

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. E. Day
Leg. A. Paul
Leg. A. Wolfe

Members Absent:

Leg. A. Wieder

Others Present:

Leg. Chair H. Cornell
Supervisor Gromack
Chief M. Sullivan
Capt. Ouchinikoff
P. Brennan
R. Young
C. Goldrich

Leg. P. Soskin
Hon. F. Borelli
B. Gruffi
R. Angelicco
S. Mathews
A. Feuer

Leg. J. Meyers
R. McKay, Esq.
J. Sullivan
G. Pierson
G. Wren
Chief VanCura

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012
5:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2012

**MOTION TO ADOPT:
DAY/CAREY**

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1. REF. #4249 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,400 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR OPERATION I.M.P.A.C.T. (INTEGRATED MUNICIPAL POLICE ANTI CRIME TEAM) IX (DCJS #OI12484227) TO REDUCE AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AND ROBBERY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY) (\$55,400) (THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
CAREY/DAY**

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2. REF. #6704 - APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A REGIONAL INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2012 THROUGH JULY 31, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY)
(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

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3. REF. #6704 - APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE TOWN OF ORANGETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A REGIONAL INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2012 THROUGH JULY 31, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY)
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4. REF. #6704 - APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A REGIONAL INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2012 THROUGH JULY 31, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY)
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5. REF. #6704 - APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A REGIONAL INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2012 THROUGH JULY 31, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY)
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6. REF. #6704 - APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE TOWN OF RAMAPO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A REGIONAL INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2012 THROUGH JULY 31, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY)
(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

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Chair Hood, Jr. stated his understanding was that the center would include police officers from the various towns and in lieu of reimbursement from the County, the towns would receive a percentage of whatever forfeiture funds are collected. They would also have a seat on the policy board. Chair Hood, Jr. commended the towns and noted the savings to the county in reimbursements.

Leg. Wolfe stated he would be more comfortable knowing the budgetary impact prior to voting on this; he would have liked a presentation given on this new arrangement. Leg. Hood, Jr. asked the clerk to schedule DA Zugibe come to a future meeting to update the committee.

ACTIONS: (REF. #6704 – ITEMS 2-6)

- LEG. WOLFE REQUESTED AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHY THE TERMS OF AGREEMENT ARE FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2012 THROUGH JULY 31, 2014 VS. THE COUNTY BUDGETARY FISCAL YEAR
- LEG. WOLFE REQUESTED SEAN MATHEWS PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE THE COSTS TO THE COUNTY OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES OF THE REGIONAL INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCE CENTER
- THE COMMITTEE REQUESTED THIS INFORMATION BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE NEXT FULL LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2012
- CHAIR HOOD, JR. REQUESTED THE COMMITTEE CLERK INVITE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ZUGIBE TO THE NEXT PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THIS NEW ARRANGEMENT WITH THE VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES

7. REF. #8896 - APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM MASIMO AMERICAS FOR THE PURCHASE OF HANDHELD CO2 DETECTORS FOR THE ROCKLAND COUNTY FIRE TRAINING CENTER UNDER RFB-RC-2012-053A IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,121 (NCTD) WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$110,121)
(GERALD WALSH, COMMISSIONER DGS-PURCHASING)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
DAY/WOLFE**

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8. REF. #5327 - APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE SHERIFF TO BE APPROPRIATED TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR LIGHTING AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE RANGE (OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF) (\$43,200)
(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
CAREY/WOLFE**

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9. REF. #5327 - APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE SHERIFF TO COVER ROCKLAND COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY'S SERVICES OF THE DIRECTOR, USE OF FORCE COORDINATOR, IN-SERVICE COORDINATOR AND BASIC SCHOOL COORDINATOR THROUGH THE END OF CALENDAR YEAR 2012, WITH FUNDS ANTICIPATED THROUGH THE COLLECTION OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY FEE REVENUE OVER WHAT IS CURRENTLY BUDGETED FOR 2012 FOR THE ROCKLAND COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY (SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT) (\$25,793)
(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
DAY/PAUL**

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ACTION:

- CHAIR HOOD, JR. AND LEG. DAY REQUESTED MR. GRUFFI CONTACT THIS COMMITTEE WHEN THE FINAL SOUNDPROOFING AND TESTING OF THE FIRING RANGE IS COMPLETED SO THEY MAY INFORM THE COMMUNITIES INVOLVED

10. REF. #9252 - *DISCUSSION ITEM: EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEM UPDATE*
(HON. JAY HOOD, JR., HON. ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER, LEGISLATURE)

Mr. Gruffi gave an update on the project: they are still on budget and have built 7 of 10 sites; 3 of the 7 are up and running with the 4th expected in the next few days. Construction of the 3 remaining sites should begin next week. Mr. Gruffi also explained that Ramapo had denied a site application but they were looking into other sites and believe that they have found one. The radio room is 99% complete and operational.

Clarkstown Chief of Police Michael Sullivan submitted a letter to the Legislators listing questions and concerns for the County radio committee (**see ATTACHMENT 1**).

Chair Hood, Jr. requested the costs of the radios: Mr. Gruffi stated the mobiles are approximately \$4700 each; portables are \$3800 each and some of the portables will run in the \$6000 range for the EMS group.

Leg. Carey was particularly concerned with the ability to communicate with the Palisades Mall and Route 59 corridor. Mr. Gruffi stated testing was ongoing and Supervisor Gromack said that if there were any problems antennas would be set up on-site at no additional cost.

Leg. Day hoped to see a cooperation by all parties to reach a mutual conclusion and try to satisfy demands.

Chairwoman of the Legislature Cornell requested Leg. Carey be the liaison for future meetings and wanted to have regular updates given to the Legislators.

ACTIONS:

- LEG. WOLFE REQUESTED MR. GRUFFI PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH THE 2007 AND 2011 INVENTORY NUMBERS SUBMITTED BY ALL MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE BASE STATION CONSOLES, MOBILE AND PORTABLE RADIOS
- CHAIR HOOD, JR. REQUESTED MR. GRUFFI UPDATE THIS COMMITTEE (THROUGH COMMITTEE CLERK) EVERY 2 MONTHS ON THE PROGRESS OF THE EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEM

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 6:20 PM
EARL/CAREY

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