

The Legislature of Rockland County



JAY HOOD, JR.
Legislator – District 3

Chair, Public Safety Committee

Members Present:

Leg. J. Hood, Jr. Chair
Leg. B. Kantrowitz
Leg. D. Jobson
Leg. T. Earl, Vice Chair
Leg. C. Carey

Members Absent:

Leg. J. Meyers
Leg. P. Soskin

Others Present:

E. Yeger, Esq.
J. Rosenthal
S. Powers

B. Atkins
Leg. Wieder

M. Riconda
A. Pinzow

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014
5:15 PM

ROLL CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2014

**MOTION TO ADOPT:
JOBSON/EARL**

UNAN

1. REF. #5327 - APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE SHERIFF IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR DUTY JACKETS FOR THE SHERIFF'S PATROL DIVISION
[OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF] (\$5,750)
(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
KANTROWITZ/CAREY**

**UNAN
TRANSFER TO B&F 4/29/14**

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JOBSON, KANTROWITZ, EARL, CAREY

2. REF. #6704 - APPROVING AN INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, THROUGH ITS OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND THE TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FORFEITURE FUNDS TO SAID TOWN FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
[OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY] (\$400,000)
(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
EARL/CAREY**

**UNAN
TRANSFER TO B&F 4/29/14**

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3. REF. #6704 - APPROVING AN INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, THROUGH ITS OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND THE TOWN OF RAMAPO POLICE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FORFEITURE FUNDS TO SAID TOWN FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY] (\$300,000) (THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
EARL/JOBSON TRANSFER TO B&F 4/29/14
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4. REF. #9252 - ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS HAZMAT MATERIALS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,000 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND CALIBRATION OF EQUIPMENT AND ENHANCING THE CAPABILITIES OF THE REGIONAL HAZMAT TEAM (ROCKLAND, ORANGE, ULSTER, AND SULLIVAN COUNTIES) FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 6, 2013 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES] (\$71,000) (GORDON W. WREN, DIRECTOR, FIRE & EMERGENCY)

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
KANTROWITZ/CAREY TRANSFER TO B&F 4/29/14
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JOBSON, KANTROWITZ, EARL, CAREY

5. REF. #7424 - REQUESTING THAT THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY PASS BILL A.8644 AND THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE PASS BILL S.6254 - AN ACT TO AMEND THE PENAL LAW TO ESTABLISH THE CRIMES OF RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT OF A PEACE OFFICER, POLICE OFFICER, FIREFIGHTER OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROFESSIONAL IN THE FIRST AND SECOND DEGREES (HON. DOUGLAS J. JOBSON, COUNTY LEGISLATOR)

Elana Yeger stated that this resolution would create a criminal charge for those who violate building laws leading to an injury of a first responder.

Chair Hood asked if landlords would be notified of possible violations before charges would be filed. Counsel replied that it is the individuals responsible for construction who will be held liable.

Legislator Wieder asked whether this legislation was spurred by something that happened in Rockland, and expressed concern about considering legislation created in the wake of incidents taking place outside the county.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
JOBSON/CAREY, EARL
ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, KANTROWITZ, EARL, CAREY

6. REF. #8293 - URGING THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PASS H.R. 4109 - TO REQUIRE THE PRESIDENT TO DESIGNATE A LEGAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY
(HON. CHRISTOPHER CAREY, COUNTY LEGISLATOR)

Legislator Carey stated this was an important measure to honor the risk and sacrifice of first responders.

MOTION TO APPROVE: **UNAN**
CAREY/JOBSON **TRANSFER TO RULES 4/29/14**
ADDED CO-SPONSORS: **LEGS. HOOD, JOBSON, KANTROWITZ, EARL**

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 5:40 PM **UNAN**
JOBSON/EARL

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