

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice/Public Safety Committee
DATE: January 29, 2001
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor
LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman J. Naccarato and Legislators Hathaway,
Wilkins, Dart and Feldmann
LEGISLATORS ABSENT: None
LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislators Klein and Tantillo
OTHERS: Art Snyder, Director of Emergency Management, Charles
Mutz, Chief Fire Coordinator and Charlene Cappillino,
Director of Alternative Sentencing

Chairman J. Naccarato called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The following items were discussed and acted upon:

ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING: Director Charlene Cappillino presented a resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to renew the agreement continuing the services of a dedicated work crew for the City of Kingston. The term of the contract is from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001. Motion by Leg. Dart, seconded by Leg. Wilkins. All voting in favor.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: District Attorney Donald Williams had presented a resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for participating in the Anti-Drug Abuse Act. The contract is for the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001 and provides 100% State Aid for two County directors of the SANE Program. Moved by Leg. Dart, seconded by Leg. Wilkins. All voting in favor.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT: A resolution was presented to enter into an agreement with the NYS Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives for the department's involvement in the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument Project (YASI). The Division has allowed \$4,000 for the purchase of two desktop computers and necessary access software to be used by the staff assigned to handle juvenile workload within the department. Motion moved by Leg. Feldmann, seconded by Leg. Hathaway. All voting in favor.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Director Art Snyder presented a resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to accept a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and amend the 2001 Ulster County Budget under Emergency Communication/Emergency Management. The FEMA Terrorism Preparedness Management line will be increased \$5,000 and the Federal Aid Civil Defense line will be increased \$5,000. Moved by Leg. Feldmann, seconded by Leg. Wilkins. All voting in favor.

Director Snyder also presented a monthly report that included a long discussion on ambulance services to the County. It is getting harder and harder to find volunteers to help with firefighting, ambulance drivers and EMT's. The Towns may have to pay for commercial services and there may come a time when we will have to pay for volunteers. This subject will be taken up with Committee Chairman John Naccarato, Chairman of the Legislature Ward Todd and Director Art Snyder at a later date.

Charles Mutz gave us an update on some of the activities of the Fire Coordinator's Office during the month of November. A copy of his update is attached to these minutes.

Leg. Dart wanted to know if Governor Pataki's new drug laws will affect the Probation Department having a bigger work load when inmates are released. Chairman Naccarato replied that "yes" the Probation Department will be affected as far as we know.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Naccarato, Chairman
Criminal Justice/Public Safety Committee

OTHER BUSINESS--Leg. Hathaway suggested that we contact the State to see where the proposal for tax breaks for volunteers is going. He will contact Senators Bonacic and Larkin. Another suggestion was giving the volunteers a stipend and additional monies when going on a call such as the Town of Shandaken. It was also suggested that the DEP Police be involved in the area where they are located.

There being no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Leg. Tantilillo, seconded by Leg. Wilkins to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Feldmann, Deputy Chairman
Criminal Justice/Public Safety Committee