

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, Vice Chair
Leg. I. Schoenberger, 2nd VC
Leg. H. Cornell
Leg. T. Earl
Leg. J. Hood, Jr.
Leg. D. Jobson
Leg. N. Low-Hogan
Leg. J. Murphy
Leg. P. Soskin

Others Present:

Leg. Carey
Leg. Paul
E. Yeger, Esq.
S. Powers
Supv. Phillips
S. DeGroat
M. Drummond
A. Connors
M. Lietzes
J. Birnbaum
Leg. Hofstein
Leg. Wieder
N. Doliner
T. Humbach, CA
Supv. Gromack
S. Grogan
C. Barbash
F. Calise
P. Ramos
I. Schulein

MINUTES
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015
7:15 PM

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2015

**MOTION TO ADOPT:
WOLFE/SCHOENBERGER**

UNAN

1. BONDS/PUBLIC WORKS MATTER:

1PPW) REF. # 5337 APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT SALT SPREADER TRUCK
(ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE) (\$70,000)
(DR. CLIFF L. WOOD, PRESIDENT, RCC)
DL# 2015-00331

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

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

UNAN

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

2PPW) REF. # 6394 APPROVING AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT WITH MCLAREN ENGINEERING/DESIGN SERVICES OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FACILITY IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$140,000 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,572,000 AND EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 [DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS] (\$1,572,000) (**CHARLES VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS**)
DL# 2015-00272
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK

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

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

UNAN

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3PPW) REF. # 6795 APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS FOR WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES AND CELLULAR TELEPHONES FOR VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS UNDER NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES CONTRACT NO. PS63766 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$200,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES-DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$200,000) (**PAUL J. BRENNAN, DIRECTOR OF DGS-PURCHASING**)
DL# 2015-00241
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
WOLFE/SCHOENBERGER**

UNAN

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

4PPW) REF. # 9252 APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM SAGAMORE LIGHTS TO PROVIDE WHELAN VEHICLE WARNING LIGHTS, ELECTRONIC SIRENS AND LIGHT BARS TO VARIOUS COUNTY OF ROCKLAND DEPARTMENTS IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$45,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 10, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 9, 2015 AND FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$132,353.78 FOR THE FULL PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 10, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 9, 2015 WITH TWO (2) REMAINING ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER UNDER RFB-RC--2012-032 [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES-DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$132,353.78) (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES -DIVISION OF PURCHASING) **(PAUL J. BRENNAN, DIRECTOR DGS-PURCHASING)**
DL#2015-00144
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
MURPHY/EARL**

UNAN

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

5PPW) REF. # 5906 APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM UNIVERSAL ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICE, INC. FOR PUMPS- INSPECTION, OVERHAUL, REWIND AND REPAIR SERVICES IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$160,000 AND EXERCISING THE THIRD OPTION TERM FROM APRIL 28, 2015 THROUGH APRIL 27, 2016 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$615,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 28, 2012 THROUGH APRIL 27, 2016 WITH TWO REMAINING ONE (1) YEAR OPTIONS WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER UNDER RFB-RC-2012-018 (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES -DIVISION OF PURCHASING (\$615,000) **(PAUL J. BRENNAN, DIRECTOR DGS-PURCHASING)**
DL#2015-00180
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
JOBSON/CORNELL**

UNAN

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

6PPW) REF. # 9323 APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM ORACLE AMERICA, INC. FOR ANNUAL PEOPLESFT ENTERPRISE AND PEOPLESFT DATABASE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR EXISTING LICENSES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$260,515.95 IN ACCORDANCE WITH NYS OGS CONTRACT NO. PT64000 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES-DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$260,515.95)
(PAUL J. BRENNAN, DIRECTOR DGS-PURCHASING)
DL#2015-00292
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK

