

The Legislature of Rockland County



MICHAEL M. GRANT
Legislator - District 2

Chair, Budget & Finance Committee
Vice-Chair, Government Operations Committee
2nd Vice Chair - Planning & Public Works Committee

Members Present:

Leg. A. Wolfe, Chair
Leg. I. Schoenberger, 2nd VC
Leg. H. Cornell
Leg. J. Hood, Jr.
Leg. D. Jobson (left early)
Leg. N. Low-Hogan
Leg. J. Murphy (left early)
Leg. P. Soskin

Members Absent:

Leg. M. Grant, Chair
Leg. T. Earl

Others Present:

Leg. A. Paul E. Yeger, Esq.
N. Doliner S. Powers
S. DeGroat S. Vezzetti
T. Humbach A. Connors
P. Brennan B. Gruffi
P. Trader J. Maraia
J. Tirono

MINUTES
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015
8:00 PM

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF FEB. 10, 2015

MOTION TO ADOPT:
HOOD, JR./LOW-HOGAN

UNAN

1. BONDS/PUBLIC WORKS MATTER:

1PPW) REF. #1519 - APPROVING AWARD OF BID AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 TO CAL MART ENTERPRISES INC. FOR THE EMBANKMENT STABILIZATION PROJECT FOR NAURAUSHAUN BROOK LOCATED ON SICKLETOWN ROAD IN THE TOWN OF ORANGETOWN UNDER CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 7110 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DRAINAGE AGENCY, DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS) (\$800,000)
(CHARLES VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT HIGHWAY)
DL#2015-00678

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, PAUL, MORONEY, WIEDER, JOBSON

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

UNAN

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

2PPW) REF. #2946 - AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO THE LEGISLATURE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR FOR THE 264 NORTH ROUTE 9W ENBANKMENT STABILIZATION AND RETAINING WALL PROJECT ON THE MINISCEONGO CREEK, TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 7112 (DRAINAGE AGENCY) DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
(CHARLES VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT HIGHWAY)
DL#2015-00519

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, PAUL, MORONEY, WIEDER, JOBSON

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

UNAN

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

3PPW) REF. #6394 - AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK TO THE LEGISLATURE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS - REPLACEMENT OF THE GRANDVIEW AVENUE CULVERT ON THE WILLOW TREE BROOK, IN THE TOWN OF RAMAPO CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 3397 (DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS) (CHARLES VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT HIGHWAY) DL#2015-00920

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, PAUL, MORONEY, WIEDER, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
SCHOENBERGER/SOSKIN

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

4PPW) REF. #6394 - AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY REQUIRING TWO (2) PERMANENT EASEMENTS FOR GRANDVIEW AVENUE CULVERT REPLACEMENT ON THE WILLOW TREE BROOK IN THE TOWN OF RAMAPO CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 3397 (HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT) (CHARLES VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT HIGHWAY) DL#2015-00881

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, PAUL, MORONEY, WIEDER, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
SCHOENBERGER/SOSKIN

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

5PPW) REF. #6394 - BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING FINANCING FOR COSTS OF THE THREE YEAR EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 3408) STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$6,000,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY TOT PAY THE COST THEREOF (CHARLES VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT HIGHWAY) DL#2015-00540

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
WOLFE/SCHOENBERGER & JOBSON

AS
AMENDED

6PPW) REF. #6394 - BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING FINANCING FOR COSTS OF COUNTYWIDE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 3409) STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$6,000,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (CHARLES VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT HIGHWAY)
DL#2015-00578

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW

Andy Connors said a letter was sent to the State regarding the potholes and the State is looking at the Palisades Interstate Parkway repairs first and then will start repair of the State roads.

