

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. H. Cornell
Leg. J. Hood, Jr.
Leg. N. Low-Hogan
Leg. P. Soskin

Members Absent:

Leg. I. Schoenberger, 2nd VC
Leg. T. Earl
Leg. D. Jobson
Leg. J. Murphy

Others Present:

Leg. Carey
Leg. Diaz
N. Doliner
M. Vilord
P. Brennan
A. Pinzow
D. Allon
Leg. Hofstein
J. Birnbaum, Esq.
CA T. Humbach
C. Barbash
D. Schuetz
L. Incalcaterra

MINUTES
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015
7:15 PM

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: MEETINGS OF JULY 28, AUGUST 25 AND SEPT. 8, 2015

MOTION TO ADOPT:
LOW-HOGAN/CORNELL

UNAN

1. BONDS/PUBLIC WORKS MATTER:

1PPW) REF. #8293 - APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS ASSISTANCE GRANT #NY-90-X764-00 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,750,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PURSUANT TO 49 U.S.C. §5307-2 FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND AUTHORIZING THE ELECTRONIC EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS, DOCUMENTS, CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION) (\$8,750,000)
(DOUGLAS J. SCHUETZ, ACTING COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION)
DL#2015-03884

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ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, GRANT, MORONEY, JOBSON

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

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ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SOSKIN

2PPW) REF. #7555 - APPROVING AN AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION TO AN EXISTING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND HB DRIVE-IN ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR THE USE OF 360 COMMUTER PARKING SPACES AT THE COMMUTER PARK AND RIDE LOT LOCATED ON ROUTE 59 IN THE HAMLET OF MONSEY, TOWN OF RAMAPO, INCREASING THE ANNUAL RENT IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$6,000 FOR A MAXIMUM ANNUAL RENT NOT TO EXCEED \$162,000 (NCTD), EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2015 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTIONS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION) (\$162,000) **(DOUGLAS J. SCHUETZ, ACTING COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION)**
DL#2015-04126

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ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, GRANT, MORONEY, JOBSON

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
HOOD, JR./WOLFE**

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SOSKIN

3PPW) REF. #8293 - AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 336 OF 2014 APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH SHEPARD BROS. INC. TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) ADDITIONAL PARATRANSIT BUSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,560 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER UNDER RFB-RC-2014-009 FOR A TOTAL PURCHASE AMOUNT NO TO EXCEED \$1,288,320 (NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS) (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$1,288,320) **(PAUL J. BRENNAN, CPPO, DIRECTOR - DGS, PURCHASING)**
DL#2015-04041

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ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, GRANT, MORONEY, JOBSON

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/WOLFE**

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SOSKIN

4PPW) REF. #5327 - APPROVING THE PURCHASE IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM VANCE COUNTRY FORD OF FIVE (5) 2016 FORD K8A UTILITY POLICE INTERCEPTORS FOR THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$193,730 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER UNDER RFB-RC-2015-059 WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND THE OFFER OF PURCHASE FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL MODEL YEAR FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD UPON MUTUAL CONSENT AT THE SAME PRICES (OR LOWER), AND SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$193,730)
(PAUL J. BRENNAN, CPPO, DIRECTOR - DGS, PURCHASING)
DL#2015-04004
ADDITIONAL BACK UP WITH CLERK

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ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, GRANT, MORONEY, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE:
CORNELL/LOW-HOGAN

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SOSKIN

5PPW) REF. #5906 - APPROVING THE ADDITIONAL PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM AIR KOOL MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS FOR HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIVISION AND ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 28, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 27, 2015 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$395,599.16 FROM THE COMMENCEMENT DATE DECEMBER 28, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 27, 2015 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER UNDER RFB-RC-2013-101 (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$395,599.16)
(PAUL J. BRENNAN, CPPO, DIRECTOR - DGS, PURCHASING)
DL#2015-04002

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ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, MORONEY, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE:
LOW-HOGAN/HOOD, JR.

