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PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE WILL HOLD MEETINGS OF A **FULL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026 AT 10 AM**, FOR PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC COMMENT AND FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR AT THE CONCLUSION OF PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE RULES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE **COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026 STARTING AT 1:00 PM** AND WILL HOLD A **FULL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026 AT 1:00 PM** FOR PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC COMMENT AND FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR AT THE CONCLUSION OF PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE RULES OF THE LEGISLATURE IN THE **PETER J. SCHMITT MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, 1550 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MINEOLA, NEW YORK 11501**. THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FULL LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY MARCH 9, 2026 AT 10:00 AM IS A POSTPONEMENT OF THE MEETING ORINALLY SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026, BUT RESCHEDULED BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER EMERGENCY. THIS MEETING WILL RECESS AT THE CONCLUSION OF LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR AND RECONVENE AT 6:00 PM TO
HEAR COUNTY EXECUTIVE BRUCE A. BLAKEMAN ADDRESS THE STATE OF THE COUNTY.

SPECIAL FULL LEGISLATIVE SESSION, MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026	10:00 AM
COMMITTEES. MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026	
RULES	1:00PM
PUBLIC SAFETY	1:00PM
PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & THE ENVIRONMENT	1:00PM
TOWNS, VILLAGES AND CITIES	1:00PM
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, LABOR AND TRANSPORTATION	1:00PM
PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS	1:00PM
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES	1:00PM
GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND OPERATIONS	1:00PM
MINORITY AFFAIRS	1:00PM
VETERANS & SENIOR AFFAIRS	1:00PM
FINANCE	1:00PM

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026: FULL LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO HEAR COUNTY EXECUTIVE BRUCE A. BLAKEMAN ADDRESS THE STATE OF THE COUNTY.	6:00 PM
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FULL LEGISLATIVE SESSION. MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026	1:00PM
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Dated: FEBRUARY 26, 2026
Mineola, NY

MICHAEL C. PULITZER
Clerk of the Legislature

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

16th TERM MEETING AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

March 9TH, 2026 1:00 PM

Michael Giangregorio, Chairman

James Kennedy, Vice Chairman

Scott Strauss

Patrick Mullaney

Arnold Drucker, Ranking

Viviana Russell

Carrié Solages

Michael C. Pulitzer, Clerk of the Legislature

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16th TERM MEETING AGENDA

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MARCH 9TH, 2026 1:00 PM

Thomas McKevitt – Chairman

Michael Giangregorio – Vice Chairman

James Kennedy

Rose Marie Walker

Carrié Solages – Ranking

Debra Mulé

Olena Nicks

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

16th TERM MEETING AGENDA

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MARCH 9TH , 2026 1:00 PM

Patrick Mullaney – Chairman

Scott Strauss – Vice Chairman

Mazi Melesa Pilip

Samantha Goetz

Scott Davis – Ranking

Debra Mulé

Cynthia Nuñez

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A-6-26	PR	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SHARED SERVICES TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF VARIOUS NASSAU COUNTY AGENCIES, AND CROSS ISLAND WELDING & EQUIPMENT REPAIR, INC. A-6-26 (PR)
A-11-26	PR	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SHARED SERVICES TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND GLOBAL FUELING SYSTEMS INC. A-11-26 (PR)
A-12-26	PR	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SHARED SERVICES TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF NASSAU COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND ERGOFLEX SYSTEMS, INC. A-12-26 (PR)
A-14-26	PR	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SHARED SERVICES TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF VARIOUS NASSAU COUNTY AGENCIES, AND ENERGY MECHANICAL, INC. A-14-26 (PR)

A-15-26	PR	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SHARED SERVICES TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF VARIOUS NASSAU COUNTY AGENCIES, AND ENERGY MECHANICAL INC. A-15-26 (PR)
A-17-26	PR	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SHARED SERVICES TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SALAM INTERNATIONAL. A-17-26 (PR)
A-19-26	PR	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SHARED SERVICES TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, AND H. SCHRIER & CO. INC. A-19-26 (PR)
A-20-26	PR	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SHARED SERVICES TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, AND MIVILA FOODS OF NY, INC. A-20-26 (PR)
A-21-26	PR	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SHARED SERVICES TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENECON NORTHEAST APPLIED POLYMER SYSTEMS, INC. A-21-26 (PR)
B-2-26	PW	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PHILIP ROSS INDUSTRIES, INC. B-2-26 (PW)

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E-23-26	CC	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE NASSAU COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE AND LONG ISLAND VETERINARY SPECIALISTS OPHTHALMOLOGY SURGERY INTERNAL MEDICINE EMERGENCY, PLLC. E-23-26 (CC)
E-24-26	PD	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DIGITECH COMPUTER LLC. E-24-26 (PD)
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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

16th TERM MEETING AGENDA

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

MARCH 9TH , 2026 1:00 PM

Rose Marie Walker – Chairman

Michael Giangregorio – Vice Chairman

Scott Strauss

Samantha Goetz

Olena Nicks – Ranking

Viviana Russell

Arnold Drucker

Michael C. Pulitzer, Clerk of the Legislature

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51-26	OMB	H, F, R	<u>ORDINANCE NO. – 2026</u> AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. 51-26 (OMB)
52-26	OMB	H, F, R	<u>ORDINANCE NO. – 2026</u> AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. 52-26 (OMB)

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COMMITTEES MEETING

HOWARD KOPEL
PRESIDING OFFICER

FINANCE COMMITTEE

THOMAS MCKEVITT

CHAIRMAN

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

County Executive and Legislative Building
1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, March 9, 2026

2:59 p.m.

TAKEN BY: KAREN LORENZO, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

A P P E A R A N C E S

CHAIRMAN THOMAS MCKEVITT

VICE CHAIRMAN MICHAEL GIANGREGORIO

LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY

LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER

LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES RANKING MEM.

LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE

LEGISLATOR OLENA NICKS

MICHAEL PULITZER Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Mr. Pulitzer,
3 please call the roll for the Finance
4 Committee.

5 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, sir.

6 Chairman Thomas McKevitt?

7 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Here.

8 CLERK PULITZER: Vice chairman
9 Michael Giangregorio?

10 LEGISLATOR GIANREGORIO: Here.

11 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James
12 Kennedy?

13 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

14 CLERK PULITZER: Rose Marie Walker?

15 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

16 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
17 Carrie A. Solages?

18 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

19 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.

20 Debbie Mule?

21 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

22 CLERK PULITZER: Olena Nicks?

23 LEGISLATOR NICKS: Here.

24 CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,
25 sir.

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3 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you very
4 much, Mr. Clerk.

5 First, we have a number of items
6 which we're going to consent as they have
7 gone through. Other committees have been
8 fully debated and they are Items 35, 36,
9 37, 41, 49, 50, 51 and 52.

10 On motion of Legislator
11 Giangregorio, second by Legislator
12 Solages.

13 Again, we will now adopt those move
14 those at this point. And is there any
15 further debate or discussion among the
16 legislators?

17 (Whereupon, no response.)

18 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: If not, we will
19 then hold a vote on those items.

20 All in favor, please signify by
21 saying aye.

22 (Whereupon, all members
23 respond in favor.)

24 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: All opposed?

25 (Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Those are passed
unanimously 7 to 0.

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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: We now have a
3 number of items which are appearing on
4 the Finance Committee for the first time,
5 and they will be items 38, 39, 40, 43,
6 53, 54, 55 and 56.

7 So that is moved by Legislator
8 Kennedy, second by Legislator Mule.

9 So at this point, we're going to
10 start with Item 38, 39 and 40. I believe
11 they're all transfer of appropriations.
12 He first one, I believe, is from the
13 Office of Emergency Management.

14 Good afternoon.

15 MR. BUTLER: Good afternoon.

16 John Butler, Accounting Executive,
17 Nassau County Office of Emergency
18 Management.

19 Item 38-26 is a board transfer that
20 moves over budgeted fringe in our UASI
21 grants to an area of need within the same
22 grant.

23 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any questions for
24 the legislators?

25 (Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: If not, thank
you very much.

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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Item 39. Another
3 transfer of appropriations from the
4 police department. So once again have a
5 Inspector Field in civilian clothing.

6 INSPECTOR FIELD: Good afternoon,
7 William Field with the Police Department.

8 Item 39-26 is a board transfer. The
9 Police Department's requesting to
10 transfer \$2,125 from the AA to the AB
11 lines. This is to allow maximum
12 reimbursement for the county.

13 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any questions
14 from the legislators?

15 (Whereupon, no response.)

16 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: If not, thank
17 you, Inspector.

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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Item number 40
3 is a transfer from the Health Department.
4 I see Ms. Zohrabian rushing up here,
5 coming back once again. So thank you very
6 much.

7 MS. ZOHRABIAN: Back so quick. Alyssa
8 Zohrabian, Nassau County Department of
9 Health.

10 Item 40-26 contains two board
11 transfers. The first is board transfer
12 number four is in the amount of \$7,531
13 and is for our tuberculosis prevention
14 and control grant. Savings and salary and
15 supply lines will be used to cover
16 fringe.

17 The second board transfer number
18 five. It's in the amount of \$9,597 for
19 the WIC Grant general fund. General
20 expenses funds will be shifted to the
21 Breastfeeding Peer Counseling program.

22 These are all grant funds and we'll
23 have no net impact on the budget.

24 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any questions
25 from legislators?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: If not, thank
you very much.

MS. ZOHRABIAN: I have another one.

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: You do.

MS. ZOHRABIAN: If you want to hear
it.

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Please do.

MS. ZOHRABIAN: That's another item,
54 contains two board transfers. The
first is board transfer number 14 in the
amount of \$22,333. That's for the ATUPA,
Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act,
grant savings and fringe and other
expenditures will be used to cover
salary.

The second board transfer 15, it's
in the amount of \$23,066. That's for the
Immunization Action Plan grant. Savings
and salary and general expenses will be
used to cover fringe. And again, these
are all grant funds and will have no
impact on the budget.

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any questions

from the dais?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: If not, you can
go from here.

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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: So now we go on
3 to Item 43, which is I think, a joint
4 from DA and County Attorney's item.

5 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Item number 43 is
6 an amendment to an ordinance that was
7 last amended back in 2009. It brings the
8 hourly rate for our experts that the
9 county can use in line with what today's
10 industry standards are and increased it
11 by effectively the cCost of living
12 increases over the last 15 years or so.
13 It also added architect as a part of the
14 experts that can be retained.

15 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any questions
16 from legislators?

17 Legislator Mule?

18 LEGISLATOR MULE: Yeah, this isn't
19 really a question. It's just a comment.
20 No one likes spending money, but I think
21 this is money well spent. I think it will
22 help us in the long run.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any further
25 questions?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: If not, thank
you very much.

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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Now we go on to
3 Item 53, which I believe is a Corrections
4 transfer.

5 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Nice seeing you
6 again, Sergeant.

7 CAPTAIN DOYLE: Captain Brian Doyle,
8 Nassau County Sheriff's Department.

9 The item before you, item 53 dash 26
10 is a board transfer for the Correctional
11 Center. This item transfers \$4,777 in
12 Correction Department grant fund general
13 expenses to Corrections Department grant
14 fund equipment to purchase kennel
15 equipment.

