

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Legislature of Rockland County will meet in its Chambers in the Allison-Parris Office Building, New City, New York on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:00 P.M., pursuant to the adjournment of the February 2, 2016 meeting.

Very truly yours,

Laurence O. Toole
Clerk to the Legislature

Dated at New City, New York
This 11th day of February 2016

The Legislature of Rockland County convened in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the February 2, 2016 meeting.

A Roll Call being taken at 6:03 p.m., the following Legislators were present and answered to their names:

Christopher J. Carey
Harriet D. Cornell
Charles J. Falciglia
Michael M. Grant
Lon M. Hofstein
Douglas J. Jobson
Nancy Low-Hogan
Aney Paul
Laurie A. Santulli
Philip Soskin
Vincent D. Tyer
Aron B. Wieder
Alden H. Wolfe, Chairman

Late: Legislators Toney L. Earl (6:06 p.m.) and Ilan S. Schoenberger (6:45 p.m.)

Absent: Legislators Patrick J. Moroney and Jay Hood, Jr., Vice Chairman

Honorable Charles J. Falciglia, Legislator, District 12, led in the salute to the flag and delivered the invocation.

**RESOLUTION NO. 55 OF 2016
ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS OF
SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
DECEMBER 28, 2015 FULL LEGISLATURE**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Hofstein and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the transcribed minutes of the Legislative meetings of September 16, 2015 Committee of the Whole and December 28, 2015 Full Legislature, as recorded by the Clerk and presented to the Legislature, be and they are hereby adopted.

Special Order of the Day:

Chairman Alden H. Wolfe called for the Legislature to move into the Committee of the Whole at 6:07 p.m., which was moved by Legislator Harriet D. Cornell and seconded by Legislator Vincent D. Tyer and passed unanimously.

The Legislature now resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Chaired by Alden H. Wolfe to discuss the following resolutions:

1. **Referral No 9485** - Presentation And Discussion With Regard To The Potential Uses For The Vacant Space At Building A, Pomona. (Sponsor: Hon. Alden H. Wolfe)

Legislator Alden H. Wolfe called to adjourn the Committee of the Whole and report back to the full Legislature at 7:00 p.m., which was moved by Legislator Michael M. Grant and seconded by Legislator Douglas J. Jobson and passed.

The County Executive, Honorable Edwin J. Day, delivered the 2015 State of the County Address.



2016
Message To The Legislature

Edwin J. Day
Rockland County Executive
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Rockland County Executive Ed Day**

Good evening ladies and gentlemen.

Many thanks to my fellow elected officials; community and business leaders; and citizens who have joined us.

And, thank you, also, to those of you watching from home. I acknowledge the news outlets who are bringing this update to those folks at home.

I am honored to be with you this evening to present the 2016 State of the County message.

Tonight, I'd like to speak with you not only about where we've come in the past two years, but what lies ahead this year and beyond.

In order to provide insight on our future, however, we must first reflect on our past, as well as the present state of affairs.

On election night in 2013, Rockland County voters told us they shared our vision, and entrusted me to carry it out.

I promised to focus my administration on three core priorities.

We call it our three-legged stool:

Stabilizing Rockland's finances - Righting our fiscal ship.

Creating a bright, vibrant job market – Making Rockland work again.

And, preserving our County for future generations.

These are the pillars upon which we built our campaign, and the program for governing this county today.

(Pause)

The month I came into office - January, 2014 - Rockland County had only \$42,000 in the bank.

We were on the brink of default.

We had a lethargic and disorganized operation plagued by out of control spending.

We were facing a \$138 million deficit that had ballooned from a surplus in just seven years.

We had plunged from a "Double-A" bond rating to near "junk" status.

We had lost credibility with the rating agencies, New York State and most importantly, our residents.

It was bad.

But, within hours of my inauguration, we rolled-up our sleeves and got to work, making the tough decisions.

Many of these decisions were based on our rising cost structure, unfunded mandates from the state and obvious revenue challenges.

Look: In my life, I've always attacked problems head-on, and this challenge was no different.

As I've said on many occasions, it's my job to make the tough choices that impact the 320,000 residents we serve, and I welcome that responsibility.

During those first few months, we consolidated key functions.

We cut expenses.

We reduced borrowing costs.

In short, we restored fiscal responsibility.

It's important to note that fiscal responsibility includes many things, but it truly means ensuring that the services the public needs and demands are provided in the most cost-efficient way.

And, today, we are doing that.

(Pause)

Through prudent budgeting, investing in our community's well-being, and focusing on improving our county's infrastructure, we have laid the groundwork for a healthier, stronger Rockland County.

We've built a platform of responsible growth that will lessen the demands on taxpayers.

Through operational reforms, we've reduced our bi-weekly payroll by several million dollars a year.

We recorded a healthy budget ***surplus*** in 2014, and we're expecting the same for 2015.

We've ***cut our inherited deficit*** by nearly 30% in just two years. **(Slide 1)**

Just look at how far we've come by executive action.

For too many years, we were living with a "credit card" mentality.

But, today, my administration has successfully put our county on a payment plan to whittle down the "sins of the past." ***And we have done so without the predicted double digit tax increases.***

We're doing it, a little at a time, just like most of us pay off our mortgage. In this time of financial recovery, prudence and paying down debt is the best policy.

I promise you this: we will stay the course.

(Pause)

Today, your County government is smaller.

Today, your county government is smarter.

And, ***today your county government is healthier.***

What I find most gratifying, is the fact that we have successfully tackled the kinds of challenges that have driven other governments into bankruptcy.

We did this together, while still providing more services for those in need than ever before.

The major rating agencies have noticed our strong, forward momentum and have given us three upgrades, a "positive" outlook and a "credit-positive" report.

And, in September, State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli announced that Rockland County is no longer New York's most "fiscally stressed" local government.

In fact, ***and in only one year***, we jumped past five other counties to ***move within a point of being removed altogether from the "significant fiscal stress" category.*** That was an amazing achievement.

And, for the second consecutive year, I'm proud to say this government is operating in the black.

In fact, my proposed 2016 Budget was reduced by \$43 million over 2015 - ***the largest year over year budgetary reduction in the history of Rockland County.***

This dramatic turnaround is the direct result of my administration's continued commitment to fiscal responsibility, accountability and economic improvement.

We have placed Rockland on the road back to fiscal solvency and prosperity.

(Pause)

Because of our ability to make difficult choices and implement timely solutions, in the past two years, Rockland County has emerged as a reform leader within the State of New York. ***We can all take pride in that!***

We have overcome complicated problems with innovative solutions, and our taxpayers have benefited.

But, while we have accomplished much during this time, there is still much more work to do to ensure the tremendous gains are shared by everyone in Rockland County.

Ladies and gentlemen, **yes, we still face serious and significant challenges, but know this** ... the "State of the County" for Rockland County is **strong and getting stronger** because it is built on a foundation of progress and "good government."

It's the kind of progress only made possible with cooperation forged through difficult decisions.

As a result, the sheer volume of progress has been nothing short of ground-breaking. Putting our fiscal house in order is good stewardship and helps us regain the trust of the people.

I want to thank the members of my administration who have worked so hard to help make all of this happen.

I also want to acknowledge the increasing cooperation from the Legislature.

And I want to thank our employees for fueling the engine that got it all done.

Each and every person involved should be proud of their efforts.

(Pause)

For years now, we have heard how government is the problem.

What we have shown during the past two years is government is not automatically the problem; it can be part of the solution.

As we've seen, government, when run responsibly, can lay the foundation for a better future for all.

Case in point: Summit Park Hospital and Nursing Care Center

The closure of the hospital and nursing home was completed in December, less than 90 days after the intransigent buyer backed out of the deal, without warning.

The decision to shutter the facility was difficult for the patients and residents, and tragic for our employees, but necessary nonetheless.

This was, without question, **the toughest decision I had to make as County Executive**.

According to audited figures, the Hospital Fund had gone from a break-even to a cumulative loss of over \$150 million in ten short years.

The facility was bleeding red ink, drowning in debt and **was taking us down with it**.

Regrettably, and without a buyer, we had no choice but to cease operations.

The wisdom of our action was confirmed by the New York State Department of Health, which approved our closure plan just two weeks after I submitted the formal request to do so.

Our former patients ended up in their first or second choice of a nursing home and nearly two thirds stayed in Rockland. Because of that, a significant number of our employees found gainful employment locally and in their field.

Some costs will continue for years to come, but they are predictable and declining each year.

Closure affirmatively accomplished its immediate objectives and will contribute to the sustained financial viability of Rockland County.

But, from this unfortunate chapter, *we have been given a golden opportunity.*

The closure released 365,000 square feet of contemporary space in Building "A."

And, with this space, we can do something great by undertaking a significant project of lasting value, one that *builds for the future*, defines a meaningful common agenda for often unaligned parties, and above all, supplies a positive, sustainable source of momentum for taking public infrastructure and confidence to the next level.

Our vision involves a mixed-use complex that houses county departments like Personnel, Health and Social Services, along with independent, nonprofit health and human service agencies currently scattered across Rockland County.

For our nonprofit agencies, this would maximize their financial viability by efficiently centralizing leasing and support services, allowing concentration on their core mission of serving our residents.

For our **residents**, this blueprint would provide a "one-stop" location for essential county health and human services and programs, easily accessible via public transportation.

For the **County**, the re-purposing of Building "A" will enhance our health services sector employment and add needed sources of revenue.

For all **stakeholders**, our vision provides an opportunity to transform Summit Park into a modern, professional human services hub in real time.

At the very minimum, Building "A" could be leased to relevant agencies and benefit them by providing for a long-term, market rate lease, with a stable landlord, enabling shared service efficiencies and bringing revenue to county coffers.

If we choose to re-imagine our County's delivery of services, we would assume a lead role in organizing tenant agencies for alternative levels of shared governance, fund raising, strategic planning and service delivery.

There would be no limit to the synergies that will develop when previously separate organizations with related health and human service missions come together in an incubator-like setting.

My administration is committed to improving the health and wellness of the people of Rockland County through the delivery of a continuum of critical services.

Picture it: physical health, behavioral health and human services partners – under one roof!

Our proposal to re-think Summit Park will help ensure access to a full spectrum of high-quality programs and providers for all of our residents, including our most vulnerable populations.

As demonstrated earlier, we seek the Legislature's input and urge you all to join me in supporting the vision to **re-think Rockland County's future for our children and grandchildren.**

(Pause)

Every day in Rockland County, an entrepreneur launches an idea, a company delivers a new product, and businesses, large and small, take risks so our community can reap the benefits of new jobs.

All too often, government is looked at as an obstacle to bringing wealth to local communities. I will tell you two things ... that observation is all too often accurate, and it is decidedly **not the case here with Rockland government.**

I take my charter responsibility as Chief Economic Development Officer seriously, and will continue to ensure we have an economic vibrancy here in Rockland that will stem the demand of higher property taxes.

Most people agree the main goal of economic development is improving the financial well-being of a community through job creation, job retention, tax base enhancements and quality of life.

That is a major goal - and, it cannot be achieved quickly.

Tonight, I'm pleased to report that we're moving in the right direction.

In December, **Rockland County reported the lowest unemployment rate** among all seven counties in the Hudson Valley region at 3.8%.

Working closely with strong partners like the Rockland Economic Development Corporation, the Rockland County Industrial Development Agency and the Rockland Business Association, my administration's economic strategy is creating jobs and opportunities for residents across the county.

The fact that unemployment is at its **lowest December level since 2006** is a good sign our efforts are paying off.

Last year, we chalked up significant successes on projects that will positively impact our entire County for decades to come:

We have a new owner of the former Pfizer campus.

IRG, successful in revitalizing former military and industrial complexes, plans to redevelop the sprawling campus in Pearl River and Nanuet, with the expectation of creating and restoring jobs through a mix of manufacturing, retail, research-and-development and other commercial purposes.

In Orangeburg, our high-tech data center cluster continues to grow dramatically.

The nearly-billion dollar commitment of the Bloomberg data center is joined by an almost matching investment by Green House Data, which recently opened its new center at One Ramland Road.

These high value/low impact facilities are economic jewels with huge potential for growth.

And, they will serve as a stable economic presence for years to come.

The latest figures from the International Data Corporation show that service provider data center capacity **will increase nearly 750% between now and 2019.**

It's my goal to seek additional, substantial investment Rockland County's "cloud-oriented" infrastructure.

We must demonstrate how committed we are to bringing even more opportunity to businesses and government organizations looking to offer great new experiences, while setting new standards for environmental responsibility in data center design and operations.

Every time you save something to "the Cloud," we want you to think of Rockland County.

(Pause)

Steve Porath, Executive Director of the Rockland IDA, reports that 2015 was its busiest year ever.

And, that's not by accident ... it is by design.

That's the result of hard work and commitment to economic development by my administration and our partners tasked with its implementation.

Other new IDA projects include, to name a few: the new \$25 million Crystal Run Healthcare facility in West Nyack, now under construction.

Streit's Matzos purchase and current renovation of major facility in Orangeburg.

Celtic Sheet Metal's purchase and planned expansion of the former Olympus site.

And an expansion of Par Pharmaceutical that included their moving all their New Jersey operations right here to Rockland. ***Yes, and contrary to some belief out there, we can, and we will compete with New Jersey and any other municipality!***

These and other projects will result in new jobs and new investment in our County.

And, 2016 is already starting off in big way.

The IDA is already busy reviewing multiple new, significant projects.

While some may see Rockland's small size as a handicap when competing for new businesses, the reality is, ***we've made it one of our greatest assets.***

While other counties and regions respond to opportunity like a battleship turning, we're reacting, responding, and readjusting in days, if not hours, to close the deal.

In business, this makes huge difference.

It's pretty simple, really: New revenue for local governments means reduced burden for local taxpayers.

Led by my Director of Economic Growth and Tourism Lucy Redzeposki, we are working as a team to attract new investment, while continuing to support our local employers, alongside our government partners at the village, town, and school district levels.

In the months ahead, we must use the positive working relationships that exist between these entities to forge a unified force that will better ensure that any county-wide projects in the future are evaluated fairly and clearly, not emotionally or politically.

My role as County Executive is to work hard each day to keep the state of our county government strong.

Keeping the state of our community strong is the job of us all.

(Pause)

As a community, we can never lose sight of the fact that, for someone who is unemployed or underemployed, 'one' is the only statistic that matters.

That's why we've joined with Rockland Community College and Rockland BOCES to launch the Rockland County Career Center, a new initiative that offers job search and career development services.

The Career Center is a collaborative endeavor that brings together employers and job seekers, providing a comprehensive, one-stop approach to career exploration, job training and employment searching.

Working with RCC President Dr. Cliff Wood and BOCES District Superintendent Dr. Mary Jean Marsico, we've created a strategy by which we collectively combine our resources to give our residents a pathway to a livable wage career.

Next week, we will officially launch this new partnership with RCC and BOCES, and I know it will go a long way toward improving the quality of life for everyone in Rockland.

By joining public and private forces in a productive strategy to identify and target new growth and new opportunities, ***we will continue to embrace bold ideas to expand opportunity.***

(Pause)

We recognize that small companies are now fueling our local workforce.

And many of our local start-up businesses are led by entrepreneurs who took the knowledge and expertise gained at larger operations to launch their own successful businesses.

With this in mind, Rockland County recently joined forces with the U.S. Small Business Administration in a program to bring more SBA programs and services to new and existing small businesses throughout the County.

The 'Strategic Alliance Memorandum' **marks the first time the SBA has entered into such an alliance with any county government in the State of New York. We should all be proud of that!**

This collaboration will ease the accessibility of our small businesses to both federal and local free economic development programs, services and trainings.

We are excited to partner with the SBA to provide the resources that many of our small business owners seek, allowing them to thrive.

We know that supporting our small business community only strengthens our local economy and improves the quality of life for all residents.

We're also partnering with the SBA to promote tourism in Rockland County!

This sweeping effort to bring foreign guests to our community ties together all of the wonderful arts, cultural and attraction amenities we offer every day.

Through this initiative, we look forward to sharing Rockland's eclectic shops, award-winning cuisine, historic inns and vast open space with thousands of international guests.

We are reversing the view of Rockland as being a "kind of upstate"; "somewhere" north of the City ; and "near" New Jersey to a **primary hub destination that visitors will branch out from** while enjoying the best of what Rockland has to offer.

For example, last year, 1.8 million Chinese tourists visited America and spent a whopping \$21.1 billion. I made my way to Flushing, Queens recently and spoke directly to the Chinese people through their media outlets with a twofold goal ... I want visitors to enjoy what we have here in Rockland and frankly, I want a share of the money they spend for our local economy!

If we can attract just a few thousand of these visitors to our restaurants, hotels and attractions each year, our local economy would see a major boost.

We welcome their investment – and, we thank the SBA for helping us make Rockland County **a destination!**

Through our tool-belt of economic development programs and initiatives, **it's my administration's goal to help create or retain more jobs than during any other time in recent history.**

Doing so offers the best proof yet that our economy is on the fast track to prosperity.

Government investments like this level the playing field in a State where there are far too many barriers to doing business, far too many regulations on employers, and way too much red tape tying-up local jobs. It's Rockland County's job to create an environment that helps to grow our local workforce.

We are working collaboratively with our partners in the business community and our unionized trade organizations to ensure a broader success for all.

Increased success in creating this strong economic platform will mean decreased reliance on our local property taxpayers.

Our economy is projected to continue its steady growth, and we've proven our county government can be an effective facilitator and partner in finding solutions to some of Rockland's greatest challenges.

(Pause)

Transportation infrastructure is one of the most basic responsibilities of County government and critical to every facet of our economic and daily life.

