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SIXTEENTH MEETING
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THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

WILL HOLD A MEETING OF THE

RULES COMMITTEE

ON

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017 AT 1:00 P.M.

IN

THE PETER J. SCHMITT MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER

THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

1550 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MINEOLA, NEW YORK 11501

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Nassau County, New York

Dated: March 20, 2017
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE WILL HOLD **COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017 STARTING AT 1:00 PM AND WILL HOLD A FULL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017 STARTING AT 1:00 PM** IN THE PETER J. SCHMITT MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER, 1st FLOOR, THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, 1550 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MINEOLA, NEW YORK 11501.

FULL LEGISLATIVE SESSION.....1:00 PM

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PUBLIC SAFETY	1:00PM
PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & THE ENVIRONMENT	1:00PM
TOWNS, VILLAGES AND CITIES	1:00PM
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & LABOR	1:00PM
PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS	1:00PM
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES	1:00PM
GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND OPERATIONS	1:00PM
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FINANCE	1:00PM

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FULL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, March 27, 2017
1:30 P.M.

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

3 NORMA GONSALVES, Presiding Officer

4 RICHARD NICOLELLO,
5 Deputy Presiding Officer6 HOWARD KOPEL,
7 Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer

8 STEVEN RHOADS

9 DENISE FORD

10 LAURA CURRAN

11 C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III

12 VINCENT MUSCARELLA

13 ELLEN BIRNBAUM

14 LAURA SCHAEFER

15 DONALD MACKENZIE

16 KEVAN ABRAHAMS,
17 Minority Leader

18 ROSE MARIE WALKER

19 DENNIS DUNNE

20 ARNOLD DRUCKER

21 JAMES KENNEDY

22 DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

23 CARRIE SOLAGES

24 SIELA BYNOE

25 MICHAEL PULITZER,
 Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We will
3 begin with the Pledge of Allegiance.

4 (Whereupon, the Pledge of
5 Allegiance was recited.)

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Welcome
7 everyone. At this time, at each Full
8 Legislature meeting, we have the privilege
9 of honoring the top cops of Nassau County.
10 Today is no different. I believe that we
11 have three top cops today, and I hope we're
12 correct, and I'm going to ask the President
13 of the PBA, Jim McDermott, as well as the
14 Commissioner and the top cops themselves to
15 approach the podium. Okay?

16 Mr. McDermott, it's yours. Tell
17 us who we have.

18 MR. MCDERMOTT: We will be
19 honoring three top cops today, one is not
20 here, he's on vacation. His name is Anatoli
21 Bonyets. That's going to be as tough as it
22 gets. The other two are Nathan O'Connell
23 and Carlo Componia. Irish guys shouldn't be
24 doing Italian names. We don't mix well.

25 Officer Componia, Officer

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2 O'Connell, and Officer Bonyets responded to
3 a radio assignment for a child locked in an
4 auto located in a parking lot of 860 Old
5 Country Road.

6 When they got there, they
7 observed a two year old in a car seat and
8 the engine was off. It was one of those
9 hot, humid, and hazy 90 degree days that we
10 all know about in New York.

11 The windows were closed so there
12 was no air getting into the car. The
13 officers immediately called for an
14 ambulance. They tried to bang on the
15 windows to get the child's attention but the
16 child was unconscious at that point.

17 They were forced to break the
18 front window of the car getting them into
19 the car and taking the child -- tending to
20 them, getting the ambulance.

21 The child was dehydrated. They
22 were removed to the hospital and then they
23 went out and got the father and locked him
24 up for endangering the welfare of a child,
25 like he should have been.

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2 Each year in the United States
3 they lose about 38 children to situations
4 like this. These officers prevented the
5 39th. I just wanted to honor all three of
6 them. We have here Carlo Componia and
7 Nathan O'Connell here. Congratulations,
8 guys. Great work.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:
10 Commissioner Krumpter.

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER: So
12 I would like to Legislator Gonsalves,
13 Minority Leader Abrahams, I would just like
14 just to take a moment to thank this body for
15 your unwavering support. You demonstrate it
16 each every day and this is one of the items
17 that you do on a monthly basis. So thank
18 you to all the legislators.

19 This is a classic example of the
20 police officers not just arresting people.
21 Every day they do things that impact the
22 lives of people in this county. Every day
23 it's at the very core of policing here in
24 Nassau County community policing. If not
25 for the intervention of these police

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2 officers, we could have had a fatality that
3 no one would want to be talking about.

4 So, to the officers, thank you
5 for your great work day in and day out, it
6 is greatly appreciated on behalf of the
7 Nassau County Police Department and the
8 residents of Nassau County. That's all I
9 have at the moment. Legislator Gonsalves.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
11 very much. Now, officers would you like to
12 say anything?

13 MR. COMPONIA: I just want to say
14 thank you and glad the child is okay.

15 MR. O'CONNELL: Thank you very
16 much and thank God that child was okay. I
17 also think that the person who contacted 911
18 should be honored also, because if she
19 didn't contact us, and if she wasn't alert
20 to observe the child in the car, something
21 horrible could have happened.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
23 very much for that.

24 Now, on behalf of the Nassau
25 County Legislature, we have a citation for

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2 each and every one of you. If you would
3 like, you can join us up here and receive
4 those citations and, again, the
5 photographers, I don't know how you want to
6 do this. It is your call. So go ahead.

7 (Citations distributed to top
8 cops.)

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We have
10 two points of personal privilege. The first
11 one is from Minority Leader Kevan Abrahams.
12 So I'm going to give him the task of
13 introducing his point of personal privilege.

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Good
15 afternoon everyone. Today it gives me great
16 pleasure to share actually in this point of
17 personal privilege with Legislator Laura
18 Curran as we celebrate the championship run,
19 if they could now please come to the podium,
20 of the Baldwin High School ladies basketball
21 team. I stand corrected. Also Howard Kopel
22 shares with us Baldwin.

23 But I've got to tell you, and I'm
24 going to allow the other legislators to
25 speak as well, before Superintendent Camhi

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2 and Ager Hudson get an opportunity to speak,
3 but I have a little girl that's aspiring to
4 play basketball. She's eight years old.
5 She dribbles and shoots in the backyard.

6 You girls are heros to her. I
7 have to tell you, you were professional
8 obviously in your craft, but you were
9 professional whenever we saw an interview on
10 News 12. It showed that Baldwin has so much
11 greatness to offer.

12 As we watched that run, she was
13 so proud of you. If she didn't have school
14 today, I know that she would have been here
15 to celebrate with you.

16 But it's inspiring to so many
17 young women that, one, the way you carried
18 yourself was phenomenal. But, two, you're
19 phenomenal at your craft. And it's a
20 shining star for the Baldwin community.

21 I know you fell short with the
22 federation championship, but, to me, where
23 you got to today in the state championship
24 it speaks volumes. Each and every one of
25 you, if people are not saying it to you,

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2 each and every one of you should feel
3 extremely proud about yourselves and your
4 achievement. You've made this entire
5 community very very proud so I want to
6 continue to thank you for your leadership in
7 this area. That said, Legislator Curran.

8 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: So the lady
9 Bruins, it takes teamwork to make the dream
10 work, and you made our dreams come true. We
11 are so proud. Congratulations.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS:
13 Superintendent Camhi.

14 SUPERINTENDENT CAMHI: First, I
15 would like to thank you for inviting us here
16 today. Just a point of clarification.

17 Our girls went on to the
18 federation championships and there were four
19 teams that are invited up to the federation
20 championships. One of those teams was our
21 Baldwin Bruins. The other three teams are
22 three teams that have the ability to
23 recruit. So our girls are regular public
24 school students.

25 The other three teams that are

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2 invited are teams that are allowed to
3 recruit based on different factors, athletic
4 scholarship is one of them. So our girls, I
5 will say, are amazing.

6 There are a few things that I
7 would like everybody to know about them.
8 The first is that our girls are scholar
9 athletes. So it's not just that you have an
10 opportunity to play on a basketball team.
11 It's that you recognize the importance of
12 your academics at the same time that you
13 recognize the importance on being on an
14 extracurricular activity that takes up a lot
15 of your time as an athlete.

16 Our school district as well as
17 all the school districts in Nassau County
18 believe in educating the whole child. So
19 when we think about what it takes to run a
20 public school district, that affords our
21 kids opportunities not just in the classroom
22 but outside the classroom, this is an
23 example of what we get for that effort.

24 I will tell you that what we get
25 are very well rounded young ladies who care

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2 about each other as a family, who care about
3 their academics, and who care about every
4 other individual person that's on their team
5 with them.

6 So there are a few people I would
7 like to thank because a family has a
8 structure, right? So there are kids in our
9 family, and these kids, the students, our
10 young people; our coaches, Tom Catapano,
11 Anthony Bolden, and Amber Harrison, spent so
12 much time working with our young people and
13 making sure that they're warm, caring,
14 happy, smart young people.

15 For the folks in the audience,
16 what you need to know is, these are your
17 future doctors, lawyers, nurses,
18 accountants. These are the people that will
19 take care of you. So I share them with you
20 because they are an outstanding group of
21 young people.