16 There will be no impact on the
17 budget as it represents a transfer of
18 existing funds within the same
19 department.

20 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any questions
21 from the legislators?

22 (Whereupon, no response.)

23 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: If not, thank
24 you, Captain.

25 CAPTAIN DOYLE: Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Item number 55, I
3 believe, is a parking agreement. Good
4 afternoon, Commissioner.

5 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Good afternoon.
6 Darcy Belya, Parks Commissioner.

7 Item 55-26 is a Hotel/Motel tax
8 grant agreement between the County and
9 Seaford Historical Society.

10 The requested amount of funding is
11 \$11,000. The purpose of the agreement is
12 for safety improvements to the
13 entranceway of the Seaford Historical
14 Museum, which is a landmark structure
15 dating back to 1893.

16 The contract term is February 1st,
17 2026 to January 31st, 2027, and the
18 funding source is the Hotel/Motel tax
19 grant fund.

20 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any questions?

21 (Whereupon, no response.)

22 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: If not, thank
24 you.

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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: And the last
3 time we have in this group is number 56,
4 which is essentially, my understanding
5 is, the distribution of the sales tax,
6 various municipalities. What happens is
7 the County gets it and towards a long
8 standing agreement it gets divided up
9 between the villages -- excuse me, the
10 towns and cities.

11 Any questions for the
12 administration? It is pretty much the
13 basic format we've been doing for
14 decades.

15 (Whereupon, no response.)

16 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: If not, thank
17 you.

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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: All right, so
3 all those items then we'll then vote on
4 on 38, 39, 40, 43. I think it was a 53,
5 54, 55 and 56.

6 All those in favor signify by saying
7 aye.

8 (Whereupon, all members
9 respond in favor.)

10 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: All opposed?

11 (Whereupon, no response.)

12 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Those are passed
13 unanimously.

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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: We go into the
3 last four items on our calendar, which
4 again are all litigation items. So on a
5 motion of Legislator Walker and seconded
6 by Legislator Nicks, we will move items
7 45, 46, 47, and 48.

8 We traditionally hold these in
9 executive session. So by a motion of
10 Legislator Walker and second by
11 Legislator Nicks, all those in favor of
12 going to executive session on these
13 items, please signify by saying aye.

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15 (Whereupon, all members
16 respond in favor.)

17 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: All opposed?

18 (Whereupon, no response.)

19 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: We are going
20 executive session 7 to 0.

21 Just to warn the audience, this
22 might be a lengthy one because couple of
23 these cases look complex. So just bear
24 with us for a while.

25 (Whereupon, executive

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2 session.)

3 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: If we could
4 please reconvene Finance, because we
5 still have Rules to go. We still have a
6 long night still ahead of us.

7 Thank you.

8 So to those who have been willingly
9 sitting out there, unfortunately, I was
10 correct. It was a lengthy executive
11 session, but we were concluding with it
12 now.

13 Going back to those four items,
14 which are 45, 46, 47 and 48, all those in
15 favor of, please signify by saying aye.

16 (Whereupon, all members
17 respond in favor.)

18 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: All opposed?

19 (Whereupon, no response.)

20 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: That then passes
21 unanimously 7 to 0.

22 There is one other item which simply
23 I neglected to call beforehand. It is
24 42-26 that will be made by Legislator
25 Walker, second by Legislator Solages.

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2 This is similar to a numerous amount of
3 tax exemption extension agreements. This
4 is for the Woodbury Gardens Redevelopment
5 Company. This was in regard to the
6 private housing finance law. Again, this
7 is very similar to a number that we've
8 already done beforehand.

9 MR. HUMMEL: Ted Hummel with the
10 County Attorney's Office for the
11 Administration.

12 You pretty much described the
13 agreement that's before this body. If
14 there are any questions, I'll be happy to
15 answer them.

16 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any question, Mr.
17 Hummel?

18 (Whereupon, no response.)

19 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: If not all in
20 favor of this item, please signify by
21 saying aye.

22 (Whereupon, all members
23 respond in favor.)

24 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Opposed?

25 (Whereupon, no response.)

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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Passes
3 unanimously, 7 to 0.

4 I know we're thrilled to be here,
5 but Legislator Kennedy would now like to
6 make a motion to adjourn. Second by
7 Legislator Nicks.

8 All in favor, please signify by
9 saying aye.

10 (Whereupon, all members
11 respond in favor.)

12 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: All opposed?

13 (Whereupon, no response.)

14 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: We are
15 adjourned.

16 We will no reconvene the Rules
17 Committee.

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19 (Whereupon, meeting
20 adjourned, 3:55 p.m.)
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C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF NEW YORK)

: SS.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public
for and within the State of New York, do
hereby certify:

That the above is a correct
transcription of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand this 9th day of March, 2026.

Karen Lorenzo

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Have one speaker
3 before we start. We have a comment, and
4 that would be Meda Mereday. Why don't you
5 come ahead and tell us which exact items
6 you would like to talk about

7 MS. MEREDAY: Good afternoon. It's
8 afternoon, a 1:00 meeting starting at
9 130. Okay.

10 The specific items would be A6, A11,
11 A12, and then 45-26 to 48-26. And since
12 this is comment I must stress again, I
13 feel that my rights as a taxpayer,
14 basically government is the company or
15 corporation that there's a lack of full
16 disclosure with regard to residents
17 having access to information that
18 determines where our tax dollars are
19 going. And only having the opportunity to
20 speak prior to the meetings where
21 discussions are held in depth and
22 information is shared, where many of you
23 asked the questions and you have it ahead
24 of time and we don't have it at all. So I
25 have a problem when I'm still seeing

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2 these compromises and settlements when
3 we're not doing anything different. So if
4 somebody could speak to that, I would
5 appreciate that considering what was
6 recently in *Newsday* with regard to the
7 lawsuit challenging the credibility of a
8 number of the people on the militia that
9 many residents were in opposition to, and
10 a recent news conference or interview
11 where the county executive wants to share
12 the happiness across the state that many
13 of us in Nassau County have yet to
14 experience, including our veteran
15 seniors, young people, all those who are
16 fleeing the county or unfortunately
17 committing suicide. So if anyone would
18 wish to speak to that, or I just wanted
19 to make sure that that is on the record,
20 I would appreciate it. Because I know
21 this was a new concept so that residents,
22 largely myself, would not have the
23 opportunity to hear the debate and
24 discussion for these various items, and
25 then question where our tax dollars are

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2 going, because they seem to be going to
3 the growing litigation fund versus to our
4 veterans, our communities. And, you know,
5 maybe Legislator Scott Davis can speak to
6 how many projects are addressed on this
7 side and the dearth of those that are
8 addressed on that side.

9 So that's pretty much what I needed
10 to say on my time since I was here at
11 1:00 for 1:00 meeting. And at some point,
12 maybe someday I will see an actual report
13 from the Veteran Affairs Committee to
14 question that ahead of time or the
15 Minority Affairs Committee to address
16 that at some other time, because as yet,
17 in the number of years that I've been
18 coming here, it's very rare that I
19 actually see any actionable items coming
20 out of the committees that are listed to
21 meet at 1:00 on these days. So I think
22 I've used up my time. I'm ready to go.
23 Thank you.

24 LEGISLATOR NUNEZ: Excuse me,
25 Presiding Officer. I just would like to

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2 make a statement. Thank you. Thank you
3 for the time. I'd like to remind this
4 Legislature collectively, the entire
5 body, that when we have public comment
6 before we've had the conversation, we run
7 into the problem that we're seeing now
8 where constituents do not have an
9 opportunity to fully hear the debate
10 surrounding the issues that we're
11 discussing and or voting on. So I just
12 want to put that on the record that we
13 once again try to consider that, for
14 allowing public comment during the time
15 that we're addressing the issues. Thank
16 you.

17 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you,
18 Legislator Nunez.

19 Caprice Rines.

20 MS. RINES: Good afternoon. Good
21 afternoon. I know you all have manners,
22 right? One more time; good afternoon.
23 Now, I'm here, I always come at the right
24 time, don't I, Legislator Solages?

25 I'm against the public speaking

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2 portion. That's ridiculous. Are you
3 putting something out before putting your
4 report out to the community? Before
5 something that we can read. Are you.
6 Because I mean, that's what school boards
7 Do you know, it makes no sense to me. And
8 it's ridiculous. It's ludicrous. And
9 you're making it. We're. No, we're not
10 dummies. You're over our tax dollars. We
11 voted you in. Now you want us to vote you
12 out for doing something? That's
13 ridiculous. Because I have a podcast and
14 I have over 100,000 viewers. And when I
15 leave here, I will go out and I will make
16 sure that I put this out. Now, you
17 Republicans, I'm a Republican and I'm
18 disappointed. First of all, who is you're
19 your PR person? Because I get more
20 Democrat releases. I don't get one
21 Democrat Republican released on what
22 you're doing. It makes no sense. You all
23 don't put anything. I don't get one one.
24 I didn't get anything from any of you.
25 And I'm not a Democrat. I'm a true

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2 Republican. Does that make sense? Who
3 came up with this idea? Put your hand up.
4 Shame on you. Your mother would think you
5 were an idiot. You dropped on your head
6 when you were small? You give the report
7 first and then you let the community ask
8 questions. It's like you asked your kid.
9 It's like you're going shopping for your
10 kid for Christmas, and you buy them a
11 gift and they open it up and they say,
12 what the heck is this? Is Santa Claus
13 dumb? You make kids not want to believe
14 in Santa Claus. How are you going to get
15 your kid -- you ask your kid, what do you
16 want for Christmas? Isn't that what you
17 do? Yes or no? Don't you ask your kid
18 what you want for Christmas first. Mr.
19 Solages, don't you ask your kid what you
20 want for Christmas first, right? And then
21 you get information, right? It's like a
22 bad school -- Oh, good. I'm glad the
23 clock is getting messed up -- it's like
24 collecting data from a school district
25 and you're not doing anything with it.

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2 It's just ridiculous. Don't do that.
3 Don't leave the community out. Don't
4 leave the taxpayers out. It's our right
5 to know what you're thinking, how you're
6 thinking, know what we're thinking, and
7 then we can collaborate together. It's a
8 collaboration.

9 We vote for you. We vote for you.
10 You heard what I said. You're accountable
11 to us. You're not accountable to
12 yourselves. The problem is, is that you
13 sit up there with your pompous attitude,
14 your arrogance. And that's why our
15 country is going to pot because
16 everybody's arrogant.

17 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Mr. Pulitzer, would
3 you please call the roll for Rules.

4 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, Chairman.
5 Rules Committee. Chairman Howard
6 Kopel?

7 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Here.

8 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman
9 Thomas McKeivitt?

10 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

11 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator John
12 Giuffre?

13 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.

14 CLERK PULITZER: James Kennedy?

15 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

16 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking member
17 Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

19 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Arnold
20 W. Drucker?

21 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

22 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Scott
23 Davis?

24 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Present.

25 CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,

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2 sir.

3 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you.

