MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislators, Directors, Staff and Media

FROM: Cheryl M. Rozzi, Clerk of the Legislature

DATE: March 26, 2013

RE: Matters of Importance – File Nos. 13-0111, 13-0112 and 13-0113

13-0111 – Acceptance of A Grant from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the Safe Harbour Plan for Sexually Exploited Children - As A Matter of Importance – County Executive Maggie Brooks

13-0112 – Authorize Agreements with the New York State Department of Health for the Early Intervention Program - As A Matter of Importance – County Executive Maggie Brooks

13-0113 – Authorize a Contract with Ramsey Constructors, Inc. for Construction Services for the Highway Rehabilitation Program, Pinnacle Road Project in the Town of Rush – As a Matter of Importance – County Executive Maggie Brooks

These referrals were not made to committee at the preceding meeting of the Legislature on March 12, 2013 but have been determined by President Jeffrey R. Adair to be of sufficient importance to warrant referral between Legislative meetings, pursuant to Sections 545-24 (C) of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature.

Attachments
March 25, 2013

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the Safe Harbour Plan for Sexually Exploited Children

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), in the amount of $124,444, for the Safe Harbour Plan for Sexually Exploited Children, for the period of October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013.

This award will be used to establish short-term safe housing that offers 24-hour crisis intervention, medical care, and other services to child victims of human trafficking within Monroe County. The Center for Youth Services will be the lead agency for this grant. The Monroe County Department of Human Services will assign a representative who will serve as County liaison to the OCFS Statewide Steering Committee to provide inter-agency collaborative support and guidance for sustainable implementation of the Safe Harbour Plan. The International Organization for Adolescents will provide training and technical assistance to counties with a focus on understanding the unique needs of child victims of human trafficking. Training will be provided to teach the skills and tools necessary to ensure that child victims are properly identified, referred and receive the appropriate specialized services to which they are entitled by law. This is the first year the County will receive this grant.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to accept a $124,444 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, for the Safe Harbour Plan for Sexually Exploited Children, for the period of October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013.

2. Amend the 2013 operating grant budget of the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services, by appropriating the sum of $124,444 into fund 9300, funds center 5118010000, Safe Harbour 2012-2013.

3. Authorize the County Executive to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements and to make any necessary funding modifications within grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.
4. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program and, where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolition of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law and, when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

This grant is 100% funded by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. No net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Maggie Brooks
County Executive
To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize Agreements with the New York State Department of Health for the Early Intervention Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize agreements with the New York State Department of Health for Monroe County’s participation in the Early Intervention (EI) Program, for the period of April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2018.

The EI Program is a federally mandated program through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. New York State collaborates with counties to administer the EI Program to children with disabilities, from birth to age three. The EI Program provides service coordination, screening, evaluations, supplemental evaluations, assistive technology devices and related services. In past years, counties would contract with local providers of these services and handle the fiscal oversight of the program.

Recent new State legislation has changed this process. Effective April 1, 2013, New York State will now contract directly with providers and will assume responsibility for fiscal management of the program. The County will continue to provide certain direct services and manage local aspects of the EI Program. Given the new roles and responsibilities of the parties, new agreements are necessary.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute agreements, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Department of Health, for Monroe County’s participation in the Early Intervention Program, for the period of April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2018.

Funding for this program is included in the 2013 operating budget of the Department of Public Health, fund 9001, funds center 5807000000, Special Children’s Services, and will be requested in future years’ budgets. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

Maggie Brooks
County Executive

March 25, 2013
To The Honorable 
Monroe County Legislature 
407 County Office Building 
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize a Contract with Ramsey Constructors, Inc. for Construction Services for the Highway Rehabilitation Program, Pinnacle Road Project in the Town of Rush

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with Ramsey Constructors, Inc., for construction services, for the Highway Rehabilitation Program, Pinnacle Road project in the Town of Rush.

This project involves rehabilitation of the existing roadway, including hot in place recycling and a new top course overlay, new reconstructed shoulders, drainage improvements and pavement markings.

The following six (6) bids were received on March 8, 2013:

- Ramsey Constructors, Inc. $1,444,444.44
- Keeler Construction, Inc. $1,532,420.10
- Sealand Contractors Corp. $1,582,000.14
- Villager Construction, Inc. $1,599,373.00
- DiFiore Construction, Inc. $1,645,702.54
- Babcock Enterprises, LTD $1,944,910.00

The bids have been reviewed and the Department of Transportation recommends the award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Ramsey Constructors, Inc., in the amount of $1,444,444.44.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute a contract with Ramsey Constructors, Inc., 5711 Gateway Park, Lakeville, New York 14480, in the amount of $1,444,444.44, for construction services, for the Highway Rehabilitation Program, Pinnacle Road project in the Town of Rush, and any amendments necessary to complete the project within the total capital fund(s) appropriation.

Environmental assessments were completed for the Highway Rehabilitation Program, Pinnacle Road project in the Town of Rush, and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.
Funding for this contract, consistent with authorized uses, is available in capital fund 1673 and in any capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records in the office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither Ramsey Constructors, Inc., nor any of its principal officers, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes. The principal officers of the firm are:

Chris Ramsey, President
William E. Adams, Vice President
Michelle Paroda, Vice President

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

Maggie Brooks
County Executive