

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

DATE & TIME: November 3, 2014 - PM
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, Legislative Chambers
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman TJ Briggs
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk/Confidential Secretary
PRESENT: Legislators Gregorius, and Maio
ABSENT: Legislators Loughran and Ronk
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Archer and Bartels, Legislative Counsel Weiner, Sheriff Van Blarcum, Melanie Mullins – UC Probation, James Nani – Times Herald-Record

Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Motion No. 1: RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of October 6, 2014 Meeting.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gregorius
Discussion: None
Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, Maio
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 2: RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of October 21, 2014 Special Meeting.

Motion Made By: Legislator Gregorius
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio
Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, Maio
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 3: Resolution No. 402 – November 18, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 402** - Appropriating Funds From The District Attorney Forfeiture Account - Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County District Attorney’s Office

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gregorius

Resolution No. 402 Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute such inter-municipal agreements, and any amendments thereto, as may be required to carry out the approved STOP DWI Program Plan filed with the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee.

Discussion:

Legislator Maio asked Ms. Mullins to explain a little more about the payment and reimbursement process.

Ms. Mullins explained that their anticipated revenues are based on past amounts collected due to the difficulty in accurately predicting convictions and fines collected.

Legislator Briggs reminded the committee that there is zero cost to the county for the program.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, and Maio
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 4: Resolution No. 409 – November 18, 2014

Text of Motion: Resolved to approve Resolution No. 409 - Appointing Member To The Ulster County Fire Advisory Board

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gregorius

Resolution No. 409 Summary: This resolution confirms the appointment of Fred J. DeMaio of Highland, NY to the Fire Advisory Board.

Discussion:

None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, and Maio

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 3

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Van Blarcum provided copies of his monthly report and advised the committee that they are still on target for the year and would most likely exceed the budgeted revenue.

He also advised the committee that he is confident in the figure he included in the 2015 Budget for Board In and Telephone revenue. He acknowledged that the firm contracted by the Legislature to review the proposed budget, O'Connor Davies, disagreed with the Sheriff's figures.

Legislator Archer mentioned that O'Connor Davies eluded to an agreement that Dutchess County Board Ins would be sent to Albany County because of a cheaper price.

Sheriff Van Blarcum explained that Dutchess currently ships inmates to Albany County as well as Ulster. He said that once the 200 pod beds are built Dutchess County will keep 190 inmates and continue to board out the balance. He has not heard anything about sending everyone to Albany and stated that Albany does not offer a significantly cheaper rate than Ulster.

Old Business

Chairman Briggs reminded the committee about the ongoing False Alarm Local Law discussion.

Sheriff reiterated how important the Local Law was to his office and said that he would like to continue conversations about it at the committee meetings.

Chairman Briggs reminded the committee about the special committee meeting to be held on December 12th immediately following the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 10 to vote on Resolution No. 407 enacting Local Law No. 10.

New Business

Regarding the Sheriff's Policy of ID checks at the Department of Social Services, Chairman Briggs informed the committee that he has been advised by counsel that the process is under review and that the committee would refrain from discussing at this time.

Sheriff Van Blarcum asked who was reviewing the matter.

Legislative Counsel Weiner stated that he was looking into it as well County Attorney Havranek.

Legislator Bartels asked when the Legislature would be getting an update on their research. Counselor Weiner responded tomorrow.

Lastly, Legislature Briggs advised the committee that with the new re-configuration of the CMC provider at the Jail he would be asking for quarterly updates on the agenda.

Sheriff Van Blarcum requested that he be given details on what specifically the committee wanted reported on. He also advised the committee that his office currently conducts quarterly review meetings with the CMC.

Chairman Briggs said that he'd be looking for things like grievances, inmate concerns, etc. He also said he would try to attend the next quarterly meeting and asked the Sheriff when the next one was scheduled for.

Sheriff Van Blarcum said he would get that information to Chairman Briggs and would share their year-end report with the committee as well. He also informed the committee that he received a letter from the COC asking how his office intends to cooperate with the

overseer being dispatched to audit the CMC. He said that his office has offered an open door policy for the overseers and will supply them with office space while they are there.

Mr. James Nani from the Times Herald-Record asked if the overseer was being dispatched at the request of the Attorney General. The Sheriff replied that it was at the Attorney General's request as a result of the recent lawsuit in a few counties. He also stated that the individual would not be in Ulster County full time but part time for roughly three months.

Chairman Briggs reminded everyone that tomorrow was Election Day and asked if there was any other business.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gregorius
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:16 PM

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of December, 2014

Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: December 4, 2014