ACTION:

COMMITTEE REQUESTS BOND COUNSEL TO DRAFT REVISED BOND RESOLUTION TO AMEND CAPTION AND APPROPRIATE CLAUSES TO CONVEY THAT THIS IS A THREE YEAR CYCLE

**MOTION TO APPROVE: AS AMENDED
JOBSON/WOLFE**

UNAN

7PPW) REF. #0107 - APPROVING A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH HAUSER BROS. MECHANICAL FOR MECHANICAL CONTRACTING FOR THE FIRE TRAINING CENTER BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AND ROOF REPLACEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$493,744 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE UNDER CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 1865 (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) (\$493,744)
(ROBERT H. GRUFFI, DIRECTOR FACILITIES MANAGEMENT)
DL#2015-00511

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, PAUL, MORONEY, WIEDER, JOBSON

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

UNAN

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

8PPW) REF. #0107 - APPROVING A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH MILCON CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR FIRE TRAINING CENTER BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS ROOFTOP REPLACEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$548,000 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE UNDER CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 1864 (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) (\$548,000)
(ROBERT H. GRUFFI, DIRECTOR FACILITIES MANAGEMENT)
DL#2015-00516

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, PAUL, MORONEY,
WIEDER, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE:
CORNELL/SCHOENBERGER

UNAN

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

9PPW) REF. #5906/ - APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH UNI-
9325 SELECT USA, INC. FOR AUTOMOTIVE PARTS AND SUPPLIES
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 UNDER NYS OGS
CONTRACT NO. PC65983 BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER
FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31,
2015 (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - FACILITIES
MANAGEMENT) (\$150,000)
**(PAUL J. BRENNAN, CPPO, DIRECTOR GENERAL SERVICES
PURCHASING)**
DL#2015-00541

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, PAUL, MORONEY,
WIEDER, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/MURPHY

UNAN

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

2. GRANTS/DONATIONS:

2A) REF. #8850 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,026 FROM THE NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONSERVATION/PRESERVATION DISCRETIONARY FUND FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK) (\$39,026)
(PAUL PIPERATO, COUNTY CLERK)
DL#2015-00778

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER,
HOFSTEIN, MORONEY, JOBSON

ACTION:

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO AMEND CAPTION AND APPROPRIATE CLAUSES TO REFLECT THAT THE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS GRANT REQUIRES NO LOCAL SHARE. COUNSEL TO PROVIDE LANGUAGE

MOTION TO APPROVE: AS AMENDED UNAN
WOLFE/SOSKIN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR.,

2B) REF. #8183 - AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SURPLUS COMPUTER MONITORS BY THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND UNDER RFI-RC-2015-002 TO ROCKLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES, POMONA MIDDLE SCHOOL-EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, HAMASPIK OF ROCKLAND COUNTY AND ROCKLAND COUNTY PC USERS GROUP PURSUANT TO NEW YORK GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW§ 104-C (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION OF PURCHASING)
(PAUL J. BRENNAN, DIRECTOR DGS-PURCHASING)
DL#2015-00953

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
WOLFE/SCHOENBERGER

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, HOOD, JR. JOBSON, SOSKIN

2C) REF. #8896 - ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF A PRIME-MOVER FORK LIFT FROM PFIZER, INC., PEARL RIVER, NEW YORK AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DONATION ACCEPTANCE DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES) (**GORDON W. WREN JR., DIRECTOR OFFICE OF FIRE & EMERGENCY**) **DL#2015-00601**

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., JOBSON, LOW-HOGAN, PAUL, SOSKIN

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

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL

2D) REF. #9142 - APPROVING AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH ROCKLAND INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER, INC. TO PROVIDE VETERAN'S PEER TO PEER COUNSELING SERVICES PURSUANT TO A GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$124,998 (NCTD) FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 15, 2015 THROUGH NOVEMBER 15, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT (VETERAN'S SERVICE AGENCY) (\$124,998) (**JERRY DONNELLAN, DIRECTOR VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY**) **DL#2015-00909**

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN, MORONEY, JOBSON

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

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR.,

3. BUDGET ITEMS:

- 3A) REF. #9500 - APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,250 TO AMERICAN LEGION
SPRING VALLEY MOSCARELLA POST 199, FOR PATRIOTIC
OBSERVANCES IN 2015
(HONS. ANEY PAUL AND TONEY L. EARL, LEGISLATURE)
LG#2015-37