4 Okay, I'll call all the contracts
5 together and then we'll go through them
6 individually before we vote.

7 The A items, that's 6, 11, 12, 14,
8 15, 17, 19, 20 and 21 dealing with,
9 respectively, resolutions authorizing
10 contracts or purchase orders between the
11 County of Nassau and Cross Island Welding
12 & Equipment; Salam International; H.
13 Schrier and Company; Mivila Foods of New
14 York; and Enecon Northeast Applied
15 Polymer Systems, Inc..

16 B2 and B6, which are authorizing
17 contract between the County and Philip
18 Ross Industries and DF Stone Contracting
19 Limited.

20 The contracts, which are 23, 24, 25,
21 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35,
22 36, and 37, which authorize personal
23 services agreements or amendments between
24 Nassau, respectively: Long Island
25 Veterinary Specialist Ophthalmology

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2 Surgery Internal medicine; Digitech
3 Computer; H2M Architects, Engineers, Land
4 Surveying and Landscape Architecture; JC
5 Broderick & Associates; Spector Group 11;
6 L K McLean Associates Engineering &
7 Surveying; LIRO Program & Construction
8 Management; American Traffic Solutions;
9 LAH Law Firm; Bond, Schoeneck & King;
10 Sullivan and Cromwell; Greenberg Traurig.
11 JAS Legal.

12 Motion by Deputy Presiding Officer
13 McKevitt, seconded by Minority Leader
14 DeRiggi-Whitton.

15 Now we have a motion to untable
16 E6 --

17 (Whereupon, off the record
18 discussion.)

19 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We're not doing 27.
20 That was over here. So okay, we're not 27
21 is not being called. All right.

22 And we have now a motion to untable
23 E6, which authorizes a personal services
24 agreement between the county and Long
25 Island Veterinary Specialists.

Again, motion by McKevitt, seconded
by Minority Leader DeRiggi-Whitton.

All those in favor of tabling this
item say.

(Whereupon, all members
respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That item is
untabled.

Now, we'll start off with local
laws. Let's see 34 of 26, which is to
amend Section 6-2.6 in relation to
providing a partial exemption from
taxation for surviving spouses of
volunteer fighters and volunteer
ambulances workers killed in the line of
duty. Who do we have on that?

MR. ROSS: Good afternoon, everybody.
Daniel --

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: You know something,
I didn't call this yet. Forgive me. We're
not. We're not doing this one quite yet.
We're going to go back to the contracts.

We'll come back to that later. All right.

Let's start off with A6 Cross island welding.

MR. NIMMO: Good afternoon, Bill Nimmo, Deputy Commissioner for Public Works, Nassau County, 1194 Prospect Avenue, Westbury.

I have a bunch of them. If you'd like me to do all the A's while I'm here.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Yes. Please go through each one of them separately.

MR. NIMMO: Okay. First one is A6. This is to authorize an award and execute a blanket purchase order in the amount of \$850,000 on behalf of various Nassau County agencies to Cross Island Welding. That's for equipment repair emergency vehicles after this winter. We have a lot of trucks.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. What's your next item?

MR. NIMMO: All this is.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All.

MR. NIMMO: All.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: No, we did not --
we're not calling A11.

MR. NIMMO: Okay.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: He made a mistake
here. Although I did mention them at
first, we're not doing A11, 12 or 14.

MR. NIMMO: Okay, I have a 15 and a
21, a 15.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: 15. Okay.

MR. NIMMO: Okay. That's authorizing
award and execute a blanket purchase
order in the amount of \$1,750,000 for
Energy Mechanical for oil burner service.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: No, I'm sorry, we're
not doing A15 either.

MR. NIMMO: I take it back.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: It's okay. I'm
sorry. Let me just let me just say that
again. We're not doing 11, 12, 14 or 15.
Let me see if there's anything else --
and 27. Okay. Just so we have that clear.
Yeah. I'm sorry. Go ahead, please.

MR. NIMMO: Okay. The last one I have
then is a 21. Authorize an award and

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2 execute a blanket purchase order in the
3 amount of \$10,500,000 on behalf of the
4 Department of Public Works to Enecom
5 Northeast. The firm that does the multi
6 surface coatings that they are able to
7 renovate County buildings and bathrooms
8 and all that stuff quite efficiently with
9 a proprietary epoxy service.

10 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. Any
11 questions?

12 MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON:
13 Just just to clarify the amount. I'm
14 sorry. Is that okay? Can you put the
15 amount on the record again?

16 MR. NIMMO: \$10,500,000.

17 MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON: All
18 right. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you.
A17 Salam international.

(Whereupon, off the record
discussion.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Go ahead please.

MS. KELLY: Good afternoon. My name
is Carolyn Kelly. I'm the deputy medical
examiner for Laboratories.

This item is for the purchase of a
new autopsy tables. It's part of a larger
renovation down in the morgue to assist
with an improved postmortem examinations
for the pathologists there. The lowest
bidder that we had was Salam
International. And that was the lowest
acceptable bid. That was in the amount of
\$281,366.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Do you have
anything else?

MS. KELLY: No.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you,

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: A19, H. Schrier & Company.

CAPTAIN DOYLE: Good afternoon, Captain Brian Doyle, Nassau County Sheriff's Department.

A 19 is a request to increase spending levels for blanket purchase contract with H. Schrier & Company by \$105,000 to purchase groceries for the Correctional Center, making the new estimate \$200,000.

Any questions?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Do you have anything else?

CAPTAIN DOYLE: A20-26.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Go ahead, please.

CAPTAIN DOYLE: A20-26 is a request for increased spending level for a blanket purchase order for Mivila Foods of New York by \$45,000 to purchase groceries for the correction center. Estimated usage is \$140,000.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Questions?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Nope. Okay. Thank
you.

CAPTAIN DOYLE: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. B2, that is Philip Ross.

MS. HODAK: Good afternoon. Jane Hodak, Nassau County Department of Public Works.

This is a contract to replace an existing water tank at the Cedar Creek Water Pollution Control Plant. The tank itself is used for water that is used for cleaning equipment.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Questions?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Have you anything else?

MS. HODAK: No.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: B6, which is DF
Stone Contracting. Who's got that?

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Good afternoon,
Thomas George, Deputy Commissioner of
DPW.

Item B6-26 Whitney Creek Drain,
Rehabilitation, Vendor DF Stone
Contracting Limited.

This is the construction contract
for the rehabilitation of Whitney Creek
drain. The work is necessary to address
severe erosion, displaced concrete
panels, obstruction of the flow including
downed trees, and provide improvements to
increase the resiliency of Whitney Drain.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. Anything
else?

MR. GEORGE: No, I don't have
anything else.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. All right.
Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Now we'll do the E
3 items -- and I am told that E27 is back
4 on, so we'll get to that as well. All
5 right.

6 E23 which is Long Island Veterinary
7 Specialists. And I think we have two of
8 them with this outfit. Right?

9 CAPTAIN DOYLE: Yes. That's correct.
10 E-23, Captain Brian Doyle, Nassau County
11 Sheriff's Department.

12 E23, is an amendment to an existing
13 contract for veterinary services with
14 Long Island Veterinary Specialists
15 Ophthalmology for Nassau County Police
16 Department, Nassau County Sheriff's
17 Department and Nassau County Office of
18 Fire Marshal to provide veterinary
19 services for canine assigned to each of
20 the respective units.

21 The maximum amount of the contract
22 shall be increased by \$181,000. New
23 contract maximum shall be \$508,000.

24 This term is retroactive to January
25 2025 through March 1st of 2026.

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Any questions.

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Now the other one.

CAPTAIN DOYLE: E6 is --

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Wait, wait, wait.

MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can I just ask one quick question? So this already expired?

CAPTAIN DOYLE: Correct. This was an amendment to the existing. And then the next is the new contract moving forward.

MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON: So you have that in the works or --

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: No.

CAPTAIN DOYLE: It's the next item.

MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON: E6, I'm sorry.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: You're going to do the next one now. Yep.

CAPTAIN DOYLE: E6 is the service contract for veterinary services, the Long Island Veterinary Specialists Ophthalmology for the Nassau County

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2 Police Department, Nassau County
3 Sheriff's Department, Nassau County
4 Office of Fire Marshal to provide
5 veterinary services for canines assigned
6 to each of the respective departments and
7 for veterinary services needed for
8 animals impounded by the Nassau County
9 Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to
10 Animals as a result of law enforcement
11 investigations.

12 It is estimated that the three
13 departments will spend \$120,000 annually,
14 \$600,000 over the five year contract.

15 This contract is managed by Shared
16 Services.

17 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Once again, do
18 you have anything else?

19 CAPTAIN DOYLE: I have the Item 37
20 and 53.

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: So let's do those;
22 37 we can do, 53 is not a contract.

23 CAPTAIN DOYLE: No, these are just
24 the --

25 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: 37 I'm sorry.

MR. LEIMONE: Neither are contracts.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any other
contracts?

CAPTAIN DOYLE: No.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That's what I'm
asking you.

Thank you then.

CAPTAIN DOYLE: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: E24, which is
Digitech Computer.

INSPECTOR FIELD: Good afternoon,
William Field with the Police Department.

Item E24-2026 is a contract between
the Police Department and --

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Are we allowed to
listen to you when you're not in uniform.

INSPECTOR FIELD: It's up to you I
guess.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Yeah. Okay. Good to
see you. First time, right?

INSPECTOR FIELD: Yes.

E24-26, this is a contract between
the Police Department and Digitech
Computer LLC.

Digitech is our new contract for
ambulance billing services for the
Department's emergency Ambulance Bureau.
Services will include, but not limited
to, recording and transmission of
pre-hospital care reports, billing and
fee collection services, as well as
customer services and monitoring of

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2 industry issues.

3 A request for proposals was issued
4 in October of 2024. The Department
5 received five proposals. A selection
6 committee was formed. Proposals were
7 scored and ranked, and the contract was
8 awarded to Digitech as the highest
9 scoring proposer.

10 This is a generating contract. And
11 we're covering \$1.2 million at this time.

12 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. All right.
13 Anything else?

14 INSPECTOR FIELD: No, sir.

15 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: E25, which is H2M Architects.

MR. TUMAN: Good afternoon. Douglas Tuman, deputy commissioner, Department of Public Works.

E25-26 is an amendment to an on call building design services contract for H2M Architects and Engineers to provide an extension of time to continue design services. This amendment is seeking to retroactively extend the term for one year until October 8th, 2026 and provide for an optional one year extension.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Questions?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Anything else?

MR. TUMAN: Yeah, I have a bunch more.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Sure. Go ahead. Please.

MR. TUMAN: So E26-26 is a professional service contract for asbestos and lead design and monitoring

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2 services at various county facilities.
3 Federal and state law requires immediate
4 corrective measures in instances where
5 asbestos or lead containing building
6 materials are disturbed or requires
7 removal. The monitoring services covered
8 under this agreement is a component of
9 the County's asbestos abatement program,
10 which requires third party independent
11 project monitoring on asbestos abatement
12 projects.

13 There were 11 proposals received
14 from the bid. Based on the ratings and
15 the review of cost proposals from the top
16 four rated firms, JC Broderick and
17 Associates was selected based on the
18 highest technical ranking and lowest
19 cost.

20 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. What else?

