

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice/Public Safety Committee  
DATE: April 12, 1999  
TIME: 6:00 PM  
PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor  
LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman J. Naccarato and Legislators Cummings,  
Every, Hunt, Meyer, Wilkins, Feldmann, and Lomita  
LEGISLATORS ABSENT: NONE  
LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Frank Dart  
OTHERS ATTENDING: Art Snyder of Emergency Management,  
Sheriff Richard Bockelmann and Pat Bonavita,  
Management Analyst of the Sheriff's Department

Chairman Naccarato called the meeting to order at 6 PM. The following items were discussed:

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Director Arthur Snyder gave his monthly report. He advised the committee that he has had some changes in RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service Group). Bill Ferguson has been appointed as the radio officer to replace Gary Ortloff who served in that position for many years.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:** Sheriff Bockelmann presented the committee with the following three resolutions for consideration:

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office applied for and received a grant from DCJS in the amount of \$10,000 with the County of Ulster matching 25% for a total of \$3,333 for the purchase of laptop computers to be used by the criminal narcotics unit. Motion moved by Leg. Wilkins, seconded by Leg. Cummings. Motion approved unanimously.

The Sheriff's Office has applied for and received a grant from DCJS in the amount of \$8,550 with the County of Ulster matching 25% for a total of \$2,850 for the purchase of equipment to upgrade jail records, access and sharing of information. Motion moved by Leg. Wilkins, seconded by Leg. Lomita. All voted in favor.

The Sheriff's Department's Asset Forfeiture Account has a Confidential Investigation line for drugs and investigation expenses. The County Administrator and County Auditor have requested that the Sheriff's Petty Cash Fund be increased by \$3,000 to a total of \$4,000 with the \$3,000 increase being used solely for drug investigations, which will be reimbursed by Asset Forfeiture money. Motion moved by Leg. Lomita, seconded by Leg. Meyer. All voted in favor.

There was a discussion by the Sheriff explaining a plan that will be implemented in the near future whereby trustees will work outside on special projects like cleaning up roadsides and cemeteries, painting buildings and fences. All committee members were in favor of this work program.

Motion to adjourn by Leg. Cummings, seconded by Leg. Wilkins.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Naccarato, Chairman  
Criminal Justice/Public Safety Committee