

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

**DATE & TIME:** February 13, 2017 – 5:45 PM  
**LOCATION:** COB, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, KL Binder Library  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman TJ Briggs  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Lapp, Maio and Rodriguez  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Fabiano  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Bartels, Sheriff Van Blarcum, Under Sheriff Freer, Lieutenant Abe Markiewicz, Major Lou Russo, Major Jon Becker, First Sergeant Allen Rowe – UC Sheriff's Office, and Director Mullins and Nancy Schmidt – UC Probation Department

Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order at 5:54 PM.

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**Motion No. 1:** Moved to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the December 6, 2016 meeting

**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Minutes APPROVED**

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Resolutions for the February 15, 2017 Session of the Legislature

Chairman Briggs informed the members that he would be taking Resolutions 35, 36 and 37 out of order.

**Resolution No. 35:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Probation

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock, Inc. in the amount of \$110,000 for the operation of the Alternative to Juvenile Detention project which provides diversion services for low and moderate risk youth 7-17 years of age.

**Motion No. 2:** Moved adopt **Resolution No. 35**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:**

Ms. Mullins explained that this program is also referred to as the 180 program.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 36:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Probation

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock, Inc. in the amount of \$55,000 for an education and support program for male and female abusers to aid them in reducing violence and finding alternative to expressing emotions.

**Motion No. 3:** **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 36**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 37:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Alcohol Monitoring Systems Inc. – Department Of Probation

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$75,000 to provide electronic monitoring devices, software, training and support and maintenance services for monitoring probationers.

**Motion No. 3:** **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 37**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Discussion:**

Legislator Rodriguez asked how many people were in the program currently. Ms. Mullins responded that there were 16 participants. She added that there is usually between 10 – 20 participants in the program at any given time. She advised the members that they were looking in to a new vendor for tracking software as the current software is subpar and the use of GPS tracking is expensive.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 25:** Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Traffic Safety Board

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution confirms the appointment of Richard M. Brunner to the Traffic Safety Board for a term from present through December 31, 2019.

**Motion No. 4:** **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 25**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 26:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-municipal Agreement With Various Municipalities For The Operation Of U.C.E.R.T (Ulster County Emergency Response Team) – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an agreement with various municipalities for the operation of UCERT for the term January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017.

**Motion No. 5:** **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 26**  
**Motion By:** **Legislator Maio**  
**Motion Seconded By:** **Legislator Lapp**

**Discussion:**  
Legislator Rodriguez asked for an explanation of UCERT. First Sergeant Rowe responded that the team has been in existence since 1999 and through the Sheriff's Office since 2009. They respond to incidents that are beyond patrols ability such as active shooter and barricaded suspect situations. There are 22 members of the team who have had 17 call outs in the last 3 years.

Legislator Bartels asked for more information on the financial impact reported as none on the resolution. First Sergeant responded that members from municipalities provide their members with

equipment and the equipment provided to Sheriff Department members is allocated for in the Sheriff's Office Budget.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 27:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-municipal Agreement With Various Municipalities For The Operation Of U.R.G.E.N.T. (Ulster Regional Gang Enforcement Narcotics Team) – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an agreement with various municipalities for the operation of URGENT for the term January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017.

**Motion No. 6:** **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 27**  
**Motion By:** **Legislator Rodriguez**  
**Motion Seconded By:** **Legislator Maio**

**Discussion:**

Legislator Rodriguez stated that the Democratic Caucus had questions about the activities of URGENT based on the press releases they received. He asked what the mission and focus of URGENT and why a number of recent operations pertained to prostitution rather than gangs or narcotics. Lieutenant Markiewicz introduced himself as the URGENT supervisor. He informed the members that URGENT is the most qualified, equipped and trained to conduct surveillance and undercover operations for vice crimes. He added that the incidents in New Paltz and Lloyd were brought to the attention of URGENT by local Law Enforcement with a request for assistance. He informed the members of Operation Blood Klot, which focused on cocaine and heroin. He added that results of that operation have initiated investigations on major targets in neighboring counties as well as internationally. He provided examples of drug, gang and money laundering crimes resulting from a few of the prostitution busts in the county.

He added that some vice crime operations are conducted as a method to secure confidential informants. He added that individuals arrested in sex crime operations are also screened to determine if they are victims of trafficking.

