

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
OF THE
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Committee Chair Faust called the committee to order.

PRESENT	10	DRAGO, FAUST, GARITO, HOUSTON, KEARNEY, LAWLER, POLASEK, ROLISON, TRUITT, and VALDÉS SMITH
ABSENT	1	VERSACI
PRESENT/LATE	1	ATKINS

QUORUM PRESENT

Presentations and Reports

None.

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

2025136 AMENDING THE 2025 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET AS IT PERTAINS TO THE STOP-DWI PROGRAM

On motion by Majority Leader Houston, duly seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Polasek, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Safety Committee with Assistant Minority Leader Atkins and Legislator Versaci being absent.

2025137 AUTHORIZING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH NYS OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES TO ACCEPT THE HURRELL-HARRING STATEWIDE EXPANSION GRANT FUNDING AND AMENDING THE 2025 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET AS IT PERTAIN TO ASSIGNED COUNSEL PLAN/COURT BUDGETS

On motion by Majority Leader Houston, duly seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Polasek, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Safety Committee with Assistant Minority Leader Atkins and Legislator Versaci being absent.

2025138 CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM BEALE AS COMMISSIONER OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE

On motion by Majority Leader Houston, duly seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Polasek, the foregoing resolution was moved. Discussion proceeded as follows:

Legislator Drago requested the names of the selection committee for the appointment of William Beale as commissioner of Emergency Response. He also questioned when a longer-term plan for EMS will be shared with the community. A response was not given.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Safety Committee with Assistant Minority Leader Atkins and Legislator Versaci being absent.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.