22 Ed Ramirez, he is our athletic
23 director. I believe that his family never
24 sees him because he's always at some event.
25 It is an honor to be here today for our

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2 Nassau County legislators to honor our young
3 people. It affirms for them to not only be
4 a good scholar but to be in extracurricular
5 activities and really go up to the New York
6 State championships.

7 I have to say that I think I did
8 not quite even recognize initially what a
9 huge accomplishment this was, but to go all
10 the way to state and to win New York State
11 it is a first in Baldwin's history and we
12 are exceedingly proud of our girls. So
13 thank you for this opportunity.

14 I would like to introduce Asia
15 Hudson who will speak on behalf of our team.

16 MS. HUDSON: First, we will like
17 to thank the Town of Hempstead for having us
18 here today. Nassau County, sorry.

19 SUPERINTENDENT CAMHI: She had
20 like four minutes to prepare. She did not
21 know she was speaking.

22 MS. HUDSON: Winning a state
23 championship has been our goal for many
24 years and a vision we all shared.

25 It's a great season to have and

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2 the support for our community and we look
3 forward to continue our success.

4 I want to thank our
5 superintendent, Dr. Camhi, our principal,
6 Ms. Lafergola, and all of our coaches who
7 pushed us to excel and have provided us with
8 a culture that allows us to succeed as well
9 as we did today. Thank you.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:
11 Superintendent, I didn't plan on speaking
12 but I have to tell you today we honored
13 about 19 women as our trailblazers award for
14 Women's History Month. I'm looking out
15 there now, and I said, I bet you in about
16 ten years one of those are going to be our
17 trailblazers. So thank you for doing what
18 you do.

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS:
20 Superintendent Camhi, two quick things.
21 One, I would be remiss if I didn't
22 personally thank Coach Catapano for his
23 leadership and for leading these young
24 ladies.

25 And, two, you may remember a

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2 gentleman, one of the coaches, Coach Butler,
3 his son Michael Butler interned in my
4 office. For every one that's out there, I
5 see some of the young men from Westbury
6 here, but anybody out there, Michael went on
7 to Harvard after interning in our office and
8 being obviously playing on the basketball
9 team as well.

10 So I stress the fact of the
11 scholar athlete and I'm so glad you brought
12 that up. I know later on that Legislator
13 Bynoe is going to recognize the Westbury
14 young men that also went on to greatness in
15 basketball, if you guys played them, who
16 would win? There you go. I think I agree.

17 But thank you again for sharing
18 with us. I have certificates that I would
19 like to present to each of the young ladies
20 in their championship run.

21 Legislator Curran would you like
22 to join me?

23 (Certificates distributed to
24 players.)

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We have

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2 another point of personal privilege and it's
3 my privilege to ask Legislator Bynoe to
4 introduce her point of personal privilege.

5 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you,
6 Presiding Officer. So it gives me great
7 pleasure to celebrate with the Dragons, the
8 Westbury Dragons, in their boys' Long Island
9 conference championship.

10 I'm going to ask that the team
11 and coach and the principal, superintendent,
12 and also joining us today is the town
13 councilman, Viviana Russell, along with my
14 predecessor, a fellow Dragon, Robert
15 Troiano, if everybody could come center,
16 that would be great.

17 Also joining us would be the
18 county treasurer, Beaumont Jefferson, also
19 hailing from Westbury.

20 It does me great joy to be able
21 to celebrate along with my colleague Laura
22 Schaefer, the celebration of our Westbury
23 boys team.

24 Westbury was the Nassau County
25 conference AA champs with a record of 11 and

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2 1. Then they went on to win the first
3 Nassau County Triple A championship in the
4 school's history.

5 Then we went on -- we didn't stop
6 there. Then we went on to win the first
7 Long Island Triple A championship in the
8 school's history. Now we can applaud.

9 I would tell you as I witnessed
10 that championship game, and they played with
11 heart and with determination. They did not
12 give up in. In the first half of the game
13 they were down and they came out and took it
14 to the hoop and took it to the board and
15 they were victorious winning by one point.
16 It was a great game not just because we won,
17 but because they played with their heart and
18 didn't give up, and for that I think they
19 deserve another round of applause.

20 So, we're proud of you today. We
21 were proud of you, both the councilwoman and
22 my predecessor, we traveled to watch the
23 game at Stony Brook. We traveled with you
24 to Binghamton where you fell short, but you
25 need to know that we couldn't be more proud

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2 of you for your determination in that game
3 as well as in the championship game. Again,
4 I salute you and I applaud you. I have
5 citations for you as well.

6 On today, I have citations for
7 the coaches, Coach Graft, where are you? We
8 have a citation for you and the rest of your
9 coaching team. Then there is a citation
10 specifically for the school and that will be
11 bestowed to the interim superintendent along
12 with the principal.

13 But at this time I have the
14 sincere pleasure to also give a citation to
15 one of our coaches of the team who was a
16 personal friend of mine who would stop in
17 and visit me in my office from time to time
18 Coach Redd. He coached this team with his
19 heart. He led this team with his heart.

20 Today we want to bestow a
21 citation in his honor to which these young
22 men played for his honor in winning this
23 championship. His son, Jordan Redd is on
24 this team, and I would like to bestow a
25 citation specifically to him in honor of

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2 sharing his father all those years with all
3 these young people that have played not only
4 played on this team but on the pick up teams
5 and the games we played back at Bunky Reed
6 Park and the Yes We Can Center. And,
7 Mr. Jordan Redd, we salute you and your
8 father.

9 I will turn it over to the coach
10 and the superintendent.

11 Assistant superintendent or the
12 coach, who will bring remarks?

13 COACH GRAFT: On behalf of
14 myself, the team, the school, the
15 administration, and our whole community,
16 it's an honor for us to be here.

17 The support that we have gotten
18 from the entire community has just been
19 fantastic and I want to say thank you to
20 everybody.

21 We also have a small gift for
22 Legislator Bynoe to show our appreciation.
23 I'm going to ask our captains to give it to
24 her now. Thank you all so much.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator

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2 Bynoe, Legislator Schaefer just wanted to
3 make a comment.

4 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: I just
5 wanted to congratulate you all, and just say
6 that it's obviously a testament to what
7 teamwork can do. You can become successful
8 and victorious as you have been today and as
9 you have been this year with all of your
10 hard work you obviously got to your end goal
11 and that was a victory. So,
12 congratulations.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now,
14 Legislator Walker, wants to say something to
15 you.

16 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Coach and
17 boys, I'm sorry, I stand in the way of you
18 taking a great picture. But I would just
19 like to say, I happen to do Hicksville's JV
20 and varsity basketball book. I saw you play
21 us when you played us at home and away when
22 we were over in Westbury. You killed us.
23 Okay?

24 But I just have to tell you how
25 proud I am of you going on to win the

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2 counties and then to win Long Island to
3 represent us in the state.

4 But I have to tell you more so,
5 to you, to your parents, to your coaches,
6 what wonderful young gentlemen you are
7 because when I'm at those games and,
8 especially the away games, you are in a gym
9 full of people that you really don't know
10 other than the boys on your team. Each and
11 every one of you showed me the utmost
12 respect and kindness, and were so nice and
13 it made me feel at home at your school. It
14 goes to say also when you were at our
15 school.

16 I want to tell you, I know you
17 are going to be successful as you continue
18 playing, but I also know you are going to be
19 successful in life. Good luck and thank you
20 very much.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now you
22 can join Legislator Bynoe in the chamber.

23 SUPERINTENDENT BUDHAI: I'm
24 Interim Superintendent of Schools, Eudes
25 Budhai. These are extraordinary gentlemen.

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2 You have some seniors here that are leaving
3 a legacy for some of our freshman and
4 sophomores. These gentlemen could not do
5 the work they do if they do not have the
6 community and support they get from these
7 fine individuals, such as Robert Draddie and
8 Legislator Siela Bynoe and Councilwoman
9 Russell.

10 So part of their success is our
11 success. These are scholar athletes. They
12 won the championship on Long Island, but not
13 only are they champions on the court but
14 champions as well in academics.

15 Many of our students they will be
16 attending four year institutions, two year
17 institutions coming soon with scholarships
18 as well. I just want to congratulate them
19 on their success as well. Thank you.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now this
21 is your time and, as customary, we give 30
22 minutes of public comment to those who
23 submitted a slip. There are a lot of slips
24 here and I don't know if 30 minutes is going
25 to cover it.

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2 So, I'm going to ask you to be
3 adherent of the time, the three minute time,
4 so that we can cover as many speakers who
5 would like to speak. I'm going to begin
6 with Barbara Salva.

7 MS. SALVA: Good afternoon
8 everybody. I'm Barbara Salva. I'm the
9 Deputy Executive Director of the Long Island
10 Transgender Advocacy Coalition also known as
11 LITAC.

12 Several years ago I asked a
13 prominent Long Island lawmaker when exactly
14 did I lose my civil rights? I am a good
15 citizen. I pay my taxes. Had a good job
16 for 40 years and even spent four years in
17 the Air Force with a tour in Vietnam.

18 Of course during those years I
19 was a white male. Now I'm a trans woman.
20 And I don't have any rights in Nassau
21 County, as well as much of the State of New
22 York. That lawmaker could not answer my
23 question.

