

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Legislature of Rockland County will meet in its Chambers in the Allison-Parris Office Building, New City, New York on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 7:00 P.M., pursuant to the adjournment of the January 22, 2014 meeting.

Very truly yours,

Laurence O. Toole
Clerk to the Legislature

Dated at New City, New York
This 30th day of January 2014

The Legislature of Rockland County convened in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the January 22, 2014 meeting.

A Roll Call being taken, the following Legislators were present and answered to their names:

Christopher J. Carey
Harriet D. Cornell
Michael M. Grant
Douglas J. Jobson
Barry S. Kantrowitz
Nancy Low-Hogan
Joseph L. Meyers
John A. Murphy
Aney Paul
Philip Soskin
Frank P. Sparaco
Aron B. Wieder
Jay Hood, Jr., Vice Chairman
Alden H. Wolfe, Chairman

Absent: Legislators Toney L. Earl, Patrick J. Moroney and Ilan S. Schoenberger

Jerry Donnellan, Director of Veterans Service Agency, led in the Salute to the Flag.

Honorable Frank P. Sparaco, Legislator, District 11, delivered the invocation.

Special Order of the Day:**2014 Message to the Legislature
Ed Day
Rockland County Executive**

Good evening Chairman Wolfe and ladies and gentlemen of the Rockland County Legislature. Congratulations, Legislator Wolfe, on being selected to serve as Chairman. I look forward to working together for the people of Rockland County.

Good evening also to our distinguished guests, family, friends and fellow Rockland County residents, many of whom are watching from home tonight.

It's an honor and a privilege to serve as your County Executive. I thank God, each and every day, for the opportunity that has been provided to me to serve you and all the people of Rockland County.

I stand before you tonight to report on the condition of our County and to outline a focused agenda for the months to come.

So, you ask, "What is the state of Rockland County?" I've used the word "crisis." Others have used "damaged," "bankrupt" and "dysfunctional" to sum-up our government. Each of these terms is spot-on... 100-percent accurate.

We all know you can't solve a problem if you refuse to acknowledge it. In our case, Rockland County's problems are impossible to ignore. We face serious challenges.

And, it's important to note... we didn't get here overnight. Our bad finances and poor financial decisions of the past will take time to clean up. As I said in my inaugural message on New Year's Day, "This is a journey, not a quick trip."

I want to reassure you... and, each resident of Rockland County that we are focused every day on putting the County's fiscal house back in order. We will blaze our own path to a healthy future by making hard choices. We must never return to the irresponsible budgeting practices of the past... and, we won't. This I promise.

Tonight, I bring to you a bold plan of action focusing specifically on three goals:

- First, stop the bleeding. By restoring proper budgeting practices and insisting on strict fiscal discipline, we can - and, WE WILL - stabilize our finances.
- Second, job creation and economic growth. We must expand opportunity for Rockland's families and Rockland's businesses, large and small.
- Third, we must 'preserve' Rockland County. For our families today and for those who come later. Let us work together for the common good of our people. Let us return a sense of 'community' to our neighborhoods, from Suffern to Sparkill, from Tomkins Cove to Tappan.

Any honest assessment would suggest we have a lot of work to do when it comes to money. In particular, I reference our on-going efforts to chip-away at a projected, unaudited budget deficit of 145-million dollars - and growing.

Most recent attention has focused on the sale of the Summit Park complex in Pomona and the 96-million dollar deficit bond, secured just last week, with the approval and welcomed oversight of the state Comptroller's Office. About 15-percent of every homeowner's average County property tax bill has traditionally gone to the hospital and nursing home. The successful sale of Summit Park and the transfer of the Mental Health Unit to Nyack Hospital will save us millions, while continuing to provide improved services to our residents. As for the bond, the 96-million provides the cash necessary to pay our bills and also pay down a portion of the deficit. Both of these moves are critical in our fundamental economic realignment for Rockland County. But, "silver bullets," they are not. The sale of Summit Park provides one-time revenue. And, the bond? We need to pay back 96-million dollars. That money is not a gift!

While these efforts are a 'good beginning,' they do not solve our problem of spending too much money. Simply put, the sale of the hospital and the bond will buy us extremely limited time to implement a series of aggressive changes that will make us more efficient.

In order to make up the kinds of savings we need over several years, we're looking at a "total makeover" of Rockland County government, including the restructuring of departments, agencies and salaries. In the County Executive's Office, my administration was the first to face the paring knife. On day one, I abolished six positions and transferred one to another department, saving taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars. These personnel changes amount to a 10-percent reduction in my payroll. I expect the same due diligence from each department. With these savings in mind, I created five new posts - complete with updated job descriptions - each reflecting their true responsibilities to maximize management and direction. I've surrounded myself with highly skilled professionals without political baggage. They live here. They want to STAY living here. They want a better tomorrow. These are talented and dedicated people who give a damn... just like me. It's just unfortunate I couldn't pay them their professional value. Each member of my team is doing more with less. This transformation will continue in each County department. I've put a stop to routine hiring's and unnecessary overtime. We're reviewing all contracts. Over the next several months, we will radically redesign our governmental structures and operations, right size our salaries, restore integrity and increase performance in this organization. We will empower department heads. We will give employees a voice. We will restore the pride in working for this County. We will change the culture.

It's simply unacceptable for me to hear time and again as I travel throughout Rockland's five towns that we've had a government of dysfunction. The old way of doing things wasn't working. We get paid to deliver services to the people. We must... and, we will deliver.

As I mentioned before, the first step to a fiscally healthy County is a sound diagnosis of our condition. When I took office last month, I knew it was bad. After just a day or two on the job, it quickly became obvious that our money problems are far more complex - and direr - than we'd imagined.