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/SCHOENBERGER**

UNAN

**ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., JOBSON,
SOSKIN**

- 3B) REF. #9495/ - ADJUSTMENT TO THE 2014 AND 2015 BUDGETS FOR YEAR-END
9500 CONTRACT AND PURCHASE ORDER ENCUMBRANCES
(DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET)
(STEPHEN J. GROGAN, DEPUTY BUDGET DIRECTOR, FINANCE
AND BUDGET)
DL#2015-00779

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Nicole Doliner did an analysis of every department and explained funds that were not spent could be rolled over to next year. Leg. Schoenberger questioned whether this could wait until next month to which she answered yes. The auditors will be coming in sometime in April. The 2014 contracts for not-for-profits have not been paid and are still being worked on.

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

**5 AYES/1 NAY
FAILED**

**5 AYES: LEGS. WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., LOW-HOGAN, SOSKIN
1 NAY: LEG. SCHOENBERGER**

4. AUTHORIZATIONS:

- 4A) REF. #7253 - AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ALLOCATE
ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES TO ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
FOR 2015 (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY)
**(HONS. HARRIET D. CORNELL, JAY HOOD, JR., PATRICK J.
MORONEY, JOHN J. MURPHY, MICHAEL M. GRANT,
DOUGLAS J. JOBSON, LEGISLATURE)**
LG#2015-36

John Torino stated there was no cost to the County; sufficient funds are allocated in the budget. Leg. Schoenberger noted that years ago, a proposed pool of money was established to distribute based on incentives. Leg. Schoenberger said the ADA's salaries are far below the competitive market and should be reviewed.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
WOLFE/SCHOENBERGER**

UNAN

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, SOSKIN

5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

- 5A) REF. #6704 - APPROVING AN INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE TOWN OF
HAVERSTRAW POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$25,000 (NCTD) FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2014 THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2015 FOR THEIR SERVICES AS A PARTNER IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROJECT GRANT AND
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE
COUNTY EXECUTIVE (YOUTH BUREAU) (\$25,000)
**(MARIANNE MCCARNEY-HAESCHE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
YOUTH BUREAU)**
DL#2015-00421

**RED DOT
VERSION**

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., JOBSON, LOW-HOGAN, PAUL, SOSKIN

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

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL

5B) REF. #5614 - APPROVAL OF AMENDED PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUFFERN CDC, LLC, RAYMOURS FURNITURE COMPANY, INC., VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO, TOWN OF RAMAPO, RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, AND THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 22 HEMION RD. (A//K/A DUNNIGAN DRIVE) VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO, TOWN OF RAMAPO, IN THE RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, TAX MAP SECTION 55.06, BLOCK 1, LOT 3.1 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE) (PILOT) **(STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, BUDGET & FINANCE)**
DL#2015-00944

Leg. Schoenberger explained what a PILOT agreement was and said he was interested in getting information from the Rockland Industrial Development Agency (IDA) on whether job promises have been fulfilled and what the return on investment was. He requested this item be put on for discussion at an upcoming Economic Development meeting.

Chairman Wolfe stated he has been in touch with Mike Ditullo, President of REDC and he has praised the Raymour's PILOT which is located in Ramapo as a success story and Chairman Wolfe is very happy with the results.

ACTIONS:

COMMITTEE REQUESTS THE IDA TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF THE PROMISES MADE BY RAYMOURS FURNITURE COMPANY AND WHETHER OR NOT THOSE PROMISES HAVE BEEN FULFILLED

COMMITTEE ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE DISCUSS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE PILOTS (RETURN ON INVESTMENTS)

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

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, HOOD, JR. JOBSON, SOSKIN

5C) REF. #9414 - APPROVING AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH CAPITAL MARKET ADVISORS, LLC TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICE UNDER RFP-RC11-003 IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$230,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016 WITH A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$780,000 FROM THE COMMENCEMENT DATE OF APRIL 6, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE)DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE) (\$780,000)
(STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, BUDGET & FINANCE)
DL#2015-00872

Leg. Schoenberger questioned whether Capital was paid additional money when working on bonds. Mr. DeGroat said they were paid a flat rate and received no additional compensation.

