

# The Legislature of Rockland County



**JAY HOOD, JR.**

*Legislator – District 3*

Chair, Public Safety Committee

**Members Present:**

Leg. J. Hood, Jr. Chair  
Leg. T. Earl, Vice Chair  
Leg. C. Carey  
Leg. D. Jobson  
Leg. P. Soskin (Late)

**Members Absent:**

Leg. B. Kantrowitz  
Leg. J. Meyers

**Others Present:**

E. Yeger, Esq.  
S. Powers

L. Falco                      Leg. N. Low-Hogan  
Various Sheriff Officers

MINUTES  
***PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE***  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014  
**5:15 PM**

ROLL CALL  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

**MOTION TO ADOPT:  
JOBSON/EARL**

**UNAN**

1. REF. #6704 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,700 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (NYSDCJS) CRIMES AGAINST REVENUE PROSECUTION (CARP) PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [ADDITIONAL BACKUP WITH CLERK] [OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY] (\$54,700) **(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY)**  
**DL# 2014-04172**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
EARL/JOBSON**

**TRANSFER TO B&F 10/28/14**

**UNAN**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, EARL, CAREY, JOBSON, SOSKIN**

2. REF. #9252 - ACCEPTANCE OF HAZMAT MATERIALS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$142,000 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR REPLACEMENT SUITS, A DECON SHELTER AND MITIGATION EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE CAPABILITIES OF THE REGIONAL HAZMAT TEAM (ROCKLAND, ORANGE, ULSTER AND SULLIVAN COUNTIES) FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES] (\$142,000) **(GORDON W. WREN, FIRE AND EMERGENCY)**  
**DL# 2014-04253**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** **UNAN**  
**EARL/CAREY** **TRANSFER TO B&F 10/28/14**

**ADDED SPONSORS:** **LEGS. HOOD, EARL, CAREY, JOBSON, SOSKIN**

3. REF. #9361 - AUTHORIZING INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN (\$146,090), TOWN OF ORANGETOWN (\$39,463.97), TOWN OF RAMAPO (\$13,040), TOWN OF STONY POINT (\$16,726.56), VILLAGE OF SOUTH NYACK (\$738), VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY (\$37,976), AND THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW (\$62,234) FOR PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT OF OVERTIME COSTS INCURRED IN COUNTER TERRORISM TRAINING PURSUANT TO THE 2012 LETPP AND 2013 SHSP/LETPP HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THESE AGREEMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT] (\$316,268.53)  
**(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF)**  
**DL# 2014-04260**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** **UNAN**  
**JOBSON/EARL** **TRANSFER TO B&F 10/28/14**

**ADDED SPONSORS:** **LEGS. HOOD, EARL, CAREY, JOBSON, SOSKIN**

4. REF. #9361 - ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$558,750 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) GRANT (NO. WM14972940) FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [ADDITIONAL BACKUP WITH CLERK]  
[SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT] (\$558,750)  
**(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF)**  
**DL# 2014-04235**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** **UNAN**  
**CAREY/EARL** **TRANSFER TO B&F 10/28/14**

**ADDED SPONSORS:** **LEGS. HOOD, EARL, CAREY, JOBSON, SOSKIN**

5. REF. #9361 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$186,250 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LAW ENFORCEMENT TERRORISM PREVENTION PROGRAM (LETPP) GRANT (NO. WM14972942) FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [ADDITIONAL BACKUP WITH CLERK]  
[SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT] (\$186,250)  
**(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF)**  
**DL# 2014-04249**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** **UNAN**  
**JOBSON/CAREY** **TRANSFER TO B&F 10/28/14**

**ADDED SPONSORS:** **LEGS. HOOD, EARL, CAREY, JOBSON, SOSKIN**

6. REF. #9361 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,900 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (NO. BS14-1000-E00) TO HELP PROVIDE TRAINING AND PURCHASE VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE SHERIFF'S BOMB DISPOSAL UNIT FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [ADDITIONAL BACKUP WITH CLERK] [SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT] (\$101,900)  
**(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF)**  
**DL# 2014-04237**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**  
**EARL/JOBSON**

**TRANSFER TO B&F 10/28/14**

**UNAN**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, EARL, CAREY, JOBSON, SOSKIN**

7. REF. #9361 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,655 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES- STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) GRANT (NO. WM11159310) TO HELP COVER OVERTIME COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH HUDSON RIVER OPERATION-OPERATION SPIDER FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2014 THROUGH MAY 31, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [ADDITIONAL BACKUP WITH CLERK] [SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT] (\$2,655)  
**(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF)**  
**DL# 2014-04170**

Legislator Earl asked what Operation Spider was, to which Sheriff Falco explained that it related to the protection of infrastructure like the Bear Mountain and Tappan Zee Bridges.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**  
**EARL/CAREY**

**TRANSFER TO B&F 10/28/14**

**UNAN**

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8. REF. #5327 - *DISCUSSION ITEM - AND LOCAL LAW: BANNING THE USE OF DRONES NEAR THE ROCKLAND COUNTY JAIL*  
**(HON. JAY HOOD, JR., LEGISLATURE)**

Sheriff Falco said that there have been incidences in the south in which drones have been used to drop contraband into prison yards and take pictures. it would be prudent to have a law banning anyone's ability to fly drones in the proximity of the jail and sheriff's complex.

Chair Hood expressed his concern about the use of drones in any private property in the county.

Elana Yeger stated there were currently no laws relating to the use of drones near prisons, but there are laws relating to its use by law enforcement.

Legislator Soskin asked how a drone might be detected.

Sheriff Falco replied that they can be seen and a system would need to be put into place if an attempt to use them by the jail was made.

Legislator Jobson noted that perhaps this ban should be expanded to include schools and other police facilities in Rockland.

Legislator Carey said it might be better to simply limit the use of drones to parks rather than have a law with a list of excluded areas.

Chair Hood said the issue would be discussed with the administration to prevent a veto of this proposal.

**ACTION: COUNSEL SHOULD RESEARCH THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A REGISTRY FOR DRONES.**

**DISCUSSED**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 6:00 PM  
JOBSON/CAREY**

**UNAN**

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