So, tonight, I'm pleased to announce that Rockland's former Commissioner of Budget and Finance, Robert Bergman, has agreed to join my team as 'acting' County Auditor. This "watchdog" position is part of the County charter, but has been vacant for several years. Bob's vast experience with budgets and cash management will help us realize the true extent of the crisis and rapidly respond to it. His stellar record with the County means there's no learning curve. Bob is here to "look under the hood." He's already started to assess the finances of all County departments, agencies, boards and commissions. His review will focus on expenditures, debt, short-term and long-term liabilities, the condition of the tax base, financial policies and practices and transparency. If Bob finds evidence of financial wrongdoing, it will be reported. He comes to us in a less-than-full-time capacity. Bob Bergman is a tremendous value to the taxpayers, and I am thrilled to have him on my team.

I promise that we will get to the bottom of our financial ills. No matter how bleak the picture is I'll be honest. Anyone who knows me knows I don't wear 'rose-colored glasses.' Our new Acting County Auditor is a major step toward finding the truth and building long-term solutions to our money problems.

By now, most of you know that Novartis will close operations in Rockland County. We've been assured that the decision to pullout of Suffern is a direct result of 'patent expiration' of one of the company's key medications. The move to leave Ramapo is in no way reflective of local tax rates, quality of life issues or any other matter. The departure of Novartis is reality. I believe it may also be an opportunity. As we work with Novartis, the Rockland Economic Development Corporation and others to market the site, we're being pushed to consider strategies for stimulating our economy to encourage job creation.

We're also close to hiring a Director of Economic Development, at no additional cost to the taxpayers. This key position in my administration will be charged with making sure the world knows Rockland County is "open for business." Along with coordinating all economic growth efforts, this skilled professional will craft job development plans and act as our "ambassador" as we compete in the global real estate marketplace against the other regions and states.

But, if we fail to hold the line on taxes now and reduce the cost of living in the future, businesses will not come. We already know taxes are too high, and a high cost of living is detrimental to economic growth. It's time for a straightforward conversation about property tax relief. My team is already looking at ways to partner with our state and federal leaders and school districts to stem the tide of rising taxes. We'll partner with the Legislature to help slow the rate of growth in County spending in order to achieve real property tax relief.

At the state level, I will do everything in my power as County Executive to keep-up the fight against the onslaught of state-mandated programs using County tax dollars. Again, the Governor's "State of the State" message last month included little mention of mandate relief, which is the most urgent problem facing County leaders and schools across the state.

Over the next few months, you'll hear more about a new coalition of Lower Hudson Valley County executives. I'm sure you've heard the saying, "There's power in numbers." In this case, we're looking to establish a "united front" behind the most pressing issues facing our region, from jobs and taxes to the new Tappan Zee Bridge.

Join me in the fight for responsible and meaningful tax relief for Rockland County. Continue to tell our state representatives that unfunded state mandates are counterproductive and unfair!

Perhaps the heaviest lift for my Administration will be the restoration of proper budgeting practices and insisting on strict fiscal discipline within our own organization. Going forward, we must measure all tax and spending decisions through the lens of a struggling County government. The people of Rockland County deserve a balanced budget that works, a budget that focuses on the essentials, a budget that reflects the ideals of the County's hard-working taxpayers, and together we will deliver it.

All too often, the mention of Rockland County is followed with news articles and social media postings focusing on government corruption. Many of our neighbors have lost trust. Companies considering locating here are looking elsewhere. Government in Rockland County has had a credibility issue. This culture will not continue.

I will clean up this government. Malfeasance and wrongdoing will be rooted out.

The headlines are already starting to change. Rockland County Government is moving to a place of integrity and performance, a place where our dedicated managers and workers want to be. There is hope, I promise.

One way we're increasing transparency is a major expansion of our social media outreach. Since taking office on January first, we've launched official Rockland County Government "Facebook" and "Twitter" sites. We're using the latest technology to bring residents and visitors better and faster information about County services and events, while also providing a valuable forum for people to express their needs and concerns. We're also using social media to "open the windows" of County government. Now, more than ever before, we must communicate with our public. We need to show-off the 'good things' our hard-working, dedicated people are doing. If you work here, you will be valued.

Our growth in social media is part of a larger marketing effort. It's time for our residents to know this organization is delivering the services they're paying for. In the next few weeks, look for a re-designed Rockland County website, incorporating more photos, more graphics and direct links to our social media. Let's celebrate all that we do, because we do a lot of great things!

It'd like to share a few other high points from our first month in office.

- The Transportation Department had a successful rollout of high-tech, electronic fare-boxes on all Transport of Rockland and TAPPAN ZEE Express buses. The technology enables the County to more efficiently collect fares and generate data on ridership.
- The Department of Social Services, the District Attorney and the Office of Fire and Emergency Services continue to partner in the battle against fraud and abuse of our public benefits systems. Since the start of the year, our investigators have uncovered thousands in stolen funds, designed to help the neediest in our communities. Let me be clear: anyone accused of "gaming" the system will be aggressively pursued and vigorously prosecuted. Watch for news of additional fraud crackdowns by DSS and the D.A. Their relentless efforts will continue with my 'unqualified support.'
- Our dedicated Highway Department staff deserves high praise. Most of us have spent the winter shoveling our driveways and scraping the ice from our windshields. The Highway Department team has spent the past five weeks pre-treating, scraping, plowing and salting more than 160 miles of blacktop through each and every snowstorm, ice storm and "Polar Vortex." These hard-working crews have kept our County moving safely... round-the-clock... in all weather conditions and temperatures. Now, it's time to fill the potholes. Thank you for all you do!

The people of Rockland County demand a good government and expect the men and women serving in this organization to put aside their differences and come together to make good public policy.

To make certain we remain true to our mission, I've requested that members of my transition team review our progress later this year. This key group of trusted advisors has volunteered to assess our operations, goals and accomplishments and make recommendations on an "as needed" basis. We will continue to work cooperatively with our Legislators here in Rockland, and our lawmakers at the state and federal level. Assembly members Zebrowski, Skoufis and Jaffee, Senators Carlucci and Larkin; please help us get the funding and the laws we need to make Rockland County a better place.

While financing will be a challenge, I will foster positive relationships with the non-profits and contract agencies, all of which educate and deliver vital services to so many in our communities.

