

The Legislature of Rockland County



MICHAEL M. GRANT
LEGISLATOR – DISTRICT 2
CHAIR, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Members Present:

Michael M. Grant, Chair
Harriet D. Cornell (Late 7:26 p.m.)
Toney L. Earl
Jay Hood, Jr.
Nancy Low-Hogan
Ilan S. Schoenberger
Philip Soskin
Frank P. Sparaco

Members Absent:

John A. Murphy
Alden H. Wolfe, Leg. Chair

Others Present:

Leg. Paul
Leg. Jobson
Leg. Kantrowitz
C. Barbash
P. Brennan
S. DeGroat
J. Tirino
R. McKay, Esq.
Leg. Wieder
N. Doliner
G. Wamsley
J. Silvestri
S. Powers
Media

MINUTES
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014
7:15 PM

CHAIR GRANT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH A ROLL CALL AT 7:18 P.M.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, DECEMBER 30, 2013:

MOTION TO ADOPT:
LOW-HOGAN/HOOD, JR.

UNAN.

SELECTION OF VICE CHAIR AND SECOND VICE CHAIR OF BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:

LEGISLATIVE CHAIR ALDEN H. WOLFE APPOINTED VICE CHAIR
LEGISLATOR ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER APPOINTED SECOND VICE CHAIR

I. BONDS/PUBLIC WORKS MATTER:

1PPW) REF. #9323 - APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH PA CONSULTING GROUP, INC. FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$25,000 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$224,300 FOR CONSULTING SERVICES TO SELECT A PATIENT INFORMATION SOFTWARE AND ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS SYSTEM UNDER RFP-RC-09-019 FOR THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR CAPITAL PROJECT 4443 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$224,300)
(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2013-04816)
PULLED AT 12/10/13 PPW MEETING

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 1/14/14 WITH ACTION
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, JOBSON, PAUL

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, SPARACO, KANTROWITZ

MOTION TO APPROVE:
HOOD, JR./SCHOENBERGER

UNAN

2PPW) REF. #7300- ACCEPTING THE BID OF THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER AND APPROVING A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH HVB CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE CORRECTIONAL CENTER HYDRAULIC ELEVATORS RENOVATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$370,000 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 1468 AND NO. 1452 [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES-FACILITIES MANAGEMENT] (\$370,000)
(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2013-04971

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 1/14/14

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, GRANT, JOBSON, PAUL

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, SPARACO, KANTROWITZ

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
LOW-HOGAN, SCHOENBERGER**

UNAN

3PPW) REF. #8183 - APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN CONVEYANCES OF REAL PROPERTY WHICH ARE BEING GRATUITOUSLY OFFERED TO THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND BY WYETH HOLDINGS CORP. AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS TO EFFECTUATE THE ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH CONVEYANCES [DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS]
(CHARLES VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT HIGHWAY) DL#2013-05412

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 1/14/14

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, GRANT, JOBSON, PAUL

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, SPARACO, KANTROWITZ

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
LOW-HOGAN/HOOD, JR.**

UNAN

4PPW) REF. #8183 - APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN CONVEYANCES OF REAL PROPERTY WHICH ARE BEING GRATUITOUSLY OFFERED TO THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND BY VARIOUS GRANTORS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS TO EFFECTUATE THE ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH CONVEYANCES [DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS]
(CHARLES VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT HIGHWAY) DL#2013-05247

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 1/14/14

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, GRANT, JOBSON, PAUL

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, SPARACO, KANTROWITZ

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SCHOENBERGER/SPARACO**

UNAN

5PPW) REF. #6394 - AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL –AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE (PIN 8701.96)
(CHARLES VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT HIGHWAY) DL#2013-05044 rev

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 1/14/14
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, GRANT, JOBSON, PAUL

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, SPARACO, KANTROWITZ

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
HOOD, JR/EARL

6PPW) REF. #6394 - AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL – AID PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE (PIN 8701.77)
(CHARLES VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT HIGHWAY) DL#2013-05045 rev

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 1/14/14
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, GRANT, JOBSON, PAUL

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, LOW-HOGAN, SPARACO, KANTROWITZ

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
LOW-HOGAN/SCHOENBERGER

7PPW) REF. #6394 - AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE (PIN 8701.97)
(CHARLES VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT HIGHWAY) DL#2013-05047 rev

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 1/14/14
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, GRANT, JOBSON, PAUL

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, SPARACO, KANTROWITZ

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
EARL/SOSKIN

2. GRANTS/DONATIONS:

2A) REF. #8024 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,000 (NCTD) FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK GOVERNOR’S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE TO BE USED FOR STOP-DWI CRACKDOWN ENFORCEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [STOP-DWI DEPARTMENT] (\$72,000)
(LESLIE CHERNIN, COORDINATOR STOP-DWI) DL#2013-04958

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY 1/14/14
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., EARL, CAREY, JOBSON, KANTROWITZ, SOSKIN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, SPARACO

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
SOSKIN/HOOD, JR.

