

# The Legislature of Rockland County



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

**MINUTES**  
**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2013**  
**7:00 PM**

**Members Present:**

Leg. M. Grant, Chair  
Leg. H. Cornell  
Leg. T. Earl  
Leg. J. Hood, Jr.  
Leg. N. Low-Hogan  
Leg. J. Murphy  
Leg. I. Schoenberger  
Leg. P. Soskin  
Leg. F. Sparaco

**Members Absent:**

Leg. A. Wolfe

**Others Present:**

Leg. C. Carey  
Leg. A. Wieder  
E. Yeger, Esq.  
N. Doliner  
D. Sullivan  
A. Kassay  
M. Walsh-Tozer  
J. Martell

Leg. A. Paul  
Leg. E. Day  
S. DeGroat  
C. Fremont  
N. DeSantis  
S. Sherwood  
D. Pauldine  
Media

ROLL CALL

CHAIR GRANT OPENED THE MEETING AT 7:05 WITH THE ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM JULY 30, 2013

**MOTION TO ADOPT:**  
**CORNELL/EARL**

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**12. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION:**

12A) REF. #5050 - *DISCUSSION ITEM:* COUNTY AUDIT (OD LLP)  
ROCKLAND COUNTY INFIRMARY/SUMMIT PARK HOSPITAL AUDIT (KPMG LLP)  
**(HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT, LEGISLATURE)**

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. J. Martell, KPMG, stated they had completed their audit that covered both the hospital and nursing home and concluded that without financial aid from the County, Summit Park would not be able to function. Summit Park continues to rely on advances from the County to meet its operating needs. The amounts owed to the County increased from \$49.5 million (2011) to \$68.5 million (2012).

Some of the issues addressed in the Management letter (copy on file) that are Summit Park specific included the Financial Statement Close Process, the Physical Inventory of Fixed Assets, Post-employment Benefits Other than Pension (OPEB), and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts Calculation (ADA).

Other observations included Healthcare Transformation, HIPAA compliance, and Electronic Personal Health Information. KPMG made other recommendations which included the facility preparing regular financial assessments to expedite year-end statements, updating the technology and performing a fixed asset inventory count to identify potential savings through missing assets.

Mr. Nicholas DeSantis and Alan Kassay, O'Connor Davies, presented their draft review for the county's fiscal year 2012 (copy on file). This draft included:

1. An Executive Summary
2. Future Budget Considerations
3. The Cost Allocation Study
4. Conclusion

A recommendation was made to change the method of determining the allocation of general and central services to the hospital. They stated it does not represent a true distribution and suggested establishing consistent methods of calculating square footage and FTE's (Full Time Equivalents).

The auditors recommended the County review allocation of General Liability Insurance and to place malpractice insurance costs solely in the Hospital fund. They also recommended the Hospital notify the Comptroller when changes have been made prior to period billing.

**ACTIONS:**

**COMMITTEE CHAIR REQUESTED CLERK TO SCHEDULE A DISCUSSION ITEM TO CLARIFY CERTIFICATION OF BOARD OF ELECTIONS CHARGES TO TOWNS. BOARD OF ELECTIONS COMMISSIONERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO BE PRESENT.**

**COMMITTEE REQUESTS THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A DETAILED BREAK DOWN OF THE LOSS OF \$11,581,458 OF STATE/FEDERAL REVENUES REFLECTED IN THE 2012 AUDIT OF THE COUNTY.**

**COMMITTEE REQUESTS THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE DETAILS FOR ALLOCATED COSTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2014 BUDGET.**

**14. RECEIVE AND FILE:**

- 14A) REF. #5050 - RECEIVE AND FILE REPORTS AND MANAGEMENT LETTER OF KPMG LLP-  
ROCKLAND COUNTY INFIRMARY/SUMMIT PARK HOSPITAL – FISCAL YEARS  
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011  
**(HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT, LEGISLATURE) LG#3256**

**DEFERRED**

14B) REF. #9473 - RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT AND MANAGEMENT LETTER OF O'CONNOR  
DAVIES LLP – COUNTY OF ROCKLAND COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL  
FINANCIAL REPORT – FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012  
(HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT, LEGISLATURE) LG#3257

**DEFERRED**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 9:40 PM**  
**LOW-HOGAN/SOSKIN**

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