Whether it is getting to work, shopping, driving our children safely to school or moving goods and products to market, a transportation infrastructure system is at the center.

My administration recognizes the importance of improving and maintaining a roadway system necessary to serve the demands of our residents and businesses, as well as to build the foundation for economic growth so we can compete in the Hudson Valley.

Creating and maintaining our transportation infrastructure is a vital component of Rockland County's economic well-being and essential to much needed job creation and retention for our community.

With this in mind, our Highway Department, guided by Superintendent Skip Vezzetti, has led something of a two-year road and bridge "renaissance" in Rockland County:

On the heels of the completion of a \$30 million plus project just outside on New Hempstead Road, Union Road in Spring Valley, Oak Tree Road in Orangetown and Montebello Road in Ramapo all have received "extreme makeovers" since the start of my administration.

Skip and his team have five major projects queued up for 2016 and beyond, including the \$12.4 million replacement of the Orangeburg Road Bridge in Orangetown and the federally-funded replacement of the vehicle bridge on Samsondale Avenue in West Haverstraw, both of which cross the CSX tracks.

These projects represent some of the Highway Department's major initiatives since the start of my administration.

However, they do not include the dozens of miles of roads that have been repaved, resurfaced and redesigned during the past two years.

Today, our County roads and sidewalks are smoother and safer than in any time in recent history.

As I have said many times, we have a responsibility to ourselves and to future generations to maintain and improve the roads, bridges and sewer systems that previous generations built for us.

It is a responsibility we cannot ignore or postpone.

Waiting will cost us four to five times the amount of taxpayer money.

The end result of this renewed attention to our roads is safer infrastructure, which means greater capacity in the network, resulting in less congestion and decreased travel times, which improves our quality of life and attracts businesses and job creators to locate in Rockland County.

This is the least we can do for future generations - our children and grandchildren who will call Rockland home.

The bottom line: My administration will not delay investments in critical infrastructure.

Doing so would diminish our ability to compete with surrounding counties which have already made the commitment.

Delays would also result in major and more costly repairs in the future, as well as impact safety.

And, frankly, that would be unacceptable.

(Pause)

People often ask me, "Why can't you run government like a business?"

In many ways we have over the past two years as we have utilized many "best practices" from the private sector.

We've reduced costs and improved efficiencies, and we've focused on our core mission: providing the highest level of service at the lowest cost to taxpayers.

But government does have a unique responsibility to take on the tasks that the private sector can't or won't do.

Rockland County government is responsible for services that help our most at-risk neighbors achieve success and self-sufficiency.

Unfortunately, the problem of fraud is becoming increasingly important as the number of local residents who receive some form of assistance from the county grows.

Right now, nearly one-third of our entire population is receiving Medicaid and that massive number tells me that a closer look is required as frankly, the numbers just do not add up.

To that end, our Department of Social Services has made it a priority to target fraud, waste, and abuse of our programs and services.

In fact, Rockland County is a leader statewide.

Last year, the County saved more than \$2.2 million in public assistance cost-avoidance savings and overpayments identified in 2015. That was in addition to \$1.5 million saved in 2014.

During the first two years of my administration, our DSS investigators denied benefits on 209 occasions, saving several million dollars in taxpayer money.

To date, our Front End Detection System has saved millions in taxpayer dollars – nearly \$4 million worth.

The system identifies and targets problems at the application stage and keeps people who are not eligible for government assistance out of the system.

I want to applaud our Department of Social Services for their hard work in cracking down on those trying to scam the system.

Commissioner Susan Sherwood is here tonight and I would like to thank Sue and her team for Front End Detection and their efforts year-round.

Let's give them a hand.

(Pause)

I will not tolerate people trying to take money out of the pockets of our taxpayers in Rockland County.

Residents should have the utmost confidence that their hard earned tax dollars are spent with accountability.

Only by advocating together for critical changes to state welfare laws will we successfully take steps forward in the battle to safeguard taxpayer resources and to ensure the integrity of essential programs.

Contact your state representatives and demand the changes both my administration and our legislature have requested!

Our hardworking residents invest millions of dollars each year in public funds to assist their neighbors who need help – people who meet the eligibility requirements to receive public assistance for the basic necessities of life.

Dishonesty within our public assistance system diverts precious taxpayer dollars, drives up costs and jeopardizes the strength of programs that serve our most vulnerable residents.

With aggressive DSS investigations at the source and aggressive prosecution by District Attorney Tom Zugibe, we are better protecting Rockland County taxpayers, as well as the limited pool of resources available to help our neediest population.

In the year ahead, watch as our DSS re-doubles its efforts to **focus on a hand-up, and not a hand out!**

(Pause)

As County Executive, I truly understand the need to make tough budget decisions.

Every level of government needs to spend less, borrow less, and follow the lead of most families in our community who each and every day take action to live within their means.

For years you've heard me talk about the crushing burden of Medicaid.

Providing Medicaid is a mandate, the largest in our budget.

Medicaid recipients have increased consistently over the past five years, with an estimated 50% increase since 2011. That boggles the mind and frankly is unsustainable.

Nearly 100,000, or 1 in 3 Rockland County residents, are currently receiving Medicaid.

Historically, Medicaid expenses were funded 50% by the federal government, 25% by the states and 25% by local County governments. **(Slide 2)**

In 2005, New York State adopted legislation to reduce the effects of increasing Medicaid recipients and subsequent costs by placing a cap, or limit, on local Medicaid expenses.

As a result, even though recipients have substantially increased, Rockland financial responsibility for Medicaid has remained relatively stable, and has even decreased from 2011.

But, counties will still have a Medicaid bill to pay each year, and in Rockland County, the **total will be the equivalent of nearly 60% of our total property tax levy.**

Because of Medicaid and other mandated programs, balancing the County budget continues to be a challenge.

Each year we have to overcome a multi-million dollar structural imbalance.

State mandates are over 90% of our budget and 100% of our problem.

State mandated programs include the pension program, safety net, child welfare, special-ed/pre-k programs, early intervention, indigent defense, probation, youth detention, and our jail – and that's only half the list.

No one will argue that our friends and neighbors don't benefit from these programs, and there is a constituency behind every one of these programs.

The problem is counties have no control over the cost of the programs. And New York State is the ONLY State in the nation that forces its counties to pay this bill.

My message to Albany is this. If you want true reform, let our county executives run these programs. Do not give us the rules, stick us with the bill, and then run and hide. Take the shackles off and let me do the job. We need to change a sense of entitlement that will eventually bankrupt us.

Sometimes the State provides partial reimbursement to counties, but often times the mandate comes without corresponding State revenue.

This issue was "front and center" just a few weeks ago when Governor Cuomo released an Executive Order regarding the homeless population.

To me, the solution is clear: **Fix the mandates and you fix the counties.**

And, local property taxpayers will be able to keep more money in the family budget.

(Pause)

As I have said time and again, the health and safety of all residents in Rockland County is the highest priority of my administration.

Nine months ago, we launched the Rockland Codes Initiative, a sweeping effort to combat unsafe and illegal housing in our communities.

We're utilizing the broad powers of the Health Department's sanitary code to inspect dwellings and issue violations, which allows us to fight back against those who think it's **no big deal** to take advantage of those who have little voice.

We've made it easy to file a confidential complaint about any property in the county.

We've also made the process more transparent and more costly for the offenders.

Is it working?

Just look at the results. **(Slide 3)**

In one year, the number of Housing complaints to the Health Department **increased by 28-percent.**

The number of Housing inspections **jumped 69-percent**, from 2014 to 2015.

And, fines assessed by the Department of Health increased **630-percent** in one year!

From \$54,000 in 2014 to \$391,000 in 2015.

They say 'money talks.'

Now that we're hitting violators with serious monetary fines, we're seeing greater compliance.

Electrical outlets are being repaired; smoke detectors are being installed; jerry-built rooms are being dismantled.

Our well-orchestrated battle against exploitive absentee landlords and property owners is led by two strong, determined County employees: Commissioner of Health Dr. Patricia Ruppert and RCI Coordinator Catherine Johnson-Southren.

I commend Dr. Ruppert, Kate Johnson-Southren and the entire RCI team of inspectors for working overtime to stop the madness.

Let's give them a hand.

(Pause)

Every day, these skilled Health Department inspectors visit unsafe and overcrowded homes and apartments throughout the County.

They see things that most of us will never see – and, thank God for that.

I'm proud to say RCI has been both *successful...* and, *sensitive*.

To date, ***not one resident*** has been evicted by an RCI complaint.

We understand that most of the tenants living in these conditions are on lower rung of our socioeconomic ladder.

They are living in illegal housing provided by unscrupulous landlords who receive cash for rentals and take advantage of the disadvantaged. ***We cannot, and will not, accept that!***

But, with the success of RCI, ***we will turn slumlords into landlords!***

(Pause)

Tonight, I'm pleased to unveil the next phase of the Rockland Codes Initiative.

With the help of County Attorney Tom Humbach, I'm announcing a countywide Rental Certification and Registry initiative.

The program requires that every property in the County, at which there are more than three renters, must register with the Health Department in order to be allowed to offer those units for rent.

The applicant will have to verify that the premises comply with all laws or regulations that ensure the health and safety of the occupants and first responders, as a condition of being permitted to rent the premises, while also maintaining the property's safe and sanitary condition in the future.

Owners will also have to provide backup documentation, like a Certificate of Occupancy, to show that the property is fit for habitation.

Failure to obey the requirements of regulation may lead to significant fines.

You'll learn more details about our new Rental Registry in the weeks to come.

Watch for an official announcement.

For the sake of our residents who are tenants and first responders, whether in Clarkstown, Ramapo, Haverstraw, Orangetown or Stony Point, the County is supporting their dignity and taking up the gauntlet against landlords just don't give a damn.

We all know that firefighting is dangerous enough, but it should not be made more dangerous when property owners, motivated by greed, illegally carve up apartments.

My message to slumlords is this: ***I will do whatever is necessary to ensure that neither a child, resident, nor one of Rockland County's "Bravest" dies in a converted attic or hidden stairwell.***

Join me as we move RCI into a new chapter, preserving the quality and character of our diverse neighborhoods and saving lives.

(Pause)

Speaking of bravery, it's time to meet two gentlemen who exude bravery and dedication to duty.

On June 17th last year, Highway Department 'Heavy Equipment Operator' Peter Power was transporting a roller on College Road, near Viola Road, in Ramapo when he came upon a car that had just flipped over.

Pete stopped the truck and took immediate action.

As he walked toward the vehicle, he heard a woman screaming... and, saw that the car was on fire!

The elderly driver was trapped.

She was unable to climb out of the burning wreck.

Without hesitation - or, regard for his own safety - Pete smashed out the windshield; reached into the vehicle; unfastened the woman's seatbelt; and pulled her to safety.

He got a big gash in his arm in the process.

Pete could have called 9-1-1 and waited for police and firefighters, but he didn't.

He courageously responded to a dangerous situation and saved the life of a stranger in need of immediate help. Then he said nothing and went back to work!

Well, and in spite of his modesty, we found out about Pete's heroism and I am proud to honor Peter Power tonight with Rockland County's **Distinguished Service Award**.

On behalf of us all, we salute your selfless service and are thankful that you were present that day to help.

(Introduce Peter Power)

On the late afternoon of October 27th, the U.S. Coast Guard received a distress call about an overturned boat in the Hudson River near Hook Mountain.

The distress call mentioned "people in the water."

Mike Baker heard that call.

Mike was the captain that day, at the helm of the New York Waterway 'Haverstraw-to-Ossining Ferry.'

The ferry was docked in Ossining, awaiting passengers for the return trip to Haverstraw.

And, even though a few Rockland-bound passengers were already aboard, Mike called to his deckhand, Tom Lennane, and said, "Let's go!"

About five minutes and a-half mile later, Mike located the up-side-down vessel.

A man was sitting on top of the capsized boat, obviously suffering from the effects of hypothermia.

As he approached from the north, Mike re-positioned the ferry to the south, because the tide was outgoing - a maneuver that provided better control of the incident.

With the help of a volunteer passenger, Tom deployed the ferry's rescue equipment, known as a "Jason's Cradle" off the bow.

Once the gear was fully deployed, Mike slowly moved the big ferry to within a few feet of the capsized vessel, following Tom's hand signals for the final few yards.

Within seconds, Tom and the volunteer pulled the man aboard the ferry and checked for other victims.

After the all-clear, Mike turned the ferry toward Ossining and pushed the throttles to "full."

From the helm, Mike kept in constant radio contact with the Coast Guard, who notified Ossining Police and EMS to meet the ferry upon return.

The response, rescue and return to land all took place within 20 minutes.

EMS briefly treated the victim on board, before transporting him to Phelps Memorial Hospital.

Waiting passengers boarded, and Mike took off for Haverstraw - all in a day's work.

But, it was so much more.

Just as Pete demonstrated in Ramapo, Mike risked his own life for the safety of others. And, this isn't the first time.

Many of you know Mike from his tenure as Fire Chief in Pearl River.

On this particular autumn day on the Hudson River, his expert seamanship, brave and quick action likely prevented more tragedy.

I am honored to award Mike Baker tonight with Rockland County's **Distinguished Service Award**.

Thank you for your skill, courage and commitment to saving the lives of others.

(Pause)

I was elected two years ago to change the trajectory of Rockland County.

And, as you've heard tonight, we've accomplished a great deal toward that goal.

In fact, we're just hitting our stride.

We continue to work **every day** to restore faith and trust in "good government" for the people.

People believe in their government when it works.

With respect to the goals of "good government," my administration has been moving forward to ensure that taxpayer dollars are conserved and spent wisely.

Under a program conceived by County Attorney Humbach, we have revamped the contracting process for the County's contract agencies.

These are the agencies employed by the County primarily to provide outreach and support to the residents of the County in need, by reason of health, homelessness and poverty.

We have put into place measures to enact, where required, competitive bidding and other cost control measures, as well as improving oversight of how County funding - **your money** - is spent by these agencies.

With regard to nonprofit health and human services agencies, the administration has worked closely with those agencies and Legislators on a concept to provide multi-year contracting that will mandate a procurement process that adds certainty to the funding of the agencies on a recurring basis.

This will allow the agencies the stability to plan their growth for the long-term.

It will also allow the contractors to work closely with the administration to identify needs, opportunities and potential concerns through a mutually agreed and on-going process of strict monitoring and oversight.

Many thanks to my Deputy County Executive Guillermo Rosa for taking the lead on this.

(Pause)

County Attorney Humbach and my Director of Public Policy and Intergovernmental Relations, Stephen Powers, have also introduced competition into the realm of federal Housing and Urban Development grants to local towns, villages and nonprofits.

In simple terms, they devised a policy that rewards HUD grant recipients for saving money on a project.

The policy change also rewards grant applicants or developing projects that create revenue. ***Imagine that ... your government expecting recipients to create revenue in exchange for your tax dollars!***

From now on, an agency that either comes in under budget or returns revenue to the "pot" of available federal monies will get the first bite at that funding when new projects are approved.

It is the intention of this incentive to encourage ***smart spending*** of taxpayer dollars, and to increase the available pool of money to build the number and scope of projects in the future.

I thank Tom and Steve for "thinking creatively" to help our administration spend ***your money*** wisely.

(Pause)

Keeping with the theme of "good government," tonight I'm asking the Legislature to work collaboratively with the Executive Branch to update our procurement code, making it easier for vendors, ***especially our local firms***, to compete legally, and do business with our county.

In 2012, the New York State Legislature authorized local governments to utilize the Best Value Competitive Bidding process, which allows non-price factors to be considered when awarding a purchase contract.

Some of these factors include warranties, energy efficiency, contractor's local experience with Rockland County and knowledge of the communities served.

State agencies have used the Best Value award process for over a decade.

Rockland County still has not acted on this opportunity for over three years.

This evening, I ask, once again, for the Legislature to pass the required local law to authorize Best Value Competitive Bidding, and I thank Budget & Finance chairman Mike Grant for his renewed interest in this effort.

Even more important than providing the ability to award our own contracts using Best Value, this local law will enable the County's Purchasing Division to consider the use of national purchasing cooperatives.

In many cases, these national cooperative contracts provide lower pricing based on the nationwide scope of the contract. ***That reduces the cost of government and saves all of you money!***

The ability to utilize these national cooperative contracts allows for a more efficient procurement process.

Director of Purchasing Paul Brennan has provided the required draft local law to the legislature, as well as draft procedures to implement Best Value Competitive Bidding.

The draft procedures allow for sufficient oversight on this new contracting process, requiring legislative approval of all competitive bids awarded by the County using the Best Value award process.

We can save taxpayers millions of dollars while maintaining a high level of service delivery to citizens and making county government more efficient and accountable to the taxpayers.

The Purchasing Division also recently implemented the most current software technology to manage the evaluation process for both "Request for Proposals" and Best Value Competitive Bids.

The use of the "Bonfire" program strengthens the evaluation process by providing greater oversight of the evaluation process, and provides a project dashboard that allows the Purchasing Division to monitor the status of multiple projects from a single screen.

Rockland County is setting a new standard for performance with its procurement function.

While honoring "good government" principles, including transparency and open competition, we are more effectively leveraging our buying power and establishing more strategic relationships with vendors selling goods and services to our residents.

As I said a few moments ago, we are working every day to restore the people's faith and trust in government.

This means spending your tax dollars prudently and wisely.

(Pause)

As you can see, we're turning the corner in Rockland County.

We've lowered costs, cut more red tape and updated our technology to improve customer service at every click.

And we're not done yet.

