

# 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. Chairwoman H. Cornell  
Leg. I. Schoenberger  
Leg. T. Earl  
Leg. J. Hood, Jr.  
Leg. N. Low-Hogan  
Leg. F. Sparaco  
Leg. P. Soskin

**Members Absent:**

Leg. J. Murphy

**Others Present:**

Leg. D. Jobson  
Leg. C. Carey  
N. Doliner  
L. Toole  
T. Grosselfinger  
A. Connors  
S. Grogan  
Sheriff Falco  
R. Brega  
Leg. A. Paul  
Leg. A. Wieder  
R. McKay, Esq.  
B. Saetre  
G. Walsh  
S. DeGroat  
P. Brennan  
P. Scheibner  
Media

**MINUTES**  
**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2013**  
**7:15 PM**

ROLL CALL

CHAIR GRANT OPENED THE MEETING AT 8:00 PM

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

1PPW) REF. #9323 - APPROVING AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH eCLINICAL WORKS, LLC FOR ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SOFTWARE, IMPLEMENTATION, HOSTING AND MAINTENANCE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$958,960 FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2013 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2018 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) (\$958,960)  
**(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER, DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2013-04237**  
**ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK**

**AS AMENDED  
IN PPW**

**TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 10/29/13**  
**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, GRANT, JOBSON, PAUL**

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE: AS AMENDED UNAN**  
**WOLFE/SCHOENERGER**

2PPW) REF. #6795 - APPROVING AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH DUTCHESS TEL-AUDIO, INC. TO PROVIDE MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF A NURSE CALL SYSTEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS, SUMMIT PARK HOSPITAL AND NURSING CARE CENTER FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$378,693.00 FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) (\$378,693)  
**(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER, DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2013-04198**

*TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 10/29/13*

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

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
EARL/CORNELL**

**UNAN**

3PPW) REF. #7300 – APPROVING A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH FESCO FENCE, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$186,500 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE JAIL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR PERIMETER SECURITY FENCING AT THE EUGENE J. GROGAN CORRECTIONAL CENTER AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) (\$186,500)  
**(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2013-03791**

*TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 10/29/13*

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

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

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

**UNAN**

4PPW) REF. #7300 - APPROVING A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH HVB CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$560,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SHERIFF'S BUILDING ROOF, NEW CITY, NEW YORK AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) (\$560,000)  
**(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2013-03709**

*TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 10/29/13*

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

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
WOLFE/CORNELL**

**UNAN**

5PPW) REF. #7945 - APPROVING A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH WJL EQUITIES CORP., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$228,950 FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW PARKING AREA AND ENTRANCE TO DUTCH GARDEN PARK, NEW CITY, NEW YORK AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES-FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) (\$228,950)  
**(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2013-03599**

*TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 10/29/13*  
*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, GRANT, JOBSON, PAUL*

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

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

6PPW) REF. #6394 – AMENDING 2013 APPROVED CAPITAL BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500,000 INCREASING THE TOTAL PROJECT COST FROM \$33,300,000 TO \$37,800,000 FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF NEW HEMPSTEAD ROAD, TOWNS OF RAMAPO AND CLARKSTOWN CAPITAL PROJECT 3273 (HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT) (\$37,800,000)  
**(CHARLES VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAY) DL#2013-04247**

*TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 10/29/13*  
*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, JOBSON, PAUL*

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

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

7PPW) REF. #6394 - APPROVING AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH LOCHNER ENGINEERING, P.C. FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE WALDRON TERRACE BRIDGE OVER STONY BROOK LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF SLOATSBURG IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,000 FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 UNDER CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 3397 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS) (\$110,000)  
**(CHARLES VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAY) DL#2013-03980**

*TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 10/29/13*  
*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, JOBSON, PAUL*

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

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

**2. GRANTS/DONATIONS:**

2A) REF. #8850 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,694 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE ARCHIVES LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT FUND (LGRMIF) FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014 (PROJECT NO. 0580-14-4716) TO DIGITIZE HISTORICAL DEEDS AND MORTGAGES AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (ROCKLAND COUNTY CLERK) (\$73,694)  
**(PAUL PIPERATO, COUNTY CLERK) DL#2013-04015**

*TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 10/29/13*

*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, JOBSON, MORONEY*

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

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

**UNAN**

2B) REF. #6704 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF A CONTINUATION GRANT FROM THE NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 (NCTD) FOR THE COUNTY REENTRY TASK FORCE – OFFENDER REENTRY PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY) (\$100,000)  
**(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY) DL#2013-03975**

*TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY 10/29/13*

*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL, CAREY, PAUL, WOLFE, JOBSON*

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
EARL/SOSKIN**

**UNAN**

2C) REF. #9361 - ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$502,500 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) GRANT (#SH13-1045-D00) FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2013 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF) (\$502,500)  
**(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF) DL#2013-03906**

*TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY 10/29/13*

*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL, CAREY, PAUL, WOLFE, JOBSON*

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

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

**UNAN**

2D) REF. #9361 – APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$167,500 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LAW ENFORCEMENT TERRORISM PREVENTION PROGRAM (LETPP) GRANT (LE13-1041-D00) FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2013 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF) (\$167,500)  
**(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF) DL#2013-03907**

*TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY 10/29/13*  
*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL, CAREY, PAUL, WOLFE, JOBSON*

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

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

**3. BUDGET ITEMS:**

3A) REF. #2973/ - AMENDING THE 2013 BUDGET BY APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF  
9481 ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (OPWDD) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,175 (NCTD) TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE LEARNING DISABLED FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2013 FOR USE IN ITS DAY TRAINING PROGRAM ENTITLED “PROJECT VISION” AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE APPLICABLE CONTRACT AMENDMENT (DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH) (\$1,175)  
**(MARY ANN WALSH TOZER, COMMISSIONER, MENTAL HEALTH) DL#2013-04040**

*TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 10/29/13*  
*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, JOBSON, MORONEY*

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

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

3B) REF. 5327 - APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE SHERIFF IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE, LAPTOP COMPUTERS AND TARGETS FOR THE ROCKLAND COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY, AS WELL AS FUND FOR NEEDED MAINTENANCE OF TARGET SYSTEM AT THE ROCKLAND COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY (OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF) (\$46,013)  
**(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF) DL#2013-04222**

*(TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY 10/29/13)*  
*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL, CAREY, PAUL, WOLFE, JOBSON*

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

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

3C) REF.# 9375 - *BOND RESOLUTION DATED \_\_\_\_\_, 2013*  
BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK,  
AUTHORIZING FINANCING FOR COSTS OF CERTAIN JUDGEMENTS,  
COMPRISING CLAIMS OR SETTLED CLAIMS RESULTING FROM COURT  
ORDERS ON PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 7 OF THE  
REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW DUE AND PAYABLE IN THE CURRENT FISCAL  
YEAR OF SAID COUNTY, STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL MAXIMUM  
COST THEREOF IS \$5,000,000, APPROPRIATING SAID THEREFOR, AND  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY TO  
FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION  
**(STEPHEN F. DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, BUDGET & FINANCE) LM#2013-04076**

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

**4. AUTHORIZATIONS:** **NONE**

**5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:**

5A) REF. #5050 - APPROVING EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH  
O'CONNOR DAVIES LLP, FORMALLY KNOWN AS BENNETT KIELSON,  
STORCH, DESANTIS, DIVISION OF O'CONNOR DAVIES MUNNS &  
DOBBINS, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$166,800 FOR ADDITIONAL  
AUDITING SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 UNDER RFP-RC-07-046 FOR THE  
PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND  
AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (COUNTY  
LEGISLATURE) (\$1,121,100)  
**(HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT, LEGISLATURE) LG#3263**

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

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

5B) REF. #6704 - APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE VILLAGE OF SPRING  
VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A REGIONAL  
INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1,  
2013 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF  
THIS AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF THE  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY)  
**(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY) DL#2013-04177**

*TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY 10/29/13*  
**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL, CAREY, PAUL, WOLFE,  
JOBSON**

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

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

5C) REF. #6704 - APPROVING INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$213,204 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND (THROUGH ITS OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY) AND THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN (THROUGH ITS SUFFERN POLICE DEPARTMENT) SO THAT SAID POLICE DEPARTMENT CAN PURCHASE BALLISTIC HELMETS FOR POLICE/PATROL OFFICERS IN ROCKLAND COUNTY USING AVAILABLE FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS WITHIN THE 2013 BUDGET OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY) (\$213,204)  
**(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY) DL#2013-04164**

*TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY 10/29/13*  
*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL, CAREY, PAUL, WOLFE, JOBSON*

