

# Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee

## Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** February 4, 2014, 7:30PM  
**LOCATION:** Karen L. Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman Thomas J. Briggs  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Lisa K. Mance, Legislative Employee  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Briggs, Loughran, Gregorius, Ronk, Maio  
**ABSENT:** Loughran  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Wishnick, Ulster County Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum, Captain Michael Freer, Officer Jon Becker, Krista Barringer

Chairman Thomas Briggs called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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### MOTIONS:

**MOTION NO. 1** Motion to Approve January 29, 2014 Minutes

**MOTION MADE BY:** Legislator Ronk  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Legislator Maio

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** NO

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Legislators Briggs, Ronk, Gregorius, Loughran, Maio  
**VOTING AGAINST:** None  
**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:** 5  
**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:** 0  
**DISPOSITION:** Motion Passed

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**MOTION NO. 2** Motion to Group/Block Vote Resolutions 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 & 42.

**MOTION MADE BY:** Legislator Ronk  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Legislator Maio

**DISCUSSION:** Leg. Gregorius qualified all resolutions on today's agenda were submitted by the County Executive's Office. Leg. Ronk noted all of the appointments for the Traffic Safety Board are either new appointments or being re-appointed – no one is being replaced. Diane Beitel is both Traffic Safety Coordinator and the Ulster County Safety Officer.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** NO

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Legislators Briggs, Ronk, Gregorius, Loughran, Maio  
**VOTING AGAINST:** None  
**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:** 5  
**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:** 0  
**DISPOSITION:** Motion Passed

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**MOTION NO. 3**                      **Motion to have Chairman Briggs represent this committee by attending the RFP medical provider insurance discussing's for the Sheriff's Office.**

**MOTION MADE BY:**                      **Legislator Ronk**  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:**              **Legislator Maio**

**DISCUSSION:**                              **Sheriff VanBlarcum requested Legislative representation during the RFP process for the medical provider insurance discussing's, noting the Legislature does not have a vote. The Sheriff will advise meeting date.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**                      **NO**

**VOTING IN FAVOR:**                      **Legislators Briggs, Ronk, Gregorius, Loughran, Maio**  
**VOTING AGAINST**                      **None**  
**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:**              **5**  
**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:**              **0**  
**DISPOSITION:**                              **Motion Passed**

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**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MONTHLY REPORT: Sheriff's Report on file with the Clerk of the Legislature.**

**Sheriff VanBlarcum and committee discussed time and date of future meetings being held at the Law Enforcement Center. The committee determined the next meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2014, 7:00 PM.**

**Chairman Briggs asked how the Sheriff's Office and the Kingston KPD faired with yesterday's shooting at the DEC building in Kingston. The Sheriff stated everyone is good and that the only evolvment his office had was being on the scene quickly. Chairman Briggs thanked the Sheriff and asked to pass along his thanks to all on behalf of the Legislature to all concerned.**

**Legislator Ronk stated being a member of this committee being on the the Fire Advisory Board we are having serious ongoing concerns with the Emergency Communications System. The Fire Advisory Board presented a power point on the need to have a new emergency communication system for the Fire Service EMS., to both the Ulster County Association of Fire Districts and Association of Fire Chiefs. Leg. Ronk suggests setting up a special meeting of this committee due to the length of the power point and to allow for Q&A. Discussion continued on the 30 yr. antiquated system, tower concerns and parts. Leg. Loughran suggested the County Executive Office be included due to budgetary impacts. Meeting set for power point on February 24, 2014 7:00 PM, COB.**

**Also Legislator Ronk noted Bill Echer Chairman of the UC Fire Advisory Board would like to have a discussion with this committee on having a fire training center in Ulster County.**

**There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Gregorius, Seconded by Legislator Maio and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M.**

**Dated the 24th Day of February, 2014**  
**Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Employee**  
**Minutes Approved: March 12, 2014**