

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, April 9, 2026, 5:55 p.m.

Committee Chair Alexander called the committee to order at 6:36 p.m.

PRESENT: 12            ALEXANDER, ARNOFF, ATKINS, DRAGO, FAUST, KEARNEY,  
METZGER, MUNN, POLASEK, RHODES, ROLISON,  
VALDÉS SMITH

ABSENT: 0

PRESENT/LATE: 0

QUORUM PRESENT

**Presentations and Reports**

Legislator Drago reported a meeting for Northern Dutchess at the Milan Town Hall with Northwell Health to discuss challenges the northern part of the County faces and give Northwell Health an opportunity to talk about plans for EMS service, with the hope of a pilot program for the northern portion of Dutchess County in the future, and further announced a follow-up meeting with Northwell Health in Amenia next week.

**Privilege of the Floor with respect to printed agenda items**

None.

**Resolutions considered out of numerical order will be placed in numerical order for fluidity**

**2026054** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,016,060 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF SHERIFF VEHICLES, FOR SAID COUNTY (Discussion Only)

Discussion: Legislator Kaul was recognized and noted a wide range of prices for the SUVs in the bond proposal, and asked if the Sheriff's Office was considering purchasing any electric vehicles for the fleet. Committee Chair Alexander said he would pass Legislator Kaul's question to the Sheriff's Office.

**2026055 APPOINTMENTS TO THE DUTCHESS COUNTY FIRE AND SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD**

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: Legislator Drago spoke in favor of the Resolution.

The Public Safety Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

**2026056 RESOLUTION OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE IN SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL NO. 8837 AND ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2535, AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, IN RELATION TO OPTIONAL DISABILITY COVERAGE FOR COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS**

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: Legislature Chair Valdes Smith spoke in favor of the Resolution and said the County must do more to support and protect County probation officers.

Minority Leader Polasek spoke in favor of the Resolution and noted a formatting issue with the fiscal impact statement.

Legislator Shah was recognized and spoke in favor of the Resolution

The Public Safety Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

**2026057 AMENDING THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET AS IT PERTAINS TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: None.

The Public Safety Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

**2026058 MEMORIALIZATION URGING PASSAGE OF NEW YORK SENATE BILL S.8462 AND NEW YORK ASSEMBLY BILL A.8908 BY THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE**

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: Assistant Majority Leader Munn spoke in favor of the Resolution and expressed his pride in introducing it and sadness that it is necessary. He said the government has a monopoly on force and must be accountable to the people.

A roll call vote was called:

AYES 8:                    ALEXANDER, ARNOFF, ATKINS, DRAGO, KEARNEY, MUNN,  
                                  RHODES, VALDES SMITH

NAYS 4:                    FAUST, METZGER, POLASEK, ROLISON

The Public Safety Committee advanced the foregoing Resolution.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Alexander adjourned the Committee meeting at 6:48 p.m.