used for salary costs.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Eckert, Fabiano, 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 the Sheriff's report was shared with them electronically. She added that the board in revenue was up. Sheriff Van Blarcum explained that Greene County was having serious health and safety issues which required them to close their jail. He added that most of Greene's inmates were boarded in Columbia, but Ulster took in 26. Chairwoman Maio asked how long the county could expect to have board ins from Greene. Sheriff Van Blarcum responded that he expected the situation to remain for the foreseeable future and added that there was space to take in more. He explained that Columbia is at 80% capacity while Ulster is at 66%.

Legislator Eckert asked how many beds are taken on average at Ulster facility. Sheriff Van Blarcum responded that there are currently about 300 individuals in the jail, with 30 of them being board ins.

Chairwoman Maio asked if Sheriff Van Blarcum had anything else to discuss with the committee. He advised the members that the Sheriff's Office was donated a vehicle to use as a command post for hostage negotiations. He explained that the Sheriff's Office runs the county-wide hostage negotiation team. He advised the members that he was seeking a late resolution to authorize funding from his county budget to make alterations to the vehicle. He added that they wanted the county to take possession of the vehicle before the modifications were made.

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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. Sheriff Van Blarcum advised the members that there was a Veterans event and work fair at SUNY New Paltz on May 9<sup>th</sup>. He also suggested the members visit the Sheriff's website for information on victim's rights and services available.

Director Peterson informed the members that the Woodstock Women's Cycling Grand Prix is being held the weekend of May 5<sup>th</sup>. Legislator Nolan added that the Ulster County Sheriff's Office was assisting with road management. Sheriff Van Blarcum added that the mobile command unit is an integral part of the operation of that race.

Chairwoman Maio informed the members that the graduation ceremony for the Civilian Academy run by Town of Lloyd Police Chief Wage was being held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

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**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Eckert

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 5:43 PM

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

**Minutes Approved: June 5, 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	\$18,080.00	(\$667.83)
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>\$72,140.00</b>	<b>(\$152,833.96)</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	\$34,480.00	\$18,055.00
\$16,425.00		(\$16,425.00)
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<b>\$197,100.00</b>	<b>\$83,405.00</b>	<b>(\$113,695.00)</b>

**Board in Counts**

ADUC	ADBI	TDA
268	8	276
265	4	269
250	4	253
258	14	272

**Total  
Budgeted**

**SCAP**

55 percent