

# The Legislature of Rockland County



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

**Members Present:**

Leg. M. Grant, Chair  
Leg. A. Wolfe, Vice Chair  
Leg. I. Schoenberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> VC  
Leg. H. Cornell  
Leg. J. Hood, Jr.  
Leg. N. Low-Hogan  
Leg. P. Soskin  
Leg. F. Sparaco

**Members Absent:**

Leg. T. Earl  
Leg. J. Murphy

**Others Present:**

Leg. A. Paul  
Leg. D. Jobson  
N. Doliner  
S. Powers  
S. DeGroat  
T. Vanderbeek  
P. Brennan  
C. Barbash  
S. Cerra  
Leg. B. Kantrowitz  
Leg. A. Wieder  
R. McKay, Esq.  
G. Walsh  
S. Grogan  
R. Brega  
M.A. Walsh-Tozer  
P. Gerdin

MINUTES  
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014  
**7:45 PM**

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 14, 2014

**MOTION TO ADOPT:**  
**CORNELL/HOOD, JR.**

**UNAN**

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

1PPW) REF. #7555 - APPROVING ADDENDUM TO LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND HB DRIVE-IN ASSOCIATES, LLC INCREASING THE NUMBER OF COMMUTER PARKING SPACES FROM 290 TO 360 SPACES AND THE ANNUAL RENT BY AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$30,000 FOR MAXIMUM ANNUAL RENT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 FOR THE COMMUTER PARK AND RIDE LOT LOCATED ON ROUTE 59 IN THE HAMLET OF MONSEY, TOWN OF RAMAPO (NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS) AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION) (\$150,000 ANNUALLY)  
**(THOMAS VANDERBEEK, COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION)**  
**DL#2013-05391**

*TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 1/28/14*

*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, JOBSON, PAUL*

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**  
**SCHOENBERGER/SOSKIN**

**UNAN**

2PPW) REF. 9075 - APPROVING AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO THE COUNTY FOR CLEANING AND MINOR REPAIR SERVICES OF THE ROCKLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE FOR THE FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2018 WITH REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE INITIAL TERM FROM APRIL 1, 2013 TO MARCH 31, 2014 TO BE MADE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$570,887 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) (\$570,887) (GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER, DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2013-05222 rev. 1/6/14

*TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 1/28/14*

*ADDED SPONSORS: SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, GRANT, JOBSON, PAUL, KANTROWITZ*

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

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

**UNAN**

4PPW) REF. #7621 - *DISCUSSION ITEM*: A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A BEST VALUE AWARD METHODOLOGY FOR PURCHASE CONTRACTS (INCLUDING CONTRACTS FOR SERVICE WORK, BUT EXCLUDING ANY PURCHASE CONTRACTS NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE EIGHT OF THE LABOR LAW) (HON. ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER, LEGISLATURE)

***DISCUSSED AT THE 1/28/14 PPW MEETING***

2. **GRANTS/DONATIONS:** **NONE**

3. **BUDGET ITEMS:** **NONE**

4. **AUTHORIZATIONS:**

4A) REF. #9495 - REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY \_\_\_\_, 2014 RESOLUTION DELEGATING TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE THE POWERS TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$45,000,000 REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF CERTAIN REVENUES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014, AND TO PRESCRIBE THE TERMS, FORM AND CONTENTS, AND PROVIDE FOR THE SALE AND CREDIT ENHANCEMENT OF SUCH NOTES (STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, FINANCE) DL#2014-00113 revised

**PULLED**

4B) REF. #9495 - TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY \_\_\_\_, 2014  
RESOLUTION DELEGATING TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE  
THE POWERS TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$55,000,000 TAX ANTICIPATION  
NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS  
MAY BE NECESSARY, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF TAXES LEVIED  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2014, AND TO PRESCRIBE  
THE TERMS, FORM AND CONTENTS, AND PROVIDE FOR THE SALE AND CREDIT  
ENHANCEMENT OF SUCH NOTES  
**(STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, FINANCE) DL#2014-00120 revised**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
WOLFE/GRANT**

**UNAN**

**ADDENDUM:**

REF. #9495 - BOND RESOLUTION DATED \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING  
FINANCING FOR THE COST OF LIQUIDATING CURRENT DEFICITS IN THE  
COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010, DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND  
DECEMBER 31, 2012, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS  
\$96,000,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE  
ISSUANCE OF \$96,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF  
**(STEPHEN F. DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE, BUDGET & FINANCE)  
LM#2014-00243**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
WOLFE/GRANT**

**UNAN**

Commissioner DeGroat requested that the committee approve all three resolutions tonight (RAN, TAN and Bond Deficit).

Chair Grant stated that the State Comptroller's Office has certified Rockland County's budget deficit at \$125.6 million as of December 31, 2012, opening the way for the County to pay down a significant portion of its deficit. The deficit-reduction loan would be repaid over a 10-year period.

Commissioner DeGroat said the county would use the money from the \$96M loan to help pay off two other loans used to fund operations for 2013.

Chair Grant explained that the \$55M in TAN's are issued every year to "make the towns and villages whole". The TAN's help with the cash flow until delinquent taxes can be collected.

Leg. Hood, Jr. stated this is a new year with a new County Executive and he would be comfortable passing all three resolutions tonight.