Of course, the single most important partnership is with the people of Rockland County. To that end, we will have our new Director of Community Relations in place within a few days, with the charge of outreach to each and every corner of this great County. Know that I will personally be there each and every step of the way, and that I have not forgotten the immediate need to find a solution to East Ramapo School District crisis.

As I drove north on 9-W over Hook Mountain last week, I marveled at the snow-covered beauty of our County. The flora and fauna of the place we call home is unrivaled. This is why I will continue the fight to 'preserve' the character of our communities, from Jones Point in the north, to Sloatsburg in the West and Tappan in the South.

As I pledged during the campaign, my Administration will push back against overdevelopment and downzoning. Accordingly, our County Attorney and Planning Board are reviewing previous applications submitted under the GML, including the Patrick Farm development and the proposed poultry slaughterhouse. When it comes to appropriate land use and preservation, I will not waver in any way. Here's the bottom line: responsible land use and smart growth is a major driving force for economic success. Going forward, let's work together to keep Rockland County "a gem" in the region for a better tomorrow.

And while we are thinking of a better tomorrow, I want to recognize a few special guests tonight:

It's been two years since West Haverstraw Volunteer Firefighter Jerry Knapp was seriously injured in a natural gas explosion. Knapp and his partner Ken Patterson were at the front door of 52 Zariello Lane when the blast blew them 35 feet and turned the condominium into a pile of rubble.

The firefighters were knocking on doors in the complex as part of a precautionary evacuation. Their heroic actions saved countless lives that day.

Since then, Jerry has been on a crusade to make sure the same type of incident doesn't happen again. He's spent countless hours researching utility company and first responder protocols. He's pored over operational plans, legal documents and communications transcripts. What he found is disturbing: substantial weaknesses in the response plans and training procedures used by utility companies and fire departments. Through his dogged research, Jerry has drafted a series of positive recommendations to address serious issues. He's urging the state Public Service Commission and the state Office of Fire Prevention and Control to use his work as a starting point to improve training on a statewide level. Here in Rockland County, Jerry designed and teaches a course for first responders focused on natural gas emergencies. Last year, fire departments in Rockland County responded to 500 gas emergencies. Jerry's dedication to protecting the lives of his brother and sister firefighters and fellow citizens will prevent future tragedies. Tonight, we salute your efforts.

Skye Maisel of New City spent part of her December school break helping the less fortunate in California. The ninth-grader at Clarkstown North High School joined fellow teens from all across New York to volunteer in distressed areas of Los Angeles, as part of 'Young Judaea's' weeklong "Alternative Winter Break." Skye put-in long hours at a homeless shelter in Hollywood, even planning a holiday party for many of the families living there. She also joined in organizing and restocking food donations at the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. Teenagers often grab headlines for the wrong reasons. In Skye's case, she made news for the RIGHT reasons. This young woman represents the majority of our local youth and the future of this County. We want teens to be responsible, caring, productive citizens. We need to make sure they have experience today with civic engagement and character building. Skye returned from the West Coast more committed and better equipped to offer service where it is most needed. By committing to personal growth and developing a sense of building community, she is a role model to young men and women. Skye is most deserving of special recognition and I know she will continue to inspire others who also want to serve our nation and our community.

I am both heartened and strengthened by the ever-rising sense of hope and belief I've heard from so many of you during these past few weeks. Believe in that growing sense of hope because we are a community with a shared vision and direction. Together, we will soar to new heights.

So tonight, I ask you to join me as we restore confidence, predictability and stability to our finances, set the stage for unprecedented economic growth and keep Rockland County's landscape free from abuse.

Let us turn the page and write a new chapter in Rockland County's history. A chapter, which reflects how our people -working together - provided the dynamic solutions, that led to the best of times in our County's proud history.

Let us recognize our military personnel and our veterans who work to preserve our freedom and our liberty each day. No matter where are you stationed tonight, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Let's continue our hard work to make Rockland County an even better place to live, to work and to raise a family.

Thank you and good night.

Chairman Wolfe called for a brief recess at 7:28 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

The Chairman opened the public participation portion of the meeting at 7:38 p.m. and the following persons appeared and spoke:

- ❖ Steven White, Concerned with issues with Board of East Ramapo School District
- ❖ Michael Hogan, Opposed to Senate & Assembly Bill Tax Relief; does not help students
- ❖ Amelia White, Village of Spring Valley Trustee, Concerned with issues with Board of East Ramapo School District

Public Participation ended at 7:45 p.m.

Comments from the Chairman:

Honorable Alden H. Wolfe

We had the State of the County Address tonight. Mr. Day has presented a sense of what we have to look forward to for the balance of this year. I think his point as to the restructuring of County government was well made. I look forward to hearing what the specifics are. I think the devil is always in the details. So I do look to continuing to work collaboratively with him.

RESOLUTION NO. 37 OF 2014**BOND RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2014**

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING FINANCING FOR THE COST OF LIQUIDATING CURRENT DEFICITS IN THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010, DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND DECEMBER 31, 2012, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$96,000,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$96,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

(Adopted) February 4, 2014

Mr. Grant offered the following bond resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Jobson and Chairman Wolfe and by roll call vote was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK (by the affirmative vote of not less than two thirds of the voting strength of said Legislature), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The County of Rockland, New York (herein called "County"), is hereby authorized to finance the cost of liquidation of current deficits in the County's general fund as of December 31, 2010, December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012. The estimated maximum cost of said specific object or purpose, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$96,000,000, and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$96,000,000 bonds of the County and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds to finance said appropriation and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the County to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds and notes.

Section 2. Bonds of the County in the principal amount of not to exceed \$96,000,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to Chapter 468 of the 2013 Laws of New York ("Chapter 468") and the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law"), to finance said appropriation. In accordance with Chapter 468, the authorization to issue such bonds is subject to the provisions of section 10.10 of the Law and such bonds must be issued on or before September 30, 2014.

Section 3. The period of probable usefulness applicable to the specific object or purpose for which the bonds authorized by this resolution is to be issued within the limitations of Chapter 468 and Section 10.10 h. of the Law, is ten (10) years.