24 Protections for transgender
25 New Yorkers are needed because we are

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2 getting fired from our jobs without cause,
3 evicted from our homes without cause, denied
4 adequate health care and medical treatment,
5 refused credit, employment and education.

6 When it comes to public
7 accommodations most people think it's just a
8 bathroom. It's much much more than that.
9 Public accommodations means any
10 establishment, public or private, that is
11 open to the general public that provides or
12 endeavors to provide some type of goods or
13 services to the general public which
14 includes health care facilities, which means
15 hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, nursing home
16 dental. Service establishments such as
17 employment agencies, funeral parlors, gas
18 stations, banks, places of public
19 transportation, including bus stations,
20 trains, terminals, and airports.

21 Professional services which
22 includes doctors, dentists, lawyers,
23 accountants and insurance agents as well as
24 state and local government agencies such as
25 court rooms, hearing rooms, polling places,

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2 public information counters and displays
3 and, of course, restaurants, hotels, retail
4 establishments, theaters, sport arenas. The
5 list goes on and on and on.

6 We have no recourse to any of
7 these establishments once we are refused for
8 service.

9 As for the bathroom issue, it's
10 pure fear. It's fear from those who say it
11 opens doors to predators to abuse and rape
12 women in the ladies' room.

13 At least three police chiefs in
14 the State of New York, including the cities
15 of Albany, Rochester, City of New York and
16 all states that crimes such as these are
17 rare, if not nonexistent.

18 We state that a crime is a crime
19 and if anyone commits a crime, they should
20 be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

21 What the transgender community
22 asked for is an amendment to the existing
23 LGBT law in the county. It's not a partisan
24 issue, but you are making it one.

25 CLERK PULITZER: Your time is up,

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2 ma'am.

3 MS. SALVA: It's a matter of
4 doing what is right and it doesn't cost you
5 a penny in tax money. I thank you.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Jack
7 McCloy.

8 MR. MCCLOY: Good afternoon,
9 members of the Legislature. Thank you for
10 allowing me to address you today.

11 At the last session, I mentioned
12 to you that National Grid had a significant
13 price increase of gas service for those that
14 use gas on Long Island.

15 Since my address to you last
16 session, I also went down to the Suffolk
17 County Legislature and I spoke to them about
18 the same situation.

19 I don't know if any of you have
20 had a chance to check your own National Grid
21 bills, but if you take a look at the
22 December bill versus your February bill, you
23 will see that the price increase has already
24 gone into effect.

25 Most people that use National

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2 Grid for their gas service will use at this
3 time of year probably between 100 and 300
4 therms depending on how large a home they
5 have.

6 After the first three therms
7 which are set as a fixed price, your
8 increase for the additional therms has been
9 22 percent over what you paid in 2016.

10 Now, I want to mention to you
11 that I mention this to the Suffolk County
12 Legislature also and Legislator Al Krupski
13 had walked over to me as soon as I mentioned
14 this to him. He gave me his card and he
15 said he would like this to be a Nassau
16 County/Suffolk County unified approach to
17 looking at this increase by National Grid
18 and coming up with some type of a procedure
19 to re-review this.

20 Apparently this was an issue that
21 was demonstrated by National Grid to the PSC
22 as a price increase that they requested. It
23 was implemented already. But I don't think
24 that many, if any of you, have been aware of
25 such a large price increase that was on the

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2 horizon because Legislator Krupski had
3 mentioned that he didn't think anybody from
4 the Suffolk Legislature was aware of that
5 either.

6 I mention this to you today in
7 the hope that some of you will contact me,
8 my information has been submitted in the
9 possibility of coming up with a Nassau
10 Suffolk unified re-review of this increase
11 of natural gas prices and whether you would
12 like me to explain this in more detail to
13 you individually in your committees or as a
14 whole, I would be welcome to do so. A 22
15 percent price increase is just way too much.
16 Thank you very much.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
18 Rhoads.

19 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Yes. I have
20 a question. Mr. McCloy, thank you very much
21 for raising the issue. I personally don't
22 have gas service to my block so I don't get
23 a gas bill. But can you tell me exactly
24 when this went before the Public Service
25 Commission? Usually they do this as a three

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2 or four year rate plan, it's not just a one
3 year implementation. Do we know if this is
4 22 percent this year and then there's going
5 to be subsequent increases?

6 MR. MCCLOY: Well, I will tell
7 that I spoke to a Newsday reporter, Mark
8 Harrington, about this after our last
9 month's session and speaking to the Suffolk
10 County Legislature about it also.

11 Mark had directed me to a few
12 Newsday articles that addressed the proposed
13 increase last year. I have to tell you that
14 the increase as explained in those articles
15 and purported by Newsday represented this as
16 5.5 percent increase. It's not. It's a
17 heck of a lot larger than that.

18 Even if you want to factor in
19 some of their reasons for explaining it as a
20 lower percentage, it factors in some
21 charges, because National Grid basically
22 calculates their bills on two levels; the
23 cost of the commodity which is the gas, plus
24 the cost of the delivery services which is
25 what they provide.

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2 They factor it as a lower
3 percentage because they use the percentage
4 increase in conjunction with the entire
5 bill. Which is a skewed way to look at it.

6 The 5.5 percent increase that
7 they're talking about is Phase One of a
8 three year increase. If you calculate the
9 fact that their increase is skewed
10 downwards, then the three year increase is
11 going to be dramatic in the year 2018 and
12 2019 phases are able to be implemented
13 without opposition.

14 This is a giant jump in the price
15 hike of national gas. I would like to
16 explain it further to you when I'm not
17 taking up more time of public session.

18 I'm willing to come in and
19 explain it during committee meetings
20 individually or as a group. But this is a
21 big increase. Thank you.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We will
23 get back to you, Mr. McCloy. Shellie
24 Sutnick. I hate to say it incorrectly.

25 MS. SUTNICK: Good afternoon. My

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2 name is Shelli Sutnick. I'm a citizen and
3 resident of Nassau County for the last 39
4 years. And for the last 32 years I have
5 been residing in Plainview, which every day,
6 on a daily basis, twice a day I use a NICE
7 Bus system to work and to go food shopping
8 and for other things that I would have to do
9 on my own as an independent person.

10 I just found out recently that on
11 April 9th NICE Bus service will be
12 eliminating several of the bus routes.

13 I'm a senior that depends upon
14 the N79 bus route to go to work and to shop.
15 The county has denied the service, the \$6.8
16 million to help supplement to keep those
17 routes going.

18 It's a very big hardship on
19 myself and for the people who depend upon
20 this for their livelihood.

21 I cannot myself afford to pay for
22 any other types of transportation which I
23 would have to use a taxi, which would be \$10
24 a day twice a day for myself to go to work.

25 Nassau County residents pay very

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2 high taxes and I would expect a reliable low
3 cost transportation for myself and for
4 others. I hope they can take this serious
5 matter into consideration.

6 And most people who also depend
7 on the NICE Bus system are not aware that on
8 April 9th their routes will be discontinued
9 and they will be standing on corners waiting
10 for the buses to take them to and from work.

11 Also, on the route that I take,
12 the N79, there are several institutions that
13 do have employees that do have to take the
14 bus system to the nursing homes, to the
15 industrial area up through the boulevard, in
16 Plainview, the industrial area on Sunnyside
17 Boulevard. The bus service is always there.
18 Always been helpful for me and other people.

19 I hope that the state will
20 intervene with state funding that is needed
21 to continue this service with the county and
22 we are all residents that are very, very
23 deeply concerned. The deadline is
24 approaching in less than two weeks and
25 please consider the hardships that this will

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2 impose on myself and the others who depend
3 on this for their livelihood.

4 I'm 72 years old and it's so
5 inconceivable of me to think that I would
6 have to walk to work rather than being able
7 to take the bus system which has been
8 providing me a low cost transit system and
9 helping me to have my happy helpful life in
10 Nassau County. Thank you.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
12 Curran.

13 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Thank you
14 very much for coming in and telling us your
15 story. We have identified pots of money
16 that could go towards the buses if the
17 administration made it a priority.

18 We have laid out, between all of
19 us, different places where we could get real
20 money to do this. Even Rich Nicolello
21 agreed with us. I would like to speak for
22 people when they're not here.

23 But we were at a business event
24 and we had a meeting of minds about this
25 publically.

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2 So I would urge the
3 administration, if anyone from the
4 administration is listening, to make this a
5 priority because we can do it. I know both
6 sides of the aisle want to do it, but the
7 administration is not making it a priority.

8 MS. SUTNICK: What bothers me or,
9 if anything, I don't want to take anything
10 away from any public parks or counties from
11 anyone. I know that Massapequa was just
12 given a grant of \$2.1 million to improve
13 their park. I think that money should be
14 thought about and reconsidered where they
15 would have to apply it to.

16 Parks are important to the
17 community. They're important for families
18 but I think people who depend upon the
19 public transportation for their livelihood
20 should be considered priority as opposed to
21 that.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
23 very much. I believe Legislator Rhoads had
24 his hand up.

25 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you. I

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2 want you to know that your complaints
3 haven't fallen on deaf ears. I know that we
4 are making bus funding a priority.