Leg. Schoenberger stated if he had written assurance from the County Executive of exactly what will happen and that the RAN would not be sold, he would consider passing all three resolutions.

Chair Grant expressed his concern of how the public will view these bonds and the explanation to the public needs to be clear and concise as this is an issue of confidence. Chair Grant suggested modifying the RAN resolution for shorter terms and to add language that the RAN would only be sold if necessary.

**ACTIONS:**

**THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT IS DIRECTED TO HAVE BOND COUNSEL REVISE THE RAN RESOLUTION TO ADD LANGUAGE TO EXPRESS A SHORTER TERM, I.E. 3 MONTHS OR 6 MONTHS AND TO EXPRESS THE INTENT THAT THIS WOULD ONLY BE SOLD IF NECESSARY.**

**FINANCE IS DIRECTED TO PROVIDE AN ANALYSIS OF THE FINANCIAL ADVANTAGES OF REVISED TERMS FOR BORROWING (3, 6, 9 MONTHS).**

**THE RAN WOULD ONLY BE SOLD IN THE EVENT THAT THE DEFICIT BOND IS NOT SOLD BY MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>.**

**5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:**

5A) REF. #9495 - APPROVING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS LICENSED DAY CARE AGENCIES BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR TOTAL EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED THE APPROPRIATED 2014 BUDGET FOR DAY CARE SERVICES (DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES)  
**(CAROL L. BARBASH, DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES) DL#2013-05164**

*TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 1/28/14*

*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, PAUL, JOBSON, WIEDER, KANTROWITZ*

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SPARACO**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SCHOENBERGER/CORNELL**

**UNAN**

5B) REF. #2973 - APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$118,000 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (B.O.C.E.S.) TO PROVIDE AN INTENSIVE THERAPEUTIC SUPPORT CLASSROOM MODEL FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT (DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH) (\$118,000)  
**(MARY ANN WALSH TOZER, COMMISSIONER, MENTAL HEALTH) DL#2013-04991**

*TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 1/28/14*

*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, PAUL, JOBSON, WIEDER, KANTROWITZ*

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

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

**UNAN**

5C ) REF. #6546 - APPROVING THE PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM CARDINAL HEALTH 200, INC. OF HOSPITAL, LABORATORY, MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, THE DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS & THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CLINICS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014 IN ACCORDANCE WITH AMERINET DISTRIBUTION CONTRACT #DH10400 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$500,000)  
**(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER, DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2013-05041**

*TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 1/28/14*  
*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, PAUL, JOBSON, WIEDER, KANTROWITZ*

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SPARACO**

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

5D) REF. #5327 - AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE TOWN OF RAMAPO BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR USE OF THE RAMAPO POLICE RANGE FACILITY FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY (SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT)  
**(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF) DL#2013-05397**

*TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY 1/28/14*  
*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., CAREY, JOBSON, KANTROWITZ, SOSKIN*

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

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

**6. ALLOCATION/RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS: NONE**

**7. BIDS: NONE**

**8. TRANSFER OF FUNDS/OTHERS: NONE**

**9. TAX ITEMS: NONE**

**10. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE**

**11. LOCAL LAWS/HOME RULES: NONE**

**12. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:**

12A) REF. #9475 - *DISCUSSION ITEM:* EXAMINING COMPLIANCE AND POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE “ROCKLAND COUNTY MANDATE AND TAXATION INFORMATION ACT” AND THE “ROCKLAND COUNTY TAXATION TRANSPARENCY ACT” WHICH PASSED THE LEGISLATURE IN 2012  
**(HON. ALDEN WOLFE, HON. PATRICK MORONEY, LEGISLATURE)**

Legislative Chair Wolfe explained his intent for this discussion was there appears to be significant confusion surrounding the breakout of the portion of the County property tax attributable to New York State Medicaid. His goal is to ensure that the Administration is in compliance with the provisions of the RC Mandate and Taxation Information Act and the RC Taxation Transparency Act ( local laws of 2012).

Mr. DeGroat said other Counties broke out their tax bills and included costs such as Pre-K, Medicaid and DSS. Chair Wolfe questioned whether the County Executive had the authority to create or change description of how property taxes are broken down.

Commissioner of Finance DeGroat stated they had asked the towns for disclosure but did not receive cooperation.

**ACTIONS:**

**COMMITTEE REQUESTS THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN EXPLANATION AS TO WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE HOW THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY IS DEPICTED ON THE TAX BILL.**

**COMMITTEE EXPRESSED ITS DESIRE TO CREATE A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE STATE TO ASSUME THE TOTAL COST OF MEDICAID. LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO DRAFT RESOLUTION.**

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| <b>13. <u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u></b>                          | <b>NONE</b> |
| <b>14. <u>RECEIVE &amp; FILE:</u></b>                     | <b>NONE</b> |
| <b>15. <u>CORRESPONDENCE – REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:</u></b> | <b>NONE</b> |

**ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION ITEM: 2014 PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES:**

**ACTION:**

**THE COMMITTEE VOTED AND DETERMINED THAT THE 2014 ALLOCATION FOR PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES BE \$1,250 PER POST.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 9:45 pm  
SCHOENBERGER/HOOD, JR.**

**UNAN**

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