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Wolfe & Grant: Comptroller's Review Highlights Budget Concerns

New City, NY (Nov. 10, 2015) – The New York State Comptroller's review of the County Executive's 2016 proposed budget highlights many of the concerns that have been expressed by County Legislators:

- No funding set aside for deficit reduction.
- A $4 million one-shot sale of a county building to pay for operating expenses.
- No revenues for hospital and nursing home operations for 2016.

"The Comptroller has acknowledged our concerns," Rockland County Legislature Chairman Alden H. Wolfe said. "This is the feedback that we've been waiting for, and now we have a clearer picture of whether we'll be able to address the problems with this budget."

The Rockland County Legislature has been reviewing all aspects of the budget since it was proposed by County Executive Ed Day on Oct. 1.

Eleven sessions strictly devoted to budget review have been held – including discussions of revenue, the tax cap, fiscal stress, mandates, allocated costs, the hospital and nursing home, and the Sheriff's Department. Budget and Finance Chairman Legislator Michael M. Grant has overseen the analysis.

"The Comptroller's Office confirmed what we identified early in the process," Grant said. "The hard part is working to find solutions."

The Comptroller reviewed the budget in accordance with the 2013 state law that allowed the county to borrow $96 million to pay down a major portion of its budget deficit.

Wolfe and Grant strongly encourage residents to attend the public hearing on the proposed budget, which is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17 in the Allison-Parris County Office Building, 11 New Hempstead Road in New City.

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