5 I, personally, on behalf of the
6 majority caucus went last Tuesday, the
7 company, Vision Long Island, up to Albany to
8 lobby for additional funds from the State
9 Legislature both in the short term and long
10 term because it's unfair to riders to have
11 this issue come up year after year where
12 we're trying to scramble in a tough budget
13 environment where we're trying to piece
14 together, cobble together enough to try to
15 restore some of the threats in cuts.

16 We are well aware of the April
17 9th deadline. We are attempting to work on
18 a solution. But ultimately it's going to
19 take efforts on behalf of riders not only to
20 speak to their county representatives but to
21 speak to their state representatives as well
22 to find a long term stable funding source
23 that will enable us to find reliable public
24 transportation for years to come. But I
25 thank you for your interest. Thank you so

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2 much.

3 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I just
4 wanted to echo what Legislator Curran said.
5 I think that the ball is in the
6 administration's court right now. I'm
7 hopeful, Legislator Rhoads, I commend you
8 for getting up to Albany and trying to do
9 what you can up there, but I think now the
10 emphasis has to be down here. I'm confident
11 they are going to find a way to avoid the
12 drastic cuts that are going to be made that
13 are going to impact the lives of so many
14 people in my particular district who depend
15 on the N78, N79 bus at the hospital, at
16 schools, at parks, at the industrial park
17 that exists in my town.

18 So I'm hopeful that that takes
19 place and we have to keep up the fight and I
20 intend to do so as well. Thank you.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Jason
22 Sindler.

23 MR. SINDLER: Thank you very much
24 for having me. I'm not a very seasoned
25 public speaker so I will be brief.

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2 I'm here to speak in support of
3 the Gender Identity Amendment. I cannot
4 speak to the particular struggles of the
5 trans community, I can only speak on behalf
6 of my conscience which tells me that trans
7 rights are human rights and human rights are
8 nonnegotiable.

9 If we profess to live in a
10 community of conscience, we must look out
11 for and defend one another and, if this
12 Legislature has a conscience, it will vote
13 in support of gender identity and in defense
14 of its trans constituents. Thank you very
15 much. That's all.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Joanne
17 Borden.

18 MS. BORDEN: Human Rights, and I
19 would ask them to stand for a moment, and
20 anyone in the audience who agrees we should
21 have human rights, would you please stand?

22 Good afternoon. Again, I ask you
23 to put the Transgender Human Rights Law to a
24 vote.

25 Before Columbus landed on San

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2 Salvador, native Americans recognized that
3 people like me, transgender people, were a
4 natural recurrence, and politics never ever
5 justified harming transgender tribe members.

6 Your refusal to protect us from
7 the evils of harmful discrimination,
8 encourages bigots to devalue us. Take away
9 our lives, our jobs, our housing. They
10 murder us. Transgender people were murdered
11 last year, seven in the first two months of
12 this year.

13 You have the machine of the law
14 to help stop this slaughter. This horror.

15 For over 100 years, scientists
16 have believed we are born this way.
17 Physical proof that we are born transgender
18 was found in our brain. In Melbourne in
19 2008, in Vienna, 2013, to mention a few.

20 Most people distinguish our sex
21 by the clothes we wear. But clothes are not
22 our sex. They are an indication of our sex.
23 Genitals, sex organs, are not our sex.
24 They're an indication of our sex also.

25 Proof of this is 132,000 intersex

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2 babies are born each year. A great number
3 have genitals that are ambiguous and some
4 look like the other sex.

5 Our birth sex label was based on
6 our sex organs not the gender we feel inside
7 where everyone's gender resides.

8 Try telling a woman to dress as a
9 man all the time or a man to dress as a
10 woman all the time and you will get complete
11 rejection.

12 Some people erroneously use the
13 Bible to harm us. But the Hebrew Bible, the
14 Christian bibles, and the Quran all agree
15 God judges us by what is beneath the
16 surface. Most of your constituents agree
17 that you should protect us in the law. Now
18 it's the Legislature's turn to give us Human
19 Rights.

20 God made me this way so he must
21 have intended for me to be this way. Give
22 us human rights. Give us a vote. Thank you
23 for listening.

24 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I just want
25 to thank you as usual for coming down and

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2 speaking. It's enlightening. I'm sorry
3 that Presiding Officer Gonsalves didn't feel
4 a need to stick around and listen to it.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Just to
6 let you know, she's here, Legislator
7 Drucker, 99.9 percent of the time. Every
8 once in a while, she's a human being, she
9 has to step out.

10 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I
11 understand.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: In
13 particular, she does try to spend as much
14 time listening to Joanne as she can.

15 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Well, that
16 wasn't the purpose of my comments. The
17 purpose of my comments was not to point that
18 out, just to point out that what transpired
19 here this morning with the trail blazer
20 awards and the dedication of Legislative
21 wing to the late Judy Jacobs who I've been
22 honored to succeed on this body, the issues
23 that she was passionate about was the issue
24 of transgender, and the smoking, the tobacco
25 21. Those were issues she was so passionate

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2 about.

3 In my opinion, particularly my
4 colleagues and brethren on the other side
5 the aisle don't feel the need to just pay
6 more than lip service to saying that, well,
7 we work together in a bipartisan fashion
8 when Judy was here. I don't see why we
9 can't work in a bipartisan now in these
10 issues. It's so important and it's so
11 necessary. How do you defend it? How can
12 you justify not working in a bipartisan
13 manner when it comes to these issues? I
14 don't really understand it.

15 I'm hopeful that maybe in the
16 spirit of Judy Jacobs, maybe here now, it
17 will inspire some bipartisanship and we can
18 get this accomplished because we need to get
19 it done.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
21 Rhoads.

22 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I appreciate
23 Legislator Drucker's comments. I don't
24 think, Ms. Borden, and this is the first
25 opportunity really that I've had to speak to

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2 you on the issue.

3 I don't know necessarily that the
4 issue from our perspective, and I certainly
5 speak only on behalf of myself, I don't
6 intend to speak on behalf of the majority.
7 I don't think the issues is transgender
8 rights.

9 I think that from our
10 perspective, my perspective, the language
11 and the law that states gender real or
12 perceived already applies to this situation.
13 As an axiom of statutory construction, the
14 more times you carve out specific exceptions
15 for individuals, it diminishes what's
16 supposed to cover every one.

17 We have a County Attorney opinion
18 which says that transgenders are covered
19 under the existing law.

20 So I want you to understand that
21 this isn't some sort of religious litmus
22 test issue, this isn't -- at least as far as
23 I'm concerned, I feel as though the law
24 applies to you and that, if there are
25 complaints, you should be going to the Human

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2 Rights Commission. You should be going to
3 the Nassau County Police Department, and you
4 should be filing those complaints and know
5 that they will be investigated and handled.

6 Again, that's just my opinion but
7 I respect very much what you're doing and
8 what you're saying.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Before you
10 speak, I think Legislator Rhoads has spoken
11 for everyone on the majority, I believe we
12 all agree with him in this position.

13 Again, I should correct that,
14 speaking for myself, I agree completely with
15 Legislator Rhoads. But we have a bunch of
16 speakers, Joanne, so if you want to respond,
17 please make it as succinct as possible.

18 MS. BORDEN: I would like to
19 reply, sir, I need class glasses. I have a
20 letter, a ruling, from the county attorney,
21 the county administrative code establishes
22 the rules and regulations of Human Rights
23 Commission as well as the various classes of
24 individuals whom it protects.

25 The code does not explicitly

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2 protect individuals based on their status as
3 transgender or based on their overt gender
4 expression. However, the code does provide
5 protection from discrimination on the basis
6 of sexual orientation.

7 I found some of the Legislator
8 attorneys think that sexual orientation has
9 something to do with transgenderism.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: It's not
11 that. It's perceived, it's the language
12 that says perceived gender.

13 MS. BORDEN: Here it says, does
14 not explicitly protect individuals.

15 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: The language
16 I was referring to is the language that says
17 gender real or perceived.

18 MS. BORDEN: That doesn't say
19 just for gender. That's for everybody.
20 That's for race, for religion.

21 It says, New York State, New York
22 City had the same thing. They had this,
23 what is it, they had gender stated that way,
24 actual or perceived. They found that a very
25 similar amendment was needed to cover

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2 transgender people. They found that through
3 case law. I understand lawyers. I don't
4 know if you're a lawyer or not.

5 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I don't know
6 if I want to admit that, Joanne. I am.

7 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Well, lawyers
8 have lots of opinions, but I would say the
9 official Nassau County ruling is that we are
10 not explicitly protected under the law.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: That's not
12 true. The County Attorney's opinion said
13 the exact opposite. The County Attorney's
14 opinion says the exact opposite. It says
15 that transgender is covered.

16 MS. BORDEN: I can't hear you.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The County
18 Attorney's opinion says that transgenders
19 are covered.

20 MS. BORDEN: Who says?

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The County
22 Attorney's opinion.

23 MS. BORDEN: I just read you the
24 letter from the County Attorney.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You read

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2 part of it. You didn't read the entire.

3 MS. BORDEN: You're a county, the
4 Republican county --

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: If the
6 County Attorney is saying it and we're
7 saying it, you're the only one that's saying
8 it's not covered. That's why you come each
9 time you are not getting a response. You
10 are covered.

11 MS. BORDEN: New York City said
12 the same thing and they had to add a similar
13 amendment. Here you're saying -- you say
14 that I should disagree with the County
15 Attorney. That's who rules on these things.

