

# The Legislature of Rockland County



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

**Members Present:**

Leg. M. Grant, Chair  
Leg. J. Hood, Jr. Vice Chair  
Leg. H. Cornell, Leg. Chair  
Leg. T. Earl  
Leg. N. Low-Hogan  
Leg. J. Murphy  
Leg. I. Schoenberger  
Leg. F. Sparaco (late 7:40 PM)  
Leg. P. Soskin

**Members Absent:**

Leg. A. Wolfe, 2<sup>nd</sup> VC

**Others Present:**

Leg. D. Jobson  
N. Doliner  
K. Henry  
D. Greeley  
S. DeGroat  
S. Rutledge  
K. Zebrowski Stavisky  
Leg. A. Paul  
R. McKay, Esq.  
S. Sherwood  
P. Ramos  
S. Grogan  
L. Babcock  
Media

**MINUTES**  
**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013**  
**7:15 PM**

ROLL CALL

CHAIR GRANT OPENED THE MEETING AT 7:30 PM WITH THE ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2013

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

**UNAN**

**1. BONDS/PUBLIC WORKS MATTER:**

2PPW) REF. #5337-APPROVING AN AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH JAMES W. SEWALL COMPANY FOR HOSTING AND MAINTENANCE OF DIGITAL TAX MAPPING UNDER RFP-RC-2011-002 IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$116,118.80 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$348,279.58 FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, 2013 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2014 WITH TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR OPTIONS AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING) (\$348,279.58)  
**(THOMAS B. VANDERBEEK, COMMISSIONER, PLANNING) DL#2013-00515**

**(TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 3/12/13 – ADDED SPONSORS:)**  
**LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, GRANT, DAY, JOBSON, PAUL)**

**MOTION TO APPROVE: AS AMENDED IN PPW**  
**SCHOENBERGER/EARL**

**UNAN**

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

3PPW) REF. #6394-AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE "MARCHISELLI" PROGRAM-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS (DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS) (\$1,300,000) (CHARLES VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAY) DL#2013-00577

(TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 3/12/13 – ADDED SPONSORS:  
SCHOENBERGER, GRANT, DAY, JOBSON, PAUL)

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

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

**UNAN**

4PPW) REF. #9252 -APPROVING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH UNITED WATER NEW YORK INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF ANTENNAS AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, 2013 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2018 WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL FIVE YEAR TERMS AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES) (GORDON WREN JR., DIRECTOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY) DL#2013-00651

(TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 3/12/13 – ADDED SPONSORS:  
LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, GRANT, DAY, JOBSON, PAUL)

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

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

**UNAN**

5PPW) REF. #9252-APPROVING A THIRD AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH AVSTAR CORPORATION FOR CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT, DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$165,000 UNDER RFP-RC-07-012 FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 10, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) (\$165,000) (GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER, DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2013-00459

(TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 3/12/13 – ADDED SPONSORS:  
LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, GRANT, DAY, JOBSON, PAUL)

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
MURPHY/EARL**

**UNAN**

6PPW) REF.#5906-APPROVING THE PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM AIR KOOL MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS OF HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING SERVICES UNDER RFB-RC-2011-097 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIVISION AND THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,350 FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 28, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 27, 2013 AND FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 FOR THE FULL PERIOD DECEMBER 28, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 27, 2013 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$200,000) (GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER, DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2013-00052

(TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 3/12/13 – ADDED SPONSORS:  
LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, DAY, JOBSON, PAUL)

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

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

**UNAN**

7PPW) REF. #5906-APPROVING AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING CO. FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$721,411.50 FOR THE SEWER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PROJECT, CONTRACT SM2013-01 FOR A PERIOD OF 210 CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS OR UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2013 WHENEVER IS EARLIEST FROM THE NOTICE TO PROCEED AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1) (\$721,411.50) (DIANNE PHILIPPS, DIRECTOR SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1) DL#2013-00142

(TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 3/12/13 – ADDED SPONSORS:  
LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, DAY, JOBSON, PAUL)

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

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

**UNAN**

**2. GRANTS/DONATIONS:**

2A) 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, 2012 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION) (\$40,006) (KATHLEEN TOWER-BERNSTEIN, DIRECTOR, PROBATION) DL#2013-00487

(TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 3/12/13 ADDED SPONSORS:  
LEGS. SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, JOBSON, MORONEY)

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, LOW-HOGAN, SCHOENBERGER, SPARACO**