Over the past two years, we have worked to build a government that is responsive to the needs of our residents, businesses, and those that rely on the County for services.

And, tonight, I'm pleased to announce the launch of a refreshed **Rocklandgov.com**.

With much of today's interactions between the County and citizens happening over the Internet, we are pleased to unveil a newly redesigned, much more user-friendly website that continues our work to put people **first** in government.

The website - set to go *'live'* next week - prioritizes information that is in high demand by residents and visitors, and makes it easier to find key services and programs.

The "makeover" of **Rocklandgov.com** is a major component of our broader redesign of county government to make the services offered by the county more accessible and more cost-effective.

I'd like to thank all those in our MIS Department who worked so hard on getting this project off the ground.

(Pause)

And, finally, tonight, I'm officially unveiling Rockland County's new "brand." **(Slide 4)**

This effort was the brainchild of my Director of Strategic Communications, Scott Salotto.

In simple terms, it's the most ambitious branding effort ever undertaken by this government.

We will incorporate the new logo into every aspect of county operations - signs, letterheads, tourism promotion, vehicle emblems, business cards and dozens of other uses.

We have a county flag and seal, but until now, Rockland County never had a unified brand.

Like Rockland County itself, our new logo combines the familiar with the unexpected.

It draws clear influence from our County's triangular shape – with the Hudson River to the East.

It's basically a stylized version of our classic County map.

The **five** green cubes serve as symbols of our five unique towns, all coming to focus on **one**, charcoal-colored cube, which represents one, UNITED Rockland County.

It connects our rich history and heritage, with our vibrant communities and a bright future.

The result of more than two years of research and development by Scott, it received a soft launch last month, but will go into widespread use with the redesign of the County's official website.

While our new identity certainly isn't everything Rockland County is, it will serve as a constant and consistent reminder of the transformation of our spectacular county.

Telling Rockland's story as a healthy, forward-moving county for those seeking to live, work and start a business is a top priority of my administration.

This redesign is a reflection of our ongoing efforts and it is called marketing. Successful marketing translates into revenue

Thanks to Scott and The Byne Group for their vision and hard work.

(Pause)

Tonight I've talked about the critical partnerships we have in economic development, in public health, in programs advancing our commitment to protecting the taxpayer.

As your County Executive, ***I will continue to put taxpayers first.***

I will continue to focus on jobs and opportunities for residents, young and old.

And ... I will continue to invest in our quality of life.

When I talk with local residents, there's **excitement** about Rockland County again.

It's electric.

People are talking – and, it's all good!

People have recognized our hard work.

People realize I'm in this job for the right reason – to make Rockland County the best it can be, at the lowest cost possible.

Our eyes are wide open to the challenges that lie ahead, but we can't stop looking for opportunities.

Because as Frederick Douglass once noted, "Without a struggle, there can be no progress."

Rockland County's people have a great spirit.

They're innovative, compassionate, generous, informed and engaged.

They have a great sense of place and a respect of heritage and tradition.

They fight back when "outsiders" take to social media to disparage our communities and our people.

They condemn efforts by some who seek to divide and pit neighbors against each other, under the misinterpretation of the scripture.

Our residents ***absolutely know*** the kind of community they want to live in.

(Pause)

Tonight, I leave you with a call to action.

We are one community with a strong foundation for the future.

But, that future is dependent upon our ability to work together to address the issues that affect all Rockland County.

Whether the issue is providing stable property taxes, stopping overdevelopment and downzoning, or enhancing our quality of life, we must all take on these challenges side by side.

The Executive and Legislative branches in Rockland County have historically struggled with consensus, and oftentimes have settled for status quo instead of progress.

But we have an opportunity to change that dynamic.

Let us rededicate ourselves to a unified commitment to our citizens.

Because only together can we make the enrichment of community life our shared purpose.

And, ***only together can we prove to generations to come that failure is not an option.***

And tonight, let us not leave here without holding a good thought and silent prayer for those who actually provide for the security and liberty that allows us to gather in halls like this across this great nation ... our brave men and women who serve in Armed Forces of the United States of America.

Thank you, God bless you and may God bless the United States of America.

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Chairman Wolfe called for a recess at 7:45 p.m. and the Legislature reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

Comments from the Chairperson

Honorable Alden H. Wolfe, Chairman

I will once again renew my commitment to working collaboratively with the administration, and all departments in County government, for the benefit of the people of Rockland County.

My door is always open to anyone who wishes to talk about any issue. Give me a telephone call and I will meet you for a cup of coffee, or buy you a cup of coffee. It is important that this government be as open and accessible as possible.

Consideration of Veto By County Executive: Referral No. 9505 – Overriding The Disapproval Of The County Executive Resolution 14 Of 2016 Of The Legislature Of The County Of Rockland, Approving Execution Of 2016 Contracts Which Are In Excess Of \$100,000 To Contract Agencies Both Within County Departments And Outside, was pulled.

The Chairman opened the public participation portion of the meeting at 8:07 p.m. and the following person spoke:

- ❖ Pete Bradley, inappropriate video and response to Legislator Wieder's speech
- ❖ Michael Hull, inappropriate video and response to Legislator Wieder's speech
- ❖ Julie Globus, response to Legislator Wieder's speech
- ❖ Rivky Feiner, her children receive an excellent education and hate hurts

Public Participation ended at 8:16 p.m.

Legislator Aron B. Wieder, Point of Personal Privilege

This Sunday I was at a PTA meeting at my sons English class. A report card was given. I had to bring it back to his English teacher, secular education, Math Social Studies, Science and he goes to Hasidic schools. Let the blood libel stop. Let the hate stop in Rockland County, perpetrated by a few individuals. Thanks you.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 9173/2369

- Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
- Hon. Jay Hood, Jr. , Sponsor
- Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
- Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
- Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
- Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
- Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
- Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
- Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 57 OF 2016
TRANSFERRING A POSITION FROM
THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mrs. Cornell and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Social Services is requesting a Municipal Aide in order to support mandated functions and to continue the employment of a qualified disabled person consistent with the County's longstanding commitment to inclusive workforce practices; and

WHEREAS, The Coordinator of the Division of Environmental Resources has reviewed his operations and is willing and able to manage said operations in a cost effective manner, as reflected in the transfer of position Municipal Aide, Position # 9222; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Personnel has reviewed a job description for the position of Municipal Aide and has confirmed the existing classification; and

WHEREAS, No additional funding is required for the transfer of this position as funds exist in the Division of Environmental Resources and shall be transferred to the Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, In order to ensure the effective integration of the transferred position of Municipal Aide, Position # 9222 in the Department of Social Services, said position shall be a 35-hour per week position; and

WHEREAS, The Budget and Finance Committee of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the position of Municipal Aide, Position #9222 (SG 41; \$28,102 - \$31,483), Environmental Resources - 8060 be hereby transferred to the Department of Social Services - 6010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the position of Municipal Aide, Position #9222 is hereby allocated to salary grade 01 (\$27,904 - \$31,555) as provided in the Agreement between the Civil Service Employees' Association and the County of Rockland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized to decrease and increase the following accounts in the amounts indicated:

<u>GENERAL FUND - 2016</u>			
<u>Decrease Approp. Acct. (Debit):</u>			
A -ENV -8060	-E1100	Salaries, Employees	30,000
	-E1930	Social Security	2,295
	-E1980	MTA Mobility Tax	105
 <u>Increase Approp. Acct. (Credit):</u>			
A -DSS -6010	-E1100	Salaries, Employees	30,000
	-E1930	Social Security	2,295
	-E1980	MTA Mobility Tax	105

Introduced by:

Referral No. 9126

Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 58 OF 2016
ADOPTING THE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE
COUNTY OF ROCKLAND FOR THE YEAR 2016 AND
ADOPTING DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE GUIDELINES
[DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE]**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Jobson and Mrs. Low-Hogan and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 668 of 1993, adopted December 7, 1993, the Legislature, in accordance with Sections 6, 10, and 11, of the General Municipal Law, adopted an Investment Policy for the County of Rockland; and

WHEREAS, Section 39, of the General Municipal Law requires that the Legislature annually review and re-adopt said investment policy; and

WHEREAS, The County Executive has referred the attached proposed Investment Policy and the Department of Finance Guidelines to the Legislature for its approval; and

WHEREAS, The Budget and Finance Committee of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in accordance with Section 39 of the General Municipal Law, the Legislature of Rockland County hereby adopts the attached Investment Policy as the Investment Policy for the County of Rockland for the year 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in accordance with said Investment Policy, the Legislature of Rockland County hereby adopts the attached Department of Finance Guidelines for compliance with the Investment Policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all depositories of County funds shall file with the Rockland County Legislature, to the attention of the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, three copies of the Community Reinvestment Act compliance documents at the same time that said compliance documents are filed with the Federal Government.

**INVESTMENT POLICY
FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND**

I. SCOPE

This investment policy applies to all moneys and other financial resources available for investment on its own behalf or on behalf of any other entity or individual.

II. OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of the local government's investment activities are, in priority order:

- to conform with all applicable federal, state and other legal requirements (legal);
- to adequately safeguard principal (safety);
- to provide sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements (liquidity); and
- to obtain a reasonable rate of return (yield).

III. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The governing board's responsibility for administration of the investment program is delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, who shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with these investment guidelines and which shall be approved annually by the Rockland County Legislature. Such procedures shall include an adequate control structure to provide a satisfactory level of accountability based on a database or records incorporating description and amounts of investments, transaction dates, and other relevant information and regulate the activities of subordinate employees.

IV. PRUDENCE

All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust and shall avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence in the County of Rockland to govern effectively.

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the safety of the principal as well as the probable income to be derived. All participants involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

V. DIVERSIFICATION

It is the policy of the County of Rockland to diversify its deposits and investments by financial institutions, by investment instruments, and by maturity scheduling.

VI. INTERNAL CONTROL

It is the policy of the County of Rockland for all money collected by any officer or employee of the government to transfer those funds to the Commissioner of Finance immediately, or within the time period specified by law. The Commissioner of Finance shall advise the legislature if funds are not timely transferred. The Commissioner of Finance is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that deposits and investments are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly, and are managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

VII. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

The banks, dealers and trust companies authorized for the deposit of monies, or purchase of permitted investments, up to the maximum amount of **\$110,000,000** are:

HSBC/First Niagara Bank, N.A.	Citibank, NA
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	Capital One
JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.	M & T Bank
Key Bank	TD Bank
Sterling National Bank	Citizens Bank, N.A.
Greater Hudson Bank	Webster Bank, N.A.

The above-mentioned depositories shall provide to the Commissioner of Finance not later than November 30th of each year, a letter describing their level of compliance with the United States Community Reinvestment Act, stating how they plan to meet the neighborhood banking needs of Rockland's economically underprivileged communities. Within thirty (30) days of receipt the Commissioner of Finance shall provide copies of these responses to the County Executive and the Chairman of the Legislature. The Commissioner of Finance shall be responsible to communicate these reporting requirements of the County Policy to the Depository Banks.

VIII. COLLATERALIZING OF DEPOSITS

In accordance with the provisions of General Municipal Law, Sec. 10, all deposits of the County of Rockland, including certificates of deposit and special time deposits, in excess of the amount insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall be secured:

1. By a pledge of "eligible securities" with an aggregate "market value" as provided by GML Sec. 10, equal to the aggregate amount of deposits from the categories designated in Appendix A to this policy.
2. By an eligible "irrevocable letter of credit" issued by a qualified bank other than the bank with the deposits in favor of the government for a term not to exceed 90

days with an aggregate value equal to 140% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any. A qualified bank is one whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations are rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization or by a bank that is in compliance with applicable federal minimum risk-based capital requirements.

3. By an eligible surety bond payable to the government for an amount at least equal to 100% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any, executed by an insurance company authorized to do business in New York State, whose claims – paying ability is rated in the highest rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.

IX. SAFEKEEPING AND COLLATERALIZATION

Eligible securities used for collateralizing deposits shall be held by the depository and/or a third party bank or trust company subject to security and custodial agreements. The security agreement shall provide that eligible securities are being pledged to secure local deposits together with agreed upon interest, if any, and any costs or expenses arising out of the collection of such deposits upon default. It shall also provide the conditions under which the securities may be sold, presented for payment, substituted or released and the events which will enable the local government to exercise its rights against the pledged securities. In the event that the securities are not registered or inscribed in the name of the local government, such securities shall be delivered in a form suitable for transfer or with an assignment in blank to the County of Rockland or its custodial bank. The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, or agent of and custodian for, the local government, will be kept separate and apart

from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, under any circumstances, be co-mingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement should also describe that the custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the securities. The agreement shall provide for the frequency of revaluation of eligible securities and for the substitution of securities when a change in the rating of a security may cause ineligibility. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the local government a perfected interest in the securities.

X. PERMITTED INVESTMENTS

As authorized by General Municipal Law, Sec. 11, the County of Rockland authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to invest moneys not required for immediate expenditure for terms not to exceed its projected cash flow needs in the following types of investments:

- Special time deposit accounts;
- Certificates of deposits;
- Obligations of the United States of America;
- Obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America;
- Obligations of the State of New York;
- Obligations issued pursuant to LFL Sec. 24.00 or 25.00 (with approval of the State Comptroller) by any municipality, school district or district corporation other than the County of Rockland;
- Certificates of Participation (COPs) issued pursuant to GML Sec. 109-b;
- Obligations of this local government, but only with any moneys in a reserve fund established pursuant to GML Sec. 6-c, 6-e, 6-g, 6-h, 6-j, 6-k, 6-m or 6-n.

All investment obligations shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the County of Rockland within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for purposes for which the moneys were provided and, in the case of obligations purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the County of Rockland within two years of the date of purchase.

XI. AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS and DEALERS

The County of Rockland shall maintain a list of financial institutions approved for investment purposes and establish appropriate limits to the amount of investments which can be made with each financial institution. All financial institutions with which the local government conducts business must be credit worthy. Security dealers not affiliated with a bank shall be required to be classified as reporting dealers affiliated with the Federal Reserve Bank, as primary dealers. The Commissioner of Finance is responsible for evaluating the financial position and maintaining a listing of proposed depositories, trading partners and custodians. Such listing shall be evaluated at least annually.

XII. PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS

The Commissioner of Finance is authorized to contract for the purchase of investments:

1. Directly, including through a repurchase agreement, from an authorized trading partner.
2. By participation in a cooperative program with another authorized governmental entity pursuant to Article 5G of the requirements set forth in the Office of the State Comptroller Opinion No. 88-46, and the specific program has been authorized by the governing board.

3. By utilizing an ongoing investment program with an authorized tracking partner pursuant to a contract authorized by the governing board. All purchased obligations, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the local government, shall be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a bank or trust company. Such obligations shall be purchased, sold or presented for redemption or payment by such bank or trust company, only in accordance with prior written authorization from the officer authorized to make the investment. All such transactions shall be confirmed in writing to the County of Rockland by the bank, or trust company. Any obligation held in the custody of a bank or trust company shall be held pursuant to a written custodial agreement as described in General Municipal Law, Sec. 10. The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, as agent of and custodian for, the local government, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement shall describe how the custodian shall confirm the receipt and release of the securities. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the local government a perfected interest in the securities.

XIII. REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Repurchase agreements are authorized subject to the following restrictions:

- All repurchase agreements must be entered into subject to a Master Repurchase Agreement.
- Trading partners are limited to banks or trust companies authorized to do business in New York and primary reporting dealers.

- Obligations shall be limited to obligations of the United States of America and obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America.
- No substitution of securities will be allowed.
- The custodian shall be a party other than the trading partner.

XIV. ADOPTION OF INVESTMENT POLICY

- By February 15th of each year, the Commissioner of Finance shall submit the suggested investment policy to the Legislature of Rockland County.
- The Legislature shall adopt said policy by April 1st of each year.

**DEPARTMENTAL GUIDELINES FOR COMPLIANCE
WITH INVESTMENT POLICY**

The objectives of the Investment Policy of the County of Rockland are to protect the safety of principal; to insure that investments mature when the cash is required to finance operations; and to insure a competitive rate of return. The Commissioner of Finance, or his designee, shall adhere to the guidelines established in the adopted Investment Policy. The following are the procedures established to insure compliance with the investment policy:

1. A cash flow statement shall be prepared from the annual budget as adopted by the County Legislature. The Cash Flow statement shall be updated as required to reflect cash needs during the year. An analysis of daily receipts and scheduled disbursements shall be used in order to insure cash to meet current financial obligations.
2. As cash becomes available for investment, all designated banks shall be called to obtain bank rate quotes. Call sheets shall be prepared, noting the bank to whom the call was made, and the banks rate quote.
3. Award to banks shall be made by 11:00 am of the day that quotes are taken, unless circumstances prevent same.
4. Utilize wire transfers of funds to and from the successful banks, whenever cost effective and practicable.
5. Notify any bank requesting same the quotes of that day.
6. The Commissioner of Finance, or his designee, are the authorized individuals to make the investments.

7. To insure internal control, the following functions shall be performed by different department personnel:

- a. Obtaining quotes from the banks;
- b. Preparation of wire transfers as required;
- c. Preparation of daily balances by banks;
- d. All transactions reviewed by the Commissioner of Finance or his designee on a periodic basis.

8. All awards should be consummated in writing with the banks.

9. A daily schedule of investments shall be maintained to ensure that no one institution receives more than the designated amount, and that necessary collateral is pledged.

