

The Legislature of Rockland County



NANCY LOW-HOGAN

Legislator, District 17

Chairwoman, Government Operations Committee

Members Present:

Leg. N. Low Hogan, Chair
Leg. M. Grant, Vice Chair
Leg. J. Meyers
Leg. P. Soskin
Leg. A. Wieder

Members Absent:

Leg. P. Moroney
Leg. J. Murphy

Others Present:

E. Yeger, Esq. Leg. D. Jobson
P. Brennan G. Walsh
C. Perez T. Vanderbeek

MINUTES
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2012
6:15 PM

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2012

MOTION TO ADOPT: MEYERS/SOSKIN

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1. REF. #9040 - APPROVING EXTENSION OF AND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH GINA NOWICKI FOR COURT REPORTING AND TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES TO VARIOUS ROCKLAND COUNTY AGENCIES ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS UNDER RFP-RC-2010-005 EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FROM APRIL 14, 2012 THROUGH APRIL 13, 2013 WITH TWO (2) REMAINING ONE (1) YEAR OPTIONS AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE AGREEMENT BY \$110,000 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 FOR THE FULL PERIOD FROM JUNE 17, 2010 THROUGH APRIL 13, 2013 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$250,000)
(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER DGS-PURCHASING)

MOTION TO APPROVE: GRANT/SOSKIN

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ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. LOW-HOGAN, GRANT, MEYERS, SOSKIN, WIEDER, JOBSON

ACTION: Committee requested Paul Brennan submit to the Committee actual half-day/full-day rates paid for court reporting and transcription services

2. REF. #0962 - ***FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION ITEM: COUNTYWIDE FLEET MANAGEMENT
(HON. NANCY LOW-HOGAN, HON JOHN A. MURPHY, LEGISLATURE)***

Chair Low-Hogan read to the Committee a memo dated April 25, 2012 from Mr. Vanderbeek to Chief of Staff Sean Mathews regarding the Transportation Services Study update. Mr. Vanderbeek stated that approximately 50% of the departments have responded and they plan to send out a follow-up e-mail this week. Once the information has been compiled, they will forward the information for review.

In response to Chair Low-Hogan's request for a timeline, Mr. Vanderbeek told the Committee he envisions it will take approximately 1 month to draft a compilation study.

Mr. Gerry Walsh explained the countywide fleet is completely different from public transportation. Mr. Cesar Perez, Fleet Manager, stated there are approximately 382 assigned vehicles in the fleet (35/40 of which are non-motorized trailers). The biggest users include the Sheriff's Department which consists of half of the vehicles; the District Attorney's office, Social Services, Mental Health and the Department of Hospitals.

Chair Low-Hogan felt the study should include both the county fleet inventory and public transportation.

Leg. Meyers questioned whether county employees have the option of using their own vehicles and if so, are they reimbursed? Mr. Walsh said Department Heads must have a line item in the budget for the use of Own Vehicle Reimbursement. Leg. Meyers asked if there was data on the utilization rate. Mr. Walsh said if they did not have 20,000 miles per year, the Fleet Manager could take the vehicles back.

Mr. Perez also explained they use a tracking system for gas use and provide weekly reports on fuel and mileage.

Leg. Soskin asked why there was an increase for TORS if they are operating profitably.

Mr. Vanderbeek stated that prior to his joining the department it was not profitable but they have tightened down and they do not expect fare increases for a while.

Chair Low-Hogan thanked the Department for attending this meeting and felt they were doing a very good job.

ACTIONS

- **Chair Low-Hogan requested Mr. Vanderbeek submit to the committee a copy of the questionnaire sent to the department heads regarding transportation needs**
- **Committee requested Mr. Walsh submit an inventory of county vehicles to include the following information: number of vehicles and types, who they are assigned to; who takes them home and why; maintenance costs; fuel consumption; insurance information. Committee understands certain information may be confidential.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 7:10 PM
MEYERS/SOSKIN**

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