Section 4. The County intends to finance, and the Commissioner of Finance of the County is hereby authorized to advance such amounts as are necessary to pay the costs of the specific object or purpose described in Section 1 hereof prior to the issuance of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized out of any available funds of the County, on an interim basis, which amounts are reasonably expected to be reimbursed with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County, pursuant to this Resolution, in the total amount of bonds herein authorized. This Resolution is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this Resolution and of the Law, and pursuant to the provisions of §21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, §30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and of §§50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of said Law, the powers and duties of the County Legislature relative to authorizing the issuance of any notes in anticipation of the sale of the bonds herein authorized, or the renewals thereof, relative to providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, relative to prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the respective amounts of bonds herein authorized, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, and relative to executing agreements for credit enhancement, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance of the County, as the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 6. Each of the bonds authorized by this Resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale thereof shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of said Local Finance Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the County of Rockland, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, and provision shall be made annually in the budgets of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the notes and bonds to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 7. The validity of the bonds authorized by this Resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this Resolution, or a summary hereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. The Clerk to the Rockland County Legislature is hereby directed to publish the foregoing bond resolution, in summary, in the "ROCKLAND JOURNAL NEWS", West Nyack, New York and the "ROCKLAND COUNTY TIMES", published by Citizen Publishing Corp., Nanuet, New York, each of said newspapers having been designated the official newspapers of the County for such publication, together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

Section 9. This Resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2.02 of the Rockland County Charter.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Legislators Douglas J. Jobson and Alden H. Wolfe and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES:	14	(Legislators Carey, Cornell, Grant, Jobson, Kantrowitz, Low-Hogan, Meyers, Murphy, Paul, Soskin, Sparaco, Wieder, Hood, Jr., Wolfe)
NOES:	0	
ABSENT:	03	(Legislators Earl, Moroney, Schoenberger)

The resolution was declared adopted.

Roll Call:

Legislator Grant – Yes.

Legislator Jobson – Yes.

Legislator Kantrowitz – Yes.

Legislator Low-Hogan – Yes.

Legislator Meyers – Yes.

Legislator Murphy – Yes.

Legislator Paul – Yes.

Legislator Soskin – Yes.

Legislator Sparaco – Yes.

Legislator Wieder – Yes.

Legislator Carey – Yes.

Legislator Cornell – Yes.

Vice Chair Hood, Jr. – Yes.

Chairman Wolfe – Yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 38 OF 2014**TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2014**

RESOLUTION DELEGATING TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE THE POWERS TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$55,000,000 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, 2014, AND TO PRESCRIBE THE TERMS, FORM AND CONTENTS, AND PROVIDE FOR THE SALE AND CREDIT ENHANCEMENT OF SUCH NOTES.

(Adopted February 4, 2014)

Mr. Grant offered the following Tax Anticipation Note resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Jobson and Mr. Kantrowitz and by roll call vote was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK,
AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law"), the power to authorize the issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called "Notes") of the County of Rockland, in the State of New York (the "County" and "State", respectively), in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$55,000,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, is hereby delegated to the County Commissioner of Finance, as chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

- (a) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes levied for County purposes for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014, and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are to be levied.
- (b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance, and may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Law.
- (c) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.
- (d) No Notes have heretofore been authorized or issued in anticipation of the collection of said taxes.

Section 3. The Notes shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the County, and the faith and credit of the County shall be pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and, unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the County and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00, and 168.00 of the Law, inclusive, the powers to prescribe the terms, form and contents, and all other powers or duties pertaining or incidental to the sale and issuance of the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, including the power to determine the respective amounts of Notes to be issued in anticipation of said respective revenues specified in Section 2 hereof, and the power to enter into agreements for credit enhancement for the Notes, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, as chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Legislators Douglas J. Jobson and Barry S. Kantrowitz and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES:	14	(Legislators Carey, Cornell, Grant, Jobson, Kantrowitz, Low-Hogan, Meyers, Murphy, Paul, Soskin, Sparaco, Wieder, Hood, Jr., Wolfe)
NOES:	0	
ABSENT:	03	(Legislators Earl, Moroney, Schoenberger)

The resolution was declared adopted.

Roll Call:

Legislator Grant – Yes.

Legislator Jobson – Yes.

Legislator Kantrowitz – Yes.

Legislator Low-Hogan – Yes.

Legislator Meyers – Yes.

Legislator Murphy – Yes.

Legislator Paul – Yes.

Legislator Soskin – Yes.

Legislator Sparaco – Yes.

Legislator Wieder – Yes.

Legislator Carey – Yes.

Legislator Cornell – Yes.

Vice Chair Hood, Jr. – Yes.

Chairman Wolfe – Yes.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 9495

- Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
- Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
- Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
- Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
- Hon. Barry S. Kantrowitz, Sponsor
- Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
- Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
- Hon. Ilan S. Schoenberger, Sponsor
- Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
- Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
- Hon. Frank A. Sparaco, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 39 OF 2014
 APPROVING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS
 WITH VARIOUS LICENSED DAY CARE AGENCIES
 BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 FOR TOTAL EXPENDITURES NOT TO
 EXCEED THE APPROPRIATED 2014 BUDGET FOR
 DAY CARE SERVICES
 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES]**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mrs. Cornell, Mrs. Paul and Mr. Soskin and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Social Services is required by Social Services Law §410-u to provide child care assistance to families receiving family assistance and to other low income families; and

WHEREAS, The necessary services are provided to such children through various licensed day care agencies; and

WHEREAS, Placements are made depending upon the services required and the licensed day care agency's ability to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, All payments to the licensed day care agencies are made on a per diem basis, for the individual child, at rates set by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, In order for the Commissioner of Social Services to provide these required services to the children of Rockland County, it is requested that the County enter into agreements with the licensed day care agencies on the annexed Schedule A; and

WHEREAS, Expenditures to a single agency may exceed \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, Reimbursement rates for day care to the County are either fifty percent (50%) federal/fifty percent (50%) state or forty percent (40%) federal/sixty percent (60%) state, based on the financial reimbursement category for the child placed in the licensed day care limited by the provisions of the Flexible Fund for Family Services and Child Care Block Grant to a maximum sum of approximately \$8,300,000; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County;" and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for these agreements exist in the 2014 Budget of the Department of Social Services, budget line 6055-5060; and

WHEREAS, The Multi-Services and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature have met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the agreements with the licensed day care agencies on the annexed Schedule A, to provide services as required under Social Services Law §410-u, in excess of \$100,000, at per diem rates approved by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services per child, and authorizes execution of the agreements by the County Executive, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for these agreements exist in the 2014 Budget of the Department of Social Services, budget line 6055-5060.