21 MR. TUMAN: Item E27-26. This is
22 similar to the first one, but it's for
23 Cashin. It's an amendment to an on call
24 building design services contract for
25 Cashin & Associates PC to provide an

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2 extension of time to continue design
3 services.

4 This amendment is seeking to
5 retroactively extend the term for one
6 year until August 28th, 2026 and provide
7 for an optional one year extension.

8 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

9 (Whereupon, no response.)

10 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: No. Okay.

11 MR. TUMAN: Item E28-26, also similar
12 to E25 and E27, is an amendment to an
13 on-call building design services contract
14 for Spector Group LLP to provide an
15 extension of time to continue design
16 services.

17 This amendment is seeking to
18 retroactively extend the term for one
19 year until August 28th, 2026, and provide
20 for an optional one year extension.

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay.

22 MR. TUMAN: Item E30-26 is an
23 amendment to an on call construction
24 management services contract for LIRO
25 Program and Construction Management to

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2 provide additional funds to complete
3 construction management services for the
4 Family Justice Center and the Matrimonial
5 Court contract completion.

6 Amendment number one is for \$1
7 million, which will increase the maximum
8 contract amount to \$2 million; funds are
9 available under capital project.

10 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. Minority
11 Leader?

12 MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON:
13 Just because we have to, where -- how are
14 we doing with that court?

15 MR. TUMAN: We're doing well. So
16 obviously, you know the court has been
17 utilized now for quite some time, but it
18 is not 100% complete. It's the facade
19 work, which I'm sure you probably have
20 noticed if you've driven by, there's been
21 some delays with that. But currently the
22 remaining facade work at the family
23 matrimonial court is aiming to be
24 completed by May. But now the most recent
25 delays have been from the snow and the

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2 weather, so that might get pushed back.

3 Additionally, the Family Justice
4 Center, which is inside, that's a
5 separate project inside the same
6 building, that's scheduled to be
7 completed in July. But there are some
8 delays with additions that have been
9 made, changes that have been made to
10 design. But we're foreseeing that not to
11 be pushed back too much further than
12 July.

13 MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON:

14 Okay. Thank you.

15 MR. TUMAN: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Are you done?

17 MR. TUMAN: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. E 29,
which is LK McLean Associates.

MR. LUTZ: Good afternoon, Harold
Lutz, Nassau County Department of Public
Works.

Item E29-26 is an amendment for
professional services design contract in
the amount of \$40,000 to cover work that
was outside the original scope of the
project. There's available capital
funding under Capital Projects 62461.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Do you have
anything more?

MR. LUTZ: I do not.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: You do not. Okay,
then. Thank you.

MR. LUTZ: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: 32, which is LAH Law Firm; 32 and 33.

MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Good afternoon, Legislators. Richard Soleymanzadeh for the County Attorney's Office.

E32 is an amendment to a contract for outside legal services involving the case Arasina (phonetic) versus Nassau County. This amendment will increase the maximum amount by \$70,000 to a total maximum amount of \$98,500.

For this case, my understanding on the status of this case is that it is on trial and with a possible settlement in the works.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay.

Mr. Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you, Presiding Officer. Hi. How are you today?

MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Good, Legislator Drucker; how are you? How's the family?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Good to see you.

Our backup says that the term was

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2 April 2024 to completion of services. And
3 I also had a question, this is a
4 basically a car accident case.

5 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Right. So this
6 is--

7 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: What
8 necessitated outside counsel on this one?
9 I always thought this these type of cases
10 were the ones in your wheelhouse.

11 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Yes. Our
12 wheelhouse is very big in the County
13 Attorney's Office. My understanding on
14 the case is that this is a car accident
15 case involving multiple injuries. The
16 plaintiff underwent a lumbar surgery and
17 then a second surgery as well a week
18 later. So the damages are potential
19 there.

20 But regardless, this case was
21 litigated on behalf of the County
22 Attorney's Office initially for the first
23 two years, it looks like, three years of
24 the case discovery was handled by the
25 County Attorney's Office. Motion practice

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2 was handled by The County Attorney's
3 Office. IMAs were handled by the County
4 Attorney's Office. And now as it's on the
5 eve of trial, we made a strategic
6 determination that we'd like to bring in
7 outside counsel to handle it.

8 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I didn't hear
9 you. On the eve of trial --

10 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: On the eve of
11 trial, we've decided to make a strategic
12 determination to bring in outside
13 counsel.

14 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: But why? Can you
15 tell us why?

16 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: There's going to
17 be a number of reasons on any one of
18 these cases that you ask me, why are we
19 bringing in outside counsel. I'm going
20 to say this with as much respect as
21 possible, Legislator Drucker. Giving the
22 adversary an explanation on why we might
23 decide to use an outside counsel in a
24 particular case may specifically give
25 away a strategy. But nevertheless, we can

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2 use outside counsel because a case might
3 be complicated, might have high damages.
4 We can decide to use outside counsel
5 because we want a firm that has a
6 specific know how within that courtroom,
7 within that judge, within that adversary
8 or plaintiff's counsel. We might decide
9 to use outside counsel based on the
10 resources within the County Attorney's
11 Office or based on the resources of that
12 outside counsel that might have the
13 availability of specific experts that we
14 don't have access to.

15 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Well, you know,
16 again, this points back to my complaint
17 that I've had for years here because, you
18 know, you finally explained a lot of
19 times why outside counsel is necessary on
20 some of these complex matters. But you
21 always fell back on, well, you know,
22 we're more inclined to handle some of the
23 accident cases, the tort claims. And on
24 the eve of trial, that just speaks to me
25 like, you know, you're afraid to go to

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2 trial. And I feel that's the problem
3 here. I mean, you take it to trial, see
4 what happens here. I mean, on a car
5 accident case like this, this is what
6 attorneys can be trained to handle. And I
7 just feel like we spend taxpayer money
8 needlessly for outside counsel. On the
9 eve of trial, you've gone so far on this,
10 right?

11 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Respectfully,
12 Legislator, the County Attorney's Office
13 does an incredibly diligent job handling
14 their files, taking them to trial, and
15 getting defense verdicts on their trials.
16 And that's happened repeatedly in this
17 County Attorney's Office in the past,
18 and --

19 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I would love to
20 see it --

21 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: It is also nice
22 though, coming from private practice, to
23 see that a government entity is willing
24 to use a blend of in-house counsel and
25 outside counsel to handle files, because

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2 insurance carriers do it all the time.
3 Fortune 500 companies do it all the time.
4 They've used their in-house counsel, and
5 then they use their outside counsel.

6 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Big differences
7 here. The taxpayers are paying the bill
8 for it. That's a big difference. And
9 that's what bothers me.

10 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Respectfully
11 again, except in this case, the result
12 speaks for itself because our exposure to
13 litigation liability has decreased.

14 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: We should have
15 made that decision early on. If the
16 exposure to liability was something we
17 could have recognized earlier on, why
18 now? The eve of trial, it just doesn't
19 sit well, I think. And I don't think. Did
20 you really answer my question about why
21 the. The services were supposed to be
22 completed by April 1st of 2024.

23 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: I'm assuming the
24 original contract had a date on it, and
25 now the trial is a little ambiguous on

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2 when to start, when it'll finish, based
3 on the Court's calendar that it'll be
4 open ended.

5 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So they've
6 they've gone on two years longer than
7 when their services were supposed to
8 terminate.

9 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Our court system
10 can answer that very clearly.

11 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Yeah. Again, you
12 know, again, with all due respect and
13 just this one, I have a hard time
14 swallowing. I just think it's a situation
15 that's ripe for our very, very competent,
16 diligent county attorneys to take it all
17 the way. They've gone so far on the eve
18 of trial, for God's sakes. I understand
19 I'm a lawyer. You know that well. When
20 you recognize early on that it's a case
21 that you may be better serving your
22 client by having an outside firm or an
23 outside counsel or an expert handle it. I
24 understand that, but this is one of those
25 I feel you guys should be able to handle.

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2 And I'm disappointed. I don't want to see
3 taxpayers have to foot the bill on this
4 one.

5 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay, Mr.
6 Soleymanzadeh, you have --

7 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Yes, we have four
8 more.

9 E33 is with the law firm of LAH.
10 This is a new contract, and the
11 litigation matter, Balbi (phonetic)
12 versus Nassau County and PD. This appears
13 to also be a motor vehicle situation as
14 well, involving a police vehicle in the
15 matter.

16 My understanding is that this case
17 is on trial and is actually being
18 settled. Whereas, the prior case was in
19 the process, I think this case is going
20 to be settled.

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: What is this? What
22 does this do for us now? This, what are
23 we voting on?

24 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: You're voting on
25 a new contract to pay for this law firm's

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2 outside counsel services in the trial
3 preparation and whatever negotiations
4 took place to try and settle the case.

5 The maximum amount is \$42,000 and
6 \$5,000 --

7 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Are they already
8 working.

9 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Okay. Are you
11 doing the other four?

12 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: I am, Presiding
13 Officer.

14 E34 is a new contract with Bond
15 Schoeneck & King. This is this is for
16 outside legal services that our bureau
17 actually used to prepare affirmative
18 litigation in a potential eminent domain
19 condemnation case involving the Nassau
20 County Salt Dome located on Franklin
21 Avenue and Franklin Square.

22 The firm provided consultations to
23 us. Handled, I believe the matter to an
24 extent, but an access agreement was
25 entered into with the entity, and we

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2 don't believe that an actual affirmative
3 litigation will be needed in the case. So
4 this is a contract to be able to pay the
5 outside law firm of Bond Schoeneck for
6 that period of time and have them
7 available in case the condemnation does
8 need to move forward.

9 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right.

10 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: E35 --

11 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Hold on.

12 MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
13 just want to put on the record that these
14 are a lot of these are retroactive, which
15 is the word I don't like. Including this
16 one from November 21st. So if we could
17 just try to because they really risk the
18 fact that it doesn't get passed, they
19 don't get paid.

20 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: The firms that
21 that provide services to us are fully
22 aware of that risk. It's disclosed to
23 them in the contract situation.

24 MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
25 yeah. Thank you.

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2 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: We try and avoid
3 it as much as possible.

4 E35 is with the law firm of Sullivan
5 and Cromwell. This is an amendment to a
6 prior contract, which is increasing the
7 maximum amount of that contract by \$2.3
8 million. As well as providing a partial
9 encumbrance of \$250,000.

10 This is litigation resulting from
11 initially Hofstra's lawsuit against
12 Nassau County, which is ongoing. And
13 then has now also included two separate
14 litigations from the Village of Garden
15 City, in which Village of Garden City
16 chose to sue Nassau County in two
17 separate captions regarding the lease and
18 the rezoning issues.

19 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right, Greenberg
20 Traurig, E36.

21 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: E36 is also an
22 amendment with the law firm of Greenberg
23 Traurig regarding a litigation matter,
24 Myers versus the County of Nassau.

25 There's an amendment to increase the

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2 maximum amount by \$875,000. And this has
3 been ongoing litigation on that on this
4 matter.

5 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: 37 -- yes,
6 Legislator Davis.

7 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Good afternoon.

8 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: How are you,
9 Legislator?

10 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: I'm fine. Thanks.
11 Just with respect to this contract,
12 do you have information regarding the
13 original contract and the date of the
14 original contract?

