

# The Legislature of Rockland County



PHILIP SOSKIN  
LEGISLATOR - DISTRICT 7  
CHAIR, MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES  
***MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE***  
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012  
**6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

LEG. P. SOSKIN, CHAIR  
LEG. J. HOOD, JR., VICE-CHAIR (left 6:30)  
LEG. T. EARL, 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE-CHAIR  
LEG. A. PAUL  
LEG. J. MEYERS (arrived 6:25)  
LEG. D. JOBSON

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

LEG. P. MORONEY

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

E. YEGER, ESQ.      LEG. C. CAREY  
LEG. A. WIEDER      LEG. E. DAY  
D. FARRISON      K. HENRY  
S. THOMSON      A. PAUL  
P. BRENNAN

CHAIR SOSKIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:10 PM

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 3/13/12 MEETING

**MOTION TO ADOPT:**

**JOBSON/PAUL**

**UNAN**

1. REF. #5574 - REQUESTING THAT THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY PASS BILL A.8669 AND THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE PASS BILL S.6561 – AN ACT TO AMEND THE EXECUTIVE LAW IN RELATION TO AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A LOCAL LAW REQUIRING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY SERVING OR WHO SHALL BE SENTENCED TO A PERIOD OF PROBATION UPON CONVICTION OF ANY CRIME TO PAY THE LOCAL PROBATION DEPARTMENT WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SUPERVISING THE PROBATIONER AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OF UP TO TWENTY DOLLARS PER MONTH (**HON. E. DAY, LEGISLATURE**)

**ADDED CO-SPONSORS: SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, MEYERS, JOBSON**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**

**SOSKIN/HOOD, JR.**

**TRANSFERRED TO B & F**

**UNAN**

Kathleen Tower-Bernstein, Director of Probation, submitted a letter to the committee in support of this referral. Leg. Day stated that the county needed to hire an extra half-person for administrative work, because of Leandra's Law (Child Passenger Protection Act). This bill extends the same fee in the existing law, except it will be \$20, instead of \$30, for all probationers, not just for DWI, with some exceptions. It addresses the state mandate in a more effective way, allowing for local laws to collect fees, which also relieves the tax burden. Chair Soskin asked who determines who can pay and who cannot? Leg. Day said that some who could not pay would not be forced to pay. There are hearings to determine the ability to pay, which are already part of the existing law. Leg. Earl stated that he wasn't satisfied with the criteria for who will oversee who can and cannot pay. Leg. Day stated that there is a process under Leandra's Law already in place. This doesn't change the procedure, but allows the municipalities to create a local law. E. Yeger, Committee's Legal Counsel, stated that the law speaks to the hardship on indigents who cannot pay. She said it also says that if someone can pay and doesn't, nobody is jailed for not paying. Normally, there is no fine associated with probation as part of the sentence. Leg. Day said that this is a state law now and we are asking the state to allow municipalities to create local laws, which would have to be passed locally. Leg. Jobson said it was a shame how dysfunctional the system is that we have to ask the state to be able to do this on a local level.

2. REF. #2973 - AMENDING THE 2012 BUDGET BY APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$252,553 [NCTD] FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES (OASAS) FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2012 TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO OPEN ARMS, INCORPORATED AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE APPLICABLE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$482,691 [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$482,691)  
**(M. WALSH TOZER, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH)**

**ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, JOBSON**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/PAUL**

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S. Thomson, Department of Mental Health, stated that the funding is for a women's halfway house operation that was started last October. Open Arms only ran a men's halfway house before. Chair Soskin asked what the probability is for future funding? S. Thomson stated that the probability was very good, since it was sponsored by OASAS and they were very excited about it.

3. REF. #8862 - APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM UNIVAR USA, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF INSECTICIDE FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL UNDER RFB-RC-2011-006 IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$65,000 FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 9, 2012 THROUGH FEBRUARY 8, 2013 AND IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$137,414 FOR THE FULL PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2011 THROUGH FEBRUARY 8, 2013 WITH ONE (1) REMAINING ONE (1) YEAR OPTION WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$137,414) **(G. WALSH, COMMISSIONER, DGS - PURCHASING)**

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**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/PAUL**

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**ACTION: Health Department will provide the Committee Clerk with the amount of mosquito dunks requested for 2010 and 2011. A discussion will be held at a future meeting regarding the efficacy of current mosquito control methods utilized by the county in light of the presence of a new and more aggressive type, the Asian Tiger mosquito.**

P. Brennan, Purchasing Director, stated that this is for a renewal of a contract for briquettes that are part of the Mosquito Control Program. Chair Soskin asked if the current program will be sufficient for the new type found, the Asian Tiger mosquito? P. Brennan stated that Brian Hunderfund, who's in charge of the program, would be able to address that. Leg. Meyers asked about the Health Department giving certain briquettes to people that own pools. K. Henry, Department of Health, stated that the county has been distributing dunks since 2000 to anyone with a pool, which is well publicized. Leg. Meyers said he has a pool and is a legislator and knew nothing about this program. He said if there were a new aggressive type of mosquito, we would need to have a discussion about the program further.

4. REF. #9019 - RATIFYING THE SECOND AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 DATED MARCH 17, 2011 WITH THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE COUNTY'S PROJECT TURNING POINT PROGRAM UNDER RFP-RC-09-018 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$162,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2011, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 578 OF 2011 SO AS TO INDICATE THAT \$18,000 OF THE \$180,000 FEDERAL BASIC CENTER PROGRAM GRANT WOULD BE USED TO COVER THE YOUTH BUREAU'S GRANT ADMINISTRATION COSTS AND INCREASING THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNTS STATED IN RESOLUTION NOS. 610 OF 2010, 578 OF 2011 AND 579 OF 2011 [YOUTH BUREAU] (\$540,000 (GRANT AWARD); \$504,000 (CONTRACT AMOUNT)  
**(D. FARRISON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, YOUTH BUREAU**

**ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, JOBSON**

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

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D. Farrison stated that the original resolution didn't authorize going to contract with The Children's Village. E. Yeger stated that there were certain items not specified in the original resolution and this referral cleans up the past resolutions.

ADDENDUM:

5. REF. #9194 - DISCUSSION ITEM – HEALTH HOME LICENSES (LOCAL CARE MANAGEMENT) – STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (OMH/DOH)  
**(HON. I. SCHOENBERGER, LEGISLATURE)**

**DEFERRED TO NEXT MEETING**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: (6:50 PM)  
JOBSON/EARL**

**UNAN**

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