2B)REF. #9361 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,936 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (NO. BS13-1001-D00) TO HELP PROVIDE TRAINING AND PURCHASE VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE SHERIFF'S BOMB DISPOSAL UNIT FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 7, 2013 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT] (\$105,936)
(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF) DL#2013-05043

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY 1/14/14

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., EARL, CAREY, JOBSON, KANTROWITZ, SOSKIN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, SPARACO

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
CORNELL/HOOD, JR.**

UNAN

2C) REF. #6704 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,596 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES IN ORDER TO REIMBURSE VARIOUS MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN ROCKLAND COUNTY WHO PURCHASE VIDEO RECORDING OF STATEMENTS EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY] (\$23,596)
(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY) DL#2013-04893

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY 1/14/14

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., EARL, CAREY, JOBSON, KANTROWITZ, SOSKIN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, SPARACO

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
LOW-HOGAN/EARL**

UNAN

2D) REF. #5574 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,006 (NCTD) FOR THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE MONITORING PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION] (\$40,006)
(KATHLEEN TOWER-BERNSTEIN, DIRECTOR PROBATION) DL#2013-05133

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 1/14/14

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., PAUL, WIEDER, KANTROWITZ, JOBSON

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, EARL, SPARACO,

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
EARL/SOSKIN**

UNAN

3. BUDGET ITEMS:

3A) REF. #9495 – APPROVING EXECUTION OF 2014 CONTRACTS WHICH ARE IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 TO CONTRACT AGENCIES BOTH WITHIN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND OUTSIDE (HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT, LEGISLATURE)

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, SOSKIN, HOOD, JR, EARL, SPARACO, JOBSON, KANTROWITZ

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SCHOENBERGER/CORNELL**

UNAN

ACTION: LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST TO PROVIDE CHART FOR ALL CONTRACT AGENCIES AS ADOPTED IN 2014 BUDGET

3B) REF. #6704 - APPROPRIATION OF FORFEITURE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO COVER LEASE AND FACILITY COSTS AT THE OLD LOCATION OF THE DRUG TASK FORCE FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2014 IN ORDER TO GIVE THE DRUG TASK FORCE MORE TIME TO TRANSITION FROM THEIR OLD LOCATION TO THEIR NEW LOCATION [OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY] (\$104,000)
(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY) DL#2013-05026

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY 1/14/14 WITH ACTION

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., EARL, CAREY, JOBSON, KANTROWITZ, SOSKIN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, SPARACO

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
HOOD, JR./SCHOENBERGER**

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Chair Grant and Legislator Schoenberger questioned what the delay was for the transition from their old location to their new location.

Mr. Tirino advised that the previous administration held up the paperwork.

Legislator Hood advised the members that the Public Safety Committee requested an update of forfeiture funds.

4. AUTHORIZATIONS:

NONE

5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

5A) REF. #9414 - APPROVING AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH CAPITAL MARKET ADVISORS, LLC IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000 FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES UNDER RFP-RC-11-003 FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014 WITH THE OPTION TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE] (\$350,000)
(STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, BUDGET & FINANCE) DL#2013-04660

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, SPARACO, JOBSON, KANTROWITZ

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SCHOENBERGER/SOSKIN**

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Legislator Schoenberger asked Mr. DeGroat if this would be paid for out of the deficit bond. He also asked if the administration intended to borrow RAN and TAN in 2014. He expressed concern that the County could end up borrowing \$200 million dollars. Legislator Schoenberger stated that the \$96 million dollar deficit bond was to help with cash flow without having to go out for RAN's and TAN's.

