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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DONALD MACKENZIE, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Wednesday, September 13, 2017
2:33 P.M

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A P P E A R A N C E S :

DONALD MACKENZIE,
Chairman

STEVE RHOADS,
Vice Chairman

VINCENT MUSCARELLA

DENISE FORD

LAURA CURRAN,
Ranking

KEVAN ABRAHAMS

SIELA BYNOE

MICHAEL PULITZER
Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Calling the
3 members of the Public Safety Committee to
4 order. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

5 CLERK PULITZER: Public Safety
6 Committee roll call. Legislator Siela
7 Bynoe?

8 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

9 CLERK PULITZER: Minority Leader
10 Kevan Abrahams?

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

12 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
13 Laura Curran?

14 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.

15 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
16 Denise Ford?

17 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

18 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
19 Vincent Muscarella?

20 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

21 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman
22 Steven Rhoads?

23 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

24 CLERK PULITZER: Chairman Donald
25 MacKenzie?

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2 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Here.

3 CLERK PULITZER: We have a
4 quorum, sir.

5 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: The first
6 item on the calendar today is Clerk Item
7 316-17, a resolution authorizing the signing
8 of a New York State Department of
9 Transportation supplemental grant agreement
10 for funds to support police enforcement of
11 high occupancy vehicles on the Long Island
12 Expressway.

13 May I have a motion, please?

14 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Motion by
17 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
18 Ford. Who is here to speak on the item?

19 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Good
20 afternoon. Lieutenant Greg Stephanoff,
21 Nassau County Police Department.

22 Item 316 of '17 is a New York
23 State Department of Transportation grant for
24 high occupancy vehicles, the HOV lane for
25 \$990,000. The majority of the money goes

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2 towards enforcement of the HOV laws and then
3 there's some administrative because we have
4 to report back to the state on the
5 activities.

6 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Thank you.
7 Are there any legislators who have any
8 questions?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 Is there any public comment?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Hearing none, all those in favor
13 indicate by saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Any opposed?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 That passes unanimously.

18 If there is no objection, I will
19 call Item 329 of '17 next, which is an
20 ordinance supplemental to the annual
21 appropriation ordinance in connection with
22 the police department.

23 May I have a motion, please?

24 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

25 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

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2 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Motion by
3 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
4 Muscarella. And, regarding the item?

5 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Item 329
6 of '17 is a traffic safety grant for
7 \$145,000. This money is going to be used.
8 It's all in salaries, used for extra
9 enforcement for aggressive driving and seat
10 belt violations.

11 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Do we have
12 any questions on this item?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 Is there any public comment?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Hearing none, all those in favor
17 signify by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 Any opposed?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Thank you. I believe that's all
22 for the police department.

23 Next, Item 322 is not being
24 called, so Item 325 of '17 is an ordinance
25 supplemental to the annual appropriation

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2 ordinance in connection with the Medical
3 Examiner's Office.

4 May I have a motion, please?

5 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Motion by
8 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
9 Ford. Who is here to speak on this matter?

10 MR. HAHN: Tim Hahn, Medical
11 Examiner's Office. This is a supplemental
12 appropriation for a grant from the New York
13 State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in
14 the amount of \$45,000. It's used to support
15 alcohol and drug testing in suspected DWI
16 cases.

17 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Do we have
18 any questions on this item?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Is there any public comment?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Hearing none, all those in favor
23 signify by saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Any opposed?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 The item passes unanimously.

4 Thank you very much.

5 Next is Item 338 of '17, an
6 ordinance supplemental to the annual
7 appropriation ordinance in connection with
8 the District Attorney's Office.

9 May I have a motion, please?

10 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Motion by
13 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by
14 Legislator Rhoads. Someone here to speak on
15 the item?

16 MR. MCMANUS: Yes. Bob McManus,
17 District Attorney's Office. Item 338 is a
18 supplemental appropriation of federal and
19 state forfeiture funds that are awarded to
20 the District Attorney's Office as a result
21 of successful prosecutions of individuals
22 whose assets are seized as a result of
23 criminal activities.

24 Funds are distributed to
25 participating law enforcement agencies

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2 according to preestablished formulas. The
3 District Attorney's Office is required by
4 law to utilize this funding for criminal
5 investigations and prosecutions.

6 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Thank you.
7 Are there any questions from any of the
8 legislators?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 Is there any public comment?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Hearing none, all those in favor
13 signify by saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Those opposed?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Passes unanimously. I'm sorry,
18 Legislator Bynoe had a question I believe.

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Yes. I'm not
20 sure who can answer it, whether it's the
21 District Attorney's Office or you,
22 Mr. Chair. Are we bypassing the gift grant?

23 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Yes. My
24 understanding is that there was no one here
25 from the administration to speak on the

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2 matter so that was not called, 322.

3 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Can we table
4 it instead? It says funding through the New
5 York State District Attorney's Office,
6 they're not able to speak to this grant?

