

March 5, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: George N. Longworth
Commissioner – Sheriff

Marguerite Beirne
Chief Information Officer

RE: **Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into intermunicipal agreements ("IMAs") with the municipalities located in the County of Westchester, the Counties of Putnam, Rockland and Dutchess, and the municipalities located within such counties, whereby the County will provide the municipalities with access to a system called the Westchester County Repository for Integrated Criminalistic Information ("RICI System") to allow for the electronic transmission and storage of criminal record and police blotter information.**

Section 837(6) of the New York State Executive Law authorizes the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services ("DCJS") to "establish ... a central data facility with a communication network serving qualified agencies anywhere in the state" for the sharing of criminal justice data, such as criminal records, wanted and missing persons information, etc. This data may originate at the local, state or federal level. In order to facilitate the effective sharing of this information, the DCJS designates certain agencies as an "Interface Agency" for the exchange of such information. The Interface Agency acts as the transmitter of criminal justice data between local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The County of Westchester, acting through its Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Information Technology, will act as the Interface Agency for certain local law enforcement agencies.

The type of information that is transmitted and stored on the RICI System includes, but is not limited to, information related to a subject's arrest, booking, detention or incarceration including name, address, social security number, physical description, telephone number, fingerprints, palm-prints, photographs, and related data. The information is stored chronologically on a central computer maintained by the County and will be shared by law enforcement agencies having access to the system. The RICI System will allow for the transmission of data between the municipalities, the County, the DCJS and other law-enforcement agencies. Pursuant to the IMA, each party will be responsible for maintaining its own computer hardware, software and data communications links.

The Westchester County Board of Legislators authorized these IMAs at a meeting duly held on March 1, 2010, by **Act No. 4-2010**. This authorization is effective January 1, 2010. The term of each IMA will not exceed five (5) years and either party may cancel the agreement on thirty (30) days written notice. It should be noted that Act No. 4-2010 contains a sunset provision and as such the authority to enter into these IMAs is effective until 11:59 p.m. December 31, 2011.

The goals and objectives of this program are to provide local law enforcement agencies investigating crimes and other violations with a vast quantity of data from different sources using information technology. This program will support the public health, safety and/or welfare by insuring the investigators are provided with reliable criminalist information as soon as possible. RIC I acts similar to a central booking system to make arrest processing faster and decreases time waiting on criminal history responses from the state and federal databases. The goals and objectives of this program will be tracked and monitored by the Department of Public Safety tracking participation by local departments in the program and by tracking the County's own usage in the form of arrests, bookings or incarcerations to monitor the success and/or failure of this program. Currently there are approximately 32 police agencies in the County using this system.

Accordingly, authority is requested to enter into IMAs with the municipalities located in the County of Westchester, the Counties of Putnam, Rockland and Dutchess, and the municipalities located within such counties, whereby the County will provide the municipalities with access to the RIC I system to allow for the electronic transmission and storage of criminal record and police blotter information.

Approval of the attached resolution by your Honorable Board is requested.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS 3-18-2010 - OPENLY AVAILABLE - SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety, and the Chief Information Officer of Information Technology, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2010, the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into intermunicipal agreements ("IMAs") with the municipalities located in the County of Westchester, the Counties of Putnam, Rockland and Dutchess, and the municipalities located within such Counties, whereby the County will provide the municipalities with access to a system called the Westchester County Repository for Integrated Criminalistic Information (RICI System) to allow for the electronic transmission and storage of criminal record and police blotter information; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the IMA, each party will be responsible for maintaining its own computer hardware, software and data communications links; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the term of each IMA will not exceed five (5) years and either party may cancel the agreement on thirty (30) days written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute all instruments and take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
NA						N/A

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010-2014 Start Date 1/1/10 End Date 5 years after commencement
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
 \$ N/A Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____