2014 Day Care Centers

1. A Kid's Solution – Early Learning & Development Academy
 2. Campus Fun and Learn Child Development Center
 3. Center Management Associates, D/B/A – Children's Corner Learning Center
 4. Children of America Nyack, LLC, D/B/A Children of America Educational Child Care
 5. Children of America Stony Point, LLC
 6. Clarkstown Central School District Child Care & Early Learning Program
 7. Haverstraw Day Care, Inc.
 8. Jawonio, Inc.
 9. Jewish Community Center – Y of Rockland, Inc.
 10. Learning Ladder Child Care Center
 11. Martin Luther King, JR. Multi-Purpose Center, Inc.
 12. New Beginnings Dignity Services, Inc.
 13. Reliable Cared Enterprises, Inc., D/B/A Tutor Time Child Care Learning Center
 14. Rockland After School Program
 15. Rockland County Chapter NYS ARC, Inc., Prime Time for Kids
 16. Rockland Worksite Day Care Center
 17. Safe-N-Sound Child Care, Inc.
 18. The Goddard School
 19. The Jan& Niles Davies Learning Center
 20. The Rockland County YMCA
 21. West Street Child Care Learning Center, Inc.
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Introduced by:

Referral No. 7555

Hon. Ilan S. Schoenberger, Sponsor
 Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
 Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Frank A. Sparaco, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 40 OF 2014
 APPROVING ADDENDUM TO LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
 COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND HB DRIVE-IN ASSOCIATES, LLC
 INCREASING THE NUMBER OF COMMUTER PARKING
 SPACES FROM 290 TO 360 SPACES AND THE ANNUAL RENT
 BY AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$30,000 FOR MAXIMUM
 ANNUAL RENT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000
 FOR THE COMMUTER PARK AND RIDE LOT LOCATED ON
 ROUTE 59 IN THE HAMLET OF MONSEY, TOWN OF RAMAPO
 [NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS]
 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 [DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION]
 (\$150,000 ANNUALLY)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Soskin and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, On November 1, 1999 the County of Rockland ("County") entered into a lease agreement with Daniel Weingarten, Judy Spero, Shera Aranoff Tuchman, Gaya Aranoff Bernstein, Jonathan Aranoff, Karen Guttmann, Tammy Katz, Shari Lindenbaum, Aviva Jacobowitz, Naava Goldberg Parker, Michael Goldberg, and Beth Goldberg Fried, the owners of property commonly known as the Monsey Drive-In located on Route 59 in the hamlet of Monsey, Town of Ramapo to use of a portion of the property as a commuter park and ride lot for an annual rent amount of \$120,000; and

WHEREAS, The lease agreement is self-renewing on an annual basis unless terminated by either party by the giving of not less than 90 days written notice, the current term being August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The annual rent is reimbursed to the County through the New York State Department of Transportation and therefore requires the use of no County tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2013, Daniel Weingarten, Judy Spero, Shera Aranoff Tuchman, Gaya Aranoff Bernstein, Jonathan Aranoff, Karen Guttmann, Tammy Katz, Shari Lindenbaum, Aviva Jacobowitz, Naava Goldberg Parker, Michael Goldberg, and Beth Goldberg Fried, formed a domestic limited liability company known as HB- Drive-In Associates, LLC ("Landlord"); and

WHEREAS, By letter amendment dated October 3, 2013, the County officially recognized the creation of the legal entity HB Drive-In Associates LLC, 200 Winston Drive, Unit 221, Cliffside Park, New Jersey 07010 as Landlord ("Landlord"); and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Public Transportation is recommending that the County enter into an addendum to the 1999 lease with HB Drive-In Associates LLC, 200 Winston Drive, Unit 221, Cliffside Park, New Jersey 07010 ("Landlord") to increase the number of parking spaces used by commuters from 290 spaces to 360 spaces and increasing the annual rent in the amount of \$30,000, for a total annual rent not to exceed \$150,000 on a lease that self-renews on an annual basis unless terminated by either party by the giving of not less than 90 days written notice, the current term being August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, No County tax dollars are required for this agreement since the funds are reimbursable through the New York State Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County;" and

WHEREAS, County Law §215 requires that the Legislature of Rockland County approve all lease agreements entered into by the County; and

WHEREAS, The Planning & Public Works and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature have met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves an addendum to the 1999 lease with HB Drive-In Associates LLC, 200 Winston Drive, Unit 221, Cliffside Park, New Jersey 07010 ("Landlord") to increase the number of parking spaces used by commuters from 290 spaces to 360 spaces and increasing the annual rent in the amount of \$30,000, for a total annual rent not to exceed \$150,000 on a lease that self-renews on an annual basis unless terminated by either party by the giving of not less than 90 days written notice, the current term being August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014, and authorizes its execution by the County Executive, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no County tax dollars are required for this agreement since the cost is reimbursed through the New York State Department of Transportation.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 9075

Hon. Ilan S. Schoenberger, Sponsor
 Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
 Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
 Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
 Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
 Hon. Barry S. Kantrowitz, Sponsor
 Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
 Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
 Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
 Hon. Frank A. Sparaco, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 41 OF 2014
 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH THE
 NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM FOR REIMBURSEMENT
 TO THE COUNTY FOR CLEANING AND MINOR REPAIR SERVICES
 OF THE ROCKLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE FOR THE FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD
 FROM APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2018 WITH REIMBURSEMENT
 FOR THE INITIAL TERM FROM APRIL 1, 2013 TO MARCH 31, 2014
 TO BE MADE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$570,887
 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT]
 (\$570,887)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Kantrowitz and Chairman Wolfe and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Chapter 686 of the Laws of 1996 requires the State of New York through the New York State Unified Court System (NYSUCS) to reimburse the County a percentage of its eligible expenses for cleaning and minor repair services to court facilities; and