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

**UNAN**

2B) REF. #8983 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF A CONTINUATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$470,245 FROM NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE FAMILY DAY CARE REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION PROGRAM AND APPROVING A CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$447,852 (NCTD) WITH CHILD CARE RESOURCES OF ROCKLAND, INC. TO INSPECT AND REGISTER FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDERS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES) (\$470,245)  
(SUSAN SHERWOOD, COMMISSIONER, SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#2013-00490

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

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

**3. BUDGET ITEMS:**

3A) REF. #9481 - APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,500 TO THE NAM KNIGHTS OF AMERICA HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER FOR PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES IN 2013  
(HON. JOHN A. MURPHY, LEGISLATURE) LG#3206

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** UNAN  
**MURPHY/EARL**

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

3B) REF. #9481 - APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,500 TO TAPPAN POST NO. 1271 AMERICAN LEGION, TAPPAN, NEW YORK FOR PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES IN 2013  
(HON. JOHN A. MURPHY, LEGISLATURE) LG#3207

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** UNAN  
**LOW-HOGAN/SOSKIN**

**ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL, LOW-HOGAN, SCHOENBERGER, SOSKIN, SPARACO, JOBSON**

3C) REF. #9481 - APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,500 TO RAYMOND W. DEMEOLA VFW POST 1615, ORANGEBURG, NEW YORK FOR PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES IN 2013  
(HON. JOHN A. MURPHY, LEGISLATURE) LG#3208

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** UNAN  
**LOW-HOGAN/SOSKIN**

**ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL, LOW-HOGAN, SCHOENBERGER, SOSKIN, SPARACO, JOBSON**

3D) REF. #5327 - APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF TO PURCHASE 2013 NYS LAW ENFORCEMENT HANDBOOKS FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN ROCKLAND COUNTY (OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF) (\$10,000)  
**(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF) DL#2013-00511**

**(TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY 3/12/13 – ADDED SPONSORS:  
LEGS. HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL, CAREY, PAUL, DAY, JOBSON)**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, SCHOENBERGER, SOSKIN, SPARACO**

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

3E) REF. #3657 - INCREASING THE PETTY CASH ACCOUNT IN THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING BY \$200 MAKING THE TOTAL \$300 (OFFICE FOR THE AGING) (\$300)  
**(JUNE MOLOF, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF THE AGING) DL#2013-00654**

**MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN  
CORNELL/SOSKIN**

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

**4. AUTHORIZATIONS:**

**5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:**

5A) REF. #9372 - APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF AND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH TOTAL HEALTHCARE STAFFING OF LI, INC. TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY LABOR SERVICES AND MEDICAL SUPPORT STAFFING TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNTY ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS UNDER RFP-RC-2011-018 EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FROM FEBRUARY 15, 2013 THROUGH FEBRUARY 14, 2014 AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE AGREEMENT BY \$125,000 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$145,000 FOR THE FULL PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH FEBRUARY 14, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$145,000)  
**(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2013-00135**

**(TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 3/12/13 – ADDED SPONSORS:  
LEGS. SOSKIN, HOOD, JR. EARL, PAUL, JOBSON, MORONEY)**

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN  
CORNELL/LOW-HOGAN**

5B) REF. #9209 - APPROVING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH NTS DATA SERVICES, LLC IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$186,660.00 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$494,126.66 TO PROVIDE CONTINUED SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE TEAM VOTER REGISTRATION, SIGN-IT! SIGNATURE DIGITIZATION, IMAGE-IT FULL DOCUMENT IMAGING, THE ELECTION MANAGEMENT COMPONENTS OF E-SUITE (PETITION, CANDIDATE, AND ELECTED OFFICIAL MANAGEMENT) AND IMS INTERFACE MESSAGING SYSTEMS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (BOARD OF ELECTIONS) (\$494,126.66) **(KRISTEN ZEBROWSKI STAVISKY, LOUIS C. BABCOCK, COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF ELECTIONS) DL#2012-04914 rev. 2/25/13**

**(TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 3/12/13 – ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, JOBSON, MORONEY)**

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN**  
**SCHOENBERGER/LOW-HOGAN & EARL**

5C) REF. #9361 - APPROVING INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE TOWN OF RAMAPO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,000 TO IMPLEMENT POLICY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO REACH THE GOALS OF A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2013 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (HEALTH DEPT.) (\$13,000) **(DR. JOAN FACELLE, COMMISSIONER, HEALTH DEPT.) DL#2013-00140**

**(TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 3/12/13 – ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, JOBSON, MORONEY)**

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

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

**6. ALLOCATION/RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS:**

6A) REF. #9173 – ESTABLISHING ONE POSITION AND ABOLISHING ONE POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES **(SUSAN SHERWOOD, COMMISSIONER, SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#2013-00602**

Commissioner Sherwood stated this would abolish the position of municipal aide and replace it with a position for a program aide. This will help support essential services and mandated functions. No increase would be required; salaries are just about the same.

