# Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** August 7, 2018 – 5:45 PM

**LOCATION:** COB, 6th Floor, Legislature Chairman's Office

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairwoman Mary Beth Maio LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

**PRESENT:** Legislators Collins, Fabiano & Haynes

**ABSENT:** Legislator Eckert

**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Nolan & Rodriguez, Lieutenant Soule & Captain Altieri – UC Sheriff's Office, Deputy County Executive Marc Rider, Patricia Doxsey – Daily Freeman

Chairwoman Maio called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

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Motion No. 1: Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of the July 3, 2018 meeting

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Collins, Fabiano, Haynes & Maio

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0

**Disposition:** Minutes APPROVED

Resolutions for the August 14, 2018 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 332: Confirming A Re-Appointment To The Ulster County Arson Task Force Board

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution confirms the re-appointment of Wayne Freer, Arson Task Force Coordinator & Board Chair, to the Arson Task Force.

Motion No. 2: Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 332

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

**Discussion**: None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Collins, Fabiano, Haynes & Maio

Voting Against: None Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against:

Disposition: Resolution is ADOPTED

Resolution No. 333: Confirming A Re-Appointment To The Ulster County Arson Task Force Board

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution confirms the re-appointment of Kevin Keller as the Community Representative to the Arson Task Force.

Motion No. 3: Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 333

Motion By: Legislator Collins Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

**Discussion**: None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Collins, Fabiano, Haynes & Maio

Voting Against: None Votes in Favor: 4 Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution is ADOPTED

Resolution No. 335: Confirming An Appointment To The Ulster County Arson Task Force Board

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution confirms the appointment of Everett Erichsen as the Fire Representative to the Arson Task Force.

Motion No. 4: Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 335

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

### Discussion:

Chairwoman Maio introduced Mr. Erichsen and thanked him for attending the meeting. She asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. Erichsen. Legislator Rodriguez informed Mr. Erichsen that the Legislature has been considering a Local Law requiring the licensing of electricians to help reduce the number of electrical fires and asked if he had any thoughts on the subject. Mr. Erichsen responded that there are roughly 100 fires per year which are investigated by the Arson Task Force. He informed the members that some of them are juvenile fires and a huge priority is revamping the youth program to address that. He added that they are also working on better collaboration with the Sheriff's Office and he will also be leveraging his new position as the County Fire Coordinator to bring his training to the Task Force. Deputy County Executive Rider added that the Executive's Office felt it was important to have the Fire Coordinator sit on the Task Force, which has not been the case in the past.

Chairwoman Maio commented that Mr. Erichsen does an excellent job and looked forward to his service on the Task Force.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Collins, Fabiano, Haynes & Maio

Voting Against: None Votes in Favor: 4 Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution is ADOPTED

Resolution No. 336: Confirming An Appointment To The Ulster County Arson Task Force Board

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution confirms the appointment of Captain Vincent Altieri as the Police Representative to the Arson Task Force.

Motion No. 5: Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 336

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

### Discussion:

Chairwoman Maio introduced Captain Altieri and thanked him for attending the meeting. Captain Altieri explained that the Task Force includes a law enforcement component and he would be serving as the liaison.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Collins, Fabiano, Haynes & Maio

Voting Against: None Votes in Favor: 4 Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution is ADOPTED

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**Resolution No. 342:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For The Aid To Defense Program – Ulster County Public Defender

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute an agreement with NYS DCJS for Ulster County's participation in the New York Aid to Defense Project No. AD18-1026-D00, in the amount of \$14,400, for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019

Motion No. 6: Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 342

Motion By: Legislator Collins Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

### Discussion:

Chairwoman Maio explained that no county dollars are required for the agreement. She asked if Mr. Rider had anything to add. He responded that the funding was in the form of a grant which did not require a county match. Legislator Rodriguez asked if the funds were to maintain current programming or were for a new initiative. Mr. Rider stated that he believed the funding was being used to hire additional staff.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Collins, Fabiano, Haynes & Maio

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution is ADOPTED

**Resolution No. 343:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept A Division Of Criminal Justice Services Grant – Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to accept \$5,000 in public protection grant funding from the NYS DCJS for the purchase of hard case tourniquets for each member to be worn on duty belts.

Motion No. 7: Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 343

Motion By: Legislator Collins Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

### Discussion:

Chairwoman Maio asked if Captain Altieri wished to speak on the resolution. Captain Altieri explained that the \$5,000 grant was secured by NYS Senator Amedore to purchase hard case tourniquets to be worn on Sheriff's Officers' duty belts.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Collins, Fabiano & Maio

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0

**Abstention:** Legislator Haynes

Disposition: Resolution is ADOPTED

**Resolution No. 344:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Onteora Central School District To Provide Access To The CCTV System For Emergencies – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman execute an agreement with the Onteora School District to provide access to the CCTV system for the term September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2024.

