

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

DATE & TIME: March 6, 2018 – 5:30 PM
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, KL Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Mary Beth Maio
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Eckert, Fabiano & Haynes
ABSENT: Legislator Collins
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Sheriff Van Blarcum, Under Sheriff Freer, Lt. Soule – UC Sheriff's Office, Acting Director Schmidt – UC Probation Department, Director Peterson – UC Emergency Management/Communications, Ilona Ross – member of the public

Chairwoman Maio called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Motion No. 1: Moved to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the January 31, 2018 meeting

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Eckert, Fabiano, Haynes & Maio
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Resolutions for the March 20, 2018 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 64: Confirming The Appointment Of Nancy Schmidt As Director Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the appointment of Nancy Schmidt as the Director of the Department of Probation.

Motion No. 2: Moved to **ADOPT Resolution No. 64**
Motion By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Eckert

Discussion:
Chairwoman Maio asked Ulster County Probation Department Acting Director Nancy Schmidt to introduce herself. Mrs. Schmidt shared that she has been working in Ulster County Probation for 32 years in various capacities and truly enjoys her job.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Eckert, Fabiano, Haynes & Maio
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 79: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock in the amount of \$110,000 for January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018 for the Alternative to Juvenile Detention Project.

Motion No. 3: **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 79**
Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion:

Acting Probation Director Schmidt explained that the contract funds the 180 Program. She added that the department has run the juvenile diversion program for a few years and find it to be very successful. The members thanked her for her time.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Eckert, Fabiano, Haynes & Maio
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 80: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Motorola Solutions Inc. – Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$68,895 for March 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019 to extend the term of agreement for maintenance of the 911 telephone system.

Motion No. 4: **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 80**
Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion:

Chairwoman Maio recognized Director Peterson who explained that the agreement pertains to maintenance of the telephone system used in the 911 call center. The members thanked him for his time.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Eckert, Fabiano, Haynes & Maio
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 87: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Lime Energy Co. – Department Of Environment

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Lime Energy Co. in the amount of \$207,555,76 to upgrade lighting at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center to energy efficient fixtures and bulbs.

Motion No. 5: **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 87**
Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion:

Chairwoman advised the members that the funding was 100% state dollars and recognized Deputy County Executive Crannell for further explanation of the project. Mr. Crannell informed the members that Resolution No. 95 was also part of this funding and project. He stated that almost 40% of the electricity and heating fuel used by the county is by the Law Enforcement Center. He added that amounts to about \$2.5 million per year. He complimented Sheriff Van Blarcum for his willingness to work with the Executive’s Office to find ways to improve efficiencies.

Mr. Crannell explained that the contract with Lime Energy, completely funded by the \$250,000 NYSERDA agreement in Resolution No. 95, will replace light fixtures and light bulbs in the Law Enforcement Center to LEDs. He added that the useful life of a LED bulb is approximately twenty years. He explained that there should be about a 6% savings in electricity which will translate to \$1 million in savings over 10 years.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Eckert, Fabiano, Haynes & Maio
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Chairwoman Maio advised the members that she would be taking Resolution No. 95 out of order and asked if there were any questions for Mr. Crannell on the Resolution. None were offered.

Resolution No. 95: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Energy Research And Development Authority Clean Energy Communities Program, Amending The 2018-2023 Ulster County Capital Improvement Program To Add Capital Project No. 519 – Ulster County Law Enforcement Center Energy

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an agreement with NYSERDA in the amount of \$250,000 for energy improvement projects at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center, and established Capital Project No. 519.

Motion No. 6: Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 95
Motion By: Legislator Eckert
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Eckert, Fabiano, Haynes & Maio
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 92: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The United States Department Of Justice To Accept Grant Funds for Overtime Reimbursement – Sheriff’s Office

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an agreement with the US DOJ in the amount of \$1,000 to reimburse the Ulster County Sheriff’s Office for participation on joint law enforcement with the US Marshall’s Service for the period October 2, 2017 – September 30, 2018.

Motion No. 7: Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 92
Motion By: Legislator Eckert
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion:
Legislator Fabiano asked if the overtime amount covered one year. Sheriff Van Blarcum responded that it was for one year and pertained to work done with the US Marshalls Service when they ask for assistance in searching for fugitives believed to be in Ulster or neighboring counties.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Eckert, Fabiano, Haynes & Maio
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 93: Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget – Appropriating Unexpended Funds From The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For FY17 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) - Ulster County Sheriff Office

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2018 to include unexpended DHSES funding in the amount of \$67,480 allocated to the UC Sheriff’s Office in 2017 for the purchase of computer equipment.

Motion No. 8: Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 93

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion:

Legislator Eckert asked for clarification on the intended use of the funds. First Lieutenant Soule responded that the funds are being used to update the command post computers and servers and is money carried over from prior years that was unexpended.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Eckert, Fabiano, Haynes & Maio

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 94: Appropriating Funds From Self Insurance Revenues For Replacement Of Sheriff’s Office License Plate Reader Trailer - Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget - Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution appropriates funds in the amount of \$39,361 to the Sheriff’s Office to replace a License Plate reader that was destroyed in a traffic accident.

Motion No. 9: Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 42

Motion By: Legislator Haynes

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Eckert

Discussion:

Sheriff Van Blarcum advised the members that the License Plate Reader was destroyed when a drunk driver struck it. First Lieutenant Soule added that the driver was arrested and through insurance they were able to recoup the money to replace the reader.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Eckert, Fabiano, Haynes & Maio

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Chairwoman Maio advised the members that a copy of the Sheriff's monthly report was in their meeting materials. Sheriff Van Blarcum stated that his office continues to try to find more opportunities for board ins. Chairwoman Maio asked if there were any questions. Legislator Eckert asked for an update on the issue that was discussed last month regarding inmates from Rikers Island. Sheriff Van Blarcum responded that he contacted the NYS Commissioner of Corrections to report the issues they had last time and to express his willingness to try again with certain security precautions in place.

Chairwoman Maio asked if there was any new business. Legislator Eckert asked Sheriff Van Blarcum about a recent report of gang violence in Saugerties and reports of a body, and whether he was seeing an uptick in that type of activity. Sheriff Van Blarcum responded that her inquiry should be directed to District Attorney Carnright as the matter is currently under investigation.

Chairwoman Maio reminded the members to forward her any events happening in their community for inclusion on the agenda. She informed them that Town of Lloyd Chief Waage was starting a Civilian Training class in Highland and asked if there were any other events to share. Legislator Fabiano reported that Chief Sinagra in Saugerties recently held a NARCAN training. Legislator Eckert advised the members that a Police Commission forum was being organized in Kingston the following week. She added that there is a lot of tension at the moment and expected the meeting to be rough.

Chairwoman Maio asked the members if they had any other business. Hearing none she advised them that the next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3rd at 5:30 PM.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Fabiano

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Eckert

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:45 PM

Respectfully submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: April 3, 2018