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

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

6B) REF. #9229 - APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF A POSITION FOR ACCOUNT CLERK TYPIST FROM MENTAL HEALTH TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (DEPARTMENTS OF BUDGET AND FINANCE) (STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, BUDGET & FINANCE) DL#2013-00406

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** UNAN  
**EARL/MURPHY**

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

6C) REF. #9173 - ESTABLISHING ONE POSITION AND ABOLISHING ONE POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (SUSAN SHERWOOD, COMMISSIONER SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#2013-00679

Commissioner Sherwood stated this would abolish one position of Clerk and establish a position of Community Liaison Aide which would help support essential services and mandated functions. No additional funds would be needed.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** UNAN  
**SCHOENBERGER/EARL**

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

7. **BIDS:**

8. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS/OTHERS:**

8A) REF. #9481 - TRANSFER OF FUNDS AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 541 OF 2012 ADOPTION OF THE 2013 COUNTY BUDGET RESTORING SPECIFIC CONTRACT AGENCIES (HON. HARRIET D. CORNELL, LEGISLATURE) LG#3212

Legislative Chairwoman Cornell explained that at the time of preparation of the schedule of contract agencies, JCC (YM/WHA) and Rockland Parent Child Center were inadvertently left off the list that should have had funds restored in the 2013 Adopted Budget. Funding for these allocations will come from the Contingency Budget.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** UNAN  
**CORNELL/SCHOENBERGER**

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

9. **TAX ITEMS:**

9A) REF. #5614/ CORRECTION OF 2013 TAX ROLLS, TOWN OF ORANGETOWN,  
8111 DIFE0 HOLDING LP, PROPERTY ID# 65.36-2-44.3, 73 N. HIGHLAND AVENUE,  
NYACK, NEW YORK 10960 (DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE)  
(STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, BUDGET & FINANCE)  
DL# 2013-00407 rev. 2.25.13

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** UNAN  
**LOW-HOGAN/MURPHY**

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

9B) REF. #7070 - RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS FROM SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES FOR RECEIPTS FROM SALES OF, AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN OR CONTRACTED TO BE GIVEN FOR, OR FOR THE USE OF, COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION SERVICES EXEMPT FROM STATE SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (HH) OF SECTION 1115 OF THE NEW YORK TAX LAW, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 29 OF THE TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE) LG#3184

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

**UNAN**

**ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL, LOW-HOGAN, SCHOENBERGER, SOSKIN, SPARACO, JOBSON**

**10. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

10A) REF. #9485 - SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED TRANSFER BY THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND OF SUMMIT PARK NURSING CARE CENTER FACILITY TO A LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO BE CREATED  
(C. SCOTT VANDERHOEF, COUNTY EXECUTIVE) DL#2013-00941

Chair Grant explained this resolution does not create an LDC; it just starts the process. There will be a resolution forthcoming that will be discussed in the Budget and Finance Committee prior to the public hearing. If the resolution fails in B&F, the public hearing will be moot.

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

**UNAN**

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

**11. LOCAL LAWS/HOME RULES:**

**12. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:**

12A) REF. #9481 - DISCUSSION ITEM: OPERATIONAL REVIEW (DEPARTMENTAL FUNCTIONS)  
BUDGET/MGT. & FINANCE  
(HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT, LEGISLATURE)

Stephen DeGroat, Commissioner of Finance, stated there have many changes in the organizational chart in the Department of Budget and Finance. 32 positions have been transferred into Finance from Dept. of Health, Dept. of Mental Health and Hospitals. Mr. DeGroat would like to have all of the billing positions consolidated under one area. This would allow improvements in efficiency and for cross-training to alleviate any potential backlog of billing claims.

Chair Grant noted there was a vacancy for Real Property Tax Officer. Mr. DeGroat said they were managing using the services of Tom Dillon and Lucy Caruso in order to save money. Chair Grant also inquired who in the County Attorney's office represented their Department. Mr. DeGroat stated Antonio Reda normally worked with their Department. Chair Grant then asked Mr. DeGroat, given present staffing, is there anything he would not be able to accomplish. Mr. DeGroat felt his department would be fine.

Chair Grant thanked Mr. DeGroat for his input stating the sooner the Legislature is aware of problems the better they can be handled.

Mr. DeGroat submitted written responses to questions submitted by Chair Grant. Copies were given to all Legislators and are on file with the Committee Clerk.