16 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: If the law
17 is so clear, how come there are so many
18 cases that are being referred to the DA's
19 Office for discrimination?

20 Throughout history in our country
21 there have been statutes enacted and they
22 constantly have to be tweaked and amended
23 and tightened up. I don't see the logic in
24 how tightening the language here makes the
25 law weaker. It doesn't. It can't be made

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2 weaker. Let the Human Rights Commission be
3 responsible at that point in time. Let our
4 courts of law be responsible for
5 interpreting at that point in time. It's
6 illogical to contend that making a law
7 tighter makes it weaker. It's not logical,
8 as a lawyer.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: As a
10 lawyer, you would know then that the Human
11 Rights Law is not something that would go
12 before the DA. Simply, it's not a criminal
13 offense, so the DA would not be prosecuting.
14 So whether or not something applies with our
15 Human Rights Law has nothing to do with
16 whether the District Attorney has
17 discrimination cases.

18 Again, there are many rights that
19 you have. It's the DA's Office, you have
20 the Human Rights Commission, you have state
21 authorities, federal authorities, and you're
22 being told by the County Attorney's Office
23 that this specific local law which is
24 limited in nature covers you. That's our
25 position. You're covered.

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2 MS. BORDEN: When I started
3 advocating for transgender human rights, I
4 went to the police department, I went to the
5 Human Rights Commission. They didn't even
6 have gender on their complaint form.
7 Finally, after a year, they put gender on it
8 after sexual orientation and I complained
9 about that. It's a separate thing. Then
10 they removed everything.

11 Now you write it in. And I had a
12 case before this Legislature and before the
13 County Attorney on the abuse of police of a
14 transgender.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay,
16 Joanne, I appreciate your concern and of
17 course your energy regarding this particular
18 issue.

19 I will tell you that if we did
20 not agree with the County Attorney and we
21 felt otherwise, we would get another
22 opinion.

23 I'm asking you at this particular
24 time because we are running late. It is now
25 2:40 and about a dozen slips here and I'm

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2 going to call one more and I have to go on
3 to the Full Leg.

4 I sympathize. If I thought that
5 the law was not a law, I would certainly
6 pursue it. Right now we are hanging our hat
7 on the fact that the law does protect you
8 and, what's further, that you do have
9 additional recourse where there is anything
10 that is considered discriminatory towards
11 transgender or any other case for that
12 matter, the Human Rights Commission receives
13 those complaints and does the investigation.

14 I would hope that we can resolve
15 your issue to your satisfaction, but we're
16 going to abide by what the law does say and
17 the attorneys have said is so in the law.

18 So, without any further ado,
19 Joanne, I'm going to ask one more person to
20 come up and speak and then, after that, I'm
21 going to have to go on to the Full
22 Legislature. We have Brian Sullivan.

23 MS. BORDEN: Are you going to
24 give me a vote?

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No.

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2 MS. BORDEN: The Republicans are
3 the only ones who say that we are covered
4 and take it as an excuse because everyone
5 else says we're not covered.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm
7 telling you our attorney says you are
8 covered.

9 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: What about
10 hate crimes unit? That's not Human Rights
11 Commission.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: It's your
13 turn, Mr. Sullivan, to speak, please. Hold
14 on to your slips till after the Full
15 Legislature has completed its calendar.

16 In the meantime, Mr. Sullivan,
17 please.

18 MR. SULLIVAN: Good afternoon:
19 Ladies and Gentlemen of the Legislature.
20 Brian Sullivan, president, Nassau County
21 Correctional Officers Benevolent
22 Association.

23 Now for something completely
24 different. Back on February 24th of last
25 month, I led a tour of the Nassau County

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2 correctional facility, Legislator Gonsalves
3 was president, Deputy County Executive Rob
4 Walker, the sheriff, Sheila Shah, the head
5 of DPW was there with several of her
6 department heads, CSEA people were involved.

7 It was a tour to show and point
8 out the crumbling infrastructure of the
9 Nassau County Correctional Facility and
10 point out a lot of security issues that need
11 to be addressed. We walked around for a
12 couple of hours. I was very happy to see
13 Legislator Gonsalves actually walked around
14 and made a patrol in B building with me.
15 Didn't miss a thing.

16 What I have is, at the conclusion
17 of that meeting, it was brought up that I
18 should memorialize everything that we saw
19 that day and I got the permission of the
20 Deputy County Executive and the Sheriff to
21 go back on our own, take photographs of
22 issues, normally you're not allowed to take
23 photographs in the facility, but I got
24 permission to do it, and I did.

25 The result of that was a packet

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2 that I have that's going to be going to
3 Sheila Shah, DPW, outlining everything that
4 we saw, all of the deficiencies in the
5 correctional facility, all of the things
6 that need to be done so we can formulate
7 under the capital project, capital projects
8 to address the issues at hand and get this
9 jail up to snuff.

10 A lot of these things in these
11 packets, Pat is going to hand them out. I
12 don't, unfortunately, please forgive me
13 today, I don't have a packet for everybody
14 on this board. I will have one for
15 everybody by the conclusion, hopefully at
16 the end of business tomorrow or Wednesday.
17 I have a packet for Ms. Gonsalves, Dennis
18 Dunne with Public Safety, the head of the
19 minority, Kevan Abrahams, Laura Curran, and
20 Mr. Muscarella who is the head of DPW
21 because I'm sending it over to DPW with
22 Sheila Shah.

23 The conditions of the buildings
24 are, I think Legislator Gonsalves, you would
25 agree with me, are deplorable. The 832

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2 building which was built and opened in 1993
3 is leaking like a sieve when you see some of
4 these photographs, you will see exactly what
5 I'm talking about, issues that create slip
6 and fall hazards, electrical problems,
7 mechanical problems, security issues with --
8 I want to be delicate about how I go about
9 this because there are certain things that I
10 don't want to say in a public forum, but
11 there is a lot of issues once you see in
12 these photographs, and I apologize to anyone
13 else listening that's not going to be privy
14 to this, there are serious security lapses
15 that need to be addressed in the
16 correctional facility, as far as
17 surveillance, everything else.

18 Mrs. Gonsalves, you saw first
19 hand what this was about, and I hope once
20 this thing has been delved into, I have
21 about 30 pages of photographic evidence and
22 four pages of dissertation on what's going
23 on here that we can start paying some
24 serious attention. I want to sit with the
25 head of Public Safety and DPW. I know it's

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2 an election year and we have a lot of
3 exterior static going on this year which may
4 prevent some of this stuff from happening
5 but it still needs to be addressed.

6 I'm hoping that I can sit with
7 everybody that's particularly involved in
8 this. Any other legislator that wants to
9 get involved, certainly I will take your
10 help.

11 I'm hoping this is going to be a
12 bipartisan event to show exactly what needs
13 to be done to protect my correction
14 officers, to protect the inmates that are in
15 the facility.

16 Last week we had, shifting gears
17 a little bit, something else that needs to
18 be addressed as far as security issues in
19 the jail.

20 We need to -- we were here
21 talking about vests. We're going to have
22 different types of vests provided for our
23 members. I finally got the go ahead from
24 the sheriff to go ahead and have all our
25 people measured. We have the vendor. I'm

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2 hoping that's going to start this week some
3 time at the earliest convenience, I can get
4 the vendor in. That's a big step forward.

5 We also have to address the
6 emergency response team. The team itself
7 needs to be replenished. There is an
8 agreement to start a full time emergency
9 response team that will always be on in the
10 platoons in the event of an emergency.

11 I'm going to need some help from
12 you on the Legislature to help me push the
13 department, to help me push the sheriff to
14 get this started.

15 The agreement was once we have
16 the next class start, which I'm still
17 waiting for, apparently they're having
18 trouble getting people hired. That's when
19 we are going to start the full time team,
20 but the call-up team, the reserve team,
21 whatever you want to call it, it needs to be
22 replenished immediately.

23 We had an incident last Thursday
24 where I was actually very happy with the
25 response from the sheriff, which a lot of

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2 these issues where we're talking about that
3 we need continued random searches, we call
4 them shakedowns, if I say it forgive the
5 nomenclature, random searches of the
6 facility. We need continued random searches
7 in the facility, we need a search policy.
8 We need the cert team replenished and
9 outfitted.

10 There's a lot that needs to go on
11 here. We have a very, very serious gang
12 problem in this facility. The gang members
13 that are here and a lot of nonsense that I
14 have been dealing with administratively,
15 different processes and things like that, we
16 need to address the gang problems.

17 We have areas of the facility
18 that are closed. I know you have heard this
19 before.

20 We have an over consolidation of
21 inmates in the facility that are all jammed
22 into the 832 building, jammed into two
23 floors.

24 We have two floors in the main B
25 building that are unused right now. I know

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2 my predecessor had a PILOT program that was
3 done. I believe that PILOT program as
4 formulated and doomed to fail so we could
5 keep post-coverage down.

6 But we need to come up with a
7 plan so we can separate a lot of these gang
8 members. They're getting a little bit too
9 emboldened. There is a lot of violence
10 going on in the jail, a lot of weapons being
11 smuggled into the jail. There's a lot of
12 drugs being smuggled into the jail. My guys
13 are finding stuff left and right through
14 their own routine searches, regular patrols
15 they're finding it.