7 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: I'm sorry,
8 322 I did not call regarding the
9 correctional center. That's my
10 understanding, that it's not being called.
11 Maybe if we can finish here, I can find out.

12 MR. BECKER: Legislator Bynoe,
13 the person who was supposed to speak on that
14 is away on vacation and we asked that it be
15 postponed until the next meeting.

16 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Will this
17 disrupt any services that are currently
18 provided?

19 MR. BECKER: Absolutely not.

20 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So this is a
21 grant that we have from last year and the
22 services that are currently being provided
23 to the jail by way of this grant will not be
24 interrupted?

25 MR. BECKER: Absolutely not.

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2 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Okay, so we
3 voted on 338 and that passed unanimously,
4 and now I will go out of order and call 345
5 of '17, an ordinance supplemental to the
6 annual appropriation ordinance in connection
7 with the District Attorney's Office.

8 May I have a motion, please?

9 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Motion by
12 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
13 Ford. Mr. McManus is here to speak on the
14 matter.

15 MR. MCMANUS: Thank you. The New
16 York State Crimes Against Revenue Program,
17 CARP, is designed to hold accountable those
18 who deliberately fail to pay tax obligations
19 to the state as well as those who commit
20 Medicaid, welfare, unemployment and worker's
21 compensation fraud.

22 The program was established in
23 2004 and provides grants district attorney's
24 offices across the state so they can
25 investigate and prosecute these cases.

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2 All taxes, such as excise, sales,
3 and income are subject to CARP activities,
4 and investigation focus on individuals
5 corporations, or industries, and include
6 complex financial fraud and tax evasion
7 schemes by major criminal enterprises.

8 CARP is a self sustaining program
9 supported from the proceeds realized from
10 investigations resulting in tax revenues,
11 fines, and restitution that are returned to
12 the state.

13 During the period of time period
14 of time when this program has been in
15 existence, the state has realized
16 approximately eight to \$10 million per year
17 in additional annual revenue.

18 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Do we have
19 any questions on this item?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Is there any public comment?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Hearing none, all those in favor
24 signify by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 Any opposed?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 The item passes unanimously.

5 I believe that's all the items
6 from the District Attorney's Office and I
7 will back up now to Item 343 of '17, an
8 ordinance supplemental to annual
9 appropriation ordinance in connection with
10 the various departments.

11 May I have a motion, please?

12 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

13 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Motion by
15 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
16 Ford. Who is here to speak on this matter?

17 MR. DELANEY: Good afternoon.
18 Tom Delaney, Office of Emergency Management.

19 Legislative body, thank you for
20 your kind words about Commissioner Craft
21 earlier. My words cannot express what a
22 good person Craig was. He was a friend to
23 me. He didn't care about politics. He only
24 cared about people in Nassau County. Thank
25 you.

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2 Representing two items today.

3 This is for our Homeland Security grants for
4 2017. One is the Urban Area Security
5 Initiative. We receive that because we are
6 contiguous to New York City. The amount of
7 that is \$2,640,363.

8 The other grant is the State
9 Homeland Security program. We receive that
10 because we are a county within New York
11 State. The amount for that is \$1,462,075.
12 These are not competitive grants; they are
13 risk based grants.

14 Risk based assessments are done
15 through both FEMA and New York State who
16 make these awards up.

17 We provide other departments that
18 are involved in response recovery operations
19 should we have an act of terrorism and help
20 them to build their capabilities and
21 resiliency.

22 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Thank you.
23 And just for the record we will call Item
24 344 of '17, an ordinance supplemental to the
25 annual appropriation ordinance in connection

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2 with the various departments.

3 May I have a motion, please?

4 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

5 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Motion by
7 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
8 Ford. The gentleman was kind enough to have
9 spoken on that item as well.

10 So, if there is no objection we
11 will take a vote on 343 and 344 at the same
12 time. All those in favor signify by saying
13 aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Any opposed?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Both those items pass
18 unanimously. Thank you, sir. Legislator
19 Rhoads wanted to comment.

20 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Just before
21 you go away, please express on behalf of
22 this committee and certainly on behalf of
23 the Legislature our condolences to the staff
24 of the Office of Emergency Management. We
25 know how difficult a time this is for you

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2 and how sudden this all is.

3 But Craig was very special to a
4 lot of people so please pass that along.

5 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: That
6 concludes the agenda for today. Motion to
7 adjourn.

8 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Motion by
11 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by
12 Legislator Rhoads. That's it. Thank you.

13 (Whereupon, the Public Safety
14 Committee adjourned at 2:43 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
Notary Public in and for the State of New
York, do hereby stated:

THAT I attended at the time and place
above mentioned and took stenographic record
of the proceedings in the above-entitled
matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true
and accurate transcript of the same and the
whole thereof, according to the best of my
ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this 27th day of September, 2017.

FRANK GRAY