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

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, HOOD, JR. JOBSON, SOSKIN

5D) REF. #8873 - APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO AND EXTENSIONS OF AGREEMENTS WHICH, WHEN COMBINED, ARE IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH PRECISION HEALTH, INC. TO PROVIDE DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES FOR INMATES OF THE CORRECTIONAL HEALTH FACILITY/JAIL AS WELL AS PATIENTS AND RESIDENTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF HOSPITALS AND HEALTH UNDER RFP-RC-2012-001 IN A TOTAL COMBINED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,139 FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, 2015 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2016 AND IN A TOTAL COMBINED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$153,794 FOR THE FULL PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, 2012 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING THEIR EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS) (\$153,794)
(DAVID H. FREED, ACTING COMMISSIONER, HOSPITALS)
DL#2015-00410

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER,
HOFSTEIN, MORONEY, JOBSON, CAREY

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

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR.,

6. ALLOCATION/RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS:

6A) REF. #9162 - EXTENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL CHAIKEN TO THE TEMPORARY POSITION OF PATIENT SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS (EDWIN J. DAY, COUNTY EXECUTIVE)
DL#2015-00923

Chairman Wolfe questioned why Mr. Freed was listed as the Patient Services Administrator and was also appointed as the Acting Commissioner of Hospitals on Jan. 5. Why is he not on the budget line for Acting Commissioner?

County Attorney Humbach explained that no nursing home can operate unless it is under the supervision of an administrator who holds a valid nursing home license. Mr. Chaiken possesses this license.

Leg. Schoenberger gave a timeline on the various positions: On March 20th, CE Day announced Dr. Ruppert as the Acting Commissioner of Hospitals; On March 25th, CE Day appointed Dr. Ruppert as Commissioner of Hospitals; On March 30th, CE Day issued a press release on the achievements of David Freed and the County website lists David Freed as the Acting Commissioner of Hospitals. He would not vote for this tonight until the Administration gives an explanation.

Chairman Wolfe said he would have been more comfortable if Mr. Freed was presented in a better way. We should not be playing games with titles; it is not truthful nor transparent. Under the Charter, appointments need the approval of the Legislature and he will not vote for this tonight. Put the person in the position who has the qualifications.

ACTIONS:

COMMITTEE REQUESTS ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE FULL EXPLANATION OF PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS FOR THE POSITIONS OF COMMISSIONERS OF HOSPITALS AND PATIENT SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE REQUESTS COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE DUTIES OF MR. DAVID FREED AND HIS ROLE AS "ACTING COMMISSIONER" OF HOSPITALS

COMMITTEE REQUESTS DESCRIPTION OF THE DUTIES OF MR. DAVID FREED AND HIS ROLE AS "PATIENT SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR"

COMMITTEE REQUESTS DESCRIPTION OF THE DUTIES OF MICHAEL CHAIKEN AS "TEMPORARY" PATIENT SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE REQUESTS EXPLANATION OF HOW DR. RUPPERT WILL CARRY OUT HER DUTIES AS BOTH COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND COMMISSIONER OF HOSPITALS AND OPINION FROM THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

**2 AYES/4 NAYS
FAILED**

**2 AYES: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, SOSKIN
4 NAYS: HOOD, JR./LOW-HOGAN/WOLFE/CORNELL**

6B) REF. #5519 - CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN A. MARAIA OF
NEW CITY, NEW YORK AS COMMISSIONER OF LABOR
RELATIONS
(EDWIN J. DAY, COUNTY EXECUTIVE)
DL#2015-00955

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
WOLFE/SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SOSKIN, JOBSON

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

7. BIDS: NONE

8. TRANSFER OF FUNDS/OTHERS: NONE

9. TAX ITEMS:

9A) REF. #4817 - URGING THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY TO PASS BILL A.1576
TO AMEND THE TAX LAW IN RELATION TO PROVIDING TAX CREDITS
TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS
AND VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL UNDER
CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES
(HON. ANEY PAUL, LEGISLATURE)
LG#2015-39

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY
ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., JOBSON, LOW-HOGAN, SOSKIN

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
WOLFE/HOOD, JR.