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

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

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

7PPW) REF. # 9323 APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM DELL MARKETING LP FOR MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 USER LICENSE WITH A THREE (3) YEAR SUBSCRIPTION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$579,456 BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER UNDER NYS OGS CONTRACT NO. PS66134 CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 1474 [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES -FACILITIES MANAGEMENT] (\$579,456)
(ROBERT H. GRUFFI, DIRECTOR GENERAL SERVICES)
DL# 2014-05521
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK

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

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

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

8PPW) REF. #5906 - AMENDING THE CAPITAL BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500,000 INCREASING THE ESTIMATED PROJECT COST FROM \$11,000,000 TO \$13,500,000 FOR THE TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN PUMP STATION AND COLLECTION SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT, CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 6260 (ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1) (\$13,500,000)
(DIANNE PHILIPPS, P.E., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SEWER DISTRICT DL#2014-04982
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SCHOENBERGER/SOSKIN**

UNAN

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

9PPW) REF. #5906 - AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN INCREASING THE ESTIMATED PROJECT COST BY \$2,500,000 FOR A TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,500,000 ACCEPTING A PROPERTY INTEREST FROM THE TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN IN THE PROJECT SITES, REIMBURSING THE TOWN FOR A MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AND INCLUDING AN EMERGENCY STORAGE FACILITY WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR THE TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN PUMP STATION AND COLLECTION SYSTEMS UPGRADE PROJECT, CP NO. 6260 (ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT #1)
(DIANNE PHILIPPS, P.E., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SEWER DISTRICT DL#2014-04994
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK

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ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, PAUL

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
MURPHY/EARL**

UNAN

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

10PPW) REF. #5906 - APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE ENGINEERING REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN PUMP STATION AND COLLECTION SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT CAPITAL PROJECT #6260 (ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1)
(DIANNE PHILIPPS, P.E., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SEWER DISTRICT DL#2014-04988
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
JOBSON/CORNELL**

UNAN

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

11PPW) REF. #5906 - BOND RESOLUTION DATED _____, 2015
BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING FINANCING FOR THE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES FOR SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 (CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 6260), STATING THE CURRENT ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$13,500,000, APPROPRIATING \$2,500,000 IN ADDITION TO THE \$11,000,000 PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF \$2,500,000 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO FINANCE SAID ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
(DIANNE PHILIPPS, P.E., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SEWER DISTRICT DL#2014-04983
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK

TRANSFERRED FROM PPW

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

UNAN

12PPW) REF. #5906 - RESOLUTION DATED _____, 2015
A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE FACILITIES OF ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 (CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 6260 - TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN PUMP STATIONS AND COLLECTION SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT - \$2,500,000)
(DIANNE PHILIPPS, P.E., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SEWER DISTRICT DL#2014-04997
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK

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

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

UNAN

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

2. GRANTS/DONATIONS:

2A) REF. #9252 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,253 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS GRANT (NO. C198420) FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 25, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 24, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES) (\$89,253)
(GORDON W. WREN, JR., DIRECTOR FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES)
DL#2015-00085

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., EARL, JOBSON, LOW-HOGAN, PAUL, SOSKIN

MOTION TO APPROVE:
HOOD, JR./WOLFE

UNAN

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

3. BUDGET ITEMS:

3A) REF. #9495 - AMENDING THE 2014 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$135,000 (NCTD) TO COVER THE COST OF HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP) PAYMENTS PROCESSED BY NEW YORK STATE TO RECIPIENTS OF SAID PROGRAM OF WHICH SAID AMOUNT WILL BE COVERED BY ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTAL AND FEDERAL REVENUE (DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES) (\$135,000)
(STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER BUDGET & FINANCE)
DL#2015-00143

MOTION TO APPROVE:
WOLFE/SCHOENBERGER

UNAN

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

3B) REF. #2973 -

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AMENDING THE 2015 BUDGET BY APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$949,668 (NCTD) FOR THE CONTINUING OPERATION OF THE MOBILE CRISIS UNIT IN ROCKLAND COUNTY BY ROCKLAND PARAMEDIC SERVICES, INC. FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS (DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH) (\$949,668)
(MICHAEL LEITZES, ACTING COMMISSIONER MENTAL HEALTH)
DL#2015-00148