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SOSKIN

6PPW) REF. #5906 - APPROVING ADDITIONAL PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM FRANK STEVENS & SONS ROOFING, INC. FOR ROOFING SYSTEMS - SERVICE, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND INSTALLATION FOR ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 4, 2015 THROUGH NOVEMBER 3, 2016 WITH TWO (2) REMAINING ONE (1) YEAR OPTIONS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$374,870.18 FROM THE COMMENCEMENT DATE NOVEMBER 4, 2013 THROUGH NOVEMBER 3, 2016 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER UNDER RFB-RC-2013-082 (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$374,870.18) **(PAUL J. BRENNAN, CPPO, DIRECTOR - DGS, PURCHASING)**
DL#2015-04068

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ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, MORONEY, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE: **UNAN**
HOOD, JR./WOLFE

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SOSKIN

7PPW) REF. #5906 - APPROVING ADDITIONAL PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM NRP GROUP FOR THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF ODOR CONTROL SYSTEMS AT VARIOUS PUMP STATIONS FOR ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$122,265 FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2015 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2016 WITH TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$366,795 FROM THE COMMENCEMENT DATE DECEMBER 1, 2013 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2016 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER UNDER RFB-RC-2012-025 (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$366,795) **(PAUL J. BRENNAN, CPPO, DIRECTOR - DGS, PURCHASING)**
DL#2015-04071

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ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, MORONEY, JOBSON

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

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SOSKIN, LOW-HOGAN

8PPW) REF. #5906 - EXERCISING THE FIRST AGREEMENT OPTION AND APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH KOESTER ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT PARTS FOR VARIOUS CORNELL PUMPS AS REQUIRED BY ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$160,131.64 FROM THE COMMENCEMENT JULY 31, 2014 THROUGH JULY 30, 2016 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER UNDER RFB-RC-2014-073 (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$160,131.64)
(PAUL J. BRENNAN, CPPO, DIRECTOR - DGS, PURCHASING)
DL#2015-04067

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

MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/CORNELL

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SOSKIN

9PPW) REF. #6795 - APPROVING ADDITIONAL PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM KEN'S TREE CARE, INC. FOR TREE CUTTING AND REMOVAL SERVICES ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT, ROCKLAND COUNTY DRAINAGE AGENCY, AND THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$175,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 13, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR TERMS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$520,208 FROM THE COMMENCEMENT DATE SEPTEMBER 13, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 UNDER RFB-RC-2013-079 (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$520,208)
(PAUL J. BRENNAN, CPPO, DIRECTOR - DGS, PURCHASING)
DL#2015-04121

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

MOTION TO APPROVE:
CORNELL/LOW-HOGAN

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SOSKIN

10PPW) REF. #1021 - ACCEPTING THE BID OF THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS FOR BUILDING E UTILITY PLANT RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENT, FUEL TANK REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT AT THE DR. ROBERT L. YEAGER HEALTH CENTER UNDER CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 4466 WITH FANSHAW, INC. D/B/A ROCKLAND ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,600 FOR ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION AND APPROVING A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH TANK SPECIALISTS PLUS, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$242,500 FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION FOR A TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$259,100 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) (\$259,100)
(ROBERT H. GRUFFI, P.E., DIRECTOR DGS-FACILITIES MGMT)
DL#2015-04042

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

MOTION TO APPROVE: **UNAN**
HOOD, JR./WOLFE

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SOSKIN

2. GRANTS/DONATIONS:

2A) REF. #5327 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000 (NCTD) GUN INVOLVED VIOLENCE ELIMINATION (GIVE) GRANT (GRANT #GV15484406) TO REDUCE AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS IN THE VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF) (\$12,000)
(LOUIS FALCO III, SHERIFF)
DL#2015-02967

MOTION TO APPROVE: **UNAN**
SOSKIN/HOOD, JR. & LOW-HOGAN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., JOBSON, LOW-HOGAN, SOSKIN