16 And when there is an incident,
17 they'll do a quick search of the area itself
18 and they will find things. But we need to
19 get actively proactive and start shaking the
20 hell out of this place like a tree and have
21 all the weapons and drugs fall out.

22 Part of that is the emergency
23 response team. If they're full duty on
24 straight time, they worry about overtime and
25 everything else. I get all that.

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2 Let's formulate a plan, get this
3 plan together. I want to sit with everybody
4 here about the crumbling infrastructure.
5 I'm sure once all of you see these pictures,
6 you're going to be amazed at what you see.
7 It's all behind the walls. The public
8 doesn't see.

9 This place has been neglected for
10 far too long, and we need some money to be
11 put into this place. We need to get the
12 security up. That's pretty much where we
13 stand.

14 I need security addressed at this
15 facility before something bad happens to one
16 of our officers. Like I said the other day,
17 there was an incident on Thursday. I'm not
18 going to give you the details of it in one
19 of our dormitories on Thursday night.

20 Friday I was all over the sheriff
21 like a fly on a stick of butter. You better
22 do something because we have a real problem
23 here.

24 If he get to the end of the day
25 and nothing is going on, I'm going to make

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2 an issue out of it. And, thankfully, the
3 sheriff was very amenable to going in. We
4 had a rigorous search of that area. What
5 there was of the cert team, we had the
6 canine in, and it was very impressive what
7 was done.

8 It needs to be done all the time
9 not just after major incidents. The inmates
10 need to know that we are in control of this
11 facility. They're not. And they need to be
12 given the tools and backing to do that.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Brian, I
14 was there with you and I was certainly
15 surprised at the condition of the complex.

16 I was even more surprised with
17 the 832 building because of the newness of
18 the building. It's obvious that things were
19 neglected over the years, and, as a result,
20 becoming more and more uninhabitable.

21 What I have asked you to do and I
22 know there is something that you just
23 mentioned, should be at the top of the list,
24 which is the location of the gang members
25 within that facility, and I think that it's

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2 not only for their safety but the safety of
3 the correction officers and also the safety
4 of the community in which I live.

5 I've also asked you if there's
6 any way, and there were so many issues on
7 that day that we toured, if there was any
8 way you could prioritize the needs of your
9 concerns in a way that we can address them
10 as quickly as possible?

11 MR. SULLIVAN: That's in the
12 package that I handed out.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay.
14 That's important to us.

15 MR. SULLIVAN: That's if the
16 packet prioritize the security issues.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Absolutely.
18 Hold on. You know as well as I do, over the
19 years, as a member of the community and also
20 as someone who is involved in the creation
21 of that new building, that the security
22 within that facility was extremely important
23 to us outside of that building.

24 Because if it was not secure and
25 problems arose in that building, they were

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2 going to flow over into the community. We
3 have a high school right next door and a
4 hospital right next door. So security is a
5 big issue for us and we need to address and
6 make sure that that is addressed and
7 addressed properly, not only for the
8 correction officers and the inmates, I
9 prefer to call them trustees, but for the
10 community at large.

11 I appreciate you coming down
12 today and presenting us with this. I've
13 been waiting. When did we meet?

14 MR. SULLIVAN: A few weeks, a
15 couple of weeks. Had to go through the area
16 get all the dirt up.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I thought
18 maybe it got lost. I was concerned. I said
19 hopefully he's not going to walk away from
20 this.

21 MR. SULLIVAN: Never.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I didn't
23 think so. So I'm going to make copies for
24 my colleagues.

25 MR. SULLIVAN: I will make

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2 copies. I will drop them all off so they
3 can have it.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: So they
5 should all have it. Both sides should have
6 it. I appreciate it.

7 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: There is no
8 list included in here about -- no mention of
9 gangs in this booklet.

10 MR. SULLIVAN: The gangs are
11 separate because this was all based on the
12 infrastructure. The infrastructure of the
13 facility, things that need to be done. The
14 gangs and the cert team are issues that I do
15 with the sheriff.

16 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: You will get
17 us a list?

18 MR. SULLIVAN: You want that
19 separately, I will put that on this also.

20 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: ASAP. I want
21 to get on this.

22 MR. SULLIVAN: I will email that
23 to you this afternoon. This package itself
24 was based solely on the infrastructure and
25 all the equipment that's deficient that

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2 needed to be brought up.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: But you
4 raised another point, Brian. Because the
5 gangs are related to security.

6 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: There's also
7 senior housing right next door. So it's not
8 only a high school, a hospital, but there's
9 senior housing, and then an open golf
10 course, where they can run and fight and do
11 whatever they want. So we have to get on
12 top of this.

13 MR. SULLIVAN: Homes are right on
14 the other side of the fence.

15 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Absolutely.
16 That's my district. Get this done.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
18 Ford would like to speak.

19 LEGISLATOR FORD: Hi. Thank you
20 very much for coming down here. I have to
21 say I'm horrified by the pictures that I
22 see. I was away when you had the last tour
23 in February. I was just speaking to
24 Legislator Nicoletto. We would like to set
25 up a tour as well. Maybe if we have the

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2 books prior to going, that we can actually
3 bring them with us and look at the pictures
4 and actually see them.

5 MR. SULLIVAN: I would like to
6 invite the other side also.

7 LEGISLATOR FORD: We travel well
8 together. I'm just curious, when I first
9 was elected, we had an issue with the roof
10 in one of the buildings in the correctional
11 facility. This is not the same building?

12 MR. SULLIVAN: Same building.
13 The roofs were redone. When I was here last
14 time there was a roof project done on the
15 832 building and what ended up happening
16 was, they had to redo -- there was a problem
17 with the roof. There were problems with the
18 HVAC systems. They took them apart and then
19 started digging into the roof again and it
20 undermined the integrity of the roof after
21 the whole project was done ten, 15 years
22 ago.

23 We didn't even get 20 years out
24 of that roof and when you look at these
25 pictures now, you can see it's a disaster.

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2 LEGISLATOR FORD: It's horrible.

3 MR. SULLIVAN: When you see the
4 conditions in B building, there is walls
5 bowed, there's windows that are separated.
6 You can actually reach out, see out.
7 There's cracks in the concrete block. The
8 facade is coming apart.

9 It should have been getting
10 caulked this entire time. There is a
11 million issues. I know our maintenance
12 department is way down in staff. It's
13 almost impossible for those poor guys to
14 keep on top of everything. Everything is
15 basically at an emergency level now.
16 Everything is fixed on an emergency basis,
17 our routine maintenance goes out the window.

18 We need to hire more maintenance
19 staff to get on top of these things. We
20 need to address surveillance issues and
21 everything else. It's all in these packets.

22 LEGISLATOR FORD: It's a myriad
23 of problems. I agree. Less isn't always
24 better. Because, like you said, the routine
25 maintenance, you are always putting out

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2 fires, so to speak.

3 MR. SULLIVAN: The surveillance
4 and the security issues are number one. I
5 will send out under separate cover, I will
6 send out to everyone today, about the gang
7 issues and I'll detail an incident that
8 happened last Thursday and the response to
9 it. The other is all the infrastructure,
10 it's crumbling.

11 LEGISLATOR FORD: And I'm aware
12 to a certain degree of the gang only
13 because, as you know, I have family members
14 that work at that facility. So they have let
15 me know about it.

16 But my last question then would
17 be, out of all the jail, what percentage of
18 the jail is actually being used for the
19 inmates and how much is vacant when you talk
20 about the B building?

21 MR. SULLIVAN: The 832 building
22 which was built for 832 inmates, every area
23 is full. It probably has a little -- are
24 they still double bunking? They lost the
25 variance for that apparently. But mixing

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2 classifications left and right on these
3 dorms is a major problem.

4 In B building, which is where we
5 have the -- those are dormitories in the 832
6 building, with cells that you can lock in,
7 but the inmates all come out into day rooms
8 and officers have to be stationed in each
9 pod.

10 In the B building, where we have
11 the linear tears, it looks like the old
12 fashioned shaw shank kind of jail, only two
13 of the floors out of the four are open.

14 My preference is that that entire
15 building should be opened and should be
16 maintained because there are eight linear
17 tiers that are sitting empty right now.

18 I think B-5 is going to need a
19 lot of maintenance to get it up and running.
20 It's B-2, B-3, B-4, B-5, that's the set up.
21 And the north lobby is below it.

22 Four and five are closed. Four
23 can be used, it's my understanding, it can
24 be opened with a little bit of spit and
25 polish. Five is going to need a little more

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2 maintenance to get the lock boxes and
3 everything working. But if we have the
4 ability to put inmates in linear tiers in
5 cells, violent inmates, gang member inmates,
6 and we have a lot of should shuffling
7 around, robbing Peter to pay Paul, to keep
8 areas closed, it would bode very well to be
9 able to separate inmates in linear tiers.
10 You can keep lesser inmates, nonviolent
11 inmates in the open dorms, inmates that have
12 lesser crimes. But some people need to be
13 behind bars. I don't need to go down the
14 litany of things like that.

