

# The Legislature of Rockland County



**JAY HOOD, JR.**

*Legislator – District 3*

Chair, Public Safety Committee

**Members Present:**

Leg. J. Hood, Jr. Chair  
Leg. T. Earl, Vice Chair  
Leg. A. Paul  
Leg. P. Soskin

**Members Absent:**

Leg. D. Jobson  
Leg. N. Low-Hogan

**Others Present:**

Leg. A. Wieder  
J. Rosenthal  
K. Wysokowski  
S. Powers

J. Birnbaum, Esq.  
B. Leach  
R. Betancourt  
J. Fernandez

D. Berger  
S. Levine  
M. Hook

MINUTES  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015  
6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2015

**MOTION TO ADOPT:  
EARL/PAUL**

**UNAN**

1. REF. #6704 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$117,150 AID TO PROSECUTION GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST THE ROCKLAND COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN PROSECUTING CRIMINAL CASES AGAINST REPEAT AND/OR VIOLENT FELONY OFFENDERS FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY] (\$117,150)  
**(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY)**  
**DL# 2015-01698**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
PAUL/SOSKIN**

**UNAN  
TRANSFER TO B&F 5/12/15**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, EARL, PAUL, SOSKIN**

2. REF. #6704 - APPROVING AN INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, THROUGH ITS OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, WITH THE ROCKLAND BOARD OF COOPERATION EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (BOCES) FOR THE POSITION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PARTNERSHIP FOR SAFE YOUTH CENTER FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY] (\$35,000)  
**(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY)**  
**DL# 2015-01665**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
EARL/PAUL**

**UNAN  
TRANSFER TO B&F 5/12/15**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, EARL, PAUL, SOSKIN**

3. REF. #6704 - APPROVING AN INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, THROUGH ITS OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND THE TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FORFEITURE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE INTELLIGENCE LED POLICING AND PROSECUTION CENTER'S COMPUTER SOFTWARE FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY] (\$30,000)  
**(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY)**  
**DL# 2015-01627**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**  
**EARL/SOSKIN**

**UNAN**  
**TRANSFER TO B&F 5/12/15**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, EARL, PAUL, SOSKIN**

4. REF. #6704 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$393,675 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (NYSDCJS) CRIMES AGAINST REVENUE PROSECUTION (CARP) PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY] (\$393,675)  
**(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY)**  
**DL# 2015-00799**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**  
**PAUL/EARL, SOSKIN**

**UNAN**  
**TRANSFER TO B&F 5/12/15**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, EARL, PAUL, SOSKIN**

5. REF. #6704 - APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO DISBURSE FUNDS TO VARIOUS ROCKLAND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCE CENTER CASE (RIRC) THAT RESULTED IN THE RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS [OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY] (\$264,023)  
**(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY)**  
**DL# 2015-01315**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**  
**EARL/ SOSKIN**

**UNAN**  
**TRANSFER TO B&F 5/12/15**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, EARL, PAUL, SOSKIN**

6. REF. #5327 - SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING: A LOCAL LAW REGULATING THE USE OF DRONES IN ROCKLAND COUNTY  
**(HON. JAY HOOD, JR., LEGISLATURE)**  
**LG# 2015-18PH**

Chair Hood said a law was drafted a couple months ago and a public hearing was held. Some changes were made since then, including allowing individuals to provide verbal permission to a drone owner to operate their drone on their property.

The law protects people from unwarranted use of drones over their property. Utilities will be allowed to utilize them to observe their power lines, and fire and emergency services will be able to use it to observe fires.

Daniel Berger of the NYCLU said issues about data retention is an issue. Laws already exist that can pertain to drones, making this law unnecessary. Additionally, there will be federal regulation of drones pre-empting local legislation. Governments should also be required to report on their use of drones and the purposes of those uses.

Chair Hood said that the wording of the final law will be changed to accommodate the issues raised.

Bruce Leach said drone hobbyists fly for recreation and don't collect data. Even those who own drones don't want others flying over their property.

Al Betancourt said the law should be written in a way that protects those who are hobbyists.

John Fernandez expressed his opposition to the law.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** **UNAN**  
**HOOD/PAUL**  
**ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. EARL, PAUL, SOSKIN**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 6:40 PM** **UNAN**  
**EARL/ SOSKIN**

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