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

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

5D) REF. #9372 - APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF AND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH BIO-REFERENCE LABORATORIES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF REFERENCE LABORATORY TESTING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND MENTAL HEALTH UNDER RFB-RC-2010-082 EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2013 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2014 AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE AGREEMENT BY \$155,500 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$576,000 FOR THE FULL PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2010 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS) (\$576,000)  
**(DONNA PAULDINE, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, HOSPITALS) DL#2013-03749**

*TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 10/29/13*  
*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, JOBSON, MORONEY*

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

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

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

**7. BIDS:** **NONE**

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

8A) REF. #9481 - AMENDING THE 2013 CONTRACT WITH NYACK CENTER TO TRANSFER \$14,891 ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO NYACK CENTER PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED IN THE 2013 BUDGET TO THE ROCKLAND PARENT CHILD CENTER  
**(HON. HARRIET D. CORNELL, LEGISLATURE) LG#3262**

Chairwoman Cornell explained that the Rockland Parent Child Center had ceased to function prior to receiving \$14,891 for specific services including but not limited to parenting support, education and advocacy to mothers and fathers in the RC Correctional facility (Family Connections Program). The Nyack Center has agreed to provide these services and therefore she is requesting the transfer of these funds be allocated to them. This represents a consolidation of services under a larger agency.

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

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

**9. TAX ITEMS: NONE**

**10. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

10A) REF. #9495 – SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO ADOPTION OF A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND  
**(C. SCOTT VANDERHOEF, COUNTY EXECUTIVE) DL#2013-04398**

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

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

10B) REF. #7070 - SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING: FOR A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW 10 OF 2012, A LOCAL LAW CREATING A ROCKLAND COUNTY DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT (RCDRA)  
**(HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT, LEGISLATURE) LG#3264**

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

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

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

**12. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:**

12A) REF. #9495 -*DISCUSSION ITEM:* PRESENTATION OF THE 2014 PROPOSED BUDGET  
(HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT, LEGISLATURE)

Commissioner of Finance Stephen DeGroat stated this is a solid healthy budget which does not contain any layoffs or program cuts. The proposed budget is based upon the presumption that the Governor will approve the Deficit Financing Act.

There is an increase of 9.9% in county property taxes (approximately \$100/taxpayer). This is almost the lowest rate of all the counties (\$2.88 per \$1000).

The budget did not include the Community College chargeback's (\$1.8 million) as revenue.

NY State mandated Medicaid appropriations have remained stable at \$75.5 million.

The mortgage recording tax has increased from \$3.5 million to \$4.25 million

The budget provides for Mental Health emergency services and inpatient services through June 2014 as these will be relocated to Nyack Hospital in the second quarter of 2014.

There are no cuts to the Hospital. They are fully funded for 2014.

There are 2173 employees (the lowest ever) with abolishments of 69 jobs and creation of 31 jobs (38 less).

Employee benefits decreased with health payments down from approximately \$62 million to \$58 million and pension payments from approximately \$43 to \$42 million.

Contract agencies are receiving approximately the same as last year.

Commissioner DeGroat said 2013 sales tax revenue were conservative at \$175 million. Any monies over that could be used to pay down the deficit.

Chair Grant requested Mr. DeGroat clarify the RCC chargebacks. Mr. DeGroat stated the amount was fully funded in the budget by the County (1.9% tax increase).

Chair Grant also questioned why the budget had no provision for compliance with Local Law #10 of 2012 requiring that the County put aside \$10M to pay down the deficit beginning with the 2014 budget. Mr. DeGroat stated the presumption was the Governor will sign the deficit bond legislation. Chair Grant stated that if we are required to set aside \$10 million for deficit reduction and that hasn't been provided for in the budget, then the budget is not in compliance with Rockland County law. Leg. Grant has submitted legislation setting a date for a public hearing to amend the Local Law.

Chair Grant also stated that another public hearing is necessary to adopt a local law overriding the tax levy limit for fiscal year 2014.

Leg. Schoenberger said in his opinion that if the Governor signs the deficit bond then the local law does not apply.

Commissioner DeGroat said the budget was submitted to the New York State Comptroller's office.

**ACTION :**  
**FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE EXPLANATION AS TO WHY COMMUNITY MEDICAL AND DENTAL WAS NOT FUNDED IN THE 2014 PROPOSED CONTRACT AGENCY BUDGET**

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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> |
| <b>MOTION TO ADJOURN: 8:50 PM<br/>WOLFE/LOW-HOGAN</b>     | <b>UNAN</b> |

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B&FMINUTES10/29/13 :SED