

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

**AGENDA**

March 10, 2014

Committee Chairperson Lawrence called the meeting to order at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

Public Safety Committee Members: Chairperson Lawrence; Legislators Martinez, Handel, Hatton, Kozloski and H. Lennon.

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Discussion On 911 Surcharge.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Proposed Resolution “Authorizing A Change Of Protocol For 911 Emergency Calls In The Town Of Halcott, Greene County, N.Y.”
2. Proposed Resolution “Resolution In Support Of Statewide Indigent Defense Legal System And Settlement Of Hurrell-Harring Et. Al. V. State Of New York.”
3. Proposed Resolution “Amending Resolution No. 28-14 – Appointing Members To The Greene County Fire Advisory Board.”
4. Proposed Resolution “Reappointing Members – Greene County Traffic Safety Board.”
5. Proposed Resolution “Appointing Emergency Medical Services Coordinator.”

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RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING A CHANGE OF PROTOCOL FOR 911 EMERGENCY CALLS IN THE TOWN OF HALCOTT, GREENE COUNTY, N.Y.

Legislator offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, because of geographical distances, it is extremely difficult for Greene County to respond to the Town of Halcott's 911 emergency calls in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Sheriff, Tom Mills, the Greene County Sheriff, Greg Seeley, John Farrell, Emergency Services Director for Greene County and Steve Hood, Emergency Services Director for Delaware County, are all in agreement that Delaware County is more proximately located to Delaware County so as to handle emergency 911 calls; and

WHEREAS, the Greene County Sheriff's Office will continue to handle 911 calls requiring law enforcement assistance when feasible; and

WHEREAS, these arrangements will not incur any cost to Greene County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Halcott is authorized to use Delaware County for 911 emergency calls, excluding those that deal with law enforcement, which will continue to be routed to the Greene County Sheriff's Office.

Seconded by Legislator

Ayes                  Noes                  Absent                  CARRIED.

Approved by Public Safety Comm.:

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RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATEWIDE INDIGENT DEFENSE  
LEGAL SYSTEM AND SETTLEMENT OF  
HURRELL-HARRING ET. AL. V. STATE OF NEW YORK

Legislator offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, in 1963 the United States Supreme Court held in Gideon v. Wainwright that the right to counsel for one charged with crime is fundamental and that states need to supply lawyers for those unable to afford them; and

WHEREAS, in 1965 the State of New York delegated this state responsibility to counties; and

WHEREAS, the decision to entrench responsibility at the county level in the State of New York has resulted in the inefficient patchwork of services provided at the county level which are deficient; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Constitutional right to counsel under Gideon is a state, not county, obligation; and

WHEREAS, public defense services are inadequately financed by the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the Kaye Commission on the Future of Indigent Defense Services declared the New York State System of County-Delivered Indigent Services in crisis and urged the expeditious establishment of an Independent Public Defense Commission overseeing a state-funded, statewide defender system; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York is now a defendant in Hurrell-Harring, et. al. v. State of New York, a systematic lawsuit similar to many that have been successful across the country seeking to transform the indigent defense system into a statewide defender system; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo is in a position to be a powerful, persuasive, and moving voice for the creation of a statewide defender system; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo can fix the public defense system, incrementally develop a state funded model for the nation, design a cost-effective way to finance that system over time, and relieve counties of a responsibility originally delegated to them in 1965;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County Legislature hereby supports the transformation of the current County provided indigent defense system into a New York statewide defender system and calls upon the State of New York and Governor Cuomo settle the pending litigation of Hurrell-Harring, et. al. v. State of New York; and



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RESOLUTION NO.

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 28-14  
APPOINTING MEMBERS TO  
THE GREENE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

Legislator offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 28-14 was adopted by the Greene County Legislature on January 15, 2014 and it appointed members to the Greene County Fire Advisory Board for the year 2014; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution was subsequently amended, adding additional members as they became elected, by Resolution No. 47-14 adopted February 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, after those Resolutions were adopted, the Legislature was notified that additional Fire Departments have held their annual elections and have now submitted names for membership on the Greene County Fire Advisory Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following named persons be and hereby are appointed in accordance with the By-Laws as members of the Greene County Fire Advisory Board to cooperate with the Greene County Emergency Services Director, to serve for a term which shall end on December 31, 2014:

<u>TOWN:</u>	<u>FIRE COMPANY:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>
Coxsackie	Coxsackie Fire Department	Ken Bauer
Durham	East Durham Vol. Fire Co.	Carlos Sala, Jr.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members named to said Greene County Fire Advisory Board shall serve without compensation for services rendered and without any expense account.

Seconded by Legislator

Ayes      Noes      Absent      CARRIED.

Approved by Public Safety Comm.:

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RESOLUTION NO.  
REAPPOINTING MEMBERS –  
GREENE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

Legislator offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 64-97, the Greene County Legislature reinstated the Greene County Traffic Safety Board, after several years of inactivity by that Board; and

WHEREAS, under aforesaid Resolution No. 64-97, there are to be ten members of this Board, at staggered terms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals be reappointed to the Greene County Traffic Safety Board, for one-year terms to expire April 18, 2015:

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>REPRESENTING:</u>
Norean Frenza	School Transportation
Gary Harvey	Highway Department

Seconded by Legislator

Ayes                  Noes                  Absent                  CARRIED.

Approved by Public Safety Comm.:

