

# The Legislature of Rockland County



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

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

Leg. I. Schoenberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> VC  
Leg. A. Wolfe, Vice Chair  
Leg. J. Hood, Jr.

**Others Present:**

Leg. Kantrowitz  
Leg. Paul  
N. Doliner  
Supervisor Phillips  
J. Tirino  
S. Powers  
L. Farbstein  
L. Chernin

Leg. Jobson (left 7:40pm)  
Leg. Carey  
S. DeGroat  
F. Calise  
T. Vanderbeek  
M. Shine  
J. Landers  
R. McKay, Esq.

**MINUTES**  
**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014**  
**7:15 PM**

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2014

**MOTION TO ADOPT:**  
**SOSKIN/LOW-HOGAN**

**UNAN**

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

2PPW) REF. #2825 - SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION CALENDAR YEAR 2014 CAPITAL PROJECTS GRANTS UNDER §5307 OF TITLE 49 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION) (THOMAS VANDERBEEK, COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION) **DL#2014-00011**

**TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 2/11/14**  
**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, PAUL, JOBSON**

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

**UNAN**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, SPARACO**

3PPW) REF. #9252 - APPROVING A FIFTH AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION TO AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH AVSTAR CORPORATION FOR CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT, DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM UNDER RFP-RC-07-012 INCREASING THE CONTRACT SUM BY AN ADDITIONAL \$45,000 AND EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FROM MARCH 10, 2014 TO MARCH 10, 2015 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$245,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 10, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 10, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) (\$245,000) (GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER, DGS, PURCHASING) DL#2013-05421

*TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 2/11/14*  
*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, PAUL, JOBSON*

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** UNAN  
**MURPHY/SPARACO**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, SPARACO**

4PPW) REF. #7525 - AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK TO THE LEGISLATURE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CLEAN AGENT FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS UNDER CAPITAL PROJECT 2093 (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) (GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER, DGS, PURCHASING) DL#2013-05386

*TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 2/11/14*  
*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, PAUL, JOBSON*

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** UNAN  
**EARL/CORNELL**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, SPARACO**

5PPW) REF. #7493 - APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 UNDER VARIOUS NEW YORK STATE OGS CONTRACTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$2,300,000) (GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER, DGS, PURCHASING) DL#2014-00044

*TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 2/11/14*  
*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, PAUL, JOBSON*

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

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, SPARACO**

6PPW) REF. #9209 - APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM DELL MARKETING, LP UNDER NYS OGS CONTRACT NO. PT65340 FOR DELL MINITOWERS AND MONITORS BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$922,064 CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 1474 (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$922,064)  
**(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER, DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2014-00494  
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK**

**TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 2/11/14  
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, PAUL, JOBSON**

**MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN  
MURPHY/SPARACO**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, SPARACO**

**2. GRANTS/DONATIONS:**

2A) REF. #6704 - ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM MICHAEL AND MARYANN GUNNING OF A THERAPY DOG FOR THE SPECIAL VICTIMS CENTER (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY)  
**(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY) DL#2014-00042**

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

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, SPARACO, JOBSON**

**3. BUDGET ITEMS:**

3A) REF. #9485 - DIRECTING THAT ANY ASSETS THAT MAY BE RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY UPON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE ROCKLAND COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES CORPORATION BE PLACED IN THE “LDC TRANSFER RESERVE FUND” AND TO BE DISBURSED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION  
**(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, CHAIR, ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE)  
LG #3273**

**MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN  
EARL/MURPHY**

**ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, SPARACO, JOBSON**

3B) REF. #9495 - APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,250 TO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF U.S., CLARKSTOWN MEMORIAL POST NO. 851, NEW CITY, NEW YORK FOR PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES IN 2014  
**(HON. BARRY S. KANTROWITZ, LEGISLATURE)**

**MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN  
SOSKIN/MURPHY**

**ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, SPARACO, JOBSON**

3C) REF. #9495 - APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,250 TO CHARLES G. MUELLER CHAPTER 120 MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART USA, POMONA, NEW YORK FOR PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES IS 2014

RED DOT  
VERSION

(HON. BARRY S. KANTROWITZ, HON. JOHN A. MURPHY, HON. ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER, HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
MURPHY/SPARACO**

**UNAN**

**ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, SPARACO, JOBSON**

3D) REF. #6704 - APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO BE USED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES BY THE RAMAPO POLICE DEPARTMENT, PER THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY) (NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS) (\$300,000)  
(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY) DL#2013-05316

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
EARL/CORNELL**

**UNAN**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, SPARACO, JOBSON**

**\*ACTION:**

**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE BREAK DOWN FOR \$300,000 BEING ALLOCATED TO THE TOWN OF RAMAPO.**

3E) REF. #6704 - APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO BE USED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES BY THE CLARKSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT, PER THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY) (NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS) (\$400,000)  
(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY) DL#2013-05317

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

**UNAN**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, SPARACO, JOBSON**

3F) REF. #2973 - APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE STOP-DWI RESERVE ACCOUNT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$84,750 IN ORDER TO CONTRACT WITH LEXINGTON CENTER FOR RECOVERY, INC. FOR \$34,750 AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN OFFENDERS MANAGEMENT FOR \$20,000 AS WELL AS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS WITH FUNDING FOR DWI OVERTIME PATROLS, SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT PROJECTS AND NECESSARY TRAINING FOR \$30,000(STOP-DWI) (\$84,750)  
(LESLIE CHERNIN, COORDINATOR, STOP-DWI) DL#2014-00283

*TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 2/11/14*

*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, WIEDER, JOBSON, KANTROWITZ*

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/MURPHY**

**UNAN**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, SPARACO**

4. **AUTHORIZATIONS:** NONE

5. **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:**

5A) REF. #9500 - APPROVING AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH O'CONNOR DAVIES LLP FOR THE REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,000, FOR THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE) (\$109,000)  
**(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, CHAIR, ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE)**  
**LG#3295**

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

**ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, SPARACO, JOBSON**

5B) REF. #4249 - APPROVING EXTENSION TO LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPAULIS ENTERPRISES III, LTD. AND THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND FOR LEASE FOR THE NARCOTICS TASK FORCE OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2014 AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE)  
**(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY) DL#2013-05337**

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

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, SPARACO, JOBSON**

5C) REF. #6546 - APPROVING THE PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM CARDINAL HEALTH FOR PHARMACEUTICALS AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES CONTRACT NO. PC65140 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2014 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$2,500,000)  
**(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER, DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2013-04864**  
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK

*TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 2/11/14*

*ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, WIEDER, JOBSON, KANTROWITZ*

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** UNAN  
**SOSKIN/MURPHY**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, SPARACO**

5D) REF. #5614 - APPROVAL OF PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) AGREEMENT BETWEEN NRG BOWLINE, LLC, HUDSON VALLEY GAS CORPORATION, VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW, VILLAGE OF WEST HAVERSTRAW, TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, HAVERSTRAW-STONY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, AND THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 249 ACRES ALONG WITH A 700 MEGAWATT ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE BOWLINE ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY AND HUDSON VALLEY GAS CORPORATION, LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW, VILLAGE OF WEST HAVERSTRAW UNDER VARIOUS TAX MAP BLOCK AND LOT NUMBERS (IDENTIFIED IN THE PILOT AGREEMENT) AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE) {PILOT] **(STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, FINANCE) DL#2014-00393**

***TRANSFERRED FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 2/11/14  
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. LOW-HOGAN, CORNELL, JOBSON***

Chair Grant explained that Town of Haverstraw Supervisor Howard Phillips had addressed this issue at an earlier meeting of the Economic Development Committee and it passed unanimously.

Supervisor Phillips gave a summary to the B&F committee members on the background. Supervisor Phillips said he felt this was a good outcome that would avoid further costly litigation and give all parties certainty in tax payments for the assessment years 2014-2020. Based on the PILOT agreement the company will pay \$2.7 million in taxes annually the next seven years.

Chair Grant thanked Supervisor Phillips and Larry Farbstein (who has advised the town on property assessment issues) for their hard work throughout these negotiations.

Supervisor Phillips thanked the committee members for their support.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
GRANT/SPARACO**

**UNAN**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, EARL, SOSKIN, SPARACO**

5E) REF. #9007 - APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION TO AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH UNIQUE COMP, INC. FOR NETWORK DISASTER RECOVERY STUDY FOR THE COUNTY'S COMPUTER NETWORK OPERATIONS SYSTEM IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$79,200 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$239,200 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 26, 2012 TO OCTOBER 30, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) (\$239,200) **(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER, DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2013-05209**  
***ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK***

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
MURPHY/SPARACO**

**UNAN**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, SPARACO, JOBSON**

5F) REF. #6704- APPROVING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN VERIZON BUSINESS NETWORK SERVICES, INC. AND THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$140,291.70 (NCTD) FOR A PERIOD OF 60 MONTHS (FIVE YEARS) FROM THE EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY) (\$140,291.70)  
**(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY) DL#2014-00484**  
*ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK*

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

**UNAN**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, SPARACO, JOBSON**

**\*ACTION:**

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO AMEND CAPTION TO REMOVE “NCTD” WHERE APPROPRIATE**

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

6A) REF. #2825 - RECLASSIFYING ONE POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION  
**(JOAN M. SILVESTRI, COMMISSIONER OF PERSONNEL) DL#2014-00114**

**PULLED**

**\*ACTION:**

**COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THIS POSITION. INCLUDED IN JUSTIFICATION, REQUEST MADE FOR ANALYSIS OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE EARNED BY DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT OF EXPANDING THE DUTIES OF TRANSPORTATION ANALYST POSITION**

6B) REF. #9495 - REDUCING THE SALARY FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE & COMMUNITY LIAISON  
**(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, CHAIR LEGISLATURE) LG#3306**

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

**UNAN**

**ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, SPARACO, JOBSON**

**7. BIDS: NONE**

**8. TRANSFER OF FUNDS/OTHERS: NONE**

**9. TAX ITEMS: NONE**

**10. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE**

11. **LOCAL LAWS/HOME RULES:** NONE

12. **PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:** NONE

13. **MISCELLANEOUS:**

13A) REF. #9126 - ADOPTING THE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND FOR THE YEAR 2014 AND ADOPTING DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE GUIDELINES (DEPARTMENTS OF BUDGET AND FINANCE) (STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, BUDGET & FINANCE) DL#2014-00112

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** UNAN  
**SOSKIN/MURPHY**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, SPARACO, JOBSON**

14. **RECEIVE & FILE:** NONE

15. **CORRESPONDENCE – REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:** NONE

**ADDENDUM:**

1. REF. #9495 - REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY \_\_\_\_\_, 2014  
  
RESOLUTION DELEGATING TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE THE POWERS TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$45,000,000 REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF CERTAIN REVENUES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND MATURING WITHIN 180 DAYS OF THE ISSUANCE DATE OF SUCH NOTES, AND TO PRESCRIBE THE TERMS, FORM AND CONTENTS, AND PROVIDE FOR THE SALE AND CREDIT ENHANCEMENT OF SUCH NOTES  
(STEPHEN F. DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE, BUDGET & FINANCE)  
LM#2014-00113 REVISED

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** UNAN  
**GRANT/SPARACO**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 8:25 PM** UNAN  
**SOSKIN/EARL**

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