

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

DATE & TIME: November 30, 2015 – 5:30 PM
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, Karen Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman TJ Briggs
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk/Confidential Secretary
PRESENT: Legislators Fabiano, Provenzano and Ronk
ABSENT: Legislator Wishnick
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Sheriff VanBlarcum, Under Sheriff Freer, Melanie Mullins- Department of Probation, Steve Petersen – Department of Emergency Management/Emergency Communication, UC Legislator elect Ron Lapp, Tom Delany and Beverly Delany – Ala-Kasam Samoyeds, Andra OConnell and Sara Gildersteeve - SKC

Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Motion No. 1: RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of the November 2nd meeting

Motion Made By: Legislator Provenzano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion:

None

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Provenzano and Ronk
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Chairman Briggs acknowledged Ms. Melanie Mullins from the Department of Probation to discuss the STOP DWI Program. He asked Ms. Mullins to provide additional details of the program specific to steps taken to prevent DWI offenses from being committed. Ms. Mullins explained that the majority of the funding allocated for prevention comes from the NYS Office of Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) and goes to various agencies in

Ulster County. She added that prevention is targeted more to elementary and middle school age demographics. She added that she sits on the Substance Abuse Prevention Board in Ulster County which is responsible for distributing the money. She advised the committee that the STOP DWI program funds public service announcements and has expanded their outreach through social media, ads in movie theatres and having a presence at health fairs.

Legislator Provenzano asked if there was anything in the STOP DWI program focused on preventing recidivism in individuals convicted of a DWI. Ms. Mullins responded that first time offenders are often successfully deterred from repeat offenses simply by going through the experience of the court process, fines and sheer expense of the conviction. She added that the impact panel is incredibly powerful and deeply effects participants. She added that the primary responsibility of probation is rehabilitation and that some, but not all of those convicted.

Ms. Mullins distributed copies of additional information that her office put together for the committee. Legislator Provenzano suggested that Ms. Mullins consider addressing the full legislature in 2016 to update them on program. Legislator Ronk asked Ms. Mullins, considering the update to Leandra's Law, pertaining to a DWI offense with a minor in the vehicle, how successful have they been getting the probationers to purchase the interlock device. Ms. Mullins responded that Ulster County is one of the higher counties in terms of waiver grated for inability to pay, around 10%. He asked if the interlock device was required for all aggravated DWI convictions. Ms. Mullins answered that it was a requirement for all DWI convictions. She added that funding for the devices has been coming through the GTSC (Governor's Traffic Safety Council) totaling about \$40,000 a year, but stated that the funding may not be available in the future.

Chairman Briggs thanked Ms. Mullins for preparing the additional information and for taking the time to speak with the committee.

Motion No. 2: Resolution No. 464 – December 15, 2015

Text of Motion: Resolved to approve Resolution No. 464 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Motorola Solutions Inc. – Department of Emergency Management

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Resolution No. 464 Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Motorola Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$60,766.32 to extend the term of the agreement for maintenance and repair of fire and EMS radio systems.

Discussion:

Chairman Briggs acknowledged Mr. Steve Petersen, Director of the Department of Emergence Management/Emergence Communications to provide additional details on the maintenance and repair of the fire and EMS radio systems. Mr. Petersen advised the committee that the contract is for the dispatch positions at the communication centers in Kingston and Highland.

Legislator Ronk asked Director Petersen for an update on simulcast. Director Petersen responded that installation were going well and said it would be about a month before it was complete. There was a brief conversation about the need to replace the system and the difficulty in finding parts for the antiquated hardware in the current system.

Chairman Briggs thanked Mr. Petersen for taking the time to appear before the committee.

Roll Call Vote:	No
Voting In Favor:	Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Provenzano and
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	4
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Carried

Chairman Briggs recognized Legislator elect Ron Lapp who was in attendance. He congratulated Legislator Lapp on his election and invited him to join the committee at the table. Chairman Briggs advised the members that Mr. Lapp was a retired police officer and a former school resource officer in New Paltz. Legislators Fabiano, Provenzano and Ronk also welcomed Mr. Lapp.

Chairman Briggs recognized Legislator Provenzano for her many years of service as a Legislator and wished her well in her retirement. Legislators Fabiano and Ronk echoed the sentiment, each saying how honored they were to have served with her.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Van Blarcum congratulated Legislator Provenzano on her retirement and, speaking on behalf of himself as well as former Sheriffs LaPaglia and Bockelman, thanked her for being a friend to the Law Enforcement community during her many years as a Legislator.

He advised the members that his Office was ahead on the revenue from Board Ins revenue and a little behind on the revenue for telephones. He said the lag in telephone revenue could be explained by the couple of months when the Board Ins fell due to the completed of housing pods in Dutchess County. He said he was confident that they will meet the 2015 Budgeted amounts.

Old Business

Chairman Briggs asked if there was any old business. None was offered.

New Business

Chairman Briggs asked if there was any new business. Legislator Ronk acknowledged the people in the room present to discuss Resolution No. 357 – Setting a Public Hearing on Amended Proposed Local Law No. 12 of 2015 (A Local Law Of the County of Ulster for the Regulation of Pet Sellers). He advised them that the Resolution was withdrawn by the sponsors.

Chairman Briggs asked if there was any other business and hearing none,

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Provenzano
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
TIME: 5:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of January, 2016

Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: January 19, 2016