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN, JOBSON

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/MURPHY**

UNAN

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

4. AUTHORIZATIONS:

4A) REF. #9500 -

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION DATED _____, 2015 RESOLUTION DELEGATING TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE THE POWERS TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$60,000,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF TAXES LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2015, AND TO PRESCRIBE THE TERMS, FORM AND CONTENTS, AND PROVIDE FOR THE SALE AND CREDIT ENHANCEMENT OF SUCH NOTES
(STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER BUDGET & FINANCE)
DL#2015-00224

Commissioner Grogan said there was good news. They went out to bid and received an interest rate of .65%. They did borrow \$5 million more on the TAN but do not anticipate trying to borrow any RAN's. Leg. Schoenberger noted that the Administration cannot function without the Legislature. They would not play games by withholding or not voting for these TAN's. Leg. Wolfe agreed.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
GRANT/WOLFE**

UNAN

4B) REF. #9500 -

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY 2015 SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES IN GRANT DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE UNFUNDED IN THE 2015 PERSONNEL BUDGET BUT ANTICIPATED TO BE FUNDED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES DURING THE YEAR 2015 (DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE)
(HON. STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER BUDGET & FINANCE)
DL#2015-00277

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

UNAN

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

5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

5A) REF. #7342 - APPROVING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKLAND AND THE HAVERSTRAW MARINA FOR RENTAL OF
A WINTER SLIP FOR A 28' PATROL VESSEL IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$588.00 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT
BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF) (\$588.00)
(LOUIS FALCO, III, SHERIFF)
DL#2015-00150

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
CORNELL/WOLFE**

UNAN

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

5B) REF. #8983 - APPROVING THE AGREEMENTS WHICH MAY BE IN EXCESS OF
\$100,000 WITH THE LICENSED FOSTER CARE AGENCIES LISTED
ON THE ANNEXED SCHEDULE A TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES
REQUIRED BY SOCIAL SERVICES LAW § 398 FOR THE CALENDAR
YEAR 2015 WITH TOTAL EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED THE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 2015 BUDGET FOR FOSTER CARE
SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE
THE AGREEMENTS (DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD, COMMISSIONER SOCIAL SERVICES)
DL#2015-00273
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER,
HOFSTEIN, JOBSON

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

UNAN

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

5C) REF. #8281 - APPROVING THE AGREEMENTS WHICH MAY BE IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH THE LICENSED DAY CARE AGENCIES LISTED ON THE ANNEXED SCHEDULE A TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES REQUIRED BY SOCIAL SERVICES LAW § 410-U FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 WITH TOTAL EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 2015 BUDGET FOR DAY CARE SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS (DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD, COMMISSIONER SOCIAL SERVICES)
DL#2015-00274
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN, JOBSON

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

UNAN

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

5D) REF. #6546 - APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM CARDINAL HEALTH 200, INC. OF HOSPITAL, LABORATORY AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 UNDER AMERINET DISTRIBUTION CONTRACT #DH10400 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$500,000)
(PAUL BRENNAN, DIRECTOR DGS-PURCHASING)
DL#2014-05423
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/MURPHY

UNAN

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

5E) REF. #6546 - APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM CARDINAL HEALTH INC. D/B/A CARDINAL HEALTH 411 INC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MINNESOTA MULTISTATE CONTRACTING ALLIANCE FOR PHARMACY (MMCAP) CONTRACT #MMS15001 FOR PHARMACEUTICALS AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,540,000 FRO THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$1,540,000)
(PAUL BRENNAN, DIRECTOR DGS-PURCHASING)
DL#2015=00240
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE:
EARL/JOBSON

