

# The Legislature of Rockland County



**MICHAEL M. GRANT**  
**Legislator - District 2**

Chair, Budget & Finance Committee  
Vice-Chair, Government Operations Committee  
2nd Vice Chair - Planning & Public Works Committee

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. M. Grant, Chair  
Leg. A. Wolfe, VC  
Leg. I. Schoenberger, 2nd VC  
Leg. T. Earl  
Leg. N. Low-Hogan  
Leg. P. SOSKIN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Leg. H. Cornell  
Leg. J. Murphy  
Leg. J. Hood, Jr.  
Leg. D. Jobson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Leg. A. Paul      Leg. A. Wieder  
N. Doliner      E. Yeger, Esq.  
S. Powers      S. DeGroat  
M. Drummond      N. DeSantis  
A. Kassay      L. Incalcaterra  
P. Brennan      S. Braunstein  
T. Simeti      M. Hook

MINUTES  
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015  
7:15 PM

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

1PPW) REF. #7171 - APPROVING EMERGENCY REPAIR OF ELEVATOR LOCATED  
IN THE FIELD HOUSE (ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE)  
(\$20,814.94)  
**(CLIFF L. WOOD, PRESIDENT, RCC)**  
**DL#2015-04637**

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW  
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, WIEDER  
PAUL, MORONEY, JOBSON

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**  
**GRANT/SCHOENBERGER**

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

2PPW) REF. #7171 - APPROVING REPAIRS OF SIDEWALKS ADJACENT TO THE  
FIELD HOUSE AND STUDENT UNION ENTRYWAY (ROCKLAND  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE) (\$68,090)  
**(CLIFF L. WOOD, PRESIDENT, RCC)**  
**DL#2015-04638**

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ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, WIEDER  
PAUL, MORONEY, JOBSON

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**  
**GRANT/SCHOENBERGER**

**UNAN**

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

3PPW) REF. #7300 - APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM VICON  
INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED FOR VICON SECURITY EQUIPMENT  
FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT UTILIZING FEDERAL CONTRACT  
#GSA-07F-0421K IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 WITH ALL  
PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE  
PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015  
(DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF PURCHASING)  
(\$150,000)  
**(PAUL J. BRENNAN, DIRECTOR DGS PURCHASING)**  
**DL#2015-04630)**

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW  
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, GRANT, WIEDER  
PAUL, MORONEY, JOBSON

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

**UNAN**

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

**2. GRANTS/DONATIONS:**

2A) REF. #8850 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,265 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE ARCHIVES LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT FUND (LGRMIF) FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016 (PROJECT NO. 0580-16-5998) TO DIGITIZE SUPREME AND COUNTY COURT RECORDS (1976 - 1979) AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (ROCKLAND COUNTY CLERK) (\$69,265)  
**(PAUL PIPERATO, COUNTY CLERK  
DL#2015-04342**

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES  
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, WIEDER, MORONEY, DIAZ

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
WOLFE/SCHOENBERGER**

**UNAN**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER**

2B) REF. #7099 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,210 (NCTD) WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) PURSUANT TO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE COUNTY'S FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AND RATIFYING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS) (\$34,210)  
**(RAM NAGUBANDI, COMMISSIONER HUMAN RIGHTS)  
DL#2015-04667**

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES  
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, WIEDER, MORONEY, DIAZ

**MOTION TO APPROVE:  
SOSKIN/EARL**

**UNAN**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER**

**3. BUDGET ITEMS:**

3A) REF. #6704 - APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO COVER THE COST OF A CRIME ANALYST CONSULTANT TO WORK ON CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATIONS IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY DETECTIVE BUREAU (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY) (\$50,000)  
**(THOMAS P. ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY)**  
**DL#2015-04120**

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY  
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, SOSKIN

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

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER**

3B) REF. #5327 - APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO COVER THE COST OF TRAINING AND CONTRACTS (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY) (\$50,000)  
**(THOMAS P. ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY)**  
**DL#2015-04228**

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY  
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, SOSKIN

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

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER**

3C) REF. #5327 - APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE SHERIFF TO SHARE IN THE COSTS OF A FORENSIC LABORATORY NEED ASSESSMENT WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY (OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF) (\$14,050)  
**(LOUIS FALCO III, SHERIFF)**  
**DL#2015-04154**

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY  
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, SOSKIN

**MOTON TO APPROVE:** **UNAN**  
**LOW-HOGAN/WOLFE**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER**

**4. AUTHORIZATIONS:**

**NONE**

**5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:**

- 5A) REF. #4037 - RATIFYING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADJUNCT FACULTY ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 4896, NEW YORK STATE UNITED TEACHERS, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, AFL-CIO- FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2018  
**(CLIFF L. WOOD, PRESIDENT, RCC)**  
**DL#2015-04732**

Leg. Schoenberger raised some questions in regard to this contract. Since there was not a representative from the College to answer these questions, the Committee pulled the referral and requested it be put back on the next B&F meeting. Representation from the College is also requested.