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL

9B) REF. #4817 - URGING THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO
PASS CONGRESSIONAL BILL H.R. 343 TO AMEND THE INTERNAL
REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO PROVIDE A CHARITABLE DEDUCTION
FOR THE SERVICE OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER
EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND RESCUE PERSONNEL
(HON. ANEY PAUL, LEGISLATURE)
LG#2015-40

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY
ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., JOBSON, LOW-HOGAN, SOSKIN

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
WOLFE/HOOD, JR.

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

10A) REF. #9475 - SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING:
A LOCAL LAW ENACTING THE "ADOPTED BUDGET
TRANSPARENCY ACT"
(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, CHAIR, LEGISLATURE)
LG#2015-25PH

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
WOLFE/SCHOENBERGER**

UNAN

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, JOBSON, SOSKIN

10B) REF. #8575 - SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING:
A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING HOW VACANT POSITIONS
MAY BE FILLED DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS
(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, CHAIR, LEGISLATURE)
LG#2015-16PH

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
WOLFE/SCHOENBERGER**

UNAN

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, JOBSON, SOSKIN

11. LOCAL LAWS/HOME RULES:

NONE

12. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:

12A) REF. #9500 - STATUS OF CONTRACTS WITH SPECIFIED AGENCIES WITHIN
ROCKLAND COUNTY
(HONS. ALDEN H. WOLFE, NANCY LOW-HOGAN, MICHAEL
GRANT, LEGISLATURE)

County Attorney Tom Humbach said the Administration is revamping the means of funding contract agencies to be in compliance with State law.

Chair of the Legislature Wolfe asked what the position of the County Executive was for 2015 regarding any contract agencies that might not receive their allocation. Steve Powers stated the Administration is looking into the contract agencies presently and might have to work with some of them to find a way to bring them into compliance.

Chairman Wolfe was of the understanding that all the agencies would get their allocations for 2015. Mr. Humbach stated that in the meeting held with the agencies and members of the Legislature in February there was absolutely no mention of putting this off until 2016. He expressly said we could not go against the law.

Leg. Cornell said she recommends that the work on this be held in abeyance until 2016 and this will give everyone time for review. Leg. Cornell finds it hard to imagine any of these agencies are not legal.

Chairman Wolfe was concerned; these agencies count on these monies and some have been performing services without the contract and this is not fair to the agencies. It's similar to the way the State treats the counties especially coming from out of the blue like it did. The Legislature passed a resolution in January and we need to do whatever it takes to get these contracts approved.

Leg. Hood agreed that months have gone by and we need to make this a high priority. Leg. Hood asked if there were any agencies that Mr. Humbach felt would not comply. Mr. Humbach replied some of the phrasing used doesn't fit and he has two attorneys and himself working on giving guidance. He cannot say 100% at this time that any agency is "not funded".

Leg. Schoenberger was not happy with the process. The contracts were reviewed and then all of a sudden they are not legal. He said this just heightens his distrust of the Administration. He questions whether this is a "backdoor" operation to undo the Legislature's appropriations to the agencies. At this point, Leg. Schoenberger would rather have an outside agency run the County; at least they would be honest.

Mr. Powers denied a "backdoor" operation and said in fact that the County Executive's office in conjunction with Paul Trader is working with the contract agencies to facilitate this process.

Mr. Steve Pappas of Legal Aid said he would be happy to work with any of the agencies that might require help with the language or legal barriers.

County Attorney Humbach said he would put more attorney's on this; his priority is to serve the public.

13. MISCELLANEOUS:

14. RECEIVE & FILE:

15. CORRESPONDENCE/REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:

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