

The Legislature of Rockland County



ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER
LEGISLATOR, DISTRICT 4
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS, CHAIR

MINUTES
PLANNING & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013
7:45 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

HON. I. SCHOENBERGER, CHAIR
HON. M. GRANT, 2ND VC
HON. D. JOBSON
HON. A. PAUL

MEMBERS ABSENT

HON. J. MEYERS
HON. E. DAY
HON. A. WOLFE, VC

OTHERS PRESENT

R. McKAY, ESQ. N. DOLINER
T. VANDERBEEK R. BREGA
T. SIMETI, ESQ P. BRENNAN
R. STEVENS E. CHAN
HON. P. SOSKIN M. THIELKING

Chair Schoenberger called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

- 1. REFERRAL NO. 7493** APPROVING ADDITIONAL PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM **6803** HIGHWAY REHABILITATION CORP. FOR ASPHALT BITUMINOUS, HOT-IN-PLACE, HEAT AND SCARIFYING MATERIAL UNDER RFB-RC-2012-027 IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FOR THE OPTION TERM FROM APRIL 18, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 17, 2014 AND FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,450,000 FOR THE FULL PERIOD FROM APRIL 18, 2012 THROUGH APRIL 17, 2014 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES-DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$1,450,000) **(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER DGS-PURCHASING) DL# 2013-03255**

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ADDED SPONSOR PPW: PAUL

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2. **REFERRAL NO. 9355** APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM GOOSETOWN ENTERPRISES, INC. D/B/A GOOSETOWN COMMUNICATIONS FOR RADIO EQUIPMENT/EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESSORIES, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND INSTALLATION FOR VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS UNDER RFB-RC-2013-042 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$224,721.50 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 15, 2013 THROUGH JULY 14, 2014 WITH FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES-DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$224,721.50) **(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER, DGS-PURCHASING) DL# 2013-03097**

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3. **REFERRAL NO. 5906** APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,947 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH HAZARD ABATEMENT BOARD FOR TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2013 THROUGH JULY 31, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1] (\$2,947) **(DIANNE PHILIPPS, DIRECTOR SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1) DL# 2013-02950**

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4. **REFERRAL NO. 8293/ DISCUSSION ITEM: UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT
2825 EXTENSIONS TO HUDSON TRANSIT CORP. AND ROCKLAND TRANSIT CORP.
[COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION]
(HONS. PATRICK MORONEY, MICHAEL GRANT, LEGISLATURE)**

Thomas Vanderbeek , Commissioner of Transportation stated that he felt it would be difficult to have a seamless transition by October 1, 2013. He felt that November 3, would be a more realistic. 62 buses have been inspected 19 have been re-inspected and he anticipated by 9/25/13 25 would be re-inspected. By the end of the week a bus would be provided to Brega for training use. He stated that all parties have signed the contracts and they are now waiting for Mr. Brega to provide a drivers roster and to negotiate with the union.

Mr. Brega stated that he has been working with the Transportation Dept. day and night to get the transition going. He stated that Mr. Vanderbeek has been extremely cooperative and stated if the Law Dept. and Purchasing Dept. were as cooperative.

To date Mr. Brega does not have a complete signed contract which his insurance company and surety company have requested. He stated that he has asked for 1 of each of the buses to train drivers on. But he felt he was being undermined by the Law Dept. He stated that 150 job applications were handed out to the drivers of Coach but no applications were received back. Mr. Brega feels that it is due to the fact a letter went out giving Brega 20 days to negotiate a contract with the union. Brega stated he was willing to match the wages of the drivers during the negotiation process.

T. Simetti, Deputy County Attorney stated he would not be addressing Mr. Brega's allegations. Training buses were not part of the RFB what the County asks for supersedes what Mr. Brega's requests are.

Leg. Grant asked if there were any major impediments for 11/3? Mr. Vanderbeek stated he didn't see any. Mr. Simetti stated that they were looking forward to a smooth transition and as long as all the proper paper work was received.

Leg. Grant asked if Mr. Brega saw a transition by 11/3. Mr. Brega stated he did have a concern about the training buses and because he is not being supplied with a complete signed contract.

Mr. Vanderbeek stated that some of the buses are in need of repair and that if the current operator did not make the repairs before the transition. He stated that monies would be held back from the companies last check to pay for the needed repairs.

Leg. Soskin stated for the record that he didn't understand what was holding up the transition and asked who owned the buses. He told Mr. Vanderbeek to buy new buses and withhold the monies from the current operator because the County could use the extra cash flow. He asked if we had enough money to buy new buses that don't need repairs. He felt that Coach was going to use not repairing the buses as a stall tactic.

Leg. Soskin explained that he rode the buses for many years going into Manhattan riding Red and Tan and sat behind the drivers. He felt that the younger drivers were not as happy as the older ones and that Mr. Brega should put himself in their shoes. He also stated that many top people have left the County that were happy in their jobs but because of the upcoming County Executive's race they chose early retirement because they have families to feed.

Leg. Soskin asked again if there was enough money to cover the cost of repairs to the current buses that no one knows what will happen in January. Mr. Vanderbeek assured him again that there was.

Leg. Soskin told Mr. Brega that if no applications were received from the current work force then he should advertise for new employees. Mr. Brega stated that he was bound by the contract to show preference to the current work force. Leg. Soskin asked Mr. Brega if he had lawyers and advised Mr. Brega that he should just put a notice in the local newspapers looking for local union drivers and see what happens.

DISCUSSED

ACTION:

CHAIR SCHOENBERGER REQUESTED THE COMMITTEE CLERK TO PLACE THIS DISCUSSION ITEM ON NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING. ADMINISTRATION AND MR. BREGA WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE UPDATE. 10/4/13

5. **REFERRAL NO. 8593 DISCUSSION ITEM: PROPOSAL TO INSTITUTE A PACE (PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY) PROGRAM (HONS. ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER, LEGISLATURE)**

Presentation on file with Committee Clerk.

DISCUSSED

ACTION

CHAIR SCHOENBERGER REQUESTED THAT A FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION BE PLACED ON FUTURE COMMITTEE AGENDA THAT WILL INCLUDE THE IDA AND REDC TO BE PRESENT.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN 9:40 P.M.
JOBSON/GRANT**

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