

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

DATE & TIME: July 3, 2018 – 5:30 PM
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, KL Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairwoman Mary Beth Maio
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Eckert (arrived 5:32 PM), Fabiano & Haynes
ABSENT: Legislator Collins
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators James Maloney & Litts, Sheriff Van Blarcum – UC Sheriff's Office, Deputy County Executive Marc Rider, Kim Kelly – Woodstock Feral Cat Project/SPCA, Gail Mihocko – Project Cat, Jodie LoMeli & Geri Ritchie - Citizens

Chairwoman Maio called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of the June 5, 2018 meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes & Maio
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Resolutions for the July 17, 2018 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 210: Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2018, A Local Law To Adopt Countywide Notification Requirements For The Trapping of Free Roaming, Feral And/Or Stray Cats

Resolution Summary: This resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2018.

Motion No. 2: **Moved for DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion:

Chairwoman Maio stated that she spoke with Legislator Petit, sponsor of the legislation, who is fine with the members voting on the resolution. She added that she was not supporting the law. Legislators Fabiano and Haynes stated that they too were not in support of the law. Hearing no more discussion, Chairwoman Maio called the question.

Voting In Favor: None
Voting Against: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes & Maio
Votes in Favor: 0
Votes Against: 3
Disposition: **Resolution is DEFEATED**

Resolution No. 309: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Amend A Lease Agreement With Ulster Savings Bank For Public Defender Office - Department Of Public Works – Buildings And Grounds

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chairman to amend a lease agreement with Ulster Savings Bank for offices of the Public Defender on the second floor of 280 Wall Street, Kingston, N.Y. for a term commencing July 15, 2018 through September 30, 2020 at an annual additional cost of \$4,732.00 for an additional 338 square feet of office space.

Motion No. 3: **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 309**
Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion:

Chairwoman Maio advised the members that Public Defender Kossover sent her an email explaining the need for additional space which she read to the members. Mr. Rider informed the members that any future relocation of the Public Defender's office was undecided. He added that state funding was being provided to counties to help with Public Defender caseloads as a result of a State Supreme Court decision.

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

Chairwoman Maio asked Sheriff VanBlarcum if he had anything to add to the report. The Sheriff responded that the positive revenue is due to the situation in Greene County. He added that despite the increase they do not intend to adjust the 2019 projections with the expectation that Greene and Dutchess Counties will be addressing their correctional facility needs.

Chairwoman Maio asked if there was any old or new business or any events around the county they would like to discuss. Sheriff VanBlarcum advised the members that his office was participating in the “dunking booth” at the Immaculate Conception Church. He added that District Attorney Carnright and members of that office as well as other members of the law enforcement community were also participating. He also informed the members that the Children’s Parade was scheduled for Friday. Legislator Fabiano advised the members that the 4th of July Parade and fireworks in Saugerties were being held on Saturday, July 7th.

Chairwoman Maio informed the members that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 31st at 5:30 PM and asked if there was any other business. Hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Fabiano

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:39 PM

Respectfully submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: July 31, 2018

July 2, 2018

Greetings:

There is a two-part answer to your inquiry regarding space needs.

First, beginning July 16th, our shared services agreement with Dutchess County expands from criminal defense "conflict cases" to include family court adult representation. This will further reduce assigned counsel expenses of both counties while maintaining, if not enhancing, the quality of representation. This new expansion also includes a part-time legal secretary (Legal Aide). Thus, effective July 16th, Dutchess County is providing office space and furnishings for three Ulster County employees (two full-time Assistant Public Defenders and one part-time support staff position) and Ulster County needs to similarly accommodate the Dutchess County three employees.

Ultimately, it is our plan that, upon the opening of the new Family Court on Albany Avenue (expected in January), we will relocate the Dutchess County personnel to office space adjacent to the new Family Court. The timing is perfect because new funding from the state to reduce public defense caseloads will result in new hires by the Ulster County Public Defender office. Those new hires will be able to move into the new USB space vacated by the Dutchess County personnel.

The subject space above USB at 280 Wall Street is one flight above our current space and across the hall. We currently use cubicles for several attorneys. The cubicles do not lend themselves to the needed privacy of attorney/client meetings, but we make do by utilizing our conference room when necessary. The new space in USB building will ultimately permit us to address some of these deficiencies by perhaps relocating attorneys and providing the less private cubicles to support staff.

Most importantly, the new significant state funding is permitted to be applied to office space rental expense so there should be no fiscal impact to the County in connection with this resolution.

If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best,

Andy

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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 | \$20,083.00 | \$1,335.17 |
| June | \$18,747.83 | \$21,688.00 | \$2,940.17 |
| 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) |
| Year to Date | \$224,973.96 | \$113,911.00 | (\$111,062.96) |

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 | \$92,490.00 | \$76,065.00 |
| \$16,425.00 | \$285,670.00 | \$269,245.00 |
| \$16,425.00 | | (\$16,425.00) |
| \$16,425.00 | | (\$16,425.00) |
| \$16,425.00 | | (\$16,425.00) |
| \$16,425.00 | | (\$16,425.00) |
| \$16,425.00 | | (\$16,425.00) |
| \$16,425.00 | | (\$16,425.00) |
| \$197,100.00 | \$461,565.00 | \$264,465.00 |

Board in Counts

| ADUC | ADBI | TDA |
|------|------|-----|
| 268 | 8 | 276 |
| 265 | 4 | 269 |
| 250 | 4 | 253 |
| 258 | 14 | 272 |
| 254 | 36 | 290 |
| 255 | 44 | 300 |
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Total
Budgeted

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55 percent