APPENDIX A
SCHEDULE OF ELIGIBLE SECURITIES

- ◆ Obligations issued, or fully insured or guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest, by the United States of America, an agency thereof or a United States government sponsored corporation.
- ◆ Obligations partially insured or guaranteed by any agency of the United States of America, at a proportion of the Market Value of the obligation that represents the amount of the insurance or guaranty.
- ◆ Obligations issued or fully insured or guaranteed by the State of New York, obligations issued by a municipal corporation, school district or district corporation of such State, or obligations of any public benefit corporation which under a specific State statute may be accepted as security for deposit of public moneys.
- ◆ Obligations of counties, cities and other governmental entities of a state other than the State of New York having the power to levy taxes that are backed by the full faith and credit of such governmental entity and rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

Mr. Schoenberger made a motion to amend the TAN to \$30,000,000, which was seconded by Mr. Earl and failed

The vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: 06	(Legislator Earl, Paul, Schoenberger, Soskin, Wieder, Wolfe)
Nays: 09	(Legislators Carey, Cornell, Falciglia, Grant, Hofstein, Jobson, Low-Hogan, Santulli, Tyer)
Absent: 02	(Legislators Moroney, Hood, Jr.)

Debate:

Mr. Schoenberger

In this County government we go through a process every year that results in a budget. The budget is the spending and guidance outline of how money is to be spent for the following year. The contentious budget season last December resulted in a budget, which dealt with several issues. The first one was the contract agencies. The County Executive's budget took all the contract agencies, reduced them by about 5% and lumped them together on a line to be divvied out later to whoever was the beneficiary of Request for Proposals (RFP's). The Legislature amended that budget and took the contract agencies and placed them on a line with a corresponding amount for every agency, just like it has been done in all the past years, including the years our current County Executive sat on this Legislature. That was not vetoed, it was passed as part of the budget and adopted. The other issue dealt with in the budget had to do with the Sheriff providing security to County facilities and the positions in the Department of General Services were restored.

This Legislature passed a resolution approving contracts over \$100,000 with the contract agencies just like it has been done all the years before. Even the years when Ed Day sat on this Legislature and voted to approve them every year. Only this year the County Executive, Ed Day, vetoed that resolution. He made it clear in the veto message that he is still going to seek RFP's, which means that the amounts that were allocated in the budget may not be coming to fruition. All those agencies, who are in the budget with a line and amount are running a program this year depended upon, and expectation of, receiving the money that was allocated to them. We are the appropriating branch of government. We passed the budget. We appropriated the money. The final budget is a document that we all must live and comply with in this calendar year. Our County Executive has stated his intent clearly that he is not going to comply with it.

We are now being asked to appropriate \$60,000,000 in a Tax Anticipation Note to fund that budget. I am not going to vote to fund the budget that the County Executive has indicated he is going to try to usurp and not comply with. It is wrong. There was debate over the budget. There was a battle over the budget and we now live with that budget. There are things that I don't like that I have to live with in the budget and there are things that he doesn't like that he has to live with, but it is done.

On the other hand there has to be a balance. The balance is to make sure this County can still operate and function in 2016. It should not be put in a position that it goes into default. I will not support a \$60,000,000 in a Tax Anticipation Note to solve all the appropriation and finance issues that the County Executive wants resolved that is unfettered discretion in violation of the adopted budget. I am going to make a motion that we reduce the Tax Anticipation Note to \$20,000,000 with the hope and understanding that it will allow the County Executive over the next couple of months to work to resolve these issues, such as the contract agencies. We are into 6 weeks of the new year and not one of those issues involving the contract agencies have been resolved.

We are the appropriating branch of government. If the County Executive refuses to comply with the adopted budget we should not be appropriating the money, but it should not be done in a way that hurts the County. I am going to recommend that we reduce it to \$20,000,000, give the County Executive a month or two to come back. If it could be resolved then we should give him the balance. I am not going to say that my number of \$20,000,000 is cast in stone. If other Legislators feel that \$30,000,000 is more appropriate I am certainly willing to entertain that. My desire is to resolve the issue as the contract agencies and hopefully the Sheriff's Department for the remainder of this year and not have it linger around and be an outright confrontation for the year. I am willing to entertain other numbers. If my motion is not excepted we will then vote on the \$60,000,000 Tax Anticipation Note. If it does not pass then some of you many wish you had accepted my amendment.

Mr. Carey

I have heard this body say numerous times that Mr. DeGroat is not political and when he comes before us he tells us factual information. Mr. DeGroat has asked for \$60,000,000. I think that we as a body are starting to micro-manage and use this as a political body. This to me makes absolutely no sense. If the Commissioner of Finance says he needs \$60,000,000 to meet his cash flow requirements then that is what we should vote on. I do not believe it is our place, nor do I think we should hold the County hostage on unrelated issues. I think it is a dangerous precedent and this is a step in the wrong direction. I support \$60,000,000. If my fellow Legislators want to hold up government, because we don't have the cash flow to meet our bills that is on your head not on my head. The Commissioner of Finance told you what he needs to run this business. Yes, we are the appropriating arm, but we are not supposed to be the arm that reaches in and changes the day-to-day operations of the County.

Mrs. Cornell

I am extremely sympathetic to the issues of the contract agencies. In January of 2015 after we passed the budget a whole new system was put into affect and it created a lot of havoc with contract agencies. I have been working on a committee with members of the Executive branch. We met last week and it seems as if a good many of the issues have been resolved. Many of the agencies have been put into departments and others we have voted on successfully. There are still some outstanding, but I think we are getting there. I would like to know the result of voting on \$20,000,000 or \$30,000,000 from Mr. DeGroat.

Mr. DeGroat, Commissioner of Finance

We are paying off a \$60,000,000 TAN that already exists on March 16th. On April 1st we are paying another \$30,000,000 to the school districts and villages to make them whole. From March 16th to the end of the month \$90,000,000, which is a good chunk of the County's operations, is going out the door. The reason I am asking for the \$60,000,000 is because anything short of that is cutting operations very close and the flow of the money in and out would be very difficult to manage. It is difficult to manage now with the closure of the hospital, no sale and a \$6,000,000 payment for all those employees for the Deferred Compensation. It is a difficult time now with regard to cash flow.

Mr. Hofstein

To say that I am shocked is an understatement. You were not at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting where this was discussed in detail and Mr. DeGroat explained it. I am making a concerted effort to work with the Executive branch to see that the contracted services issues are resolved equitably. We should not sit here tonight and to try to use this as a tool and threaten County government by refusing to accept what our respected Commissioner recommended to us. This is not a game nor should it be made to be a game. We have been elected to find solutions not to point fingers, not to play political games, but to run County government efficiently. To not support what the Commissioner of Finance is recommended, because you want to hold the County Executive's feet to the fire is not fulfilling your obligation to the people of this County. County government should run efficiently, be fair and in order to do that we need to learn to put politics aside and put the people first. Why such an issue is coming up is truly disheartening. I have made it a point of saying that I would work extremely hard for bipartisan relationships. To me, this is four steps back. We need to move forward. The Commissioner said that \$60,000,000 is the amount. We should follow his advise and move forward. Do not punish people, because you can. Thank you.

Mr. Jobson

I ask Mr. Schoenberger, who I respect tremendously and always has an insightful point of view, to rescind that motion and leave the amount of \$60,000,000. This County Executive has a different way of doing things than the previous County Executive and it is an adjustment for some of the members of the community and the people at large. It seems of lately some of the people here do not like some of the things they hear and communications have been strained. County government has to move forward. We have to make a school districts, towns and villages whole. It is a State law that we have to honor. I know there are frustrations, but please leave the amount at \$60,000,000 this evening. This County needs this amount of money.

Mr. Wieder

I am so glad that Commissioner DeGroat has been acknowledged for the good work that he does. Earlier the County Executive, Mr. Ed Day, gave this long speech taking credit for everything that happens in the County. He did not seem to acknowledge at all the Commissioner of Finance.

I have a letter from the Office of the State Comptroller dated February 21, 2014. It is addressed to Ed Day, County Executive, and members of the County Legislature. The Comptroller said, "The County has consistently issued TANs and RANs over the last four years. The amount of outstanding TANs and RANs increased from \$85 million as of December 31, 2009 to \$165 million for the December 31, 2013 fiscal year end. The ongoing nature and significant increase in the County's deficit has resulted in the need for this continued short-term borrowing. However, since the County has now been given authority to issue long-term deficit financing, this reliance on short-term borrowing needs to be reduced and ultimately eliminated. Accordingly, we recommend that County officials develop and implement a plan that would achieve this objective."

As of today we did not develop, and certainly not implement such a plan, or I am not aware of such a plan, therefore I cannot and will not support voting to approve TAN's or RAN's due to the Comptrollers concerns.

Mr. Earl

I am requesting that the amount be changed from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

Mr. Soskin

\$30,000,000 will cover us for a while. We meet every two weeks and we can vote on an additional amount when necessary. Show us that you are doing something. I was on the telephone today with a contract agency under \$100,000 that just received their last payment for 2015.

Mr. Falciglia

It sounds like a shakedown on both sides. Mr. DeGroat, I am sure is basing his decision solely on his profession. If he says we need \$60,000,000 I am not about to buck it. It seems we have resolved many of the issues with the contract agencies. I see this whole argument as illogical. I will be voting for \$60,000,000.

Chairman Wolfe

How far out will the \$30,000,000 get us?

Mr. DeGroat, Commissioner of Finance

I am sorry, but I can't say that. The problem is that we are paying the \$60,000,000 off of the old TAN that we borrowed last year. We have to pay \$30,000,000 to the schools and villages. Cash flow wise, \$90,000,000, which is approximately 20% of the entire general fund, is going out the door by April 1st.

Chairman Wolfe

Yes there are outflows, but there are \$164,000,000 in receipts projected to get in February, \$60,000,000 in receipts, \$44,000,000 in April in receipts. When you are talking cash flow you have to include the inflows, because that is what determines if there is going to be a shortfall. Based on the projections, \$60,000,000 will get us through the end of the year.

Mr. DeGroat, Commissioner of Finance

The cash flows that I was looking at we were \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 negative. Remember those cash flows are projections. I do not want to cut it that close. I cannot guarantee anyone on this Legislature that \$30,000,000 is enough. We are trying to maintain the same level as last year without any increase, and that is all I am trying to do.

Mr. Schoenberger

For those of you who say that we are threatening County government; this is not political and not a Democrat verses Republican issue. This is an issue that has to do with the integrity of the County budget and the County process. I worked very hard last year, as did Mrs. Cornell, Mr. Soskin and others, with Mr. DeGroat, Mr. Powers and Mr. Humbach, to try to straighten out the 2016 budget and how it was going to be presented.

My position was a very simple one, if you want to go out for RFP's for contract agencies go out for the RFP's in March or April, because then you can make a decision before you submit the budget in October. Then the agencies will know who is getting funding and who is not. These agencies spend all the money they receive on programs and programmatic benefits and they need to know how much money they will have. The administration did not do that in 2015. They never went out for RFP's until the County Executive submitted his budget. He took all the money that would have gone in 2016 and put it all on one lump sum line without any allocation whatsoever. He made the day returnable for the RFP's to be October 1st, the same day the budget was submitted to us. Then they said they would do RFP's in 2016. It is six weeks into the year and they haven't done a single one. What we, this Legislature, did we allocated back on lines so that the contract agencies who had to hire people, buy food, develop programs and deliver services knew how much each agency was going to be receiving. We did that through the budget, it was approved by this Legislature, it was not vetoed by the County Executive and as far as I am concerned at that point it is done. Yet in the veto message we just received by the County Executive he indicated that he is still going out for RFP's. That means those agencies allocated money on certain lines may not get any money. They are running their programs anticipating the County's promise to receive the funding. This is not political they are entitled to it. You can't change the budget halfway through the year. It is unfair to the people who run the agency, who receive the benefits from the agency and it is wrong. That is what we are facing.

This is not micromanaging. This is fulfilling the commitment that was made. I didn't vote in favor of the budget, but the budget was adopted and when the budget was adopted I must respect it and follow it as all of us must. Why? Because a majority of the Legislature with the approval of the County Executive adopted it. That is all I want to accomplish.

I want to address what my friend Steve DeGroat said. Last year in March we sold a \$60,000,000 Tax Anticipation Note that is a one year note, which is due to be paid on March 16, 2016. It must be paid in full in cash before the new TAN can be sold. That means Mr. DeGroat has to have in hand \$60,000,000 in cash by March 16th and he will have it. Then April 1st he is going to have to reimburse the school districts \$30,000,000. We are then talking about a month away. We can approve \$30,000,000 tonight and the County Executive can order his County Attorney and staff to move expeditiously on the contracts with the contract agencies and resolve them. We can come back a month from tonight, after significant progress has been made and appropriate the additional \$30,000,000 on the Tax Anticipation Note.

I am trying to get the budget that was approved carried through as is the legal and financial responsibility of both the Legislature and the County Executive. I have an opinion from the County Attorney from 2014 where he said that we all must live and comply by the budget as adopted. I want that done. This is not any animus that I have towards the County Executive. This is not personal. This is not political.

The County Executive in his veto message said that he is going forward with the RFP's. The State Comptroller said that we should do RFP's so they will do RFP's. Yet he awarded, whether you call it a lease or a license, to Friedwald House in October without ever coming to the Legislature and telling us, which I don't believe he can do, because it is County owned property and we are responsible for County owned property not the County Executive. He awarded them a license, let them come in and run out Adult Program and takes from them \$6,000 per month in payments. When I asked the County Executive at a meeting how he got Friedwald House to run the program at \$6,000 a month he told me that they called him and I was glad to take the \$6,000. There were no RFP's. How do you know that someone else wouldn't have come in a run the same program for more money? We have yet to see a single piece of paper on that even though we were promised it would be sent to us. It was not put out for a Request for Proposals, it was just granted, because he liked it and it was a good idea. When it comes to the contract agencies he requires RFP's. That inconsistency disturbs me. What's right is right. What is good for the goose is good for the gander. Friedwald house is making physical changes to our property without the Legislature's permission.

This is important. I said from the very beginning that my number is not magical. Legislator Earl wants to make it \$30,000,000 so I will make it \$30,000,000. I do not want to hurt the County. We still have another month afterward to deal with this so that the Commissioner of Finance has enough funding. His primary concern right now is March 16th. April 1st in financial and government terms is light years away still. He is nodding his head and smiling, because he knows it is true.

I am also honestly telling all of you that for those people accusing me of playing politics or saying that it is on your head not mine you face the possibility of the \$60,000,000 TAN being voted down. If that happens it is on your head, because you have the \$30,000,000 you can get tonight. If this amendment does not pass tonight and we vote on the TAN's and they fail I will remake the motion for the \$30,000,000 TAN, because I do not want to see this County and taxpayers hurt.

Mrs. Santulli

If we have a snowstorm and we can't get this money approved I am for one am not willing to take that chance. I am a wife of a highway worker and I know exactly how plans can be ruined from snow storms. I can't see us not approving the \$60,000,000 and I really wish Mr. Schoenberger would rescind his motion. We are now asking the employees of the County to have that on their shoulders if that does happen and that is a risk I am not willing to take.

Mr. Grant

I think it is fair to say that we have been building towards this moment for the last two years. I believe that it is fair to say that this administration has created an environment of disrespect for this Legislature. It has manifested itself in small and large ways. Small ways by not having department head attend committee meetings and by not answering action items. Larger ways by ignoring Local Laws that require monies to be set aside for deficit reduction and the transparency law regarding the tax bill not being carried out by the administration, stripping the not-for-profits of all of their funding in the 2015 budget, dissolving the Sheriff's Patrol, etc. It is literally small ways and large ways and they are significant.

I think it would be disingenuous to say that what is happening tonight is not political and not personal and not the result of a great deal of frustration. I have had many conversations with the County Executive and his senior staff. One of my pet peeves is people not showing up regardless of who they are. Some do not show up if they do not want to vote yes, but they don't want to vote no, but the simple fact of the matter is to simply not show is the equivalent of a no vote. After vetting this through committee it is my belief that \$60,000,000 is the right amount. The law requires the County of Rockland to make the school district, towns and villages whole on their tax collection. I believe that the Commissioner represented that it would be about \$71,000,000 to do that and we are borrowing \$60,000,000, because our cash flow allowed it.

This is not where I would draw a line in the sand or try to get the attention of the County Executive to try to understand that the Legislature is a co-equal branch of government. He can get absolutely nothing accomplished without at least nine votes in this Legislature. I would urge all of my colleagues to vote for the full \$60,000,000.

Mr. Carey, you too often absolve the County Executive for any responsibility for the actions taken in this Legislature. He has a great deal of responsibility. He has created an environment here of distrust and dishonesty and just frustration based on the way he has chosen to exercise the powers of his office. I find it increasingly frustrating. We have other matters here that have transpired in the last week that have further impacted the way I look at my relationship with the County Executive.

I can't tell you how upset I am about this tonight. We have a real problem here, \$30,000,000 might get us through April 1st, but it is not what we should be doing. \$60,000,000 is the right number. The County Executive, who some would say is steadfast and I would say is stubborn, refuses to negotiate in good faith with the Legislature and it is completely disheartening. It questions my reasons for being here at all. For the new members, Mrs. Santulli, Mr. Falciglia and Mr. Tyer, take note that it is not going to get better unless people start standing up. It means having conversations with the County Executive and trying to make better solutions.

Mr. Schoenberger, I can't tell you how disappointed I am that this is where you chose to draw the line in the sand, but I understand it. I absolutely understand it. We need to find a way to move forward.