UNAN

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

5F) REF. #2973 - APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF AND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH ROCKLAND PARAMEDIC SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE MOBILE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM SERVICES UNDER RFP-RC-2014-026 PURSUANT TO A GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$949,668 (NCTD) FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,174,502 FOR THE FULL PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 15, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE EXTENSION/AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT (DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH) (\$1,174,502)
(MICHAEL LEITZES, ACTING COMMISSIONER MENTAL HEALTH)
DL#2015-00377
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE:
LOW-HOGAN/CORNELL

UNAN

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

6. ALLOCATION/RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS:

6A) REF. #9097 - ESTABLISHING ONE POSITION AND ABOLISHING ONE POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS
(JOAN M. SILVESTRI, COMMISSIONER PERSONNEL)
DL#2015-00146

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

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

7. BIDS: **NONE**

8. TRANSFER OF FUNDS/OTHERS:

8A) REF. #9495 - 2014 TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,035,033 (NCTD) FROM THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE HOSPITAL FUND DEPARTMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES MMIS-MEDICAID DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO COVER THE COUNTY'S LOCAL SHARE MATCH THAT WAS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER (IGT) REVENUE FOR THE HOSPITAL FUND IN 2014 (DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH AND HOSPITALS) (\$6,035,033)
(STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER BUDGET & FINANCE)
DL#2015-00147

AS AMENDED

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE: ***AS AMENDED** **UNAN**
SOSKIN/HOOD, JR.

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

***AMENDMENT: REMOVE (NCTD) FROM CAPTION, WHEREAS AND RESOLVE**

9. TAX ITEMS: **NONE**

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS: **NONE**

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

12. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:

12A) DISCUSSION: ROCKLAND COUNTY'S ELIGIBILITY FOR PROPERTY TAX
REF. #5614 FREEZE FOR 2015
(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)

DISCUSSED

12B) DISCUSSION: REVIEW OF CHARGEBACKS TO THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES FOR
REF. #4817 THE COST OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION
(HON. ILAN SCHOENBERGER, LEGISLATURE)

Leg. Schoenberger said he was quite disturbed when he saw a copy of a letter sent to Orangetown Supervisor Andy Stewart, from Deputy Commissioner of Finance Steve Grogan indicating that the Budget Dept. would deduct the amount of community college chargeback costs from the sales tax disbursements made to each town. Leg. Schoenberger stated this letter was sent without the knowledge or approval of the Legislature, which has the sole authority to decide such matters.

Leg. Grant introduced Haverstraw Town Supervisor Philipps and noted for the record that he was representing all five Town Supervisors with regard to this subject. Supervisor Philipps said the County Executive's decision to charge back towns is illegal and such an act requires the approval of the County Legislature. The County Executive cannot circumvent the authority of other branches of government. This chargeback would result in every town having hundreds of thousands of dollars in new expenses not budgeted for.

Deputy Commissioner of Finance Grogan explained that since the Nassau County court case came out, there have been discussions regarding the chargebacks. The County Attorney came out with an opinion that this is a Town debt and the letter informing the towns was sent out in mid-January.

Leg. Murphy said he believed this was double dipping since the towns will be billed and also money will be taken out of the sales distribution. Mr. Grogan stated that the towns had been given a pass in 2013.

Leg. Schoenberger questioned how this could be done without a resolution from the Legislature. Mr. Grogan stated there are hundreds of debts not in the budget.

County Attorney Humbach stated in his opinion, there is no requirement for a Legislative resolution. The County Charter says that the County Executive is the Chief Budget Officer and this includes being able to make collections. CA Humbach said this is his best legal position.

Leg. Wolfe said this was about legal issues and what was needed is clarification moving forward.

Leg. Wolfe said he did not view the chargebacks as debt; it is the County's obligation. Leg. Wolfe stated while the County Executive may have the right to charge the towns, does he have the right to override a resolution duly authorized?

The committee requested the following action items.

