

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

**Members Absent:**

Leg. F. Sparaco  
Leg. T. Earl

**Others Present:**

Leg. A. Paul  
N. Doliner  
S. Powers  
S. Grogan  
M. Drummond  
F. Calise  
R. Hansen

Leg. P. Moroney  
E. Yeger, Esq.  
S. DeGroat  
P. Brennan  
D. Philipps  
B. Gruffi  
A. Beers

MINUTES  
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2014  
7:30 PM

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2014

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

**UNAN**

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

2PPW) REF. #9252 - AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK TO THE LEGISLATURE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE REDUNDANT BACKUP PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 1479 (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) (ROBERT H. GRUFFI, DIRECTOR, DGS-FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) DL#2014-04897

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW

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

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

**UNAN**

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

3PPW) REF. #9209 - APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM DELL MARKETING LP UNDER NYS OGS CONTRACT NO. PT65340 FOR DELL MICROCOMPUTER SYSTEMS BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$109,600 CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 1474 (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$109,600)  
**(PAUL J. BRENNAN, DIRECTOR DGS PURCHASING)**  
**DL#2014-04527**

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

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

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

4PPW) REF. #9232 - APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM CIPHER TECHS, INC. TO PURCHASE CHECKPOINT SOFTWARE AND APPLIANCE UPGRADE FOR THE SECURITY/FIREWALL OF THE COUNTY NETWORK UNDER NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES CONTRACT NO. PT61429 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$175,048.50 AND AUTHORIZING ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$175,048.50)  
**(PAUL J. BRENNAN, DIRECTOR DGS PURCHASING)**  
**DL#2014-04039**  
**ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK**

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

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

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

5PPW) REF. #7300 - APPROVING ADDITIONAL PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH ALARM SPECIALISTS, INC. FOR ALARM SYSTEM INSPECTION, TESTING, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$125,000 AND TO EXTEND THE TERM FROM AUGUST 1, 2014 THROUGH JULY 31, 2015 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$219,159.67 FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1, 2013 THROUGH JULY 31, 2015 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER UNDER RFB-RC-2013-071 (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$219,159.67)  
**(PAUL J. BRENNAN, DIRECTOR DGS PURCHASING)**  
**DL#2014-04602**  
**ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK**

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW

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

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

**UNAN**

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

**2. GRANTS/DONATIONS:**

2A) REF. #9252 - ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122,627 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES TO HELP OFFSET BUDGETED FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL FUNDS SPENT IN SUPPORT OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES) (\$122,627)  
**(GORDON WREN, DIRECTOR, FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES)**  
**DL#2014-04677**  
**ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK**

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., CAREY, JOBSON, KANTROWITZ,  
SOSKIN

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

**UNAN**

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

2B) REF. #9361 - ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,950 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (GRANT #WM14839849) FOR THE SHERIFF'S CANINE EXPLOSIVE DETECTION UNIT FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 2, 2014 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF) (\$11,950)  
**(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF)**  
**DL#2014-04575**  
**ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK**

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY  
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., CAREY, JOBSON, KANTROWITZ,  
SOSKIN

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**  
**WOLFE/SCHOENBERGER**

**UNAN**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, Schoenberger, CORNELL**

2C) REF. #8894 - APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONTINUATION GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE EARLY INTERVENTION (EI) ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,433 (NCTD) FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH) (\$131,433)  
**(PATRICIA SCHNABEL RUPPERT, COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH)**  
**DL#2014-04576**

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES  
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, PAUL, KANTROWITZ, JOBSON,  
MORONEY

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

**UNAN**

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

**3. BUDGET ITEMS:**

**NONE**

**4. AUTHORIZATIONS:**

4A) REF. #2867 -  
5906

APPROVING AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR  
PAYMENT OF SETTLEMENT OF LAWSUIT UNDER THE CLEAN  
WATER ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$950,000.00 (ROCKLAND  
COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1) (\$950,000.00)  
**(DIANNE T. PHILIPPS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SEWER DISTRICT)**  
**DL#2014-04842**

<b>FAILED</b>
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Ms. Philipps explained in 2007, the Borough of Upper Saddle River sued the Sewer District for 137 overflows from the Sewer District's collection system into the Saddle River between 2000 and the present. The Court ultimately found the Sewer District liable for 14 of these spills. The Sewer District participate in a mediation to reach a settlement to avoid the cost of further litigation. They agreed to pay \$600,000 in plaintiffs' attorney's fees and expert costs and \$350,000 into a fund for environmental projects aimed at cleaning the Saddle River. Ms. Philipps said the money would be coming out of surplus.

