

The Legislature of Rockland County



JAY HOOD, JR.

Legislator – District 3

Chair, Public Safety Committee

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012
5:15 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. J. Hood, Jr., Chair
Leg. T. Earl, Vice Chair
Leg. C. Carey
Leg. E. Day
Leg. A. Paul
Leg. A. Wieder
Leg. A. Wolfe

OTHERS PRESENT:

E. Yeger, Esq.
Hon. T. Zugibe
P. Brennan
Hon. D. Fried
J. Rosenthal
J. Reilly

CHAIR HOOD, JR. APPOINTED LEG. T. EARL AS HIS VICE CHAIRMAN

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2012

**MOTION TO ADOPT:
DAY/CAREY**

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1. REF. #5574 - REQUESTING THAT THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY PASS BILL A.8547-A – AN ACT TO AMEND THE EXECUTIVE LAW TO REQUIRE DNA TESTING OF ALL PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES (HON. EDWIN J. DAY, LEGISLATURE)

Leg. Day explained this resolution is common sense legislation that brings existing and well tested science to bear to enhance law enforcement efforts in keeping the public safe by both preventing new crimes and solving old ones. Under the existing law only about half the crimes committed are eligible for submission of DNA samples. The legislation would expand that list to include all felonies in State law every penal law misdemeanor which could add about 46,000 individual DNA samples each year to the databank. Leg. Day further stated that DNA is simply a 21st Century fingerprint and it is illogical not to use every tool in the toolbox to protect our citizens.

District Attorney Thomas Zugibe agreed this would greatly help law enforcement efforts.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
DAY/HOOD, JR., EARL, CAREY, PAUL, WIEDER, WOLFE**

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ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., EARL, CAREY, PAUL, WIEDER, WOLFE, JOBSON

2. REF. #6704 - APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR CONTINUED ACCESS TO THE iSAFE WEB-BASED ACCUSATORY INSTRUMENT FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN ROCKLAND COUNTY FOR 2012 (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY) (\$16,850)
(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
DAY/WIEDER AND PAUL**

**UNAN
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3. REF. #6704 - APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$138,414 FROM EDUCATION & ASSISTANCE CORPORATION FOR ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES UNDER RFP-RC-2011-025 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER (DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE) (\$138,414)
(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
EARL/PAUL**

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4. REF. #9361 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS TOTALING \$38,412.64 (NCTD) FROM THE CITY OF NEW YORK UNDER THE SECURE THE CITIES PROGRAM RUN BY THE COUNTY TO REIMBURSE THE TOWN OF STONY POINT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2011 CHEVROLET TAHOE AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE TOWN OF STONY POINT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT) (\$38,412.64)
(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
EARL/WOLFE**

**UNAN
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5. REF. #7666 - APPROVING CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 WITH STERLING HELICOPTER FOR ENGINE AND STRUCTURAL UPGRADES TO BELL HELICOPTER UNDER RFP-RC-2011-012 FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, 2012 THROUGH AUGUST 30, 2012 (SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT) (\$150,000) (NCTD)
(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF)

Hon. David Fried explained that the helicopter was available to all jurisdictions and was used frequently for issues such as traffic, missing persons, Tappan Zee bridge, photography, by the Health and Planning Departments and many other uses. The FAA has mandated an engine upgrade and it will take about 90 days to refurbish.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
EARL/PAUL**

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6. REF. #7300 - APPROVING AN INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND COUNTY OF MONROE TO PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES TO INMATES RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AT THE ROCHESTER PSYCHIATRIC CENTER FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT)
(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
EARL/DAY**

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7. REF. #7300 - APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION TO AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$64,000 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000 RFP-RC-2010-008 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND DONAHOO CONSULTING, LLC FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR RAILWAY SECURITY AND TRAINING EXERCISES AS NEEDED FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 13, 2012 THROUGH AUGUST 12, 2013 WITH TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTIONS AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT) (\$125,000)
(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
DAY/CAREY**

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8. REF. #5834 - REQUESTING ENACTMENT OF HOME RULE REQUEST BY THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE OF SENATE BILL S-6491 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A.9301 AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW AND VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW IN RELATION TO REGULATION OF THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF TAXICABS AND LIVERY VEHICLES IN ROCKLAND COUNTY
(HON. JAY HOOD, JR. HON ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER, LEGISLATURE)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
HOOD, JR./EARL, CAREY, DAY, PAUL, WIEDER, WOLFE**

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9. REF. #5834 - REQUESTING ENACTMENT OF HOME RULE REQUEST BY THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE OF SENATE BILL S-5124-A AND ASSEMBLY BILL A.1677-A AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW IN RELATION TO REGULATION OF THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF TAXICABS AND LIVERY VEHICLES IN ROCKLAND COUNTY
(HON. JAY HOOD, JR., HON ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER, LEGISLATURE)

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Leg. Hood, Jr. gave the background on these proposed resolutions. This would allow the County of Rockland to adopt local laws or ordinances regulating the registration and licensing of taxicabs, limousines and livery vehicles and may limit the number to be licensed. Presently, our taxicabs have a hard time going over to Westchester since we do not have an agreement with them.

Counsel explained the reason for the two resolutions was that the second version may be preferable to Albany but if this does not pass, then we would go ahead with the first version.

Leg. Day stated this was needed for public safety and hopes the State Legislature sees this and takes action.

Leg. Wolfe explained the intention of this law is not to take away from the towns just gives the County the authorization to make laws. There have been many talks that have involved the towns especially in Haverstraw and Spring Valley.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 6:15 PM
WOLFE/CAREY

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