**ACTIONS:**

**LEGISLATOR MURPHY REQUESTED A MEETING BE SCHEDULED WITH THE LEGISLATURE AND OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS STATE MANDATES, FISCAL ISSUES AND HOW THE STATE LEGISLATURE CAN ASSIST THE COUNTY**

**CHAIR GRANT CONCURRED AND ASKED THAT THE MEETING BE ARRANGED AT A TIME OTHER THAN A BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING TO ALLOW FOR FULL ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.**

**13. MISCELLANEOUS:**

- 13A) REF. #9490 - RATIFYING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE ROCKLAND ASSOCIATION OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE 2013 TARGETED VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM  
**(JOAN SILVESTRI, COMMISSIONER OF PERSONNEL) DL#2013-00317  
PULLED AT THE 1/29/13 MEETING  
CORRECTIONS TO FOLLOW PULLED**
  
- 13B) REF. #9490 - INCLUSION OF NON-UNION SALARIED MANAGEMENT THAT FOLLOW RAM (EXCLUDING RELIEF TITLES) IN THE ROCKLAND COUNTY 2013 TARGETED VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM  
**(JOAN SILVESTRI, COMMISSIONER OF PERSONNEL) DL#2013-00318 rev. 1/24/13  
PULLED AT THE 1/29/13 MEETING  
CORRECTIONS TO FOLLOW PULLED**
  
- 13C) REF. #9490 - RATIFYING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, ROCKLAND COUNTY LOCAL 844, FOR THE 2013 TARGETED VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM  
**(JOAN SILVESTRI, COMMISSIONER OF PERSONNEL) DL#2013-00315  
PULLED AT THE 1/29/13 MEETING  
CORRECTIONS TO FOLLOW PULLED**
  
- 13D) REF. #9490 – INCLUSION OF NON-UNION NON-MANAGEMENT (EXCLUDING RELIEF TITLES) IN THE ROCKLAND COUNTY 2013 TARGETED VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM  
**(JOAN SILVESTRI, COMMISSIONER OF PERSONNEL) DL#2013-00316  
PULLED AT THE 1/29/13 MEETING  
CORRECTIONS TO FOLLOW PULLED**

Chair Grant gave the background on what has been happening over the last couple of months. The legislators had an issue with the Memorandum of Understanding and wanted some information on and to discuss further some of these issues with the County Executive's office. Legislative counsel said a memo was sent to the County Executive with requests regarding the program on January 29, 2013 and as of today nothing has come through.

One of these issues dealt with bringing back employees who accept the voluntary incentive program and then are rehired as consultants or outside contractors. In the CSEA and RAM contracts signed last year there was a clause that stated no employee who participates in the 2012-2013 target voluntary separation incentive program may be retained as a consultant or an independent contractor without written consent of the County Executive.

Leg. Schoenberger said this clause caused problems for many of the legislators since they felt that the legislators should also be part of the process. Leg. Schoenberger also stated he did not think employees who took part in the incentive program should be allowed to be brought back in any capacity, unless for extreme circumstances. If such circumstances exist, it should be a joint decision between the County Executive and the Legislature.

Chair Grant agreed and added that if one person is of such importance and were still targeted for the incentive, the program was not doing its job. Chair Grant also noted that the longer this drags out the less likely savings will be realized.

13E) REF. #4817 - CALLING UPON THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO REVIEW STATE LAW PERTAINING TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHARGEBACKS AND THE FUNDING OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO ENSURE ADEQUATE, FAIR AND ACCURATE FUNDING  
**(HONS. ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER, FRANK SPARACO, ALDEN H. WOLFE LEGISLATORS) LG# 3204**

Leg. Schoenberger explained this memorializing resolution came about after the county in an attempt to shed costs moved to pass down community college chargeback costs from the county to the towns. Chargebacks to Rockland County residents include the cost for FIT which is not only a community college but also a 4 - year college. This means the chargeback costs for FIT can be in the tens of thousands of dollars as compared to relatively smaller chargeback costs for other community colleges.

If the State were to amend the education law that currently allows FIT to be considered a community college in regard to chargebacks, Rockland County could save well over \$1 million each year.

**ACTION:  
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATE CLAUSES TO REFLECT CHANGES REQUESTED BY CHAIRWOMAN CORNELL**

**MOTION TO APPROVE: AS AMENDED UNAN  
EARL/SCHOENBERGER**

**ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, JOBSON**

**14. RECEIVE & FILE:**

**15. CORRESPONDENCE – REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 9:15 PM UNAN  
SCHOENBERGER/EARL**

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