2B) REF. #8037/ - APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS FROM
9091 THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY
ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$331,224 (NCTD) FOR THE SUMMER
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SYEP) AND APPROVING A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH TE ROCKLAND COUNTY
YOUTH BUREAU IN THE AMOUNT OF \$303,070 FOR THE PERIOD
FROM MAY 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 FOR THE DIRECT
OPERATION OF THE SYEP AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY
EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND
AGREEMENTS (DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (\$331,224)
(CAROL L. BARBASH, DIRECTOR LEGAL SERVICES,
SOCIAL SERVICES)
DL#2015-03513

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, DIAZ, HOFSTEIN, MORONEY

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
SOSKIN/WOLFE

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., JOBSON,
LOW-HOGAN**

3. BUDGET ITEMS:

3A) REF. #9505 - SETTING A DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING
2016 ROCKLAND COUNTY BUDGET
(HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT, LEGISLATURE)
2015-95PH

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
LOW-HOGAN/HOOD, JR.

**ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., JOBSON, LOW-HOGAN,
SOSKIN**

3B) REF. #6704 - APPROPRIATING 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'S DETECTIVE BUREAU (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY) (\$50,000)
(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY)
DL#2015-03904

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

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., JOBSON, SOSKIN

4. AUTHORIZATIONS: **NONE**

5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

5A) REF. #5327 - APPROVING AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY IN CONNECTION WITH A 2015 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) AWARD THAT WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,824 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF) (\$12,824)
(LOUIS FALCO III, SHERIFF)
DL#2015-03940

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

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., JOBSON, SOSKIN

5B) REF. #2973/ - APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT
9019 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND ON BEHALF OF ITS
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, AND THE BOARD OF
COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (B.O.C.E.S.) TO COVER
SHARED SPACE AND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE MULTI
AGENCY COLLABORATIVE FOR SAFE AND HEALTHY YOUTH
(MACSHY) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ 25,000 FOR THE PERIOD
FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND
AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE
INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT (DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
SERVICES) (\$25,000)
**(CAROL L. BARBASH, DIRECTOR LEGAL SERVICES,
SOCIAL SERVICES)**
DL#2015-01830

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, DIAZ, HOFSTEIN, MORONEY

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
LOW-HOGAN/CORNELL

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., JOBSON,
LOW-HOGAN**

6. ALLOCATION/RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS:

6A) REF. #2825 - EXTENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL D'ANGELO TO
THE TEMPORARY POSITION OF TRANSIT ADMINISTRATOR IN
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
**(DOUGLAS J. SCHUETZ, ACTING COMMISSIONER
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION)**
DL#2015-03883

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
HOOD, JR./SOSKIN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., JOBSON, SOSKIN

6B) REF. #9173 - ESTABLISHING AND ABOLISHING POSITIONS IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
(JOAN M. SILVESTRI - COMMISSIONER, PERSONNEL)
DL#2015-03665

Ms. Barbash told the Committee that DSS Commissioner Susan Sherwood was fine with deferring this resolution until the proposed 2016 budget came out and addressing it as part of the overall budget review. Ms. Barbash said these changes are being made in order to assure the department has the quality of staff needed.

Fiscal Analyst Nicole Doliner said her understanding was these changes were part of the County Executive's 2016 proposed budget and therefore it was not necessary to act on them tonight.

Leg. Grant said his concern in delaying this is that it wouldn't thwart the operations of DSS. Ms. Barbash assured Leg. Grant the Commissioner was OK to wait.

DEFERRED

7. **BIDS:** NONE

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

9. **TAX ITEMS:**

9A) REF. #5614/ - CORRECTION OF 2015 TAX ROLLS, TOWN OF STONY POINT,
8111 MARGARET PARKS, PROPERTY ID#10.01-1-48, 25 FAIRVIEW
DRIVE, TOMKINS COVE, NEW YORK 10986
(DIVISION OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES)
(SEAN R. MATHEWS, REAL PROPERTY TAX OFFICER,
BUDGET AND FINANCE)
DL#2015-03349

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
GRANT/HOOD, JR.