Motion No. 8: Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 344

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

### Discussion:

Chairwoman Maio explained that the agreement did not involve any county funds and asked if someone from the Sheriff's Office would like to speak to the resolution. Captain Altieri informed

the members that the school district has a closed camera system for school purposes. He added that in the event of an emergency the web based system would allow the Sheriff's Office remote access so they could determine where to send their resources. Lieutenant Soule advised the members that the Onterora School District has the same agreement with the New York State Police and informed them that it was executed within two weeks of the initial request from the school in March.

Legislator Haynes asked what the delay was in the county. Mr. Rider responded that he was not sure what the reason for the delay was, but that the county required a number of insurance proofs and other documents to protect the county. He added that the state might not require the same protections.

Legislator Rodriguez asked for clarification under what circumstances the Sheriff's Office would be gaining access. Lt. Soule responded that the system would only be accessed in response to a 911 call or with the permission of the district. He added that the legislature could expect to see similar agreements from other school districts in the county. He added that school resource officers would continue to handle the day to day investigations, and the Sheriff's Office would only get involved in more major incidents. Legislator Rodriguez stated that at least one member of his caucus will want to know if the school district will be letting parents know that the Sheriff's Office will be accesses the system. Lt. Soule responded that he was aware that the subject was discussed at a school board meeting but he was not sure if the district had sent letters.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Collins, Fabiano, Haynes & Maio

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution is ADOPTED

Chairwoman Maio moved on to the Sheriff's report and advised the members that the Board In and Telephone revenues were both on the plus side. She asked if Captain Altieri or Lt. Soule had anything they wanted to add. Lt. Soule commented that the Board Ins were primarily coming from Greene and Dutchess Counties. Legislator Rodriguez asked when the inmates from Greene and Dutchess would again be housed in their own counties. Lt. Soule responded that he was aware that the Greene County Legislature would be holding a vote on a new facility in the coming days adding that a projected completion date was at least 24 months after their decision was made. He added that he was unsure of the projected completion date of the new facility in Dutchess.

Legislator Rodriguez asked how the telephone revenue is spent. Lt. Soule stated that he was not responsible for the day to day operation of the jail, but believed that the money is spent on inmate equipment like the transport vans. Legislator Rodriguez asked how many variances there are in the jail right now. Lt. Soule asked if an email could be sent requesting the information. Chairwoman Maio asked legislative staff to send the Sheriff an email.

Chairwoman Maio asked if anyone had any events in the county they wanted to share. Captain Altieri responded that the Sheriff's Office has a good turnout at their booth at the Fair. Legislator Fabiano informed the members that the Hope Rocks Festival was being held August 18-19 in Saugerties at

Cantine Field. Captain Altieri advised the members that the Sheriff's Office was participating in a Touch-A-Truck event at the Kingston YMCA the coming Thursday.

Chairwoman Maio informed the members that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM and asked if there was any other business. Hearing none;

# **Adjournment**

Motion Made By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4 **No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 6:04 PM

Respectfully submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: September 4, 2018

## 2018 Sheriff's Telephone/Board In revenue

## Telephone Revenue

	Budget	Actual	Variance
January	\$18,747.83	\$18,109.00	(\$638.83)
February	\$18,747.83	\$17,261.00	(\$1,486.83)
March	\$18,747.83	\$18,690.00	(\$57.83)
April	\$18,747.83	\$18,080.00	(\$667.83)
May	\$18,747.83	\$20,083.00	\$1,335.17
June	\$18,747.83	\$21,688.00	\$2,940.17
July	\$18,747.83	\$20,943.00	\$2,195.17
August	\$18,747.83		(\$18,747.83)
September	\$18,747.83		(\$18,747.83)
October	\$18,747.83		(\$18,747.83)
November	\$18,747.83		(\$18,747.83)
December	\$18,747.83		(\$18,747.83)
Year to Date	\$224,973.96	\$134,854.00	(\$90,119.96)

#### **Board in Revenue**

Budget	Actual	Variance
\$16,425.00	\$27,705.00	\$11,280.00
\$16,425.00	\$11,050.00	(\$5,375.00)
\$16,425.00	\$10,170.00	(\$6,255.00)
\$16,425.00	\$34,480.00	\$18,055.00
\$16,425.00	\$92,490.00	\$76,065.00
\$16,425.00	\$106,185.00	\$89,760.00
\$16,425.00	\$97,215.00	\$80,790.00
\$16,425.00		(\$16,425.00)
\$16,425.00		(\$16,425.00)
\$16,425.00		(\$16,425.00)
\$16,425.00		(\$16,425.00)
\$16,425.00		(\$16,425.00)
\$197,100.00	\$379,295.00	\$182,195.00

### **Board in Counts**

ADUC	ADBI	TDA
268	8	276
265	4	269
250	4	253
258	14	272
254	36	290
255	44	300
257	39	296

Total Budgeted

SCAP

55 percent