15 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: It looks like the
16 original amendment --

17 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Not amendment, the
18 original.

19 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: The original
20 amendment was in 2023. So I would say
21 that the original contract --

22 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Would it have been
23 sometime in February of '23?

24 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: I'm not 100%
25 sure. It may have been in July of '23

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2 (perusing). Oh, yes; the original
3 agreement was from February 1st, 2023.

4 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And that original
5 contract was for \$300,000; is that right?

6 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: I don't have
7 that. No, I think that -- I don't have
8 that amount. The initial maximum amount
9 it looks like was 4.3 million.

10 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: The original
11 contract was for 4.3 million.

12 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: If I'm reading
13 the citation in this amendment number six
14 correctly, that's --

15 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: No, no, no, that
16 that's -- if you could just take a moment
17 again to to refer to your notes.

18 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: No. According to
19 the maximum amount clause, the maximum
20 amount in the original agreement was
21 \$875,000. And it's increased since then.
22 This is litigation that has multiple
23 different complaints, apparently. And
24 plaintiff's counsel apparently tried to
25 get recertifications on different,

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2 different classes of plaintiff's, which
3 were denied in Eastern Federal court, and
4 then the plaintiff's counsel --

5 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Apparently you
6 picked this firm because of their
7 specialty in this area presumably. Yes?

8 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Right.

9 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And so presumably
10 they would have a fair idea of the
11 complexity of litigation or fair. Fairly
12 so. Right.

13 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Correct.

14 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And so with
15 regard to this contract, it seems like
16 the initial contract, let's just say with
17 \$800,000 in the period of about three
18 years, this contract has been amended six
19 times; is that right?

20 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: That's right.

21 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And the amendments
22 add an additional total. I mean the new
23 maximum now is about \$5.2 million. And
24 those so the reason that they're coming
25 here as an amendment is because these are

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2 unanticipated complexities and
3 litigation.

4 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: So, Legislator
5 Davis, I'll tell you the same thing I've
6 told my clients for the last 25 years, I
7 can estimate how hard I'm going to fight
8 for you as your attorney and how much
9 effort I'm going to put into the file. I
10 can't estimate how much of a fight the
11 counsel is going to put into it. I can't
12 estimate how much the plaintiff's counsel
13 is going to put motions.

14 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: I appreciate that,
15 and believe it or not, I'm an attorney
16 too, and I understand. I understand
17 complexities of litigation. But I'm also
18 saying to you that when we see something
19 like in three years, It's it goes from
20 \$800,000 to \$5.2 million. Like where's
21 the end here. And that's one part of it.

22 And the other part of it is quite
23 often, and this is just a recurring issue
24 that we have here. You're -- not you
25 specifically -- but it's generally there

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2 is a request for an additional
3 supplemental appropriation on an issue.
4 And we're doing this blindly, and I
5 appreciate that. Certainly, there are
6 privileged information and legal
7 strategies involved, but there's this
8 thing that we can do and we can go into
9 executive session, or we can have a
10 confidential memo so that when I'm in my
11 community and my constituents say, well,
12 why in the world are you appropriating
13 four point or \$5.8 million for something?
14 And I can just say, I don't know, that's
15 that's really not good government.

16 We've made this request on any
17 number of occasions. And and I'm asking
18 you to not only do it, but if you don't,
19 then could you please explain to us why
20 you won't do it? Like, even if it is like
21 a confidential memorandum or an executive
22 session and I will make myself available
23 and I'm sure my colleagues will as well,
24 so that we can be informed about the
25 justification for this. And if it's

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2 justified, that's wonderful. I can as
3 much as I can have a conversation with my
4 constituents and provide as much
5 information as I can on that. But that's
6 much better than me holding my hands and
7 saying, I just don't know.

8 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: I understand,
9 Legislator, and I'll take your suggestion
10 back.

11 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Finally, we have 37,
12 which is JAS Legal.

13 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: JAS Legal, E37.
14 This is an amendment as well with the
15 firm of Jonathan A. Sorkowitz; JAS Legal.

16 This is involving the litigation
17 stemming from the Disputed Assessment
18 Fund, DAF, that has been ongoing for some
19 time. The matter, currently, I believe we
20 were successful in the appellate court
21 and this is ongoing litigation involving
22 multiple different entities that are
23 suing Nassau County for the DAF funds.

24 There's no increase in max amount.
25 This is an increase in the hourly rate

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2 for the attorneys in this firm. The max
3 amount stays at 1.5 million.

4 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. All right.
5 Thank you. All right.

6 We'll vote on two groups separately.
7 Thank you, Mr. Soleymenzadeh.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. We have
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E 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30,
31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36. No, I'm sorry, up
till e 31 and then the rest of them will
handle separately. All those and we also
have E6 --

(Whereupon, off the record
discussion.)

Let me redo the contracts:

23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30.

It's up through 30.

All those in favor, say aye.

And E27 and E6.

All those in favor, say aye.

(Whereupon, all members
respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed, nay.

Anyone?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay, good. Now,

E32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37.

All those in favor, say aye.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Aye.

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Aye.

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Aye.

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Aye.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed, nay.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Nay.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Nay.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Nay.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. So those
passed four to three.

We are going I'm going to put the
Rules Committee in recess.

Public safety will be next.

(Whereupon, recess 2:17-3:55
p.m.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay, we are back to
rules and we have a bunch of consent
items. Which I'll call together, these
items have gone through previous
committees and the Majority and Minority
have agreed we don't need further debate
or discussion. Those would be:

34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42,
43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52,

53, 54, 55, and 56.

Motion on those items by Deputy
Presiding Officer McKevitt, seconded by
Minority Leader DeRiggi-Whitton.

All those in favor of these items,
please say aye.

(Whereupon, all members
respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed.

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those items are 7
to 0, consent.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Item 57 is Rules only, which is a resolution authorizing the execution of a Intermunicipal license agreement with the Village of Roslyn Harbor in relation to installation and maintenance of a license plate reader located at the intersection of Bryant Avenue and Summit Avenue in Mott's Cove Road and Engineers Road in Roslyn Harbor.

Motion by Deputy Presiding Officer McKevitt, seconded by Minority Leader DeRiggi-Whitton.

Do we have any debate or discussion on this item?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Hearing none, all those in favor of this item, please say aye.

(Whereupon, all members respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. That item is unanimous.

Motion to adjourn Rules made by
Deputy Presiding Officer McKevitt,
seconded by Minority Leader
DeRigg-Whitton.

All those in favor of adjourning,
say aye.

(Whereupon, all members
respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay, that's
unanimous, and we are adjourned.

See everyone at 6:00.

(Whereupon, above matter is
adjourned.)

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STATE OF NEW YORK)

: SS.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public
for and within the State of New York, do
hereby certify:

That the above is a correct
transcription of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand this 9th day of March, 2026.

Karen Lorenzo

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LEGISLATOR CARRIE A. SOLAGES

MICHAEL PULITZER

Clerk of the Legislature

CHAIRMAN GIANREGORIO: Can I ask
the clerk to please call the Public Works
Committee?

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, Chairman.
Public works. Michael Giangregorio,
Chairman?

CHAIRMAN GIANREGORIO: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: James Kennedy, vice
chairman?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Scott Strauss?

LEGISLATOR STRAUSS: Present.

CLERK PULITZER: Patrick Mullaney?

LEGISLATOR MULLANEY: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Ranking member,
Arnold Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Viviana Russell?

LEGISLATOR RUSSELL: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you. And
Carrie A. Solages?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,
sir.

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2 CHAIRMAN GIANREGORIO: Thank you
3 very much.

4 We have one item on the agenda today
5 which is Clerk Item 35-26. This is a
6 resolution authorizing the county
7 executive to execute an amendment to an
8 agreement with the New York State
9 Environmental Facilities Corporation in
10 relation to the New York State Septic
11 System replacement program.

12 May I have a motion, please?

13 Motion by Legislator Kennedy,
14 seconded by Legislator Drucker.

15 This item is before us.

16 Is there anyone here from the
17 Administration?

18 MR. CUOMO: Good afternoon. This is
19 Joe Cuomo from Nassau County Department
20 of Public Works.

21 Resolution 35-26. The resolution
22 authorizing the county executive to
23 execute an amendment with an agreement
24 with the New York State Environmental
25 Facilities Corporation in relation to New

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2 York State Septic Replacement program is
3 for adding an additional 2 million of
4 funding to the current septic program,
5 which would bring up the current level of
6 funding to 8.03 million in funding.

7 CHAIRMAN GIANGREGORIO: Thank you.

8 Legislator Drucker?

9 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you.

10 Chairman. Hi. How are you?

11 MR. CUOMO: I'm doing well. How are
12 you?

13 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Does this
14 reimbursement allow it for anywhere in
15 Nassau County or is it designed for
16 certain areas?

17 MR. CUOMO: So this funding from EFC
18 is for any eligible septic system in the
19 county.

20 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So any, anybody
21 who has a septic system in Nassau County.

22 MR. CUOMO: Correct. As long as it
23 meets the design criteria and the the,
24 there's a catastrophic category for it
25 has to --

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2 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Well, what are
3 some of those specifications?

4 MR. CUOMO: So it's for an enhanced
5 enhanced septic systems which would
6 remove nitrogen from the effluent.

7 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So does the
8 average homeowner meet the
9 specifications.

10 MR. CUOMO: The average homeowner
11 probably does not have this type of
12 system. This program is to encourage the
13 the use of the system going forward once
14 their system is failing. So if they have
15 a system failure and it's time for them
16 to replace their septic system, these
17 funds are provided to homeowners so they
18 can upgrade to this better quality system
19 that helps the water quality.

20 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: That's
21 interesting. So the average homeowner
22 probably wouldn't meet the
23 specifications. So what kind of
24 housing --

25 MR. CUOMO: No, no, they would meet

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2 the specifications when they're when it's
3 time for them to upgrade their septic
4 system, their current the average
5 homeowner's current septic system does
6 not meet the specifications.

7 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: They want to
8 upgrade it.

9 MR. CUOMO: So when it's time for
10 them to upgrade their septic system. If
11 they choose to, to use one of these
12 higher quality, better, environmentally
13 more friendly septic systems than they
14 would qualify.

15 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: This type of
16 septic system wasn't around decades ago.

17 MR. CUOMO: No it wasn't. And it's
18 also typically a little bit more
19 expensive, hence why there's a funding
20 for the upgrades.

21 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: And it's much
22 more efficient, I would imagine too.

23 MR. CUOMO: It's efficient. I guess
24 it, I mean, I think it still gets the job
25 done, but what it does is really not

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2 efficient. It's more about water quality.
3 It does have a greater impact on water
4 quality.

5 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Groundwater
6 quality. Thank you very much.

7 MR. CUOMO: You're welcome.

8 CHAIRMAN GIANREGORIO: Thank you.
9 Any other questions from the legislators?

10 Yes. Legislator Russell?

11 LEGISLATOR RUSSELL: Can a homeowner
12 voluntarily choose to upgrade without
13 their system failing? Or does it have to
14 fail before they're eligible?