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., JOBSON, SOSKIN

9B) REF. #7070 - RESOLUTION NO. OF 2015
OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND,
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 850 OF 1983, AS LAST AMENDED
BY RESOLUTION NO. 507 OF 2013, TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL
RATE OF SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES
(STEPHEN F. DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, BUDGET & FINANCE)
DL#2015-03879

ACTION:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO CONFIRM THAT ADDITIONAL RATE OF SALES TAX IS AT CURRENT RATE

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
GRANT/HOOD, JR.

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., JOBSON, SOSKIN

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

11. LOCAL LAWS/HOME RULES: NONE

12. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:

12A) REF. #9375 - *DISCUSSION ITEM:* MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ROCKLAND COUNTY AND UNITED WAY CONCERNING PROVIDING DISASTER SERVICES AND CRITICAL INFORMATION (LEG. ALDEN WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)

Leg. Wolfe stated the first he had heard of this was through a press release in September through the County Executive's Office and he had some questions he wanted to ask. Leg. Wolfe introduced CEO Mimi Vilord of United Way of Rockland (UWRC).

Ms. Vilord explained that when a disaster occurs in which donations of money or supplies are offered, the County of Rockland and UWRC will work together to establish a centralized system to handle these funds and items. Under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Rockland County will coordinate disaster services with local, state and federal government agencies while UWRC coordinates relief services with members of the Rockland County Voluntary Organization Active in Disaster (RCVOAD). RCVOAD is a coalition of non-profit organizations that plan coordinate and implement disaster preparedness and response.

The idea is if someone needs help, someone is available.

ACTION:

- **COUNTY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE COPY OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO THE LEGISLATURE**
- **COUNTY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE AN OPINION AS TO WHETHER THE LEGISLATURE NEEDS TO APPROVE UNDERSTANDING OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM WITH UNITED WAY**

13. MISCELLANEOUS: NONE

14. RECEIVE & FILE:

NONE

15. CORRESPONDENCE/REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:

NONE

DISCUSSION ON SALE OF HOSPITAL

Leg. Grant stated that the 17 Legislators were sent an e-mail at 10:30 this morning from Shully Braunstein (Sympaticare) with a copy of the termination letter attached.

"I wanted to let you know that we terminated the PSA effective today. Since the last Legislature Meeting, we have tried repeatedly to work with the County to extend the closing date so that we could safely take over operations in the near future. The County refused to even negotiate with us and we therefore had no option but to terminate the contract, since the County was in default on a number of critical items and would not be able to satisfy numerous of the conditions precedent to close as of September 30. I remain committed to this transaction, as well as the residents and employees. We are still willing to negotiate a new close date, if the County will now come to the negotiating table so that we can work together on a path forward to completing this transaction"

Devora Allon, Lawyer for Mr. Braunstein, stated that Mr. Braunstein would like to go forward as he said in his e-mail to the Legislators. His reasons for terminating the contract were in his letter attached to the e-mail.

Leg. Wolfe questioned County Attorney Humbach and asked for confirmation that a 2/3 vote in the Legislature was not required in order for the LDC to sell the Hospital since the purchase/sale agreement did not require a deed. County Attorney Humbach said this was correct. CA Humbach said he would prefer to discuss this matter in private session due to pending litigation.

LEG. HOOD, JR. MADE A MOTION AT 8:30 PM TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY LEG. WOLFE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, TO PRESERVE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED, CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION AS RECOMMENDED BY COUNTY ATTORNEY THOMAS HUMBACH.

LEG. WOLFE MADE A MOTION AT 9:30 PM TO MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AND REPORT BACK TO COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY LEG. WOLFE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The following were present at the closed session:

B&F Members

Leg. M. Grant
Leg. A. Wolfe
Leg. H. Cornell
Leg. J. Hood, Jr.
Leg. N. Low-Hogan
Leg. P. Soskin

Other Legislators

Leg. C. Carey
Leg. R. Diaz
Leg. L. Hofstein

Others

J. Birnbaum, Legislative Counsel
N. Doliner, Leg. Fiscal Analyst
T. Humbach, County Attorney
S. Powers, CE Office

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 9:30 PM
WOLFE/SOSKIN**

UNAN