WHEREAS, The County, through its Department of General Services – Facilities Management provides cleaning for the interior spaces for the Family Court, Supreme Court, County Court and Commissioner of Jurors, and minor repair services to the new and old court facilities; and

WHEREAS, The cleaning and minor repair services provided by the Department of General Services – Facilities Management shall be reimbursed by NYSUCS for the initial term of the agreement from April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014 in the amount of \$570,887; and

WHEREAS, The amount of reimbursement for subsequent terms of the agreement shall be calculated during those years; and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner of General Services recommend that the County Executive and Legislature of Rockland County approve an agreement in excess of \$100,000 with the New York State Unified Court System, 25 Beaver Street, New York, New York 10004 for reimbursement of cleaning and minor repair services for the interior spaces for the Family Court, Supreme Court, County Court and Commissioner of Jurors in the new and old court facilities for the period from April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2018, for the initial term from April 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014 in the amount of \$570,887, with the amounts for subsequent terms of the agreement to be calculated during those years; and

WHEREAS, The adoption of this resolution does not involve the expenditure of any County funds; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve “execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County;” and

WHEREAS, No funding clause is necessary since the funding for these services in 2013 and 2014 was included in the adopted Budgets for those years; and

WHEREAS, The Planning & Public Works and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature have met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the agreement in excess of \$100,000 with the New York State Unified Court System, 25 Beaver Street, New York, New York 10004, for reimbursement of cleaning and minor repair services for the interior spaces for the Family Court, Supreme Court, County Court and Commissioner of Jurors in the new and old court facilities for the period from April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2018, for the initial term from April 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014 in the amount of \$570,887, with the amounts for subsequent terms of the agreement to be calculated during those years, and further authorizes its execution by the County Executive, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no funding clause is necessary since the funding for these services in 2013 and 2014 was included in the adopted Budgets for those years.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 2973

- Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
- Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
- Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
- Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
- Hon. Barry S. Kantrowitz, Sponsor
- Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
- Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
- Hon. Ilan S. Schoenberger, Sponsor
- Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
- Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
- Hon. Nancy Low-Hogan, Sponsor
- Hon. Frank A. Sparaco, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 42 OF 2014
 APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT
 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$118,000
 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE
 BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (B.O.C.E.S.)
 TO PROVIDE AN INTENSIVE THERAPEUTIC
 SUPPORT CLASSROOM MODEL
 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014
 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 TO EXECUTE THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT
 [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH]
 (\$118,000)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mrs. Cornell, Mrs. Low-Hogan, Mrs. Paul and Mr. Soskin and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Both the County of Rockland (the "County") and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (B.O.C.E.S.) are "municipal corporation[s]" as defined in New York General Municipal Law section 119-n(a); and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law section 119-o(1) provides, in relevant part, that "municipal corporations . . . have [the] power to enter into . . . agreements for the performance among themselves or one for the other of their respective functions, powers and duties on a . . . contract basis," provided that such agreements are "approved by each participating municipal corporation . . . by a majority vote of the voting strength of its governing body"; and

WHEREAS, The residents of the County and the clients of B.O.C.E.S. will benefit from the intermunicipal agreement; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the intermunicipal agreement, B.O.C.E.S. will pay to the County two (2) equal installments in the amount of \$59,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$118,000 and, in return, the County will provide B.O.C.E.S. with an intensive therapeutic support classroom model which includes consultation services, crisis intervention, medication review, liaison with hospital placements and clinical coordination of school-based mental health services; and

WHEREAS, On September 18, 2013, B.O.C.E.S. approved the intermunicipal agreement with the County; and

WHEREAS, The Multi-Services and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature have met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves, pursuant to New York General Municipal Law sections 119-n(a) and 119-o(1), the intermunicipal agreement between the County and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (B.O.C.E.S.), pursuant to which B.O.C.E.S. will pay to the County two (2) equal installments in the amount of \$59,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$118,000 and, in return, the County will provide B.O.C.E.S. with an intensive therapeutic support classroom model which includes consultation services, crisis intervention, medication review, liaison with hospital placements and clinical coordination of school-based mental health services from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, which agreement was approved by B.O.C.E.S. on September 18, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the intermunicipal agreement on behalf of the County.



Introduced by:

Referral No. 6546

- Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
- Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor
- Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
- Hon. Aron B. Wieder, Sponsor
- Hon. Barry S. Kantrowitz, Sponsor
- Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
- Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
- Hon. Ilan S. Schoenberger, Sponsor
- Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
- Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
- Hon. Frank A. Sparaco, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 43 OF 2014
 APPROVING THE PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
 FROM CARDINAL HEALTH 200, INC. OF HOSPITAL, LABORATORY,
 MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICES FOR THE
 COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, THE DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS &
 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CLINICS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000
 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014
 IN ACCORDANCE WITH AMERINET DISTRIBUTION CONTRACT #DH10400
 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER
 [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF PURCHASING]
 (\$500,000)**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Soskin and Mr. Hood, Jr. and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The County is a member of Amerinet, Inc., a national group purchasing organization, which entitles the County of Rockland including the Department of Hospitals and the Department of Health to utilize national contracts negotiated by Amerinet, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Purchasing requests that the County Executive and the Legislature of Rockland County approve the purchases in excess of \$100,000 from Cardinal Health 200, Inc., 100 Raritan Center Parkway 120, Edison, New Jersey 08837-3615, for hospital, laboratory, medical supplies and distribution services for the County of Rockland, the Department of Hospitals and the Department of Health in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the period from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in Amerinet Distribution Contract #DH10400; and

WHEREAS, All purchases shall be made by formal purchase order under a price agreement encumbering the funds in advance; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funding for these purchases is provided for in the 2014 Budgets of the Department of Hospitals and the Department of Health subject to available intra-departmental transfers; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve the "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County"; and

WHEREAS, The Multi-Services and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature have met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the purchases in excess of \$100,000 from Cardinal Health 200, Inc., 100 Raritan Center Parkway 120, Edison, New Jersey 08837-3615, for hospital, laboratory, and medical supplies and distribution services for the County of Rockland, the Department of Hospitals and the Department of Health in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the period from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in Amerinet Distribution Contract #DH10400, and authorizes all purchases to be made by formal purchase order, subject to the approval of the Director of Purchasing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funding for these purchases is provided for in the 2014 Budgets of the Department of Hospitals and the Department of Health subject to available intra-departmental transfers.