Leg. Schoenberger questioned why this was not brought to the attention of the Legislature until now and requested that Ms. Philipps provide a copy of the settlement agreement.

The committee members requested Ms. Philipps copy the Legislature in the future on any sewer items forwarded to the County Executive.

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

**5 AYES/2 NAYS**

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

**ACTIONS:**

- **COMMITTEE REQUESTED DIANNE PHILIPPS TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TO THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE**
- **COMMITTEE REQUESTS THAT DIANNE PHILIPPS COPIES THE LEGISLATURE ON ANY AND ALL RESOLUTION REQUESTS, CONTRACTS AND OTHER SEWER MATTERS FORWARDED TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:**

5A) REF. #2973 - APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, ON BEHALF OF ITS DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW TO PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS IN THE VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE DATE OF EXECUTION WITH AUTOMATIC ONE (1) YEAR RENEWALS UNLESS TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT (DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH) **(MICHAEL LEITZES, ACTING COMMISSIONER MENTAL HEALTH)**  
**DL#2014-04786**

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES  
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, PAUL, KANTROWITZ, JOBSON,  
MORONEY

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
HOOD, JR./LOW-HOGAN**

**UNAN**

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

5B) REF. #7498/ - APPROVING THE FURTHER EXTENSION OF AN AMENDMENT TO  
9372 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 EXERCISING THE THIRD AND FINAL YEAR OPTION TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2014 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2015 AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE AGREEMENT BY \$50,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2010 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS) (\$1,071,000)  
**(DONNA PAULDINE, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HOSPITALS)**  
**DL#2014-04482 rev 11/20/14**  
**ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK**

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES  
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MORONEY

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

**UNAN**

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

**6. ALLOCATION/RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS:**

**NONE**

<b>7. <u>BIDS:</u></b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>8. <u>TRANSFER OF FUNDS/OTHERS:</u></b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>9. <u>TAX ITEMS:</u></b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>10. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS:</u></b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>11. <u>LOCAL LAWS/HOME RULES:</u></b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>12. <u>PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:</u></b>	<b>NONE</b>
<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>

**ADDENDUM**

1. REF. #9475 - DISCUSSION ITEM: 2015 PROPOSED TAX BILLS  
(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)

Chairman of the Legislature Alden Wolfe explained that in 2014, there was a decision made to take the tax levy and divide into the County tax and Medicaid. This created confusion to the residents of the County and the Legislature does not want to have this happen again. The Legislature will not enter a resolution that proposes what was done last year because they feel it is misleading and inappropriate.

Commissioner of Finance DeGroat stated the reason this was done last year was that other Counties were breaking out mandates such as Medicaid, jails, etc. The towns had agreed to only give us two lines on the tax bills so we picked the largest mandate which was the Medicaid.

Leg. Grant stated he wanted the public to have the information but we cannot represent all mandates on the tax bill. Both Legislators Grant and Wolfe also stated that Medicaid is not a tax but rather an expense. They want to make sure there is clarity.

**ACTIONS:**

- 1. COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE LEGISLATURE WITH DETAILS FOR HOW BREAK OUT WOULD BE PRESENTED ON TAX BILL**
- 2. COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE LEGISLATURE WITH A CHART DETAILING MANDATES FOR A POSSIBLE MAILING OR POSTING ON COUNTY WEBSITE**
- 3. COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE REQUESTED TO CALCULATE THE COST OF PRINTING AND MAILING A FLYER TO COUNTY TAXPAYERS DETAILING MANDATES**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 9:15 PM  
HOOD, JR./LOW-HOGAN**

**UNAN**