15 If you're a repeated gang member,
16 we have a BMU unit, behavioral modification
17 unit. It's kind of been turned into, for
18 lack of a better word, an enhanced psych
19 area, for more violent psych type of
20 inmates. They assault staff. But it could
21 certainly be run differently as far as I'm
22 concerned. It can be run better on a
23 different floor.

24 If there's anybody who wants to
25 sit down with me, I can go through the

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2 myriad of things. I would love to have all
3 of B building open.

4 A building, actually it may be a
5 little bit of different thing with the fire
6 marshal. Something that we can look into.

7 A building, I know a lot of it
8 was refurbished because of the movie
9 projects. We were originally going to
10 refurbish all of A building because we were
11 going to hold Suffolk County inmates a
12 couple of years ago. We did a lot of
13 refurbishing on several of the different
14 areas. A building, which has been closed
15 since 1983, but a lot of it was redone.

16 They have been shooting movies in
17 there. I think with a little bit of
18 attention paid, we can get a few of those
19 floors open and alleviate a lot of the
20 pressure and the tension that's going on in
21 these open dorms where we have inmates in
22 and out of administrative segregation.
23 Inmates in and out of the BMU unit. There's
24 only so many inmates you can put in BMU.
25 One has to be kicked out earlier than he

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2 should be because we have to put the new
3 special child of the day in there.

4 We need to be able to segregate a
5 lot of these gangs. We need to be able to
6 segregate the violent inmates. More
7 attention with armor and everything else.
8 We have problems with medications. Cutting
9 down on medications and psych, we can talk
10 that until I'm blue in the face. Hopefully
11 that's going to be rectified very soon.
12 Hopefully we get back into NUMC. That's my
13 personal preference and get back to the way
14 it was before all of this nonsense started.

15 We are pushing about 250
16 identified gang members in the jail. We
17 have about I'm going to say approximately
18 1200 inmates in the jail.

19 It's a little bit different than
20 it was years ago. I stood here several
21 times and I've been in the paper talking
22 about why our head count is down and I'm not
23 going to bore you to tears with letting
24 people go in arraignment court because I'll
25 keep banging that tom-tom until somebody

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2 finally realizes what's going on.

3 There's things in th paper today
4 about people letting go, released on their
5 own recognizance.

6 But I worked here when we didn't
7 have an 832 building. We didn't even have a
8 D building in the middle and our head count
9 was over 2000. I don't know how I lived
10 through that back then when you had just
11 half the buildings there and twice as many
12 inmates.

13 It was a little inventive. We
14 had inmates on cots, in classrooms. We had
15 them in the chapel. I'm surprised they
16 didn't send inmates home with us.

17 Now we have, like I said before,
18 the rolling head count average used to be
19 about 16 to 1800 inmates for the majority of
20 my career. Within the last four or five
21 years, the average started dropping way
22 down.

23 Now we have 1100 to 1200. But
24 we've done so much consolidation, the
25 sheriff has done so much consolidation

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2 because the head count is low, that we're
3 keeping areas closed. I'm not opening that
4 area. You open that area, it cost you four
5 posts. Then it's overtime. It's money,
6 it's this and that.

7 So in exchange for not having
8 areas open and having relief valves to
9 separate inmates, they're all squashed in
10 the same areas. We're mixing matching cats
11 and dogs. They're all taking this dorm to
12 that dorm to that dorm. It's all gang
13 members in all of these dorms. Obviously
14 you can't send them home and you can't send
15 them to another jail.

16 We need some sort of attention
17 paid to this. Something bad is going to
18 happen here. We had an incident probably
19 two years ago, a gang member killed another
20 gang member in a cell. He went into the
21 cell in the morning and killed an inmate.
22 Beat him to death. The officers couldn't
23 get to him fast enough.

24 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Backing up a
25 little bit --

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2 LEGISLATOR FORD: I'm finishing
3 that we will be on tour with you. Thank
4 you.

5 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: The building
6 you said with the roof, it's not even 15
7 years and it's leaking. We have a 20 year
8 guarantee from the contractor that we
9 contracted with and so they should hold up
10 to the guarantee. We will go through the
11 contract.

12 MR. SULLIVAN: If they're still
13 under guarantee, get them in here and get a
14 new roof on. A lot of these flat industrial
15 roofs, sometimes they're ten years,
16 sometimes they're 20.

17 I know originally it was a 20
18 year. We'll check into all of that.

19 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: We'll check
20 into that.

21 LEGISLATOR FORD: The
22 preventative maintenance is a lot of the
23 stuff that has to be done here. There's
24 been no preventative maintenance because
25 they just don't have the manpower and the

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2 guys are overworked.

3 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Well, rest
4 assured, I don't think one person on this
5 entire 19 person dais will disagree with
6 that you need help.

7 MR. SULLIVAN: Right. We've had
8 ten years of do more with less and less and
9 less and less. Band-aids.

10 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: And we're
11 coming to help you. Thank you.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,
13 Brian. Thank you, Pat. I'm going to --
14 okay, Legislator Bynoe.

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Legislator
16 Curran actually had her hand up before me so
17 I'm going to allow her and then me if you
18 don't mind.

19 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: So it's a
20 real lack of accountability that we're
21 talking about there and, you know, the jail
22 obviously it's kind of hidden away, only
23 certain people go there. And maybe this is
24 why this sort of thing is allowed to fester.

25 I'm glad you brought this to us.

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2 I think sunlight is the best way to solve
3 these problems.

4 Under your predecessor,
5 Legislator Bynoe and I had a chance to visit
6 the jail. She was beating the drum for that
7 roof from then. The fact that it's still a
8 problem is outrageous because I think there
9 was some progress that was supposed to be
10 made and wasn't made. She can talk about
11 that further.

12 I'm looking forward to coming and
13 seeing this. I just appreciate that you're
14 bring this to our attention.

15 One more quick thing, when
16 Legislator Bynoe and I did visit the jail,
17 some improvements were made. Clearly it
18 wasn't enough. If it needs us to come all
19 the time, then that's what we'll do.

20 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you,
21 Presiding Officer. Good afternoon, Brian
22 and Patrick. So, as Legislator Curran
23 stated, we visited the jail several times
24 and it was everything from security issues
25 to deferred or lack of maintenance.

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2 The roof was an issue when we
3 went. I was told that it was some kind of
4 litigation going on with the roof. I
5 implored both the sheriff and the chief
6 deputy County Executive to move on fixing
7 the roof and dealing with the litigation
8 later.

9 I believe there's a host of
10 health issues that are borne to that
11 facility based on the consistent moisture
12 that the building is taking on.

13 In addition to that, at what
14 point does the roof become so weak that it
15 just collapses. I have to agree that I
16 believe this is an issue of accountability.

17 In looking at how the jail is
18 staffed and the structure of leadership
19 there, I spent some time researching that
20 and looking at it, and it came to my
21 attention that we didn't have a commissioner
22 of corrections.

23 It may be filling that position
24 would in some way provide proper leadership
25 and oversight at the jail.

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2 To this point, I'm not seeing
3 where that has benefitted us. I'm concerned
4 that we continue to deal with the same
5 issues.

6 Now in terms of the inmates being
7 housed in the same units and jail
8 populations being two different gangs,
9 rather, being mixed into the same
10 population, that's something that I spoke to
11 on the record not this last budget hearing
12 but the one before that and I was promised
13 by the sheriff that he was going to make a
14 change. I was told, and it was confirmed to
15 me that the change was made.

16 So now I'm thinking that, as
17 Legislator Curran said, we kept going back
18 and that's when we saw change.

19 We at some point got a comfort
20 level that change would continue. So now
21 it's my belief that once we turn our back
22 that things go back to the way they were.

23 So if this body, I think you guys
24 have to realize that we have an issue at the
25 jail, we have a real serious issue at the

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2 jail. Even supplementing the leadership
3 that is currently in place has not proven to
4 be beneficial to those inmates, to the
5 officers that are there, and we have to
6 address this thing head on.

7 There are certain committees that
8 I think could be engaged properly to be able
9 to kind of flush out what some of these
10 issues are. We need to stop putting band
11 aids on these issues. Let's get to the root
12 cause. We keep treating symptoms. Let's
13 stop treating symptoms and get to the cause.

14 If I sound frustrated it's
15 because I am. I put a lot of work going
16 back and forth to this jail and speaking
17 with administration at the jail, speaking
18 with the administration here to try to see
19 some change.

20 When is the change going to come?
21 When something more catastrophic happens
22 than the death of all these inmates? What
23 are we going to do here? We have to get
24 involved.

25 I'm happy that you went,

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2 Presiding Officer, to the jail and I'm happy
3 that others are now interested in going. I
4 know Legislator Ford also went with
5 Legislator Curran and I one time. This is a
6 human rights issue. We are violating those
7 people's human rights at the jail. And
8 going to that jail shouldn't make you
9 subjected to the worst health care that you
10 can ever imagine in life and all the other
11 issues that are.

12 MR. SULLIVAN: Then we have to
13 worry about the inmates.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I need to
15 end it.

16 MR. SULLIVAN: One more thing, if
17 I can say one thing and then I will leave.
18 They did hire a new commissioner from the
19 city. He is a former chief of internal
20 affairs in the city. He was brought out
21 there. He was the commissioner. He was
22 made the chief administrative officer.