The County Executive took a lot of credit tonight for the condition of the County. The County Executive doesn't deserve all the credit for the financial condition of the County. The County Executive has taken unilateral action without the consent or consultation of this Legislature that hasn't been in the best interest of the County of Rockland. One example is the his decision to close the Summit Park Hospital/Nursing Home reeking no financial benefits from it, no commerce, no jobs, no homes for our residents and now we are faced with remaking Building "A". That is a \$47,000,000 turnaround and I don't know that is anything that I would brag about. It just doesn't sit well with me.

What is my advice? I don't think that I could convince any of my colleagues in the Majority, Mr. Earl or Mrs. Paul to reconsider the \$60,000,000 TAN, but that is exactly what we should be doing tonight. We need to find a way to bring the County Executive to the table to make him act in good faith. Many of us have tried time and time again to do that and tried to do the right thing here, but it is just getting increasingly more difficult to accomplish. I would vote for the \$60,000,000 TAN and against amending it to \$30,000,000.

Mrs. Cornell

I wish we would have had this discussion at the Budget and Finance committee meeting so that we could have hashed it out then and not now when it is difficult to get all the information. The meeting that I attended with the Executive branch staff and the Legislative branch with regard to the contract agencies really made me feel that we are solving the problem. I do not disagree with Legislator Schoenberger how difficult it has been for the contract agencies. I think it is close to being solved. My impression is almost all the contract agencies have been okayed by this Legislature and the Executive branch. The others are about to also receive contracts. There is something that has not yet happened. There is a statement that will be put in the newspaper called a Sole Source Notice, which is similar to an RFP. I don't know how many agencies will respond. I agree that it has been a mess, but on the other hand I also believe that \$60,000,000 is a minimum that we need to deal with. I am going to support the \$60,000,000, but that is the responsible thing to do. We will continue to fight that our not-for-profit agencies continue to receive their money. I urge my colleagues to support the \$60,000,000. I really do think the contract agencies issues will be fully solved.

Mr. Hofstein

Legislator Schoenberger, I had personally given you my word, as well as other leaders of this Legislature, that I would make a concerted effort to try to bring some kind of compromise between the County Executive and the Legislative branch. The contract agencies have been a sore issue and I have made a commitment to work with the Executive branch to see that those issues are resolved. A lot of those issues have been dealt with. We might not like everything that has been done and there is always room to get it better, but to say this is not a game of politics I have to question. I ask you now to please withdraw this. Let's follow the advice of the Commissioner of Finance, who everyone here respects his experience, his knowledge and his advice. It is not prudent to use the TAN's to put the County Executive's feet to the fire. I understand that there are differences and that no everyone is happy the way people are getting along between the two branches, but that doesn't mean we can't try to make it better. We should not use County government as a tool to get what we want. This is not prudent. People elected us to use good judgment. If we don't like what is going on in the Executive branch we need to have more meetings and call him out if that is the case, but not hold out money. We should not play games here. You have been heard. I have enormous respect for you. I have told you on numerous occasions that I listen when you speak, because I know you have years of experience. I consistently make it a point of telling you that I listen to all of the Legislators. I truly believe in bipartisan and if it is going to work with us we need to get passed this. I ask you know to please withdraw the \$30,000,000 and vote on the \$60,000,000 TAN.

Mr. Schoenberger

Mr. Hofstein, you and I sat down, I congratulated you on your appointment as Minority Leader and I meant it. I indicated to you that I look forward to working with you, and I do. I appreciate your words and your expression. I appreciate that you used the words concentrated effort to try and resolve this. I appreciate it that as for the agencies you are working with the Executive branch to resolve this issue.

I appreciate the work from Chair Cornell she has done in this regard. We have been to meeting together. We were at a meeting in the County Attorney's office just before the budget came over, which we hoped to be the one to resolve this issue. After numerous meetings it could not be resolved before the budget came over.

If we are so close to getting this resolved, Mrs. Cornell and Mr. Hofstein, then I urge you to support the \$30,000,000 and come back in two to four weeks and vote for the balance. I urge you to do that, because the impact of having the \$60,000,000 voted down is not a result I wish to see happen. I fully understand what the impact would be. The employees will still be paid and things will be resolved. The ratings agencies may not view it favorably. It is not a direction I want to go in. I have sat here for twenty years as a Legislator, eighteen years with a former Republican County Executive and two years with this Republican County Executive, and now I am being accused of politics. I voted down the line with everything this County needed for twenty years. I voted for things that I knew were not in my political interest or benefit. I voted to raise taxes, substantially. I voted to create new taxes. I was the one who conceived the deficit bond and asked this Legislature to pass a resolution asking the State to institute it. I went to Albany, with other Legislators, numerous times to ask the State for the deficit bond. There was always this understanding that we went down the road together, the two branches of government. I don't have that feeling anymore. If we don't use our power to hold back the appropriation the budget, which was the product of both branches of government will be undermined and overridden. I won't accept that. To me, it is more offensive governmentally than many other things that I can think of. There has to be a level of integrity in government. When the budget is the final product I will abide by it and I will defend it, and that is what I am doing now. I respect that others may not see it that way. I don't want to hurt the County.

\$30,000,000 is what Legislator Earl suggested and that is what I will amend it for. I know I may be creating a crisis, but that crisis can easily resolved within a month. The County Attorney can have all the contracts prepared, all the awards made and everything resolved in two to three weeks. It could have already been done, but it wasn't. I don't want to hurt the people of Rockland County, but unfortunately the only way to get things done is to create a crisis. I don't want to see a resolution fail where there is no TAN whatsoever. Compromise is the essence of government and this is a compromise, which I believe should be done. The risk on the other side is too great. Thank you.

Mr. Wieder

Legislator Grant put the entire issue in just a few sentences clearly. Many of use are very frustrated with the disregard of the County Executive of the Legislature and the laws passed by this Legislature. I want to put you at ease. The County Executive is also disrespecting and disregarding other government entities and State elected officials. I have a letter from the Office of the State Comptroller dated February 21, 2014. It is addressed to Ed Day, County Executive, and members of the County Legislature. Apparently the County Executive has no problem disregarding this body and the New York State Comptroller.

When the County Executive decided to close the Nursing Home and Hospital, putting people's lives in danger, he did it very fast, because what Ed Day wants Ed Day gets. What is indeed important to the residents of Rockland County and this Legislative body apparently does not seem to be Ed Day's concerns.

I cannot support a \$60,000,000 TAN. As far as a \$30,000,000, I will have to decide how I will vote.

Legislator Hofstein called out the County Executive. If you callout the County Executive, which I have done for allowing hate and animosity on his FaceBook page, there will be goons and viscous people coming after you. Be prepared. I wouldn't advise anyone to callout the County Executive unless you prepare for the onslaught coming your way.

Mr. Carey

I just want to respond to Legislator Grant's comments. I respect Legislator Grant. I know how hard he works as the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee and I understand his frustrations. Saying that I am the person fighting Ed Day's battle; well, I am doing a pretty bad job, because I sit here night after night at meetings that should be an hour, but takes three and four hours, because people do nothing but attack him. It is your absolute right to do that. All I ask you to do is consolidate it. How about you just say right upfront "I hate Ed Day" and move on. Ed Day does not need my help fighting his battles. Ed probably never found a battle he didn't like. It is not my job to fight Ed's battles. I am not the traffic cop to Ed Day, but we as a body spend a lot of time throwing rocks at Ed Day for the last two years. We have crossed over from speech tonight into action and that is a major step backward.

I don't think this makes any sense. \$60,000,000 is the right amount to vote on. Ed Day does not need me to help him fight.

Mr. Hofstein

What would be the additional cost to the County be to have to go out and do TAN's twice? What is the likelihood of getting two \$30,000,000 TAN's?

Chairman Wolfe

I would presume that there are costs and there are savings associated with either plan. Mr. DeGroat, comparison between two \$30,000,000 TAN's and one \$60,000,000 TAN in terms of expenses and our cost for interest.

Mr. DeGroat, Commissioner of Finance

The interest rate was very competitive. We got about \$360,000 on interest costs. Your closing cost is going to be the same whether you do one or two issues. It is approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000 for one issue. I have to be quite honest with you, I have never split a TAN and I don't know if I can do it. We get an authorization to borrow based on a percentage of the receivables that authorized us for \$60,000,000.

Chairman Wolfe

I do not want this to get into a committee meeting structure. It is not our normal way of doing business and our rules do not permit it. I have allowed it, because of the nature of the discussion.

Mrs. Low-Hogan

I plan to vote in support of the \$60,000,000 TAN. I agree with everything that Legislator Grant said about the frustration. I would not draw the line here. I am also on the sub-committee working with the not-for-profit agencies. I have seen significant progress. Every conversation I have had with Paul Trader has indicated that he believes progress is being made. In fact, he sent out an email today to all not-for-profit agencies with regard to the Sole Source piece that has been put into place.

Mrs. Cornell

I have a suggestion I would like my colleagues to think about, particularly Legislator Schoenberger. I would like to see us vote on the main motion first, and then vote on the amendment. The Commissioner of Finance has indicated that he does not know if he could split the TAN. I think it is better for everyone here to be able to vote on what they want.

Mr. Schoenberger

If for some reason the Commissioner of Finance cannot split the TAN and this \$30,000,000 passed, there is always a RAN to make up the difference of the additional \$30,000,000. I made the motion and I am not going to withdraw it.

Note: A new legal opinion provided by the County Attorney to the County Legislature concludes that Resolution No. 85 of 2016, which was thought to fail by a vote of 10 Ayes/5 Nays/2 Absent, actually had enough votes to pass. This means that the County can now move forward and issue the Tax Anticipation Notes.

Referral No. 9505

RESOLUTION NO. 85 OF 2016

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2016

RESOLUTION DELEGATING TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE THE POWERS TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$60,000,000 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, 2016, AND TO PRESCRIBE THE TERMS, FORM AND CONTENTS, AND PROVIDE FOR THE SALE AND CREDIT ENHANCEMENT OF SUCH NOTES.

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Jobson and by roll call vote was adopted:

RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK,
AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law"), the power to authorize the issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called "Notes") of the County of Rockland, in the State of New York (the "County" and "State", respectively), in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$60,000,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, is hereby delegated to the County Commissioner of Finance, as chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes levied for County purposes for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016, and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are to be levied.

(b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance, and may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Law.

(c) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.

(d) No Notes have heretofore been authorized or issued in anticipation of the collection of said taxes.

Section 3. The Notes shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the County, and the faith and credit of the County shall be pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and, unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the County and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00, and 168.00 of the Law, inclusive, the powers to prescribe the terms, form and contents, and all other powers or duties pertaining or incidental to the sale and issuance of the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, including the power to determine the respective amounts of Notes to be issued in anticipation of said respective revenues specified in Section 2 hereof, and the power to enter into agreements for credit enhancement for the Notes, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, as chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The vote resulted as follows:

Ayes:	10 (Legislators Carey, Cornell, Falciglia, Grant, Hofstein, Jobson, Low-Hogan, Santulli, Tyer, Wolfe)
Nays:	05 (Legislators Earl, Paul, Schoenberger, Soskin, Wieder)
Absent:	02 (Legislators Hood, Jr., Moroney)

Roll call

Legislator Falciglia – Yes

Legislator Grant – Yes.

Legislator Hofstein – Yes.

Legislator Jobson – Yes.

Legislator Low-Hogan – Yes.

Legislator Paul – No.

Legislator Santulli – Yes.

Legislator Schoenberger – No.

Legislator Soskin – No.

Legislator Tyer – Yes.

Legislator Wieder – No.

Legislator Carey – Yes.

Legislator Cornell – Yes.

Legislator Earl – No.

Chairman Wolfe – Yes.

Mr. Schoenberger made a motion to reconsider as amended to \$30,000,000 TAN, which was seconded by Mr. Earl and passed.

The Vote resulted as follows:

Ayes:	09 (Legislators Cornell, Earl, Grant, Low-Hogan, Paul, Schoenberger, Soskin, Wieder, Wolfe)
Nays:	06 (Legislators Carey, Falciglia, Hofstein, Jobson, Santulli, Tyer)
Absent:	02 (Legislators Moroney, Hood, Jr.)

Note: A new legal opinion provided by the County Attorney to the County Legislature concludes that Resolution No. 86 of 2016, which was thought to fail by a vote of 9 Ayes/6 Nays/2 Absent, actually had enough votes to pass. Since Resolution No. 85 of 2016 is considered adopted the County Executive Vetoed Resolution No. 86 of 2016 delegating to the County Commissioner of Finance the powers to authorize the issuance of \$30,000,000 Tax Anticipation Notes and the Legislature did not override the veto.

VETOED/NO OVERRIDE

Referral No. 9505

RESOLUTION NO. 86 OF 2016

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2016

RESOLUTION DELEGATING TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE THE POWERS TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$30,000,000 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, 2016, AND TO PRESCRIBE THE TERMS, FORM AND CONTENTS, AND PROVIDE FOR THE SALE AND CREDIT ENHANCEMENT OF SUCH NOTES.

Mr. Schoenberger offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Soskin and by roll call vote was adopted

RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK,
AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law"), the power to authorize the issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called "Notes") of the County of Rockland, in the State of New York (the "County" and "State", respectively), in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$30,000,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, is hereby delegated to the County Commissioner of Finance, as chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(e) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes levied for County purposes for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016, and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are to be levied.

(f) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance, and may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Law.

(g) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.

(h) No Notes have heretofore been authorized or issued in anticipation of the collection of said taxes.

Section 3. The Notes shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the County, and the faith and credit of the County shall be pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and, unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the County and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00, and 168.00 of the Law, inclusive, the powers to prescribe the terms, form and contents, and all other powers or duties pertaining or incidental to the sale and issuance of the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, including the power to determine the respective amounts of Notes to be issued in anticipation of said respective revenues specified in Section 2 hereof, and the power to enter into agreements for credit enhancement for the Notes, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, as chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The vote resulted as follows:

Ayes:	09 (Legislators Cornell, Earl, Grant, Low-Hogan, Paul, Schoenberger, Soskin, Wieder, Wolfe)
Nays:	06 (Legislators Carey, Falciglia, Hofstein, Jobson, Santulli, Tyer)
Absent:	02 (Legislators Moroney, Hood, Jr.)

Roll call

Legislator Falciglia – No.

Legislator Grant – Pass

Legislator Hofstein – No.

Legislator Jobson – Pass

Legislator Low-Hogan – Pass

Legislator Paul – Yes.

Legislator Santulli – No.

Legislator Schoenberger – Yes.

Rather than pass and go through the gamesmanship I will vote yes.

Legislator Soskin – Yes.

Legislator Tyer – No.

Legislator Wieder – Yes.

Legislator Carey – No.

Legislator Cornell – Yes.

Legislator Earl – Yes.

Legislator Grant – Yes.

Legislator Jobson – No.

Legislator Low-Hogan – Yes.

Chairman Wolfe – Yes.

Chairman Wolfe called for a recess at 9:52 p.m. and the Legislature reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 2946

Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
 Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
 Hon. Christopher J. Carey, Sponsor
 Hon. Nancy Low-Hogan, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 59 OF 2016
 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK TO THE LEGISLATURE
 TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – FOR A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE
 RETAINING WALL REPAIR AND EMBANKMENT
 STABILIZATION AT 49 SOUTH ROUTE 9W IN THE
 VILLAGE OF WEST HAVERSTRAW, TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW
 CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 7112
 [DRAINAGE AGENCY]**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Jobson and Mrs. Low-Hogan and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, The retaining wall repair and embankment stabilization at 49 South Route 9W in the Village of West Haverstraw, in the Town of Haverstraw is necessary as the existing structure suffers from advanced decay and was partially undermined by Hurricane Irene in 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Chairman of the Drainage Agency recommends that the Legislature of Rockland County authorize and direct the Clerk to the Legislature to advertise for bids for a construction contract for the retaining wall repair and embankment stabilization at 49 South Route 9W, in the Village of West Haverstraw, in the Town of Haverstraw, pursuant to plans and specifications prepared by the Rockland County Drainage Agency; and

WHEREAS, Funding for this project is provided in Capital Project Account No. 7112; and

WHEREAS, The Planning & Public Works and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Clerk to the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids for a construction contract for the retaining wall repair and embankment stabilization at 49 South Route 9W, in the Village of West Haverstraw, in the Town of Haverstraw, pursuant to plans and specifications prepared by the Rockland County Drainage Agency, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That funding for this project is provided in Capital Project Account No. 7112.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 6394

Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
 Hon. Christopher J. Carey, Sponsor
 Hon. Nancy Low-Hogan, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 60 OF 2016
 APPROVING THE PURCHASE IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
 FROM JOE JOHNSON EQUIPMENT, INC. OF TWO
 (2) TRACKLESS MT6 TRACTORS AND TWO (2) SPARE TIRES AND RIMS
 FOR THE ROCKLAND COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$319,396
 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER
 UNDER RFB-RC-2015-103
 [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PURCHASING]
 (\$319,396)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Schoenberger and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, The Director of Purchasing requested bids for the purchase of two (2) Trackless MT6 tractors for the Rockland County Highway Department under RFB-RC-2015-103; and

WHEREAS, Eighty-nine vendors were notified, fourteen (14) vendors downloaded the solicitation and one (1) response was received; and

WHEREAS, Joe Johnson Equipment, Inc. is the only authorized dealer for the Trackless MT6 Tractor in New York State; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Purchasing determined that Joe Johnson Equipment Inc., 373 Indian Fields Road, Feura Bush, New York 12067 was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Purchasing and the Superintendent of Highways recommend to the County Executive and the Legislature of Rockland County that the County approve the purchase from Joe Johnson Equipment Inc., 373 Indian Fields Road, Feura Bush, New York 12067 of two (2) Trackless MT6 Tractors with two (2) spare tires and rims for the Rockland County Highway Department under RFB-RC-2015-103, for purchases in the total amount of \$319,396; and