Introduced by:

Referral No. 5327

- Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
- Hon Christopher J. Carey, Sponsor
- Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
- Hon. Barry S. Kantrowitz, Sponsor
- Hon. Philip Soskin, Sponsor
- Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
- Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
- Hon. Ilan S. Schoenberger, Sponsor
- Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
- Hon. Frank A. Sparaco, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 44 OF 2014
 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT
 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE TOWN OF RAMAPO
 BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR USE OF THE RAMAPO POLICE
 RANGE FACILITY FOR THE PERIOD
 JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014
 AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY
 [SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT]**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mrs. Paul and Mr. Hood Jr. and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law authorizes municipal governments to perform together that which each government is authorized to perform individually and requires that any intermunicipal cooperation agreement be approved by each participating municipal corporation by a majority vote of the voting strength of its governing body; and

WHEREAS, The County of Rockland through its Sheriff's Department and the Town of Ramapo desire to enter into an intermunicipal agreement for the use of the Ramapo Police Range Facility by the Sheriff's Department and the Rockland County Police Academy for firearms training for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The adoption of this resolution does not involve the expenditure of any County funds; and

WHEREAS, The Public Safety and Budget and Finance Committees of the Legislature have met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the execution by the County Executive of an intermunicipal agreement between the County of Rockland through its Sheriff's Department and the Town of Ramapo for the use of the Ramapo Police Range Facility by the Sheriff's Department and the Rockland County Police Academy for firearms training for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

The next item on the agenda, Referral No. 8116 - Urging The Rockland County Members Of The New York State Legislature To Introduce Legislation Changing The Combined Wealth Ratio Formula Utilized To Calculate State Aid To Public Schools, The New York State Senate And Assembly To Pass Such Legislation, And The Governor To Sign Such Legislation, was pulled.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 3120

Hon. Ilan S. Schoenberger, Sponsor
Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
Hon. Michael M. Grant, Sponsor
Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Sponsor
Hon. Aney Paul, Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 45 OF 2014
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
OF LEGISLATORS DOUGLAS J. JOBSON, ARON B. WIEDER AND ANEY PAUL
TO HEAR THE APPEAL OF JOSEPH KLEIN FROM AN ACTION BY THE
ROCKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF PLUMBING,
HEATING AND COOLING EXAMINERS**

Chairman Wolfe offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Grant and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, On or about October 31, 2013, Mr. Joseph Klein, appealed to the Legislature pursuant to Section 319-13(A) of the Laws of Rockland County from an action by the Board of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Examiners at its September 11, 2013 meeting, denying Mr. Klein, application for a license due to lack of work experience; and

WHEREAS, Section 319-13 (D) of Chapter 286 of the Laws of Rockland County provides for the designation of three (3) members of the Legislature to hear appeals by persons aggrieved by an action of the Board of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Examiners in making any decision or determination; and

WHEREAS, Section C3.02 of the Charter Law of Rockland County provides that, subject to confirmation by the Legislature of Rockland County, the County Executive shall appoint members of County boards and commissions, who shall serve at his pleasure; and

WHEREAS, The County Executive has appointed Legislators Douglas J. Jobson, Aron B. Wieder and Aney Paul, to hear the appeal of Mr. Joseph Klein; and

WHEREAS, The Planning & Public Works Committee of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to Section C3.02 of the Charter Law and Section 319-13 (D) of the Laws of Rockland County, the Legislature of Rockland County hereby confirms the appointments of Douglas J. Jobson, Aron B. Wieder and Aney Paul to hear the appeal of Mr. Joseph Klein filed on or about October 31, 2013 from an action by the Board of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Examiners at its at its September 11, 2013 meeting, denying Mr. Klein's, application for a license due to lack of work experience.

Introduced by:

Referral No. 2321

Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Co-Sponsor
Hon. Christopher J. Carey, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Barry S. Kantrowitz, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Philip Soskin, Co-Sponsor
Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Co-Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 46 OF 2014
URGING THE ROCKLAND COUNTY MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK STATE
LEGISLATURE TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION ENACTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION'S REPORT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING,
THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY TO PASS SUCH LEGISLATION,
AND THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN SUCH LEGISLATION**

Mrs. Cornell offered the following resolution, which was seconded by the Entire Legislature and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is a global problem whereby thousands of people – often women and children – are taken from their families and forced into hard labor or prostitution by human traffickers. They are often threatened and physically abused, and issues such as immigration status can render some victims especially vulnerable to intimidation; and

WHEREAS; New York with its international borders and ports is particularly vulnerable to international human trafficking, the problem is also domestic. While New York and many other states have tough laws to curb trafficking in persons, the fact that the problem persists indicates the need to take more effective measures; and

WHEREAS, Nationwide, human trafficking is a \$32 billion-a-year business. In New York, estimates list nearly 12,000 cases of human trafficking between 2000 and 2010. Since 2007, state officials have confirmed 224 cases of human trafficking, half in New York City. A Hofstra University study found that between 2000 and 2010, about 58 percent of nearly 11,300 sex trafficking victims in New York were under age 18; and

WHEREAS, In November of 2013, the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) issued a report developed by its Special Committee on Human Trafficking calling on state legislators, the courts and advocacy groups to undertake specific measures to enhance the prosecution of human traffickers and focus more attention on the care and treatment for victims; and

WHEREAS, This report examines the problem of human trafficking, evaluates the effectiveness of existing state laws and recommends solutions; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Legislature enacted New York's first anti-trafficking law in 2007, but New York's anti-trafficking laws still fall short of reducing, if not eradicating, labor trafficking; and

WHEREAS, The NYSBA report includes a recommendation that the state establish a civil private right of action that would allow victims to bring cases to civil court, which would undercut the profit motive of the traffickers and provide compensation to victims; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-nine (29) states and the District of Columbia currently allow for a private right of action; and

WHEREAS, The NYSBA report also contains a list of recommendations specific to three distinct groups who fall prey to labor trafficking, child trafficking and sex trafficking. These recommendations include the following:

Labor Trafficking

- Provide monetary rewards and whistleblower immunity to employees and individuals in cases where suspected labor trafficking leads to prosecution.
- Enact an enterprise disclosure law requiring businesses with worldwide revenues exceeding \$100 million to pledge that under penalty of law, they do not engage in human trafficking.