**PULLED**

**ACTION:**

**COMMITTEE REQUESTS THIS ITEM TO BE PUT ON THE NEXT MEETING OF B&F AND THE COMMITTEE CLERK TO CONTACT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COLLEGE TO BE PRESENT AND PREPARED TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:**

- **WHAT WAS NEGOTIATED?**
- **WHO SAT AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE?**
- **WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS TO OUTSTANDING UNION CONTRACTS IN THE COUNTY?**
- **IS THERE SUFFICIENT FUNDING IN THE COLLEGE'S CURRENT BUDGET TO PAY FOR THE INCREASES STIPULATED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)?**

- 5B) REF. #9252 - APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMPTROLLER'S CONTRACT NO. C000754 WHICH PROVIDES FUNDING TO UPDATE THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 13, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES) (\$300,000)  
**(GORDON W. WREN, JR., DIRECTOR FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES)**  
**DL#2015-04032**

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY  
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, SOSKIN

**MOTION TO APPROVE:**  
**SOSKIN/EARL**

**UNAN**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER**

5C) REF. #8634 - APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WHICH MAY BE IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE SERVICES, INC. D/B/A COMMUNITY HOME HEALTH CARE WHICH IS LICENSED TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSUMER DIRECTED PERSONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CDPAP) UNDER RFI-2015-008 FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1, 2015 THROUGH JULY 31, 2016 WITH TOTAL EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED THE COUNTY'S REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM WHICH IS CAPPED BY LAW, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT (DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES)  
**(CAROL L. BARBASH, DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES)**  
**DL#2015-04339**

**PULLED AT THE REQUEST OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

5D) REF. #8983 - APPROVING THE AGREEMENTS WHICH MAY BE IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH THEN (10) AGENCIES LICENSED TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSUMER DIRECTED PERSONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CDPAP) UNDER RFI-2015-005 FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1, 2015 THROUGH JULY 31, 2016 WITH TOTAL EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED THE COUNTY'S REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, WHICH IS CAPPED BY LAW, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS (DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES)  
**(CAROL L. BARBASH, DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES)**  
**DL#2015-03608**

**PULLED AT THE REQUEST OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

**6. ALLOCATION/RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS:** **NONE**

**7. BIDS:** **NONE**

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

**9. TAX ITEMS:**

9A) REF. #8596 - ESTABLISHING EQUALIZATION RATES FOR EACH OF THE TOWNS  
ESTABLISHING TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUES AND FULL VALUES  
FOR EACH TOWN IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND FOR THE YEAR  
2016 (DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE)  
(STEPHEN F. DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER BUDGET & FINANCE)  
DL#2015-04156

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** **UNAN**  
**WOLFE/SCHOENBERGER**

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, EARL, SOSKIN**

**10. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** **NONE**

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

**12. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:**

12A) REF. #9505 - DISCUSSION ITEM: REVIEW OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S 2016 BUDGET  
REPORT FROM O'CONNOR DAVIES, LLP  
(HON. MICHAEL GRANT, LEGISLATURE)

Mr. Nick DeSantis and Alan Kassay of O'Connor Davies distributed their Analysis and Review of the Proposed 2016 Budget (copy on file with clerk). The proposed budget for 2016 is \$727.3 million, a decrease of \$42.6 million.

Mr. Kassay stated his company anticipated shortfalls in revenues from the residential energy tax, premium on RANs and TANs, penalties on property taxes, deferred taxes and tax overlay, fare box revenues from buses, County Clerk fees, and Dept. of Health patient service fees.

In the conclusion section of this report it was noted that in the proposed 2016 budget is the elimination of \$5 million for the deficit reduction and the utilization of \$4.1 million (reserve for debt service) toward interest on the deficit bond of \$4.9 million. These plans rely on a combination of closure of Summit Park, elimination of over 300 jobs, inclusion of the sale of a building for \$4 million and the reintroduction of \$1.8 million for the RCC Chargebacks.

**ACTION:**

**CONSULTANT TO REVIEW PROJECTED SALARY SAVINGS FOR 2015 AND DETERMINE IF PROJECTED PAYOUT FOR THE EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE (ERI) IS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT**

**13. MISCELLANEOUS: NONE**

**14. RECEIVE & FILE: NONE**

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 8:50 PM UNAN  
EARL/LOW-HOGAN**

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B&F Minutes/10.27.15  
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