WHEREAS, All purchases shall be made by formal purchase order, subject to the approval of the Director of Purchasing; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for these purchases is provided for in the 2016 Adopted Capital Budget, Capital Project No. 3402; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve the "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County"; and

WHEREAS, The Planning & Public Works and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the purchase from Joe Johnson Equipment Inc., 373 Indian Fields Road, Feura Bush, New York 12067 of two (2) Trackless MT6 Tractors with two (2) spare tires and rims for the Rockland County Highway Department under RFB-RC-2015-103, for purchases in the total amount of \$319,396, subject to the approval of the Director of Purchasing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all purchases shall be made by formal purchase order, subject to the approval of the Director of Purchasing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for these purchases is provided for in the 2016 Adopted Capital Budget, Capital Project No. 3402.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 6795

Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
Hon. Christopher J. Carey, Sponsor
Hon. Nancy Low-Hogan, Sponsor
Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 61 OF 2016
APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
FROM SWIFT ELECTRICAL SUPPLY FOR ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES
FOR VARIOUS COUNTY OF ROCKLAND DEPARTMENTS
IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$60,000
FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$179,549.27 FROM
THE COMMENCEMENT DATE MARCH 13, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 12, 2017
WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER
UNDER RFB-RC-2013-010
[DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PURCHASING]
(\$179,549.27)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Wieder and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, The Director of Purchasing advertised for bids for electrical supplies under RFB-RC-2013-010 (the "RFB") for various County of Rockland Departments for a one year term, with three (3) one (1) year options; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of this contract is for the purchase of electrical supplies for various County of Rockland Departments; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Purchasing determined that Swift Electrical Supply, 100 Hollister Road, Teterboro, New Jersey 07608, was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and awarded Swift Electrical Supply a contract not to exceed \$100,000 for the period from March 13, 2013 through March 12, 2014, with three (3) one (1) year options; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Purchasing exercised the first option term with Swift Electrical Supply, 100 Hollister Road, Teterboro, New Jersey 07608, for electrical supplies under RFB-RC-2013-010 with all purchases being made by formal purchase order, from the commencement date March 13, 2014 through March 12, 2015, with two (2) remaining one (1) year options; and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 461 of 2015 the Director of Purchasing exercised the second option term with Swift Electrical Supply, 100 Hollister Road, Teterboro, New Jersey 07608, for electrical supplies under RFB-RC-2013-010, with all purchases being made by formal purchase order, in an amount not to exceed \$119,549.27 from the commencement date March 13, 2014 through March 12, 2016, with one (1) remaining one (1) year option; and

WHEREAS, The County has expended approximately \$114,690.07 through December 2015 and it is anticipated that an estimated additional \$60,000 will be expended during the third option term of the contract from March 13, 2016 through March 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Purchasing recommends that the County Executive and the Legislature of Rockland County approve additional purchases of electrical supplies from Swift Electrical Supply, 100 Hollister Road, Teterboro, New Jersey 07608 in the additional amount of \$60,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$179,549.27 from the commencement date March 13, 2013 through March 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, All purchases will be initiated by formal purchase order, subject to the approval of the Director of Purchasing in accordance with the approved budgets for the department requesting the services; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for these additional purchases is provided for in the 2016 Operating Budgets of the Department of General Services and the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1, and is contingent upon 2017 budget appropriations; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve the "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County"; and

WHEREAS, The Planning & Public Works and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves purchases in excess of \$100,000 from Swift Electrical Supply, 100 Hollister Road, Teterboro, New Jersey 07608, for electrical supplies for various County of Rockland Departments in the additional amount of \$60,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$179,549.27 from the commencement date March 13, 2013 through March 12, 2017 under RFB-RC-2013-010 and authorizes all purchases to be made by formal purchase order, subject to the approval of the Director of Purchasing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for these additional purchases is provided for in the 2016 Operating Budgets of the Department of General Services and the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1, and is contingent upon 2017 budget appropriations.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 7493

Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
 Hon. Christopher J. Carey, Sponsor
 Hon. Nancy Low-Hogan, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 62 OF 2016
 APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
 FOR VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
 UNDER VARIOUS NEW YORK STATE
 OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES CONTRACTS
 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016
 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER
 [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PURCHASING]**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Soskin and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, The Director of Purchasing requests that the County Executive and the Legislature of Rockland County approve the following purchases in excess of \$100,000 under various New York State Office of General Services (NYS OGS) contracts, and their successor contracts (if awarded in 2016), for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016:

Contract Title	Vendor	State Contract Number	Estimated Purchases
Office Supplies	Staples	PC 66026 and successor contract	\$150,000
Industrial and Commercial Supplies and Equipment	W.W. Grainger	PC 67235 and successor contract	\$250,000
Fuel – Gasoline	Global Montello Group	PC 66690 and successor contract	\$700,000
Fuel – Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel	Heritagenergy	PC 66703 and successor contract	\$550,000
Fuel - Biodiesel	Sprague Energy	PC 66707 and successor contract	\$150,000
Automotive Supplies	Uni-Select USA	PC 65983 and successor contract	\$250,000
Road Salt	Atlantic Salt, Inc.	PC 67020 and successor contract	\$400,000
Comprehensive Bituminous Materials (Hot in Place)	Vendor Determined Quick Quote Process NYS OGS Contract at the time of application	Group 31555 - Award 22787	\$860,000
Comprehensive Bituminous Materials (Chip Seal)	Vendor Determined Quick Quote Process under NYS OGS Contract at the time of application	Group 31555 - Award 22787	\$400,000
Comprehensive Bituminous Materials (Microunder NYS OGS Seal)	Vendor Determined by Quick Quote Process at the time of application	Group 31555 - Award 22787	\$750,000

WHEREAS, The County is authorized to use NYS OGS contracts for the procurement of such goods and services; and

WHEREAS, All purchases will be made by formal purchase order, encumbering the funds in advance of the services provided, and shall be in accordance with the approved 2016 Budgets for each County Department which purchases off of these contracts; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to “approve the execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County”; and

WHEREAS, The Planning & Public Works and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the purchases in excess of \$100,000 under various New York State Office of General Services (OGS) contracts, and their successor contracts (if awarded in 2016), for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in the amounts listed:

Contract Title	Vendor	State Contract Number	Estimated Purchases
Office Supplies	Staples	PC 66026 and successor contract	\$150,000
Industrial and Commercial Supplies and Equipment	W.W. Grainger	PC 67235 and successor contract	\$250,000
Fuel – Gasoline	Global Montello Group	PC 66690 and successor contract	\$700,000
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Comprehensive Bituminous Materials (Chip Seal)	Vendor Determined Quick Quote Process under NYS OGS Contract at the time of application	Group 31555 - Award 22787	\$400,000
Comprehensive Bituminous Materials (Microunder NYS OGS Seal)	Vendor Determined by Quick Quote Process at the time of application	Group 31555 - Award 22787	\$750,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, That all purchases shall be made by formal purchase order, encumbering the funds in advance of services provided, subject to the approval of the Director of Purchasing, and shall be in accordance with the approved 2016 Budgets for each County Department which purchases off of these contracts.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 5906

Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
 Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
 Hon. Christopher J. Carey, Sponsor
 Hon. Nancy Low-Hogan, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 63 OF 2016
 AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING CO.
 AND APPROVING AGREEMENT
 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$1,077,981.85
 FOR THE SEWER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PROJECT
 CONTRACT SM2016-01 AND
 AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 [ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1]
 (\$1,077,981.85)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Earl and Mrs. Paul and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, The Rockland County Sewer District ("Sewer District") advertised for bids for SM2016-01 Sewer System Maintenance Project; and

WHEREAS, This contract is for Sewer System Maintenance in the Town of Clarkstown and the Town of Ramapo which consists of sewer cleaning, televising, testing and sealing of sewer lines, manhole sealing-grout, internal manhole chimney seals and miscellaneous additional work to reduce infiltration and inflow of storm and groundwater into the sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, Two (2) bids were received which were checked and tabulated by the staff of the Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, National Water Main Cleaning Co. has completed similar projects for the Sewer District in the past in a satisfactory manner and was the lower bidder on this contract by a significant amount; and

WHEREAS: Completion of this project will fulfill the rehabilitation of the 126,500 linear feet per year condition that is required by the SPDES permit issued by the NYSDEC; and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 57 of 2015 the Board of Sewer Commissioner's awarded Contract SM2016-01 to National Water Main Cleaning Co., 1806 Newark Turnpike, Kearny, New Jersey 07032, in the amount of \$1,077,981.85 for the Sewer System Maintenance Project subject to the approval of the Rockland County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for this agreement exists in the 2016 Operating Budget of the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1, SWR-8120-E4380; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County;" and

WHEREAS, The Planning & Public Works and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby awards Rockland County Sewer District contract SM2016-01 to the low bidder National Water Main Cleaning Co, in an amount not to exceed \$1,077,981.85; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves an agreement in excess of \$100,000 with National Water Main Cleaning Co., 1806 Newark Turnpike, Kearny, New Jersey 07032, for the Rockland County Sewer District Sewer System Maintenance Project, Contract SM2016-01 in an amount not to exceed \$1,077,981.85, and authorizes its execution by the County Executive, subject to the review of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for this agreement exists in the 2016 Operating Budget of the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1, SWR-8120-E4380.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 5906

Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
 Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
 Hon. Christopher J. Carey, Sponsor
 Hon. Nancy Low-Hogan, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 64 OF 2016
 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH
 UPSTATE CONCRETE & MASONRY CONTRACTING CO., INC.
 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
 \$254,426 FOR CONTRACT RFB-RC-SWR-2015-05
 FOR THE EXTERIOR MASONRY/STAIRS/CONCRETE
 REPAIR PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING
 ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 [ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1]
 (\$254,426)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mrs. Santulli and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, Bids were advertised for the Exterior Masonry/Stairs/Concrete Repair Project, Contract RFB-RC-SWR-2015-05; and

WHEREAS, Upstate Concrete & Masonry Contracting Co., Inc. submitted the lowest bid for the work described in the contract documents and after finding that Upstate Concrete & Masonry Contracting Co., Inc. completed similar projects in the past in a satisfactory manner the Board of Sewer Commissioners awarded Contract RFB-RC-SWR-2015-05 to Upstate Concrete & Masonry Contracting Co., Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1, by its Resolution No. 69 of 2015 has requested that the County Executive and the Rockland County Legislature approve an agreement with Upstate Concrete & Masonry Contracting Co., Inc., 449 West Mombasha Road, Monroe, New York 10950 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$254,426, for the Exterior Masonry/Stairs/Concrete Repair Project, Contract RFB-RC-SWR-2015-05; and

WHEREAS, This agreement is for concrete repair to buildings and stairs, removal of concrete pan stairs, installation of masonry control joints, steel bumpers, stainless steel stairs and railings, and miscellaneous additional work at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Orangeburg; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for this agreement is provided in the 2016 Operating Budget of the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1.; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County;" and

WHEREAS, The Planning & Public Works and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves an agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Upstate Concrete & Masonry Contracting Co., Inc., 449 West Mombasha Road, Monroe, New York 10950 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$254,426, for the Exterior Masonry/Stairs/Concrete Repair Project, Contract RFB-RC-SWR-2015-05, and authorizes its execution by the County Executive, subject to the review of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for this agreement is provided for in the 2016 Operating Budget of the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 5906

Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
 Hon. Christopher J. Carey, Sponsor
 Hon. Nancy Low-Hogan, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 65 OF 2016
 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH
 FRED A. COOK, JR., INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
 \$225,959 FOR CONTRACT RFB-RC-SWR-SM2016-02
 FOR THE SEWER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PROJECT –
 RAMAPO INTERCEPTOR AND AUTHORIZING
 ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 [ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1]
 (\$225,959)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Earl and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, Bids were advertised for the Sewer System Maintenance Project - Ramapo Interceptor, Contract RFB-RC-SWR-SM2016-02; and

WHEREAS, Fred A. Cook, Jr., Inc. submitted the lowest bid for the work described in the contract documents and after finding that Fred A. Cook, Jr., Inc. completed similar projects in the past in a satisfactory manner the Board of Sewer Commissioners awarded Contract RFB-RC-SWR-SM2016-02 to Fred A. Cook, Jr., Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1, by its Resolution No. 68 of 2015 has requested that the County Executive and the Rockland County Legislature approve an agreement with Fred A. Cook, Jr., Inc., Post Office Box 70, Montrose, New York 10548, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$225,959, for the 2016 Sewer System Maintenance Project, Ramapo Interceptor, Contract RFB-RC-SWR-2016-02; and

WHEREAS, This agreement is for Sewer System Maintenance on the Ramapo Interceptor in the Town of Ramapo which consists of sanitary sewer cleaning, televising, sewer manhole inspections and miscellaneous additional work; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for this agreement is provided in the 2016 Operating Budget of the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1.; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County;" and

WHEREAS, The Planning & Public Works and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves an agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Fred A. Cook, Jr., Inc., Post Office Box 70, Montrose, New York 10548, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$225,959, for the 2016 Sewer System Maintenance Project, Ramapo Interceptor, Contract RFB-RC-SWR-2016-02, and authorizes its execution by the County Executive, subject to the review of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for this agreement is provided for in the 2016 Operating Budget of the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 8593

Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
 Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
 Hon. Christopher J. Carey, Sponsor
 Hon. Nancy Low-Hogan, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 66 OF 2016
 APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
 WITH HUSH MAINTENANCE CORP. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$172,406.61
 FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES -
 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT UNDER RFB-RC-2015-020 BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER
 FROM THE COMMENCEMENT DATE APRIL 8, 2015 THROUGH APRIL 7, 2017
 [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PURCHASING]
 (\$172,406.61)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Falciglia and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, The Director of Purchasing advised over 350 vendors of the solicitation for electrical services under RFB-RC-2015-020 for the Department of General Services - Facilities Management, for the period April 8, 2015 through April 7, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, with the option to renew for one (1) additional one (1) year term, with all purchases to be made by formal purchase order; and

WHEREAS, It was determined that Hush Maintenance Corp., Box 189, West Haverstraw, New York 10993 submitted the lowest bid and was deemed responsible; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2015 Hush Maintenance Corp., Box 189, West Haverstraw, New York 10993 was awarded the contract for the period through April 7, 2016 with the option to renew for one (1) additional one (1) year term, with all purchases to be made by formal purchase order; and

WHEREAS, Hush Maintenance Corp. has agreed to extend for an additional year for a total contract term from the commencement date April 8, 2015 through April 7, 2017, with no additional option years; and

WHEREAS, As of December 31, 2015 encumbrances against this contract total \$97,046.61; and

WHEREAS, Facilities Management has estimated an additional \$75,000 will be needed for anticipated projects during the remainder of the contract, for a total not to exceed amount of \$172,406.61; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Facilities Management and the Director of Purchasing recommend that the County Executive and the Legislature of Rockland County approve purchases in excess of \$100,000 from Hush Maintenance Corp., Box 189, West Haverstraw, New York 10993, for electrical services under RFB-RC-2015-020 for the Department of General Services - Facilities Management, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$172,406.61 from the commencement date April 8, 2015 through April 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, All purchases will be made by formal purchase order, subject to the approval of the Director of Purchasing; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County," and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for these purchases exists in the 2015 and 2016 Budgets of the Department of General Services-Facilities Management, and are contingent upon 2017 Budget Appropriations.; and

WHEREAS, The Planning & Public Works and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves purchases in excess of \$100,000 from Hush Maintenance Corp., Box 189, West Haverstraw, New York 10993, for electrical services under RFB-RC-2015-020 for the Department of General Services - Facilities Management, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$172,406.61 from the commencement date April 8, 2015 through April 7, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all purchases will be made by formal purchase order, subject to the approval of the Director of Purchasing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for these purchases exists in the 2015 and 2016 Budgets of the Department of General Services-Facilities Management, and are contingent upon 2017 Budget Appropriations.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 8183

Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
 Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 67 OF 2016
 AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SURPLUS COMPUTERS AND MONITORS
 BY THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND UNDER RFI-RC-2015-010
 TO ROCKLAND INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER, LIBERTY LEARNING
 TREE DIGNITY SERVICES, INC., WOMEN VETERANS ASSOCIATION
 OF HUDSON VALLEY, INC., AND MOSDOS SANZ KLAUSENBURG OF MONSEY
 PURSUANT TO NEW YORK GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 104-C
 [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PURCHASING]**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Jobson and adopted

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law § 104-c(2) provides that “[t]he governing board of a political subdivision may by resolution ... authorize[e] the disposal of computers, computer software and computer equipment no longer needed for the purposes of the political subdivision through donation to public schools, public libraries, and other public and private institutions for secular educational use, and to not-for-profit institutions for use by individuals with disabilities, senior citizens, or low-income individuals, upon proof of need by such institution and subordinate to the requirements of the public schools and libraries of the state”; and

WHEREAS, § 104-c(2) also states that “[s]uch donation shall be based on a public notification process and competitive proposals from schools, libraries, and other public and private educational programs for secular education use, and not-for-profit institutions serving persons with disabilities, senior citizens, or low-income individuals, which shall demonstrate need and specific plans for the use of such equipment”; and

WHEREAS, § 104-c(3) further provides that “[e]very resolution enacted pursuant to this section shall provide that no computer software of a political subdivision shall be transferred if such transfer would cause a breach of a computer software license agreement or an infringement of a copyright”; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Purchasing seeks to donate the County of Rockland’s surplus computer monitors that are no longer needed to qualified public schools, public libraries, other public and private institutions and not-for-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Purchasing issued a Public Notice and Request for Expressions of Interest under RFI-RC-2015-010 (the “RFI”) for surplus computer monitors; and