Child Trafficking

- Eliminate the requirement to show coercion in the charging of sex trafficking when an adult intentionally advances or profits from the prostitution of a minor.
- Raise the age of criminal responsibility to age 18 in order to eliminate the criminal prosecution of minor victims of sex trafficking.
- Amend mandated reporter requirements to include human trafficking.
- Amend child protective provisions of the Family Court Act and state Social Services Law to explicitly include child victims of human trafficking.

Sex Trafficking

- Reclassify sex trafficking as a Class B violent felony, expand eavesdropping and video surveillance authority and create an affirmative defense for trafficking victims.
- Amend the Vacating Convictions Law to include non-prostitution offenses, eliminate the due diligence requirements and develop uniform court rules to protect the identities of trafficking victims.
- Expand the victim referral process to the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance for services to include providers of social or legal services in a position to identify sex trafficking victims.

and

WHEREAS, the Governor of New York just implemented one of these recommendations, signing a bill into law that will afford 16 and 17 year old victims of sex trafficking the same protections as those currently given to younger victims. This law is designed to prevent the re-victimization of children by providing them with services instead of jail time; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee has met, considered and by a unanimous vote, approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Rockland County Legislature hereby urges the Rockland County members of the New York State Legislature to introduce legislation enacting the recommendations of the New York State Bar Association's report on human trafficking, the New York State Senate and Assembly to pass such legislation, and the governor to sign such legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Legislature be and he is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York; Hon. David Carlucci, Hon. William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Senators, Hon. Kenneth P. Zebrowski, Jr., Hon. Ellen C. Jaffee, and Hon. James G. Skoufis, Members of the New York State Assembly; the President Pro Tem of the New York State Senate; the Speaker of the New York State Assembly; the Majority and Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and Assembly; and to such other persons as the Clerk, in his discretion, may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution..

Debate:**Mrs. Cornell**

In 1987 the STOP-FEAR, an ad hoc group, was formed and created with the then, District Attorney and then Sheriff, myself, the Rockland Family Shelter and VCS. It was an organization to combat violence against women by developing a community response and working with all parts of the community. Much was done, much was accomplished and much was created. In recent years STOP-FEAR has focused on trafficking, which is a heinous crime that is made worse by the fact that it often involves children and people that have no ability to fight back.

One of the things that had taken place last year and right up until the present moment was the need to combat and create awareness around the fact that trafficking often takes place with large athletic sporting events, such as the Super Bowl, where people come in from all over the world and they look for places to stay in the region and they ply their trade, which is very awful.

We have been working with the District Attorney and the law enforcement community. There have been several conferences last year on this. While the Super Bowl itself has taken place nevertheless you can be sure that this community was very active. The police and Sheriff came to the Public Safety Committee meeting and talked about the fact that law enforcement visited every single hotel and motel in the County. You can't imagine what was happening. In gas station bathroom signs were put in so if an unfortunate person used the bathroom, which was the only time away from the trafficker, they would see a phone number to call.

As I said, it is very sad, because some of the people trafficked are children. They are 11 – 13 year old pre-pubescent girls and boys. Of course, there are also women.

This particular piece of legislation in front of us is really calling upon our State Legislators to review the hundreds of recommendations of amendments of current law that the New York State Bar Association has put forth after spending at least a year and a half with their Committee on Trafficking. I know it passed the Public Safety Committee unanimously and I hope tonight it will as well.

**RESOLUTION NO. 47 OF 2014
RECEIVE AND FILE 2013 ANNUAL REPORT
ROCKLAND COUNTY FIRE TRAINING CENTER**

Mr. Grant offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Carey and Mr. Jobson and unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Year 2013 Annual Report of the Rockland County Fire Training Center be and it is hereby received and filed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 48 OF 2014
RECEIVE AND FILE
PRESIDENT'S REPORT, ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Mrs. Paul offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Carey, Mr. Jobson and Mr. Soskin and unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the President's Report, Rockland Community College, Dr. Cliff L. Wood, be and it is hereby received and filed.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
PEGGY NADELL**

Mrs. Cornell and Mr. Meyers offered the following memorial, which was seconded by Chairman Wolfe and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of Peggy Nadell.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
JOHN W. KANE, JR.**

Mr. Murphy offered the following memorial, which was seconded by Mr. Moroney and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of John W. Kane, Jr.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
MARIE MCKIERNAN**

Mr. Hood, Jr. offered the following memorial, which was seconded by Mr. Grant and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of Marie McKiernan.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
MICHAEL SIEVERS AND DEVIN SIEVERS**

Mrs. Cornell offered the following memorial, which was seconded by the Entire Legislature and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of Michael Sievers and Devin Sievers.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
SELMA FRENDEL**

Mrs. Cornell offered the following memorial, which was seconded by Mr. Kantrowitz and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of Selma Frendel.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF
ROBERT J. AMITRANI**

Mr. Murphy offered the following memorial, which was seconded by Mr. Moroney and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County adjourn this meeting in memory of Robert J. Amitrani.

**RESOLUTION NO. 49 OF 2014
ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Murphy offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Sparaco and unanimously adopted (7:59 p.m.)

RESOLVED, that the meeting of the Legislature is hereby adjourned to Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

DARCY M. GREENBERG
Proceedings Clerk