15 MR. CUOMO: Typically, it has to be
16 failing. It's one of the requirements
17 from the state. All the requirements that
18 we have for it are the state's
19 requirements for this project. We are
20 just essentially executing this program
21 for them.

22 LEGISLATOR RUSSELL: Okay. Thank you.

23 MR. CUOMO: You're welcome.

24 CHAIRMAN GIANREGORIO: Thank you.

25 Any other questions?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN GIANGREGORIO: Seeing none.

We can go for a vote, please? All in favor, please signify by saying aye.

(Whereupon, all members respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN GIANGREGORIO: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN GIANGREGORIO: This item passes unanimously.

As there is no other business before this committee, may I please have a motion to adjourn?

Made by Legislator Kennedy, seconded by Legislator Drucker.

All those in favor?

(Whereupon, all members respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN GIANGREGORIO: The committee is now adjourned.

(Whereupon, meeting adjourned, 2:41 p.m.)

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STATE OF NEW YORK)

: SS.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public
for and within the State of New York, do
hereby certify:

That the above is a correct
transcription of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand this 9th day of March, 2026.

Karen Lorenzo

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LEGISLATOR CYNTHIA NUNEZ

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Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: At this time, I
3 will ask Mr. Pulitzer to call the Public
4 Safety Committee to order.

5 CLERK PULITZER: Chairman Patrick
6 Mullaney?

7 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Here.

8 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman Scott
9 Strauss?

10 LEGISLATOR STRAUSS: Present.

11 CLERK PULITZER: Mazi Pilip?

12 LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

13 CLERK PULITZER: Samantha Goetz?

14 LEGISLATOR GOETZ: Here.

15 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
16 Scott Davis?

17 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Present.

18 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Debra
19 Mule?

20 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

21 CLERK PULITZER: Cynthia Nunez?

22 LEGISLATOR NUNEZ: Here.

23 CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum.

24 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Thank you.

25 There are five items on the agenda

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2 today which are Clerk Items 34-26; 36-26;
3 37-26; 41-26 and 49-26.

4 Clerk Item 34-26 is a local law to
5 amend Section 6-2.6 of Title A of Chapter
6 of the Nassau County Administrative
7 Code in relation to providing a partial
8 exemption for taxation for surviving
9 spouses of volunteer firefighters and
10 volunteer ambulance workers killed in the
11 line of duty.

12 May I have a motion? Moved by
13 Legislative Strauss, seconded by
14 Legislator Pilip.

15 The item is before us. I don't know
16 if there's anybody coming down -- I don't
17 believe anybody is.

18 This item will be subject to a
19 hearing before the Full Legislature on
20 March 23rd. If any member of this
21 committee would like to place any
22 questions on the record, we will have
23 someone at the Full Legislature to to
24 address it. Does anyone on this committee
25 have any questions or comments at this

moment?

MR. ROSS: Good afternoon, Daniel Ross, Department of Assessment. I'm here to answer any questions that you have.

This is a local law for partial taxation on surviving spouses of volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers killed in the line of duty. And I'd be more than happy to answer any questions that you have.

CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Any debate or discussion?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Seeing none. Thank you, sir.

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2 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Clerk Item 36-26
3 is an ordinance supplemental to the
4 annual Appropriation ordinance in
5 connection with the Traffic Safety Board.

6 May I have a motion? Moved by
7 Legislator Goetz, seconded by Legislator
8 Mule.

9 The item is before us. Who here is
10 from the administration to speak about
11 this item?

12 MR. CUOMO: Good afternoon. I'm Joe
13 Cuomo with the Nassau County Department
14 of Public Works.

15 Ordinance 36-26 is a supplemental
16 appropriation in connection with the
17 Traffic Safety Board. It is a total of
18 \$1,309,127. And that goes to high
19 visibility DWI enforcement, handicapped
20 parking education program and the overall
21 Stop DWI program for Nassau County.

22 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Any questions?

23 (Whereupon, no response.)

24 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: All right.
25 Thanks, Joe.

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3 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Clerk Item 37-26
4 is an ordinance supplemental to an
5 appropriation ordinance in connection
6 with the Correctional Center.

7 May I have a motion? Moved by
8 Legislator Goetz, seconded by Legislator
9 Nunez.

10 Who here is -- Oh, there we go.

11 CAPTAIN DOYLE: Captain Doyle, Nassau
12 County Sheriff's Department.

13 The item before you, Item 37-26 is a
14 supplemental appropriation for the
15 Corrections Center. This item
16 appropriates \$20,634 in asset forfeiture
17 funds received from the Federal Drug
18 Enforcement Agency deposited with the
19 County Treasurer. The amount and timing
20 for receipt of these funds is dependent
21 upon the amount of the seizure, as well
22 as the completion of pending
23 investigations and subsequent
24 convictions.

25 The funds will be used towards law

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2 enforcement, equipment purchases and
3 training. Any questions?

4 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Any questions?

5 (Whereupon, no response.)

6 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: All right. Thank
7 you, Captain Doyle.

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2 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Clerk Item 41-26
3 is an ordinance supplemental to an
4 appropriation ordinance in connection
5 with the Probation Department.

6 May I have a motion? Moved by
7 Legislator Strauss, seconded by
8 Legislator Mule.

9 Who here is from the Administration?

10 MR. SCHILERO: Joe Schilero,
11 Department of Probation. This item is a
12 one year New York State Department DCJS
13 grant of \$1,158,523. There's a county
14 match of 38% of that grant, which is
15 166,639. Net grant to the county is 991
16 884. Purposes for the Supervision and
17 Treatment Services for juveniles program,
18 otherwise known as the STIP grant. It's
19 part of the Governor's Initiative for
20 Juvenile Justice Reform. Seeks to
21 increase the number of juveniles referred
22 to and successfully adjusted at probation
23 intake, reduced the number of secure and
24 non-secure detention care days, and
25 establish viable alternatives to the

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2 residential placement. Encompasses about
3 eight different programs conducted by I
4 probation to raise the age and not raise
5 the age youth.

6 This is an ongoing one year grant.
7 It's not a renewable grant, but it's an
8 ongoing grant that is up for renewal each
9 year.

10 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: All right. Thank
11 you sir. I actually have a few questions
12 myself.

13 Is participation in this program
14 optional or is it is it mandated because
15 of raise the age requirements?

16 MS. RYER: Good afternoon, Ariane
17 Ryer. I'm special counsel for adolescent
18 and juvenile justice for the Nassau
19 County Department of Probation.

20 What this funding does is it creates
21 programs, some of which are voluntary and
22 some of which are mandatory. So
23 electronic monitoring, if that is court
24 ordered, it is mandatory. But a program
25 like interactive journaling Or Peer

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2 Diversion Court, those are discretionary
3 and voluntary.

4 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: All right. Thank
5 you. And I believe you said it earlier,
6 what percentage of funding covers these?

7 MR. SCHILERO: Raise the Age is
8 covered is 100% non raise the age is 62%
9 funded by the state, 38% is county match.
10 And so but the total grant is 1,158,523.
11 The net to the County is 991,884.

12 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Thank you. That
13 was the number I didn't hear. Okay.

14 I just have a few more questions and
15 these are my own and I'll hand it over to
16 the other legislators.

17 Have you seen a rise in youths
18 coming through the family court system
19 since raise the age?

20 MS. RYER: Yes, yes.

21 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Such a simple
22 answer. Thank you.

23 MS. RYER: Well, because of raise the
24 age, 16 and 17 year olds charged with
25 misdemeanors are no longer under the

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2 jurisdiction of the criminal court. So
3 automatically all of those 16 and 17 year
4 olds charged with misdemeanors come to
5 family court directly.

6 Additionally, many of the cases that
7 originate in our Youth Part, which
8 handles the felonies, are removed from
9 the Youth Part to Family Court. So that
10 is a great increase in the number of
11 cases we see in Family Court.

12 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Thank you again.
13 You're actually segueing right into my
14 next question. What's the most common
15 charges that you're finding with these
16 youths that you're serving?

17 MS. RYER: In Family Court or in the
18 Youth Part, or both?

19 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: I would say both.
20 But if you want to break it down for sake
21 of ease.

22 MS. RYER: An answer I'd give you
23 would be anecdotal. It wouldn't be based
24 on any kind of data that I have. For
25 Family Court, in my experience, I would

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2 say robbery and assault. Because the
3 Youth Part is more violent felonies. The
4 cases that stay there often have to do
5 with gun charges.

6 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Okay. All right.
7 Thank you.

8 MS. RYER: Again, that's based on no
9 data. That's just based on --

10 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: More why I'm
11 asking, just to get some more information
12 myself.

13 You may or may not be able to answer
14 my last question. Does the State track
15 the recidivism rate for these youths?

16 MS. RYER: I don't believe so. But I
17 can't give a definitive answer on that.

18 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Okay. All right.
19 Thank you. Any other questions?

20 Legislator Mule?

21 LEGISLATOR MULE: Thank you. My
22 question is actually very similar to
23 Legislator Mullaney's last question. I
24 believe you mentioned that there were
25 eight programs that are being funded

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2 through this.

3 MS. REYER: Yes.

4 Do you have any type of data showing
5 the effectiveness of these programs?

6 MS. RYER: Well, as I stated, some of
7 them are mandated like the electronic
8 monitoring and the FcaT over time which
9 releases kids from the Detention Center.
10 So those wouldn't necessarily have a
11 success rate. Regarding the peer
12 Diversion Court, we do keep very clear
13 statistics on success rates. And for some
14 of the other programs as well.

15 LEGISLATOR MULE: So you would have
16 data showing people who went through
17 these programs versus people who didn't
18 go through these programs, whether they
19 were more or less likely to be to have
20 recidivism.

21 MS. RYER: I don't think we have it
22 with a separate control group, but we do
23 have data specifically regarding our peer
24 diversion court regarding the number of
25 kids that were referred to the program

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2 and the number that successfully complete
3 that program.

4 LEGISLATOR MULE: Okay. So I guess
5 then I would want to know how were these
6 programs chosen as ones to be used? You
7 know, what's the basis for that?

8 MS. RYER: For the voluntary programs
9 that come through our intake or our
10 adjustment period of probation, which
11 means that the Department of Probation
12 has 90 days to work with the youth before
13 there is formal court action. Before
14 there is a decision, there is an
15 assessment done. It's a risk needs
16 assessment done called the Yasi, and it
17 is based upon the assessment along with
18 the offense, that we make a determination
19 as to what type of programing would suit
20 this person's needs and support their
21 strengths, or whether this is the type of
22 case that needs to go before a judge for
23 judicial intervention.

24 LEGISLATOR MULE: Okay. And I don't
25 think you will have the answer today, but

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2 again, I'm just wondering how these
3 programs were determined to be ones that
4 should be used versus other programs.
5 What made the determination that these
6 might be ones that would be helpful? I'm
7 a social worker, I think, you know,
8 offering programs that could potentially
9 help people is great. I just want them to
10 be data driven and with a record of
11 success.

12 MS. RYER: Absolutely. I can tell you
13 that our interactive journaling program
14 is an evidence based program. It's a CBI
15 that we have trained and have utilized in
16 with both our youth and youth in the
17 Detention Center. And although peer
18 diversion isn't necessarily an evidenced
19 based program, they do exist all over the
20 state and we keep data on every young
21 person that comes through the program and
22 we keep in touch with them for years and
23 years after they've completed the program
24 to monitor their ongoing success.