Legislator Bartels stated that she reviewed the confidential informant policy and was concerned that the policy allowed for the use of juveniles age 16 and/or 17 without parental consent. She stated that individuals under 16 could only be used in an extraordinary circumstance with parental consent. Lieutenant stated that they have never used a minor as confidential informant. He added that the term confidential informant does not necessarily apply to individuals who provide information. He provided some information on different types of confidential informants. Legislator Bartels reiterated her concern that the policy allows for the use of juveniles age 16 or 17 without parental consent.

Legislator Rodriguez asked if Lieutenant was available by phone to further discuss URGENT the next day.

A “Confidential Informant Packet” was given to Legislative Staff for distribution to the members. Lieutenant Markiweicz provided the members with information on the reporting and record keeping requirements for confidential informants.

Legislator Maio commented that URGENT has been operating for many years and questioned why there were so many questions about their operations now.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Lapp, & Maio  
**Voting Against:** Rodriguez  
**Votes in Favor:** 3  
**Votes Against:** 1  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 31:** Requesting Legislation Granting Ulster County Eligibility Under Article 4 Title 2 Section 466-f (L. 2005, C. 324) and Section 466-h (L. 2006, C. 305) Of The State Of New York Real Property Tax Law To Implement A County Local Law In Relation To A Tax Exemption For Un-Remarried Spouses of Volunteer Firefighters or Volunteer Ambulance Workers Killed In The Line Of Duty And For Un-Remarried Spouses Of Deceased Members Of Volunteer Fire Companies, Volunteer Fire Departments, Or Voluntary Ambulance Services

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution requests that the New York State Legislature and New York State Governor pass legislation granting Ulster County eligibility under Article 4 Title 2 Section 466-f (L. 2005, C. 324) and Section 466-h (L. 2006, C. 305) Of The State Of New York Real Property Tax Law to implement a County Local Law in relation to a tax exemption for un-remarried spouses of volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers killed in the line of duty and for un-remarried spouses of deceased members of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service.

**Motion No. 7:** **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 31**  
**Motion By:** **Legislator Rodriguez**  
**Motion Seconded By:** **Legislator Maio**

**Discussion:**

Legislator Maio commented that the financial impact was reported as none. Chairman Briggs responded that only one person in the county takes advantage of the credit which amounts to \$12. Legislator Bartels commented that the resolution should state unknown in that case.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 33:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Aramark Correctional Services LLC – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Aramark Correctional Services LLC to exercise the first of two, one year options to extend the term of the jail food service agreement through December 31, 2018.

**Motion No. 8:** Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 33  
**Motion By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Discussion:**

Legislator Rodriguez stated that there were concerns in the Democratic caucus concerning this resolution. He said concerns were expressed about food quality and costs. Major Becker advised the members that there have been 13 grievances since 1996 and none since moving to the new facility in 2007. He added that the cost is \$1.89 per person which the county would not be able to match or beat if the service was conducted in house.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

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**Resolution No. 68:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Town Of Ulster For Use Of Its Police Firearms Range And Training Facility – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an agreement with the Town of Ulster for the use of its Police Firearms Range through December 31, 2017.

**Motion No. 9:** Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 68  
**Motion By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

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**Resolution No. 69:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services – Aid To Prosecution – District Attorney

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$56,700 (\$14,175 in the 2016 Budget and \$42,525 contained in the 2017 Budget) for the Aid to Prosecution Program.

**Motion No. 10:** Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 69  
**Motion By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

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Legislator Rodriguez asked Sheriff Van Blarcum for information on the five cars that were being replaced pursuant to a resolution that was recently considered by the Public Works and Ways & Means Committee. Under Sheriff Freer distributed a list of ten vehicles that are targeted to be replaced due to high mileage. He added that every year since 2007 five vehicles have been replaced due to wear and mileage.

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Chairman Briggs informed the members that the 2016 year end board in and phone report as well as the January report were attached to the agenda. Chairman Briggs informed the members that the District Attorney would be at the next meeting to discuss the DCJS Intimate Partner Violence Initiative. He added that information on the program was included in their meeting materials.

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Chairman Briggs mentioned the passing of K9 Office Jimmy Salinsky's mom and expressed his condolences and stated that the meeting would be closed in her memory.

He complimented the Sheriff for assistance the Ellenville Rescue Squad regularly receives from Sheriff's Deputies. He asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4

**No. of Votes Against: 0**

**TIME: 6:36 PM**

**Respectfully submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk**  
**Minutes Approved: February 28, 2017**