ACTIONS:

- **COUNTY ATTORNEY HUMBACH TO PROVIDE COPIES OF CASE LAW CITATIONS AND CASES HE OUTLINED IN HIS MEMO**
- **COUNTY ATTORNEY HUMBACH TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON LANGUAGE TO BE USED IN RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE NOT TO IMPOSE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHARGE-BACKS ON TOWNS**
- **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO CONSIDER LANGUAGE FOR TWO SEPARATE RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S ACTIONS AND AUTHORIZING LITIGATION**
- **CHAIRMAN WOLFE TO SEND A LETTER TO THE FIVE TOWN SUPERVISORS ASKING THEM TO PROVIDE IN WRITING THEIR INTENTIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE LITIGATION OVER THE INTENDED IMPOSITION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHARGE-BACKS**

12C) REF. #4817 - CONDEMNING THE ACTIONS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE IN UNILATERALLY INFORMING THE TOWNS THAT ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE (RCC) CHARGEBACK EXPENSES WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM TOWN SALES TAX DISBURSEMENTS (HONS. JAY HOOD, JR., ALDEN H. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)

RESOLUTION TO FOLLOW

DEFERRED

Leg. Hood, Jr. noted for the record that this decision to deduct chargebacks from town sales tax disbursements was made after the towns passed their budget. This will result in creating deficits in every town and wreaking havoc on their finances. It is not in his authority to do this. The Legislature has rejected this proposal in the past, most recently during the budget process. Leg. Hood also said that if the Legislature goes ahead with litigation against the County Executive, the Legislature would hire outside counsel due to the conflict of interest that exists with the County Attorney.

Leg. Cornell felt the word "condemning" should be changed to "disapprove". Leg. Cornell also felt it was not a good decision to litigate. The budget is already done for 2015. Leg. Murphy agreed and called for Leg. Hood to withdraw the resolution and have face-to-face meetings to try and come up with a solution.

Mr. Powers said the reason it wasn't in the budget was due to the fact that the Court of Appeals did not render their decision until after October when the budget was already submitted.

Leg. Hofstein stated the County cannot afford to be at odds; We need to find compromises and stop wasting money and time.

Leg. Jobson stated that it is obvious that the two branches of government disagree but also feels we should wait.

Leg. Schoenberger agreed this could be held up to see if some sort of compromise can be reached.

Chairman Grant asked Commissioner DeGroat when the next distribution was planned. Mr. DeGroat stated in approximately 3 months time or so; they are still collecting for 2014.

Leg. Hood said he was willing to hold off but requested an assurance that the monies will not be taken by the Administration while discussions are ongoing. Mr. DeGroat and Mr. Powers both gave their assurances there would be no offset until further discussions.

13. MISCELLANEOUS:

13A) REF. #9126 - ADOPTING THE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND FOR THE YEAR 2015 AND ADOPTING DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE GUIDELINES (DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE)
(STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER BUDGET & FINANCE)
DL#2015-00276

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

UNAN

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

14. RECEIVE & FILE:

NONE

15. CORRESPONDENCE/REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:

NONE

ADDENDUM

1. REF. #9458 - AUTHORIZING INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE VILLAGE OF NYACK (\$5,000), VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW (\$5,000) AND VILLAGE OF PIERMONT (\$5,000), FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY REIMBURSEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THEIR EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE)
(HONS. JAY HOOD, JR., NANCY LOW-HOGAN, HARRIET D. CORNELL, LEGISLATURE)
LG#2015-17

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

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, EARL, JOBSON, SOSKIN

2. REF. #5050 - APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH O'CONNOR DAVIES LLP, FORMERLY KNOWN AS BENNETT KIELSON STORCH DESANTIS, DIVISION OF O'CONNOR DAVIES MUNNS & DOBBINS, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$166,800 FOR ADDITIONAL AUDITING SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 UNDER RFP-RC-07-046 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (COUNTY LEGISLATURE) (\$1,287,900)
(HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT, LEGISLATURE)
LG#2015-19

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

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: : LEGS. WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, CORNELL, EARL, HOOD, JR., JOBSON, SOSKIN

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 10:30 PM **UNAN**
MURPHY/JOBSON

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