Mr. DeGroat explained that every March the County borrows \$55 million dollar TAN and \$45 million dollar RAN. The County has until September of 2014 to issue the \$96 million dollar deficit bond. They always borrow \$55 million dollar TAN to cover the towns and municipalities' taxes. They do not have to borrow a \$45 million dollar RAN if the \$96 million dollar deficit bond is issued before March of 2014. The County has to wait for the State Comptroller to certify the deficit bond before they can use the money and it expires September 2014. He has been calling the State Comptroller's office hoping for certification of the deficit bond by March.

Chair Grant, with agreement of the committee, suggested that Chairman Wolfe send a letter from the Legislative Leadership to the County Executive expressing the urgency for the State Comptroller to certify the \$96,000,000 deficit bond prior to March 1, 2014.

The committees concern was that without the State Comptroller's certification prior to March 1st the County of Rockland would have to borrow on or about March 15th \$55 million TAN to cover the towns and municipalities' taxes and \$45 million RAN to cover operational expenses thus bringing the County's debt close to \$200 million.

5B) REF. #9384 - APPROVING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS BEACH, PLLC IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICES UNDER RFP-RC-2012-030 FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$170,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM CONTRACT FINALIZATION THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR TERMS AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE] (\$170,000)
(STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, BUDGET & FINANCE) DL#2013-04828

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, SPARACO, JOBSON, KANTROWITZ

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SCHOENBERGER/LOW-HOGAN**

UNAN

5C) REF. #8983 - APPROVING THE AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS LICENSED FOSTER CARE AGENCIES WHICH ARE LISTED ON THE ANNEXED SCHEDULE A AND WHICH MAY EXCEED \$100,000 WITH TOTAL EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET FOR FOSTER CARE SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES]
(CAROL L. BARBASH, DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#2013-05163

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 1/14/14

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., PAUL, WIEDER, KANTROWITZ, JOBSON

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, EARL, SPARACO

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
HOOD, JR./SOSKIN**

UNAN

ACTION: LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST TO FOLLOW UP WITH COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO ENSURE THAT CONTRACTS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE EXECUTED IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH MANDATED PROGRAMS.

5D) REF. #7342 - APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND ROCKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY ZONES AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT]
(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF) DL#2013-05080

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY 1/14/14

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., EARL, CAREY, JOBSON, KANTROWITZ, SOSKIN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, SPARACO

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
EARL/HOOD, JR.**

UNAN

5E) REF. #6704 - APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GLORIOUS SUN ROBERT MARTIN, LLC AND THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND FOR RENOVATION OF SPACE AT BLUE HILL TO BE USED BY THE REGIONAL INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$183,957 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,623,640 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY] (\$1,623,640)
(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY) DL#2013-04986 rev 1/9/14

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY 1/14/14

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., EARL, CAREY, JOBSON, KANTROWITZ, SOSKIN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, SPARACO

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
HOOD, JR./SOSKIN**

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6. ALLOCATION/RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS:

6A) REF. #9165 - PROVIDING FOR PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH
(EDWIN J. DAY, COUNTY EXECUTIVE) DL#2014-00050

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, SPARACO,
JOBSON, KANTROWITZ**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SCHOENBERGER/HOOD, JR.**

UNAN

Legislator Schoenberger stated that the County Executive should have the right to choose the staff, including their salaries, and appoint those who he wants. I respect his right to run his office, as he deems necessary.

Chair Grant believes that the budget should be transparent and insists that there be an explanation in a public forum. There is a significant increase for one person and that needs an explanation.

Legislator Cornell stated that the "Chief Advisor to the County Executive" description seems like what the County Attorney should be doing.

Mr. Powers explained that the Department of Personnel drafted the position descriptions.

Mrs. Silvestri advised that this title had been used in a previous administration. The new positions roll has been expanded so the new title allowed it to happen.

Legislator Schoenberger commended the County Executive for the new position of Director of Economic Development.

7. BIDS: NONE

8. TRANSFER OF FUNDS/OTHERS: NONE

9. TAX ITEMS: NONE

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

11. LOCAL LAWS/HOME RULES: NONE

12. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: NONE

13. MISCELLANEOUS: NONE

14. RECEIVE & FILE: NONE

15. CORRESPONDENCE – REVIEW AND DISCUSSION: NONE

**MOTION TO ADJOURN 8:13 P.M.
HOOD, JR./EARL**

UNAN

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy Shapin-Greenberg
Proceedings Clerk