WHEREAS, The RFI was distributed with the assistance of United Way of Rockland County and the Institute for Non-Profits; and

WHEREAS, Six (6) competitive proposals for surplus computers were received; and

WHEREAS, The following four (4) agencies submitted requests that met all of the requirements of § 104-c and the RFI including the requirement that they demonstrate the need and specific plans for the use of such equipment: (1) Rockland Independent Living Center; (2) Liberty Learning Tree Dignity Services Inc.; (3) Women Veterans Association of Hudson Valley, Inc.; and (4) Mosdos Sanz Klausenberg of Monsey; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Purchasing requests that the County Executive and the Legislature of Rockland County authorize the following donation of surplus computers and monitors by the County of Rockland to the four (4) agencies that met all of the requirements of § 104-c and the RFI:

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| 1. Rockland Independent Living Center | 25 Computers with 17" Monitors |
| 2. Liberty Learning Tree Dignity Services Inc. | 4 Computers with 17" Monitors |
| 3. Women Veterans Association of Hudson Valley, Inc. | 3 Computers with 19" Monitors |
| 4. Mosdos Sanz Klausenberg of Monsey | 1 Computer with 19" Monitor
and 1 Computer with 17" Monitor |

; and

WHEREAS, The Budget and Finance Committee of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby authorizes the County of Rockland to donate, pursuant to New York General Municipal Law § 104-c, the following surplus computer monitors that are no longer needed to the following four (4) agencies, which met all of the requirements of § 104-c and RFI-RC-2015-002 including the requirement that they demonstrate the need and specific plans for the use of such equipment:

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| 1. Rockland Independent Living Center | 25 Computers with 17" Monitors |
| 2. Liberty Learning Tree Dignity Services Inc. | 4 Computers with 17" Monitors |
| 3. Women Veterans Association of Hudson Valley, Inc. | 3 Computers with 19" Monitors |
| 4. Mosdos Sanz Klausenburg of Monsey | 1 Computer with 19" Monitor
and 1 Computer with 17" Monitor. |

The vote resulted as follows:

Ayes:	14	(Legislators Carey, Cornell, Earl, Grant, Hofstein, Jobson, Low-Hogan, Paul, Santulli, Schoenberger, Soskin, Tyer, Wieder, Wolfe)
Nays:	01	(Legislator Falciglia)
Absent:	02	(Legislators Hood, Jr., Moroney)

Introduced by:

Referral No. 5327

Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
Hon. Nancy Low-Hogan, Sponsor
Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
Hon. Laurie Santulli, Sponsor
Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 68 OF 2016
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE TOWN OF RAMAPO
FOR USE OF THE RAMAPO POLICE RANGE FACILITY
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016
AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY
[SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT]**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Earl and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law authorizes municipal governments to perform together that which each government is authorized to perform individually and requires that any intermunicipal cooperation agreement be approved by each participating municipal corporation by a majority vote of the voting strength of its governing body; and

WHEREAS, The County of Rockland through its Sheriff's Department and the Town of Ramapo desire to enter into an intermunicipal agreement for the use of the Ramapo Police Range Facility by the Sheriff's Department and the Rockland County Police Academy for firearms training for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at no cost to the County; and

WHEREAS, The adoption of this resolution does not involve the expenditure of any County funds; and

WHEREAS, The Public Safety and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the execution by the County Executive of an intermunicipal agreement between the County of Rockland through its Sheriff's Department and the Town of Ramapo for the use of the Ramapo Police Range Facility by the Sheriff's Department and the Rockland County Police Academy for firearms training for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at no cost to the County, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That neither this resolution nor the intermunicipal cooperation agreement hereby approved will require the expenditure of any County funds.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 7300

Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
Hon. Nancy Low-Hogan, Sponsor
Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
Hon. Laurie Santulli, Sponsor
Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 69 OF 2016
APPROVING AN INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE COUNTY OF MONROE
FOR THE COUNTY OF MONROE TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND
JAIL SECURITY SERVICES TO INMATES RECEIVING MENTAL
HEALTH TREATMENT AT THE ROCHESTER PSYCHIATRIC CENTER
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020
AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
[SHERIFF - JAIL]**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Hofstein and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law authorizes municipal governments to perform together that which each government is authorized to perform individually and requires that any municipal cooperation agreement shall be approved by each participating municipal corporation by a majority vote of the voting strength of its governing body, and

WHEREAS, The County of Rockland and the County of Monroe desire to enter into a municipal cooperation agreement for the County of Monroe to provide housing and jail security services to inmates receiving mental health treatment at the Rochester Psychiatric Center located at 1111 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, New York for the County of Rockland Sheriff's Department for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The total amount for annual services is \$140.00 a day per inmate and the annual amount cannot be capped as Sheriff Department does not know in advance how many inmates will be subject to this agreement; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for the first year of this agreement exists in the 2016 Budget of the Sheriff-Jail (Dept. 3150, line E4350) and funding for subsequent years will be contingent upon appropriations in the 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 Budgets of the Sheriff-Jail; and

WHEREAS, The Public Safety and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves an intermunicipal cooperation agreement with the County of Monroe, for the County of Monroe to provide housing and jail security services to inmates receiving mental health treatment at the Rochester Psychiatric Center located at 1111 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, New York for the County of Rockland Sheriff's Department for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020, and authorizing its execution by the County Executive, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for the first year of this agreement exists in the 2016 Budget of the Sheriff-Jail (Dept. 3150, line E4350) and funding for subsequent years will be contingent upon appropriations in the 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 Budgets of the Sheriff-Jail.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 2973

Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
 Hon. Vincent C. Tyer, Sponsor
 Hon. Charles Falciglia, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 70 OF 2016
 APPROVING THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
 WITH JAWONIO, INC.
 FOR A COMBINED SERVICES AGREEMENT
 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$584,007 [NCTD]
 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016
 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT
 [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH]
 (\$584,007)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Earl and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 548 of 2015, the Legislature of Rockland County approved the acceptance of funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) to the Rockland County Department of Mental Health (DMH) in the amount of \$584,007 for the calendar year 2016, which is to be distributed to Jawonio, Inc. for the following programs: Sheltered Workshop, Mental Health Recreation Program, Home Health Care Case Management, Mental Health Transitional Business Model, Adult Home Supportive Case Management and Jawonio PROS; and

WHEREAS, The State Aid required no County tax dollars [NCTD]; and

WHEREAS, By this resolution, the Commissioner of DMH recommends to the County Executive and the Legislature that they approve the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Jawonio, Inc. in the amount of \$584,007 [NCTD] for these combined services for the calendar year 2016; and

WHEREAS, The State approved the distribution of these funds to Jawonio, Inc., and such agency may not be changed at will by the County; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for this agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve the "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County"; and

WHEREAS, The Multi-Services and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Jawonio, Inc. for combined services for a total amount not to exceed \$584,007 [NCTD] for the calendar year 2016, and hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the agreement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for the agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 2973

Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
 Hon. Vincent C. Tyler, Sponsor
 Hon. Charles Falciglia, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 71 OF 2016
 APPROVING THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
 WITH OPEN ARMS, INC. FOR HALFWAY HOUSE SERVICES
 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$528,512 [NCTD]
 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016
 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT
 [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH]
 (\$528,512)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Earl and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 548 of 2015, the Legislature of Rockland County approved the acceptance of funding from the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) to the Rockland County Department of Mental Health (DMH) in the amount of \$528,512 for the calendar year 2016, which is to be distributed to Open Arms, Inc. to provide halfway house services at a Men's Community Residence and a Women's Community Residence; and

WHEREAS, The State Aid required no County tax dollars [NCTD]; and

WHEREAS, By this resolution, the Commissioner of DMH recommends to the County Executive and the Legislature that they approve the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Open Arms, Inc. in the amount of \$528,512 [NCTD] for these halfway house services for the calendar year 2016; and

WHEREAS, The State approved the distribution of these funds to Open Arms, Inc., and such agency may not be changed at will by the County; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for this agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve the "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County"; and

WHEREAS, The Multi-Services and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Open Arms, Inc. to provide halfway house services at a Men's Community Residence and a Women's Community Residence for a total amount not to exceed \$528,512 [NCTD] for the calendar year 2016, and hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the agreement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for the agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 2973

Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
 Hon. Vincent C. Tyer, Sponsor
 Hon. Charles Falciglia, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 72 OF 2016
 APPROVING THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
 WITH COMMUNITY AWARENESS NETWORK FOR A
 DRUGFREE LIFE AND ENVIRONMENT, INC. (C.A.N.D.L.E.)
 FOR NARCOTICS ADDICTION CONTROL AND
 PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS
 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$230,525 [NCTD]
 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016
 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT
 [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH]
 (\$230,525)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Earl and Mrs. Low-Hogan and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 548 of 2015, the Legislature of Rockland County approved the acceptance of funding from the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) to the Rockland County Department of Mental Health (DMH) in the amount of \$230,525 for the calendar year 2016, which is to be distributed to Community Awareness Network for a Drugfree Life and Environment, Inc. (C.A.N.D.L.E.) for narcotics addiction control and prevention programs for children and adults; and

WHEREAS, The State Aid required no County tax dollars [NCTD]; and

WHEREAS, By this resolution, the Commissioner of DMH recommends to the County Executive and the Legislature that they approve the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Community Awareness Network for a Drugfree Life and Environment, Inc. (C.A.N.D.L.E.) in the amount of \$230,525 [NCTD] for these combined services for the calendar year 2016; and

WHEREAS, The State approved the distribution of these funds to Community Awareness Network for a Drugfree Life and Environment, Inc. (C.A.N.D.L.E.), and such agency may not be changed at will by the County; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for this agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve the "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County"; and

WHEREAS, The Multi-Services and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Community Awareness Network for a Drugfree Life and Environment, Inc. (C.A.N.D.L.E.) for narcotics addiction control and prevention programs for children and adults for a total amount not to exceed \$230,525 [NCTD] for the calendar year 2016, and hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the agreement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for the agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 2973

Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
 Hon. Vincent C. Tyer, Sponsor
 Hon. Charles Falciglia, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 73 OF 2016
 APPROVING THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
 WITH SAINT DOMINIC'S HOME
 FOR SUPPORTED HOUSING, CHILDREN FIRST AFTER SCHOOL
 PROGRAM AND FAMILIES EMPOWERED (CAFE)
 CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$759,555 [NCTD]
 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016
 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT
 [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH]
 (\$759,555)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Jobson, Mrs. Paul and Mr. Soskin and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 548 of 2015, the Legislature of Rockland County approved the acceptance of funding from the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) in the amount of \$759,555 for the calendar year 2016, which is to be distributed to Saint Dominic's Home for the following programs: Supported Housing, Children First After School Program and Families Empowered (CAFE) Case Management Program; and

WHEREAS, The State Aid required no County tax dollars [NCTD]; and

WHEREAS, By this resolution, the Commissioner of DMH recommends to the County Executive and the Legislature that they approve the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Saint Dominic's Home in the amount of \$759,555 [NCTD] for these services for the calendar year 2016; and

WHEREAS, The State approved the distribution of these funds to Saint Dominic's Home, and such agency may not be changed at will by the County; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for this agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve the "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County"; and

WHEREAS, The Multi-Services and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Saint Dominic's Home for Supported Housing, Children First After School Program and Families Empowered (CAFE) Case Management Program for a total amount not to exceed \$759,555 [NCTD] for the calendar year 2016, and hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the agreement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for the agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 2973

Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
 Hon. Vincent C. Tyer, Sponsor
 Hon. Charles Falciglia, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 74 OF 2016
 APPROVING THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
 WITH NYSARC, INC., ROCKLAND COUNTY
 CHAPTER, D/B/A ARC OF ROCKLAND, INC.
 FOR A DAY TRAINING PROGRAM
 IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$257,514
 WHICH INCLUDES A LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,757
 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016
 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT
 [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH]
 (\$257,514)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Santulli and Mr. Soskin and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 548 of 2015, the Legislature of Rockland County approved the acceptance of funding from the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to the Rockland County Department of Mental Health (DMH) in the amount of \$128,757 for the calendar year 2016, which is to be distributed to NYSARC, Inc., Rockland County Chapter, d/b/a ARC of Rockland, Inc. for a Day Training Program; and

WHEREAS, The State Aid required a local share in the amount of \$128,757; and

WHEREAS, By this resolution, the Commissioner of RC DMH recommends to the County Executive and the Legislature that they approve the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with NYSARC, Inc., Rockland County Chapter, d/b/a ARC of Rockland, Inc. for a Day Training Program for the calendar year 2016, in a total amount not to exceed \$257,514, which includes the local share; and

WHEREAS, The State has approved the distribution of these funds to NYSARC, Inc., Rockland County Chapter, d/b/a ARC of Rockland, Inc., and such agency may not be changed at will by the County; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for the agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve the "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County"; and

WHEREAS, The Multi-Services Committee of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; and

WHEREAS, The Budget and Finance Committee of this Legislature has met, considered and approved this resolution by a vote of 8 Ayes, 1 U.A. Nay and 1 Absent, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with NYSARC, Inc., Rockland County Chapter, d/b/a ARC of Rockland, Inc. for a Day Training Program for a total amount not to exceed \$257,514, which includes a local share in the amount of \$128,757, for the calendar year 2016, and hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the agreement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for the agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 2973

Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
 Hon. Vincent D. Tyer, Sponsor
 Hon. Charles J. Falciglia, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 75 OF 2016
 APPROVING THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
 WITH LEXINGTON CENTER FOR RECOVERY, INC.
 FOR CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE - MEDICALLY SUPERVISED OUTPATIENT
 CLINIC AND OUTPATIENT REHABILITATION SERVICES,
 METHADONE TREATMENT PROGRAM AND GAMBLING COUNSELING SERVICES
 IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,367,305
 WHICH INCLUDES A LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$535,617
 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016
 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT
 [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH]
 (\$1,367,305)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Earl, Mrs. Low-Hogan and Mrs. Paul and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 548 of 2015, the Legislature of Rockland County approved the acceptance of funding from the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) to the Rockland County Department of Mental Health (DMH) in the amount of \$831,688 for the calendar year 2016, which is to be distributed to Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc. for Chemical Dependence - Medically Supervised Outpatient Clinic and Outpatient Rehabilitation Services, Methadone Treatment Program and Gambling Counseling Services; and

WHEREAS, The State Aid required a local share in the amount of \$535,617; and

WHEREAS, By this resolution, the Commissioner of RC DMH recommends to the County Executive and the Legislature that they approve the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc. for these combined services for the calendar year 2016, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,367,305, which includes the local share; and

WHEREAS, The State has approved the distribution of these funds to Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc., and such agency may not be changed at will by the County; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for the agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve the "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County"; and

WHEREAS, The Multi-Services Committee of this Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution, and

WHEREAS, The Budget and Finance Committee of this Legislature has met, considered and approved this resolution by a vote of 8 Ayes, 1 U.A. Nay and 1 Absent, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc. for Chemical Dependence - Medically Supervised Outpatient Clinic and Outpatient Rehabilitation Services, Methadone Treatment Program and Gambling Counseling Services, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,367,305, which includes a local share in the amount of \$535,617, for the calendar year 2016, and hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the agreement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for the agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 2973

Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
 Hon. Vincent D. Tyer, Sponsor
 Hon. Charles J. Falciglia, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr, Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 76 OF 2016
 APPROVING THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
 WITH LOEB HOUSE, INC. FOR A COMBINED SERVICES AGREEMENT
 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$916,894
 WHICH INCLUDES A LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,140
 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016
 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT
 [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH]
 (\$916,894)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mrs. Low-Hogan, Mrs. Paul, Mr. Soskin and Mr. Tyer and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 548 of 2015, the Legislature of Rockland County approved the acceptance of funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) to the Rockland County Department of Mental Health (DMH) in the amount of \$907,754 for the calendar year 2016, which is to be distributed to Loeb House, Inc. for the following programs: the Supported Housing Program, MICA Enhancement Program, a respite/crisis bed program and Direct Service Enhancement; and

WHEREAS, The State Aid required a local share in the amount of \$9,140; and

WHEREAS, By this resolution, the Commissioner of DMH recommends to the County Executive and the Legislature that they approve the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Rockland Hospital Guild, Inc. for the Supported Housing Program, MICA Enhancement Program, a respite/crisis bed program and Direct Service Enhancement for the calendar year 2016, in a total amount not to exceed \$916,894, which includes the local share; and

WHEREAS, The State approved the distribution of these funds to Loeb House, Inc., and such agency may not be changed at will by the County; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for this agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve the "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County"; and

WHEREAS, The Multi-Services Committee of this Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution, and

WHEREAS, The Budget and Finance Committee of this Legislature has met, considered and approved this resolution by a vote of 8 Ayes, 1 U.A. Nay and 1 Absent, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Loeb House, Inc. for the Supported Housing Program, MICA Enhancement Program, a respite/crisis bed program and Direct Service Enhancement, for a total amount not to exceed \$916,894, which includes a local share in the amount of \$9,140, for the calendar year 2016, and hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the agreement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for the agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 2973

Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
 Hon. Vincent D. Tyler, Sponsor
 Hon. Charles J. Falciglia, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 77 OF 2016
 APPROVING THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
 WITH ROCKLAND HOSPITAL GUILD, INC.
 FOR SUPPORTED HOUSING, ADVOCACY/SUPPORT
 SERVICES AND ENHANCED STAFFING FOR RESIDENTIAL
 SERVICES FOR THE DEAF
 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$752,100 [NCTD]
 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016
 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT
 [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH]
 (\$752,100)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Earl and Mr. Soskin and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 548 of 2015, the Legislature of Rockland County approved the acceptance of funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) to the Rockland County Department of Mental Health (DMH) in the amount of \$752,100 for the calendar year 2016, which is to be distributed to Rockland Hospital Guild, Inc. for the following programs: Supported Housing, Advocacy/Support Services and Enhanced Staffing for Residential Services for the Deaf; and

WHEREAS, The State Aid required no County tax dollars [NCTD]; and

WHEREAS, By this resolution, the Commissioner of DMH recommends to the County Executive and the Legislature that they approve the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Rockland Hospital Guild, Inc. in the amount of \$752,100 [NCTD] for Supported Housing, Advocacy/Support Services and Enhanced Staffing for Residential Services for the Deaf for the calendar year 2016; and

WHEREAS, The State approved the distribution of these funds to Rockland Hospital Guild, Inc., and such agency may not be changed at will by the County; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for this agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve the "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County"; and

WHEREAS, The Multi-Services and Budget and Finance Committees of this Legislature have met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Rockland Hospital Guild, Inc. to provide for Supported Housing, Advocacy/Support Services and Enhanced Staffing for Residential Services for the Deaf for a total amount not to exceed \$752,100 [NCTD] for the calendar year 2016, and hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the agreement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for the agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 2973

Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
 Hon. Vincent D. Tyer, Sponsor
 Hon. Charles J. Falciglia, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 78 OF 2016
 APPROVING THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
 WITH ROCKLAND PARAMEDIC SERVICES, INC.
 FOR MOBILE CRISIS INTERVENTION RESPONSE TEAM SERVICES
 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$849,668 [NCTD]
 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016
 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT
 [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH]
 (\$849,668)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Earl, Mr. Jobson, Mrs. Low-Hogan and Mr. Soskin and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 548 of 2015, the Legislature of Rockland County approved the acceptance of funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) to the Rockland County Department of Mental Health (DMH) in the amount of \$849,668 for the calendar year 2016, which is to be distributed to Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc. for Mobile Crisis Intervention Response Team Services; and

WHEREAS, The State Aid required no County tax dollars [NCTD]; and

WHEREAS, By this resolution, the Commissioner of DMH recommends to the County Executive and the Legislature that they approve the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc. in the amount of \$849,668 [NCTD] for Mobile Crisis Intervention Response Team Services for the calendar year 2016; and

WHEREAS, The State approved the distribution of these funds to Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc., and such agency may not be changed at will by the County; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for this agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve the "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County"; and

WHEREAS, The Multi-Services and Budget and Finance Committees of this Legislature have met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc. for Mobile Crisis Intervention Response Team Services for a total amount not to exceed \$849,668 [NCTD] for the calendar year 2016, and hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the agreement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for the agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 2973

Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
 Hon. Vincent D. Tyer, Sponsor
 Hon. Charles J. Falciglia, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr. , Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 79 OF 2016
 APPROVING THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
 WITH CAMP VENTURE, INC.
 FOR SUMMER CAMP AND SHELTERED WORKSHOP
 IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$366,978
 WHICH INCLUDES A LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$194,300
 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016
 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT
 [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH]
 (\$366,978)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Earl, Mrs. Paul, Mr. Soskin and Mr. Tyer and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 548 of 2015, the Legislature of Rockland County approved the acceptance of funding from the New York State Office For People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to the Rockland County Department of Mental Health (DMH) in the amount of \$172,678 for the calendar year 2016, which is to be distributed to Camp Venture, Inc. for Summer Camp and Sheltered Workshop; and

WHEREAS, The State Aid required a local share in the amount of \$194,300; and

WHEREAS, By this resolution, the Commissioner of RC DMH recommends to the County Executive and the Legislature that they approve the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Camp Venture, Inc. for these combined services for the calendar year 2016, in a total amount not to exceed \$366,978, which includes the local share; and

WHEREAS, The State has approved the distribution of these funds to Camp Venture, Inc., and such agency may not be changed at will by the County; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for the agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve the "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County"; and

WHEREAS, The Multi-Services and Budget and Finance Committees of this Legislature have met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Camp Venture, Inc. for Summer Camp and Sheltered Workshop, for a total amount not to exceed \$366,978, which includes a local share in the amount of \$194,300, for the calendar year 2016, and hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the agreement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for the agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 2973

Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
 Hon. Vincent D. Tyer, Sponsor
 Hon. Charles J. Falciglia, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr. , Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 80 OF 2016
 APPROVING THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
 WITH ROCKLAND COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM & OTHER DRUG DEPENDENCE, INC.
 FOR PREVENTION SERVICES IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$389,011
 WHICH INCLUDES A LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,660
 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016
 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT
 [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH]
 (\$389,011)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mrs. Low-Hogan, Mrs. Paul and Mr. Tyer and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 548 of 2015, the Legislature of Rockland County approved the acceptance of funding from the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) to the Rockland County Department of Mental Health (DMH) in the amount of \$358,351 to be distributed to Rockland Council on Alcoholism & Other Drug Dependence, Inc. for prevention services for the calendar year 2016; and

WHEREAS, The State Aid required a local share in the amount of \$30,660; and

WHEREAS, By this resolution, the Commissioner of DMH recommends to the County Executive and the Legislature that they approve an agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Rockland Council on Alcoholism & Other Drug Dependence, Inc. for prevention services for the calendar year 2016, in a total amount not to exceed \$389,011, which includes the local share; and

WHEREAS, The State has approved the distribution of these funds to Rockland Council on Alcoholism & Other Drug Dependence, Inc., and such agency may not be changed at will by the County; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for the agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve the "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County"; and

WHEREAS, The Multi-Services and Budget and Finance Committees of this Legislature have met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Rockland Council on Alcoholism & Other Drug Dependence, Inc. for prevention services, for a total amount not to exceed \$389,011, which includes a local share in the amount of \$30,660, for the calendar year 2016, and hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the agreement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for the agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 2973

Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
 Hon. Vincent D. Tyler, Sponsor
 Hon. Charles J. Falciglia, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr. , Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Sponsor
 Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 81 OF 2016
 APPROVING THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
 WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF ROCKLAND COUNTY, INC.
 FOR COMBINED SERVICES IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,351,557
 WHICH INCLUDES A LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,077
 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT
 [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH]
 (\$2,351,557)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mrs. Low-Hogan, Mrs. Paul and Mr. Soskin and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 548 of 2015, the Legislature of Rockland County approved the acceptance of funding from New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) to the Rockland County Department of Mental Health (DMH) in the amount of \$2,111,510 and from the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) in the amount of \$137,970, for the calendar year 2016, which is to be distributed to Mental Health Association of Rockland County, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The OMH funding will be used for Respite, Outreach, Assertive Community Treatment, Family Support, Advocacy, Drop-in-Center, Intensive Case Management, COMPEER, Health Home Care Management, CCSI/Network, Supported Housing, Cornell Residence, PROS, Health Home Non-Medicaid Care Management, Supportive Case Management, Rockland Success Team and Transportation, and the OASAS funding will be used for Recovery Services Medically Supervised Outpatient Clinic; and

WHEREAS, The State Aid required a local share in the amount of \$102,077; and

WHEREAS, By this resolution, the Commissioner of RC DMH recommends to the County Executive and the Legislature that they approve the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Mental Health Association of Rockland County, Inc. for these combined services for the calendar year 2016, in a total amount not to exceed \$2,351,557, which includes the local share; and

WHEREAS, The State has approved the distribution of these funds to Mental Health Association of Rockland County, Inc., and such agency may not be changed at will by the County; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for the agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve the "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County"; and

WHEREAS, The Multi-Services and Budget and Finance Committees of this Legislature have met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with Mental Health Association of Rockland County, Inc. for combined services, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,351,557, which includes a local share in the amount of \$102,077, for the calendar year 2016, and hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the agreement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for the agreement is provided for in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Mental Health.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 8148

Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
Hon. Philip Soskin, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Toney L. Earl, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Aney Paul, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Vincent D. Tyer, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Charles J. Falciglia, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Christopher J. Carey, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Michael M. Grant, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Nancy Low-Hogan, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Laurie A. Santulli, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Ilan S. Schoenberger, Co-Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 82 OF 2016
ACCEPTING A PLAQUE FROM SURROGATE'S COURT JUDGE THOMAS E. WALSH
HONORING VIRGINIA ATHENS
LONG-TIME CHIEF CLERK OF THE SURROGATE'S COURT**

Mr. Soskin offered the following resolution, which was seconded by the entire Legislature and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, Virginia Athens retired in November of 2015 after 44 years of County service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Athens worked in the office of the Clerk of the Surrogate's Court beginning in November of 1971, and was Chief Clerk of the Surrogate's Court for more than 33 years, since October of 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Thomas E. Walsh, Surrogate's Court Judge, wishes to express his great thanks and deep admiration for Ms. Athens' 44 years of service and commitment to the Rockland County Surrogate's Court with particular appreciation for her leadership and integrity as Chief Clerk of the Surrogate's Court for over 33 years, and he has donated a plaque in Mr. Athens' honor, said plaque to hang in the office of the Clerk of the Surrogate's Court; and

WHEREAS, the Multi Services Committee has met, considered and by a unanimous vote, approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Rockland County Legislature hereby accepts a plaque from Surrogate's Court Judge Thomas E. Walsh's honoring Virginia Athens, long-time chief clerk of the Surrogate's Court, said plaque to hang in the office of the Clerk of the Surrogate's Court; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Rockland County Legislature congratulates Ms. Athens on her retirement after 44 years of devoted service to the Surrogate Court, thanks Justice Walsh for his thoughtful and generous gift, and directs the Clerk to the Legislature to forward a copy of this resolution to Ms. Athens and the Honorable Thomas E. Walsh.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 3436

Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
Hon. Philip Soskin, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Toney L. Earl, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Aney Paul, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Vincent D. Tyer, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Charles J. Falciglia, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Christopher J. Carey, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Michael M. Grant, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Nancy Low-Hogan, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Laurie A. Santulli, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Ilan S. Schoenberger, Co-Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 83 OF 2016
ACCEPTING AN HISTORICAL MAP OF ROCKLAND COUNTY DEPICTING ROADS
AND EARLY BUILDINGS AS THEY APPEARED IN THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES
AS DONATED BY JULIUS D. AND RUTH GRAIFMAN**

Mr. Soskin offered the following resolution, which was seconded by the entire Legislature and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, Julius D. and Ruth Graifman have generously donated to the Legislature an historical map of Rockland County depicting roads and early buildings as they appeared in the 18th and 19th centuries; and

WHEREAS, such a map helps engage diverse people in a diverse dialogue about the rich historical heritage of the County and helps them develop a greater appreciation for that history and heritage; and

WHEREAS, said historical map will be framed and hang in the offices of the Legislature where members of the public can come and examine it; and

WHEREAS, the Multi Services Committee has met, considered and by a unanimous vote, approved this resolution; now therefore be it

Resolved, the Rockland County Legislature hereby accepts an historical map of Rockland County depicting roads and early buildings as they appeared in the 18th and 19th centuries as donated by Julius D. and Ruth Graifman, said map to hang in the offices of the Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Rockland County Legislature thanks Julius D. and Ruth Graifman for their thoughtful and generous gift, and directs the Clerk to the Legislature to forward a copy of this resolution to Julius D. and Ruth Graifman.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 9361

Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
Hon. Ilan S. Schoenberger, Sponsor
Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Co-Sponsor
Hon. Aney Paul, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Philip Soskin, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Laurie A. Santulli, Co-Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 84 OF 2016
CREATING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COUNTY SECURITY AND
APPOINTING THE MEMBERS OF THE ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE'S
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE TO SERVE AS ITS MEMBERS**

Mr. Wieder offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Soskin and unanimously adopted

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Charter at C3.02(t) charges the County Executive with the duty to look after the physical properties of County buildings; and

WHEREAS, under the Rockland County Charter at C3.02(a) the County Executive has the duty to supervise and direct the internal organization and reorganization of each department or other administrative unit, the head of which he has the power to appoint; and

WHEREAS, under the management of the County Executive, the Rockland County Office of General Services staffs County security guards and is responsible for security at County facilities and properties; and

WHEREAS, historically and currently the County maintains a welcoming environment with only limited security at most facilities, creating a potential security risk to employees and visitors; and

WHEREAS, security guards at County facilities and properties are not currently armed; and

WHEREAS, there have been calls by members of the Legislature and others to train existing security guards to enhance the County's ability to respond to security threats; and

WHEREAS, County security operations have recently suffered reductions in full-time staffing and supervision and rely heavily on overtime and relief positions to maintain required minimum staffing; and

WHEREAS, the Office of General Services currently lacks a Commissioner or Acting Commissioner to provide day-to-day supervision of County security guards; and

WHEREAS, there exists a magnetometer in storage on County premises for the last two (2) years that could have been put in operation for security purposes by the Department of General Services, but has not been so used; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has called for the Sheriff's Patrol Officers to provide security at County facilities and properties; and

WHEREAS, if the Sheriff's Office were responsible for security at County facilities and properties, sworn officers would no longer be available to perform their usual and regular patrol duties, compromising public safety; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Sheriff's Office to perform security at County facilities, additional funds and positions would be required for supervision, operations and coordination with outside police resources; and

WHEREAS, a Special Committee on County Security is needed to evaluate the County's security operations and work collaboratively with the County Executive and Sheriff to address issues concerning security at County facilities and properties; and

WHEREAS, the bi-partisan members of the Legislature's Public Safety Committee would be well-equipped to work in such a collaborative manner to evaluate security needs and to assist in developing a strategy for upgrading security at County facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Rockland County Legislature hereby creates a Special Committee on County Security; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Rockland County Legislature hereby appoints the members of the Rockland County Legislature's Public Safety Committee to the Special Committee on County Security to work collaboratively with the County Executive and Sheriff to evaluate security needs and to assist in developing a strategy and to address the needs and requirements for upgrading security at County facilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk to the Legislature be and hereby is authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to Rockland County Executive Edwin J. Day, to Rockland County Sheriff Louis Falco III, and to such other persons as the Clerk, in his discretion, may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

Debate:

Chairman Wolfe

The concept of this is to essentially charge the committee with the task of serving as the liaison in the form of a special committee to work collaboratively with representatives from the Sheriff's Department and the County Executive's office to try cut through the rhetoric to try to cut through the finger pointing, cut through the disagreement and try to achieve a solution to what is essentially a battle of wills. We all agree that County security needs to be provided for. I think we all agree that the County would be better served if security were armed.

Mrs. Cornell

It appears that all the members of the Public Safety committee on are this committee. I was just wonder why they can't just do it as the Public Safety committee.

Chairman Wolfe

It is not a joint task force. We are designated the members of the Public Safety committee as the Legislature's representatives, so to speak, in trying to create some sort of dialog and facilitate discussion and hopefully a resolution. The Public Safety committee on its own doesn't have the authority to act as the representatives of the Legislature.

Mr. Wieder

In true bipartisan efforts this resolution was done collaboratively between the Legislature, the committee, the County Executive's office and the Sheriff's Department.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
WILLIAM E. KING**

Mrs. Cornell offered the following memorial, which was seconded by entire Legislature and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of William E. King.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
CAROLE E. FLEISCHMANN**

Mrs. Cornell offered the following memorial, which was seconded by Mrs. Low-Hogan and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of Carole E. Fleischmann.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
ELEANOR M. UTZIG**

Mrs. Cornell offered the following memorial, which was seconded by entire Legislature and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of Eleanor M. Utzig.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
MARK GARRISON**

Mr. Hood, Jr. offered the following memorial, which was seconded by Mr. Grant and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of Mark Garrison.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
LEO VILORD**

Chairman Wolfe offered the following memorial, which was seconded by Mr. Schoenberger and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of Leo Vilord.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
DAVID GEORGE SCANLAN**

Mrs. Cornell offered the following memorial, which was seconded by entire Legislature and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of David George Scanlan.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
JOSEPH A. McGUINNESS**

Mr. Moroney and Mr. Carey offered the following memorial, which was seconded by Mrs. Cornell and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of Joseph A. McGuinness.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
CLAIRE NEYER**

Chairman Wolfe offered the following memorial, which was seconded by Mrs. Low-Hogan and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of Claire Neyer.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
DAVID LUXENBERG**

Chairman Wolfe offered the following memorial, which was seconded by Mrs. Low-Hogan and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of David Luxenberg.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
HELEN LOWE**

Chairman Wolfe offered the following memorial, which was seconded by Mr. Schoenberger and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of Helen Lowe.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
SERENA V. CARROLL**

Chairman Wolfe offered the following memorial, which was seconded by Mr. Schoenberger and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of Serena V. Carroll.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
RAYMOND J. BLAUVELT**

Chairman Wolfe offered the following memorial, which was seconded by Mr. Falciglia and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of Raymond J. Blauvelt.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
ANDREW PHILIP BIONDO**

Chairman Wolfe offered the following memorial, which was seconded by Mr. Schoenberger and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of Andrew Philip Biondo.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
MONSIGNOR ROBERT A. FORD**

Chairman Wolfe offered the following memorial, which was seconded by Mr. Schoenberger and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of Monsignor Robert A. Ford.

**RESOLUTION NO. 87 OF 2016
ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Wieder offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Jobson and unanimously adopted (10:22 p.m.)

RESOLVED, that the meeting of the Legislature is hereby adjourned to Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

DARCY SHAPIN-GREENBERG
Proceedings Clerk