

The Legislature of Rockland County



JAY HOOD, JR.

Legislator – District 3

Chair, Public Safety Committee

Members Present:

Leg. J. Hood, Jr. Chair
Leg. Chair H. Cornell
Leg. T. Earl, Vice Chair
Leg. A. Wolfe
Leg. C. Carey

Members Absent:

Leg. E. Day
Leg. A. Paul

Others Present:

L. Falco
R. McKay, Esq.
R. VanCura
J. Abate

Leg. D. Jobson J. Torino
B. Atkins T. Zugibe
T. Grosselfinger Leg. P. Soskin

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013
5:15 PM

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2013

**MOTION TO ADOPT:
CAREY/EARL**

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1. REF. #5327 - APPROPRIATION OF FORFEITURE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR HOLSTERS AND FLASHLIGHTS [OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF] (\$7,881.84)
(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
CAREY/WOLFE**

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2. REF. #5327 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,014.90 (NCTD) FROM THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2013 (OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013) TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S COMPUTER CRIME UNIT IN THE NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY ELECTRONIC CRIMES TASK FORCE [OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF] (\$25,014.90)
(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
WOLFE/EARL**

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3. REF. #9361 - ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,000 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (GRANT #WM11839811) TO UPGRADE ROBOT EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S BOMB DISPOSAL UNIT FOR THE PERIOD MAY 14, 2013 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF] (\$84,000) (LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
EARL/WOLFE**

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4. REF. #9481 - *DISCUSSION ITEM: OPERATIONAL REVIEW (DEPARTMENTAL FUNCTIONS)*
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
(HON. JAY HOOD, JR., LEGISLATURE)

District Attorney Zugibe said the budget is slightly over \$12 million as well as money from asset forfeiture funds. The DA has just begun a program with DSS to reduce dropout rates in order to prevent crime. This would address mental health and family issues.

John Torino, a consultant, gave a presentation on departmental finances. The 2014 budget will be increased by \$946,000 or 8% from the 2013 budget taking into account pay increases, revenue drops, and retirements.

DA Zugibe said attorneys appear in roughly 45 different courts and handle a heavy caseload. They are also now mandated to be part of community crime prevention programs. Investigative units are producing a record number of cases, and financial crimes are being prosecuted more than ever – all with the same staffers.

The county has been broken into five areas: North Rockland, Clarkstown, Ramapo, Orangetown, and Spring Valley. Attorneys are assigned an area and handle cases exclusively in their areas and have major felony experience. From within the DA's office, Homeland Security and FBI agents are working on cases at no cost to the county.

An agreement was reached with the towns on the Joint Task Force to preserve joint programs.

DISCUSSED

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 6:05 PM
EARL/CAREY**

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