

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

DATE & TIME: September 10, 2019 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairwoman Lynn Eckert
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Heppner & Ronk
ABSENT: Legislators Collins & Haynes
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Director Steve Peterson – UC Emergency Management/Emergency Communications

Chairwoman Eckert called the meeting to order at 6:06PM.

Resolutions for the September 17, 2019 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 383: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee For Overtime Reimbursement – Sheriff’s Office

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair to execute an agreement with the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee in the amount of \$11,275 for participation in the Police Traffic Services Program for the period October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020.

Motion No. 1: **Motion ADOPT Resolution No. 383**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion:
Chairwoman Eckert advised the members that the grant totaled \$11,275 in state funding to reimburse the Sheriff’s Office for overtime expenses relating to the Traffic Safety Program.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Eckert, Heppner & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions ADOPTED**

Motion No. 2: **Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of the August 5, 2019 meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Eckert, Heppner & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Chairwoman Eckert informed the members that electronic copies of the monthly financial reports were available for viewing. She explained that the next meeting would be rescheduled from the regular date because it occurs during Rosh Hashanah. She asked if the members had any other business.

Legislator Ronk stated that he had a question for the Sheriff, but would ask at another time as he was not present. He advised the members that he thought the Sheriff had instituted a policy to exclude names from all social media postings of individuals who were arrested, but not convicted of a crime. He added that it appears the policy is being implemented on a case by case basis and wanted to hear from the Sheriff if there was a policy in writing. He asked if criteria for publishing a name was whether or not the alleged crime was violent or non-violent. Chairwoman Eckert asked Legislative Staff to follow up with the Sheriff.

Chairwoman Eckert asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:10 PM

Respectfully submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Minutes Approved: October 2019