25 LEGISLATOR MULE: Is that continued

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2 monitoring voluntary?

3 MS. RYER: Absolutely voluntary.

4 LEGISLATOR MULE: That's voluntary.
5 Okay. Thank you very much.

6 MS. RYER: You're welcome.

7 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Legislator Davis.

8 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Thank you,
9 Legislator Mullaney.

10 So I just want to clarify a couple
11 of things here. You asked a question by
12 Legislator Mullaney regarding the
13 statistics or the type of cases that go
14 to Family Court. So with the raise the
15 age anyone from 16 to 18 years and 364
16 days by default goes to Supreme Court or
17 County Court out here. Correct?

18 MS. RYER: Almost. So anyone who is
19 16 or 17, so that's up until their 18th
20 birthday, not 364 days after their
21 birthday. The 16 and 17 year old charged
22 with solely a misdemeanor are referred to
23 Family Court. If it is 16 or 17 and
24 they're charged with a felony, they go to
25 the youth part of the Superior Court,

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2 which is now held in our County Court.

3 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Right. And the
4 there's a presumption in the law, and the
5 presumption in the law is that it should
6 necessarily go from the arraignment in
7 the Superior Court directly to Family
8 Court on less certain circumstances are
9 met. Correct?

10 MS. RYER: Correct. There are
11 criteria written out in the statute, or
12 the district attorney has the opportunity
13 to make a motion for extraordinary --

14 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Right. So there
15 are actually three factors that would be
16 utilized, right. One if it's a loaded
17 weapon. Two, if there's a sex offense or
18 three, if there is.

19 MS. RYER: A substantial physical
20 injury.

21 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And that's can
22 little iffy with what that actually
23 actually looks like.

24 So and if it's not one of those
25 criteria, then the prosecution can make a

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2 motion called an exceptional circumstance
3 motion to keep it in superior court.

4 Correct.

5 MS. RYER: Correct.

6 LEGISLATGOR DAVIS: So if it doesn't
7 satisfy those three criteria and it
8 doesn't meet exceptional circumstances,
9 it then gets referred to family court,
10 correct.

11 MS. RYER: Correct.

12 LEGISLATGOR DAVIS: And so there's a
13 filtering process to it. So by and large
14 the cases that go to Family Court are
15 none of those three factors, and it
16 doesn't meet exceptional circumstances,
17 right.

18 MS. RYER: Correct. Unless there's
19 consent. If it meets those three factors,
20 the parties can still consent to send it
21 to Family Court.

22 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: So most of the
23 cases that you actually get in Family
24 Court go through that or they all go
25 through that process. And the purpose of

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2 of being sent to Family Court, there's a
3 priority. It's focused on diversion
4 really. Right.

5 MS. RYER: There is diversion in
6 Family Court that does not exist in
7 County Court or Criminal Court.

8 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And so the idea
9 behind it is that you're not -- to take
10 it away from the the penal or
11 incarceration approach. And because of
12 the tenderness of their age, do an
13 assessment and try and get them on track
14 so that they don't become recidivist. Is
15 that right?

16 MS. RYER: That's correct. But there
17 are many cases that bypass the probation
18 diversion process. So they're sent
19 directly from court in the Youth Part to
20 the judge in the Family Court. So those
21 cases bypass the probation adjustment
22 process.

23 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And what if there
24 is a such thing? Is the nature of the
25 type of cases that make it there?

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2 MS. RYER: Legally, they are supposed
3 to be what's called a designated felony,
4 which are high level violent felonies.
5 Those are the cases that go from court to
6 court. Because under the law, under the
7 Family Court Act, they're not eligible
8 for diversion services and family court.

9 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Can you give us an
10 idea of in terms of the number of cases,
11 the bucket of cases that make it to
12 Family Court, what percentage of them are
13 in that category as opposed to the
14 diversionary track?

15 MS. RYER: I don't have that
16 information available for you. If you are
17 interested, I can have those numbers.

18 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: That would be
19 wonderful, I appreciate it. Thank you
20 very much.

21 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Any other
22 questions?

23 (Whereupon, no response.)

24 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: All right.
25 Thank you very much.

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2 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Clerk Item 49-26
3 is an ordinance supplemental to the
4 annual Appropriation ordinance in
5 connection with the Office of Crime
6 Victim Advocate.

7 May I have a motion? Move by
8 Legislator Goetz, seconded by Legislator
9 Davis.

10 The item is before us.

11 MS. DURAN: Good afternoon, Nora
12 Duran from the Nassau County Office of
13 Crime Victim Advocate.

14 Office of Crime Victim Advocate is
15 seeking approval of the supplemental
16 appropriation for the New York State
17 Office of Victim Services VOCA grant
18 against the three year grant, extending
19 it through 9/30/26 for an additional
20 funds of 505,184.

21 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Legislator Mule.

22 LEGISLATOR MULE: Thank you. I just
23 wanted to be certain I understood. You
24 said this grant goes up until September
25 of this year, correct?

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MS. DURAN: It's a one year extension. It was a three year grant that was previously awarded and approved and has been extended for one year up to.

LEGISLATOR MULE: Okay. Thank you.

MS. DURAN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: I apologize, any additional questions.

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Seeing none. Thank you very much.

MS. DURAN: Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: All right. Since
3 we have five items, unless anyone's
4 against not grouping them all together,
5 we'll vote on them all together. All
6 right. Perfect.

7 All those in favor of passing items:
8 Clerk Items 34-26; 36-26; 37-26; 41-26;
9 and 49-26, signify by saying aye.

10 (Whereupon, all members
11 respond in favor.)

12 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Anyone opposed?

13 (Whereupon, no response.)

14 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: All right. All
15 five of these items passed unanimously.

16 There is no other business in front
17 of this committee.

18 May I have a motion to adjourn?

19 Moved by Legislator Strauss,
20 seconded by Legislator Goetz.

21 All those in favor of adjourning
22 signify by saying aye.

23 (Whereupon, all members
24 respond in favor.)

25 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: This committee

is now adjourned.

Public works is next.

(Whereupon, meeting is
adjourned, 2:35 p.m.)

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: SS.:

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for and within the State of New York, do
hereby certify:

That the above is a correct
transcription of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
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Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: At this time, I
3 will call the Health and Social Service
4 Committee to order. And I will ask the
5 clerk to take the roll call.

6 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, madam.

7 Chairman Rose Marie Walker?

8 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

9 CLERK PULITZER: Vice chairman
10 Michael Giangregorio?

11 LEGISLATOR GIANGREGORIO: Here.

12 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Scott
13 Strauss?

14 LEGISLATOR STRAUSS: Present.

15 CLERK PULITZER: Samantha Goetz?

16 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking member
17 Olena Nicks?

18 LEGISLATOR NICKS: Here.

19 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.

20 Legislator Viviana Russell?

21 LEGISLATOR RUSSELL: Here.

22 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Arnold
23 Drucker?

24 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

25 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you. We have a

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2 quorum.

3 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you. There
4 are four items on the agenda today which
5 are Clerk Items 44-26; 50-26; 51-26 and
6 52-26.

7 Clerk Item 44-26 is a local law to
8 prohibit the sale of nitrous oxide
9 whipped cream chargers in Nassau County,
10 except to businesses with appropriate
11 food sale permits or licenses.

12 May I have a motion, please?

13 By Legislator Giangregorio, seconded
14 by Legislator Drucker.

15 Okay. The item is before us.

16 Briefly, I would like to offer a
17 little background on where this
18 initiative originated and what we are
19 looking to accomplish prior to opening
20 the floor to any statements or questions.

21 Several weeks ago, I was asked to a
22 meeting at Central Nassau Guidance
23 Center. Central Nassau Guidance, for
24 those that do not know, is a nonprofit
25 organization that provides treatment,

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2 counseling, housing and support services
3 for those that are suffering with mental
4 health and substance abuse conditions and
5 does truly phenomenal work to help put
6 people on a path to recovery. They have
7 also recently many of the legislators
8 have been there have opened a crisis
9 center that is open 24/7, 365 days a
10 year.

11 At this meeting, I met a mother of a
12 young man that died and is believed to
13 have died from the abuse of nitrous
14 oxide. What I learned at this meeting and
15 in my research afterwards was terrifying.
16 In New York State because it is a
17 dangerous gas and has the potential to be
18 abused, Nitrous oxide is illegal to use
19 for the purposes of intoxication. It is
20 also illegal to sell at retail to the
21 public, and its use is limited to
22 industrial, medical and dental
23 applications. However, a loophole in a
24 state law has allowed nitrous oxide to be
25 sold to the public. This loophole is an

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2 exception that specifically allows the
3 sale of nitrous oxide in the form of
4 whipped cream chargers. These pressurized
5 containers can be sold to anyone over the
6 age of 21, and are being sold in various
7 flavors like cotton candy, strawberry,
8 mango, you name it. Retailers are not
9 required to check ID if the purchaser
10 looks over the age of 25.

11 These containers are also being sold
12 in quantities that far exceed what would
13 reasonably be used to make whipped cream.
14 And the fact is, people are buying this
15 gas and abusing it. The easier it is to
16 get, the more likely it will fall into
17 the hands of someone, including kids,
18 that will abuse it.

19 Abusing nitrous oxide is dangerous.
20 The FDA warns that inhaling nitrous oxide
21 can result in serious health impacts,
22 such as abnormal blood counts, vitamin B
23 12 deficiency, loss of consciousness,
24 palpitations, psychiatric disturbances,
25 including paranoia, hallucinations and

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2 depression. For some, abuse can lead to
3 prolonged neurological effects, including
4 spinal cord or brain damage, even after
5 stopping use, and in some cases, abuse
6 will lead to death.

7 It is my hope that this law will
8 close the loophole. By limiting sales
9 only to those businesses that prepare and
10 sell food, we hope to eliminate sales of
11 nitrous oxide to the general public and
12 thus limit its potential to be abused.
13 This item will be subject to a hearing
14 before the full legislature on March
15 23rd.

16 If any member of this committee
17 would like to place any questions on the
18 record, if we cannot answer that question
19 here today, we will have someone at the
20 full legislature to address this. Does
21 anyone have anyone on the committee have
22 any questions or comments.

23 Legislator Drucker?

24 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you.

25 I just want to echo some of your

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2 comments, but, you know, CN Guidance, as
3 we both know, is on the cutting edge of
4 treatment of people of all ages who are
5 suffering from addiction, and their
6 crisis center now is state of the art.
7 And I just think if they recognize this
8 problem, we all should recognize this
9 problem. And it's something that needs to
10 be done. It's a matter of public health
11 like we had today with the with the
12 kratom bill. I mean, it's our job to
13 protect the public and when we can do so,
14 I applaud every effort to do that.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I am hoping that
17 the woman who we spoke to will be at our
18 hearing. Her son very, very sadly,
19 literally died in the parking lot of one
20 of these stores in my community and
21 Legislator Drucker's community. It just
22 broke my heart, the story she was telling
23 us. And in many of the establishments,
24 other than maybe a large bakery or
25 whatever, you know, they're they're small

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2 little canisters in these shops. They're
3 selling canisters that are, you know,
4 like the big water bottle bottles that
5 people people drink. It's a very, very
6 scary. She blew me away and it literally
7 broke my heart.

