

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice/Public Safety Committee

DATE: August 13, 2001

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Naccarato and Legislators Hathaway, Klein, Tantillo, Wilkins, Dart and Feldmann

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: None

LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: None

OTHERS ATTENDING: Paul Noble, Director of Community Corrections, Charlene Cappillino, Alternative Sentencing Coordinator, Robert Sudlow, Director of Probation, Sheriff Richard Bockelmann, Undersheriff George Wood, Fred Fister, Corrections Superintendent and Charles Schaller, Chairman of Traffic Safety Board

Chairman Naccarato called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING: A resolution was considered by Charlene Cappillino, Alternative Sentencing Coordinator, to authorize the Chairman of the Legislature to sign contract No. C559500 between NYS Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives for the period of January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2004 involving reimbursement to four (4) Alternatives to Incarceration Programs: Alternative Sentencing, Probation Pretrial; Community Corrections and Defender Based Advocate (Public Defender). Funding is presently approved in the amount of \$422,095 through December 31, 2001. Motion moved by Leg. Tantillo, seconded by Leg. Klein. All voting in favor.

PROBATION: Robert Sudlow, Probation Director, presented a resolution to authorize the Chairman of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Ulster County Youth Court Grant for the period October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002. The amount of the agreement is \$23,680. Motion moved by Leg. Dart, seconded by Leg. Hathaway. Motion passed unanimously.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: Sheriff Bockelmann presented a resolution to authorize the Chairman of the Legislature to accept a grant from the Edward Byrne Fund in the amount of \$12,500 and enter into contract with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services to purchase a community policing trailer. The grant requires a 25% match from the County in the amount of \$4,125. The total amount of the purchase of the trailer is \$16,625. Motion by Leg. Dart, seconded by Leg. Tantillo to accept the grant. All voting in favor.

The Sheriff offered a second resolution to request a transfer of \$65,000 to the Jail Overtime Line (A4-1855-1901). The amount of \$40,000 from the Jail Regular Pay Line (A4-1855-1005) and \$25,000 from Part Time Line (A4-1855-1807) will be transferred to cover unanticipated personnel vacancies and overcrowding at the facility. Motion by Leg. Wilkins, seconded by Leg. Feldmann to approve transfers. Motion approved unanimously.

A third resolution was offered to amend the 2001 Budget in the amount of \$9,261 due to reclassifications of positions. The Detective Division requested and received an audit to be classified as Civil Service Detectives. The Personnel Officer determined that the deputies assigned in the Division will be Detective Sergeant and Detective Lieutenant. The salary for the 20-year Sergeant position at \$46,531 will be reclassified to 20-year Lieutenant salary at \$55,792. Moved by Leg. Wilkins, seconded by Leg. Klein. All voting in favor.

TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD: Charles Schaller, Chairman of the Traffic Safety Board, presented the committee with a report on the 5th annual Traffic Safety/Injury Prevention Fair which took place on Sunday, July 8 at the West Strand Park in the City of Kingston. A copy of the Safety Fair report is attached to these minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS: After the regular meeting, a special meeting was held for the members of the League of Women Voters regarding the Alternative Sentencing Programs in Ulster County. Those attending this session were Charlene Cappillino, Robert Sudlow, Paul Noble, Sheriff Richard Bockelmann, Frank Cassetta, Jackie Moriarty, Elizabeth Askue and Tom Kadjan. The department heads were invited because they deal with the Alternatives to Incarceration Program on a daily basis. A question and answer period followed. The League members exchanged ideas with the department heads and got professional advise from the experts in the respective fields. This segment ended at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Naccarato, Chairman
Criminal Justice/Public Safety Committee