8 So is there any anyone else have any
9 questions or any debate or discussion?

10 (Whereupon, no response.)

11 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: All in favor,
12 please signify by saying aye.

13 (Whereupon, all members
14 respond in favor.)

15 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any opposed?

16 (Whereupon, no response.)

17 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Then this item
18 passes unanimously. And it will be by a
19 vote of 7 to 0, and it will move on to
20 the next committee.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Clerk item
3 number 50-26 is an ordinance supplemental
4 to the annual Appropriation ordinance in
5 connection with the Office of Management
6 and Budget.

7 May I have a motion, please? By
8 Legislator Scott Strauss, seconded by
9 Legislator Olena Nicks.

10 The item is before us.

11 MS. ZOHRABIAN: Good afternoon.
12 Alyssa Zohrabian, Nassau County
13 Department of Health.

14 This is a supplemental appropriation
15 of \$850,849 in Jewel settlement funds to
16 support the Department of Health's
17 efforts in preventing vaping through
18 research, surveillance, education, school
19 based support, and community
20 interventions.

21 This funding will support the work
22 of our epidemiology, communications,
23 community health, and environmental
24 health programs including efforts to
25 address vaping, the risk factors

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2 associated with IT, and related health
3 consequences.

4 This appropriation will have no net
5 impact on the county budget.

6 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay. Legislator
7 Giangregorio?

8 LEGISLATOR GIANREGORIO: The school
9 based intervention, how is that going to
10 be handled? Are we planning to do, I
11 don't know, assemblies or something like
12 that to educate the students?

13 MS. ZOHRABIAN: So we're working very
14 closely with BOCES and the school
15 districts so that we can work together
16 with them and not necessarily duplicate
17 efforts. So we are going to work on a
18 cessation piece for them where they're
19 going to mostly focus on prevention. So
20 we're going to work hand in hand with the
21 school districts. And we're working very,
22 very closely with them on developing work
23 plans and stuff like that.

24 LEGISLATOR GIANREGORIO: Thank you.

25 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Do you have --

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2 the response from the school districts or
3 most of our school districts involved? Or
4 I would hope they're all involved.

5 MS. ZOHRABIAN: From what I
6 understand. Yes. We're working closely
7 with and communicating with BOCES on
8 these efforts.

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I know when I
10 speak to my grandchildren, it's amazing
11 the number of middle schoolers who --
12 these are sixth, seventh, and eighth
13 grade children. To me, they're babies
14 practically. And it's amazing how many
15 kids vape. It's very sad.

16 Any other legislators?

17 Legislator Nicks.

18 LEGISLATOR NICKS: Just to piggyback
19 on a couple of those questions, could
20 you. So is BOCES providing a report back
21 to us or back to you guys to suggest that
22 they what schools they've already been to
23 and what the I guess curriculum looks
24 like.

25 MS. ZOHRABIAN: I don't have that

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2 answer right now, but I know that they do
3 do prevention and education in schools
4 because they're with the children,
5 they're teaching them. And so like the
6 teachers are teaching them and I think
7 they have programs. So what we're going
8 to do is we're going to work with them on
9 some supplemental type of efforts.

10 LEGISLATOR NICKS: So, so does the
11 funding come from us and go directly to
12 BOCES?

13 MS. ZOHRABIAN: So they have their
14 own funding. They've got their own piece
15 of Jewel settlement funding for similar
16 efforts. So schools got money and and we
17 at the county got money.

18 LEGISLATOR NICKS: So then how is
19 this money being used if BOCES has their
20 own.

21 MS. ZOHRABIAN: So they're focusing
22 on prevention within their schools and
23 education within their schools. We're
24 going to supplement that. We're going to
25 provide cessation information and

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2 education. We are also going to bring it
3 to the whole county instead of just in
4 the school. So the whole county, all
5 residents, can benefit from the work that
6 we're going to do with this funding.

7 LEGISLATOR NICKS: What's the
8 dissemination of that look like? So
9 what's the plan for that look like and
10 where is it being disseminated and how?

11 MS. ZOHRABIAN: So we're going to do
12 a cessation program. We're going to do
13 like an electronic cessation program.
14 We're going to do education and outreach
15 through our community health programs. In
16 communications, we're going to do some
17 advertising and of these programs so that
18 it gets out, the word gets out about
19 these programs that it's available for
20 everybody. And then we also are using
21 funding to support our epidemiology
22 division, our data, so that we make sure
23 that we're gathering the right all the
24 data so that we implement the programs
25 based on data driven decisions.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICKS: Okay. And are
3 there specific communities that you are
4 targeting more so than others?

5 MS. ZOHRABIAN: I think the data
6 would show that. So this is part of that.

7 LEGISLATOR NICKS: Okay. Thank you.

8 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: And I would hope
9 that you're focusing on every community
10 because it certainly affects every
11 community.

12 Is it possible for you to also bring
13 information, if we reached out to many of
14 our civic groups or other organizations
15 that we can get the word out in that
16 respect also?

17 MS. ZOHRABIAN: Absolutely. And when
18 the program gets up and running and we
19 have something to show everybody. We're
20 happy to share it with with our community
21 based organizations, our partners in
22 government, the legislature anyone who
23 wants to learn about it, we're happy to
24 do that and make sure the word gets out
25 and make sure the services get utilized.

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CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator

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LEGISLATOR RUSSELL: Can you send us the data that you have so far on how this money is being spent or how it will be spent? Like what the plan is, if you can send us that information. Just following up the questions that Legislator Nicks asked.

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MS. ZOHRABIAN: Sure.

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LEGISLATOR RUSSELL: The school districts that have been outreach to which ones do you plan to already talk to, ones you plan to talk to?

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LEGISLATOR RUSSELL: If we can just get that information as well.

MS. ZOHRABIAN: Yes. Will do. We also do have data on vaping. On our website. We have reports on, on vaping and youth. And I'm happy to share that with you as well.

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LEGISLATOR RUSSELL: Thank you.

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CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: It would be good

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2 for all of us because this way, if any of
3 our school districts aren't involved,
4 then we can make sure we reach out to
5 them and make sure they get involved.

6 MS. ZOHRABIAN: It's my understanding
7 that all the school districts will be
8 involved in this through BOCES.

9 Legislator Nicks.

10 LEGISLATOR NICKS: Sorry, Alyssa, I
11 have one more. So I know you said that
12 you can get a certain information once
13 the program is up and running, but if I'm
14 correct in understanding this is
15 supplemental funding. So this is
16 additional funding that was already
17 received for this type of programmatic
18 intervention; is that correct?

19 MS. ZOHRABIAN: So we're going to be
20 doing a lot more work because of this
21 funding. So like when if we have the
22 cessation program coming up, when that
23 gets developed, when we have that
24 information, share with you, we're more
25 happy to share that with you.

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LEGISLATOR NICKS: But what I'm asking is funding for this was already received. This is now just additional funding, right?

MS. ZOHRABIAN: No, this is the funding. Oh yeah. It's supplemental to our budget, to the health department's budget.

LEGISLATOR NICKS: Okay. So this is like the first tranche of this. Do you expect to receive more funding after this?

MS. ZOHRABIAN: This funding is broken up over multiple years. So this is for the first year, 850,000. But there's more funding. We plan to spread out that funding over several years to make the most of it.

LEGISLATOR NICKS: Awesome. Thank you.

MS. ZOHRABIAN: You're welcome.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay. Any other questions or comments?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Then all those
in favor, please signify by saying aye.

(Whereupon, all members
respond in favor.)

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Then this too
will move on. It was unanimous and it
will move on to next committee.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Our next item is
3 Clerk Item 51-26, which is an ordinance
4 supplemental to the annual appropriation
5 ordinance connection with the Health
6 Department.

7 May I have a motion, please? By
8 Legislator Giangregorio and seconded by
9 Legislator Drucker.

10 The item is before us.

11 MS. ZOHRABIAN: Me again. Alyssa
12 Zohrabian for Nassau County Health
13 Department.

14 Item 51-26 contains five
15 supplemental appropriations. The first is
16 in the amount of \$302,000 for the
17 Immunization Action Plan grant.

18 The second is in the amount of
19 \$326,300 for the Adolescent Tobacco Use
20 Prevention Enforcement program.

21 The third is in the amount of
22 \$453,766. That is for Expanded Partner
23 Services Program grant.

24 The fourth is in the amount of
25 \$27,334 for the article six Performance

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2 Incentive Award Program grant.

3 And the fifth and final is in the
4 amount of \$20,360. And that is for the
5 rabies program grant.

6 All appropriations in this item are
7 grant funded through New York State
8 Department of Health, and will have no
9 net impact on the budget.

10 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay. Any debate
11 or discussion?

12 (Whereupon, no response.)

13 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any comments
14 from the other legislators?

15 (Whereupon, no response.)

16 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay. All in
17 favor, please signify by saying aye.

18 (Whereupon, all members
19 respond in favor.)

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any opposed?

21 (Whereupon, no response.)

22 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: So this is
23 unanimous. And again, it will move on to
24 Finance.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: And the last
3 item is Item 52-26, which is an ordinance
4 supplemental to the annual appropriation
5 in connection with the Department of
6 Human Services.

7 May I have a motion, please? By
8 Legislator Giangregorio, seconded by
9 Legislator Nicks.

10 And the item is before us.

11 MS. ZAKI: Good afternoon,
12 Legislators. Seema Zaki, fiscal
13 director, Department of Human Services.

14 Under Item 52-26, there are two
15 supplemental appropriations. These are
16 annual recurring grants, 100% state
17 funded from the New York State Office of
18 Children and Family Services. It's for
19 the period of October 1st, 2025 to
20 September 30th, 2026. This is for the
21 purpose of funding the needs of the youth
22 of Nassau County. It's for \$304,000.

23 And the second item is for
24 \$1,675,687. This is again an annual
25 recurring grant. It is 100% state funded

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2 from New York State Office of Children
3 and Family Services. It's again for the
4 period of October 1st, 2025 to September
5 30th, 2026. The purpose of this funding
6 is to support the youth of Nassau County
7 with their sports and education
8 opportunities.

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay. Any debate
10 or discussion on this item?

11 (Whereupon, no response.)

12 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay. Seeing
13 none, all those in favor signify by
14 saying aye.

15 (Whereupon, all members
16 respond in favor.)

17 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any opposed?

18 (Whereupon, no response.)

19 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: So this passes
20 unanimously and this too will move on to
21 Finance.

22 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: There's no other
23 business in front of this committee.

24 May I have a motion to adjourn?

25 By Legislator Scott Strauss,

seconded by Legislator Viviana Russell.

All in favor of adjourning, signify
by saying aye.

(Whereupon, all members
respond in favor).

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: No.

We are now adjourned and we move on
to Finance.

(Whereupon, meeting
adjourns, 2:59 p.m.)

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: SS.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public
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That the above is a correct
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand this 9th day of March, 2026.

Karen Lorenzo

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