23 He's basically been acting in the
24 capacity of the head of internal affairs
25 here. He hasn't really been involved in

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2 really anything else.

3 I'm against having -- although I
4 respect all law enforcement, whenever you
5 bring somebody in to run a correctional
6 facility, they should have correctional
7 experience.

8 We have people that run police
9 departments. You could run the FBI. When
10 you come into corrections it's a whole
11 different bird. Especially Commissioner
12 Campezi coming into this facility from where
13 he came from in the city, with all the
14 terrorism and all the training, and
15 everything else, I would love to get his
16 position on our lack of training, a lot of
17 what goes on here, the lack of upkeep and a
18 lot of other issues.

19 I would love to get him on record
20 stating certain things about post-coverages
21 and training and the lack of training. I
22 think it would be eye opening for a guy like
23 that to come here, especially dealing with
24 where he came from to where we are now.

25 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: In fact,

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2 Brian, I have sent several letters over to
3 the jail and a few of them addressed to
4 directly Commissioner Campezi talking to
5 most of the issues you are actually bringing
6 forwarded today and must be included in your
7 report.

8 I too am concerned about his
9 background. He's coming with -- somebody
10 needs to be there with some kind of
11 background.

12 MR. SULLIVAN: They have to know
13 the jails. It's a whole different bird.

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So I, too,
15 have questioned whether he is the proper fit
16 for that particular institution. Thank you.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: One
18 question that I did ask you and I asked the
19 sheriff the day we toured.

20 Why are we waiting for the person
21 or the company that did the roof to come
22 back and take care of it since it's under
23 litigation? I said it's worth doing it
24 ourselves, getting it done and then suing
25 the company after.

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2 Because the longer it stays, the
3 way it is, the more damage there is.

4 MR. SULLIVAN: Every time it
5 rains it's running through the walls.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: It's
7 heartbreaking that a building is 20 years
8 old is in that shape. Now are you saying
9 that the Commissioner of Corrections is not
10 qualified to do this job?

11 MR. SULLIVAN: Yes. He could
12 have the highest qualifications in New York
13 City police and everything else, but
14 somebody who is going to be a commissioner
15 the corrections should have a correction
16 background. I get that there's
17 administration, there's administrators,
18 everything else, but if you don't know
19 jails, you shouldn't be the commissioner of
20 corrections.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. I
22 got you.

23 MR. SULLIVAN: They wouldn't put
24 me as the chief of patrol. As much as I
25 know a thousand cops and I know what goes on

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2 and I deal with whatever, you wouldn't take
3 me out of my job and put me in charge of
4 patrol at the police department. I'm sure a
5 lot of people would jump and down and dance
6 about that, and I wouldn't be put in charge
7 of a detective squad. It works both ways.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Brian, we
9 are going to wait for your brochure with all
10 the things we talked to again today and
11 other things that are not in this booklet.

12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Presiding
13 Officer, I'm not finished.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Brian, I
15 toured that jail and I have seen it become
16 more and more unreasonable as far as -- not
17 only -- look, everybody is saying the
18 inmates, the inmates. What about the
19 correction officers that have to work there?
20 It's a combination here.

21 I have toured that jail and saw
22 it change over the years. It didn't just
23 happen. It's a number of years of neglect.

24 MR. SULLIVAN: On every issue.
25 Not just infrastructure.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're
3 absolutely right. I certainly was appalled
4 by what I saw the day we toured for more
5 than two hours.

6 MR. SULLIVAN: I can talk to you
7 about units that were cut over the years and
8 it just keeps eroding and eroding and
9 eroding.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Right.
11 Brian, listen to me. I think it's important
12 that we establish I guess some type of
13 committee to listen to some of these
14 concerns. Some of the concerns I think we
15 should address in a session. Then, of
16 course, if need be, open it up to the
17 public. But right now, I think we've said a
18 lot.

19 MR. SULLIVAN: I'd glad to be
20 part of a committee like that. I would
21 welcome to be part of a committee.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I know you
23 would. We're doing the same thing with the
24 CSEA, why wouldn't we do it with you?

25 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And I am

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2 interested and concerned about the
3 correction officers and they were mentioned
4 when I spoke.

5 The other thing that I wanted to
6 address with this body is that the Board of
7 Visitors, if employed properly and resourced
8 properly, could in fact be our eyes and
9 ears. They could go back and they could be
10 the ones to make sure consistently that
11 there is a review and inspection of the
12 jail. That is why this body -- that Board
13 of Visitors was actually created.

14 If we're not going to allow them
15 to have the proper resources and empower
16 them properly, it's really our fault. Okay?
17 It's really our fault.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
19 Bynoe, I'm not going to refute that, but
20 they have visited the jail and they will
21 continue to visit the jail as the Board of
22 Visitors.

23 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Not according
24 to what they have stated when they were here
25 for reappointment, not according to the

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2 letter that the County Attorney -- I sent a
3 letter. I think you were cc'd on it.

4 I sent a letter to the
5 administration both at the county level and
6 at the jail level. I cc'd the Board of
7 Visitors by way of Captain Golio and the
8 County Attorney's Office responded basically
9 telling me that that's not their role. I
10 disagree with them and I sent back a letter
11 disagreeing with them.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I happen
13 to agree with you to a point. They do tour
14 that building but they don't do it on a
15 regular basis as you and I get to do. But
16 they do visit that facility.

17 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Not only
18 should they visit the facility. They should
19 be engaging the inmates so that the inmates
20 so the inmates know that they even exist,
21 that they know they exist so they can get
22 these types of complaints.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
24 Bynoe, I think that that would be over and
25 above.

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2 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: It's not.

3 It's according to Charter.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We are not
5 talking about the Board of Visitors at this
6 time; we're talking about conditions at this
7 facility.

8 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: To which they
9 put the beneficial in assisting us to
10 rectify.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Excuse me,
12 but you are not here and neither am I here
13 to determine what their responsibilities
14 are.

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I think I am.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: In the
17 meantime -- no. It's not the time. We are
18 listening to the president of the SHOWA's
19 association and --

20 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I'm trying to
21 give him an additional resource. Thank you.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Brian,
23 thank you very much. And I will tell you,
24 if you would like, that we can set up that
25 committee.

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2 MR. SULLIVAN: I will set that up
3 with both caucus. Thank you very much.
4 Have a good day.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now, for
6 the calendar. I'm going to call the
7 calendar. Mr. Pulitzer, please call the
8 roll.

9 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you,
10 Presiding Officer. Deputy Presiding Officer
11 Richard Nicolello?

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

13 CLERK PULITZER: Alternate Deputy
14 Presiding Officer Howard Kopel?

15 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

16 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Siela
17 Bynoe?

18 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

19 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
20 Carrie Solages?

21 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

22 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
23 Denise Ford?

24 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

25 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura

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2 Curran?

3 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.

4 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

5 Vincent Muscarella?

6 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

7 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator C.

8 William Gaylor III?

9 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Here.

10 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Ellen

11 Birnbaum?

12 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

13 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Delia

14 DeRiggi-Whitton?

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

16 Here.

17 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James

18 Kennedy?

19 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

20 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura

21 Schaefer?

22 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

23 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

24 Dennis Dunne, Sr.?

25 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Here.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

3 Arnold Drucker?

4 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

5 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

6 Donald MacKenzie?

7 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.

8 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

9 Steven Rhoads?

10 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

11 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

12 Rosemarie Walker?

13 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

14 CLERK PULITZER: Minority Leader

15 Kevan Abrahams?

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

17 CLERK PULITZER: Presiding

18 Officer Norma Gonsalves?

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Present.

20 CLERK PULITZER: We have a

21 quorum, ma'am.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you

23 very much, Mr. Pulitzer.

24 I'm going to call the consent

25 calendar first. And the consent calendar of

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2 those items that were discussed in
3 committees and voted unanimously.

4 So, therefore, we will call those
5 first and then we will go to those other
6 items that need to be addressed or completed
7 with the testimony.

8 The first one is Ordinance 36,
9 Item 2; Item 4, Ordinance 38; Item 5,
10 Ordinance 39; Item 6, Resolution 64; Item 7,
11 Resolution 65; Item 8, Resolution 66; Item
12 20, Resolution 78; Item 21, Resolution 79;
13 Item 25, Ordinance 15; and Item 26,
14 Resolution 140. Motion, please.

15 I'm sorry, I have two other items
16 that were on the consent calendar. Item 22,
17 Resolution 80; Item 23, Resolution 81.

18 According to the calendar, there
19 was an item that I called which is Item 24,
20 Ordinance 14; and Item 25, Ordinance 15, and
21 I believe Item 26 as well. These items that
22 needed to be untabled. Hold on.

23 CLERK PULITZER: Excuse me,
24 madam.

25 LEGISLATOR FORD: Put me on the

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2 record.

3 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Ford is
4 here.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I called
6 Item 25 and 26 as part of the consent
7 calendar. They are not part of the consent
8 calendar. 25 and 26 are not part the
9 consent calendar. They are items to be
10 untabled. I cannot call them at this time.
11 Motion, please.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Norma,
13 before you take the motion, just to be clear
14 for the record, Items 24, 25, and 26 are not
15 a part of this consent calendar?

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: They're
17 not part of the consent calendar. I called
18 25 and 26 as part of the consent but that
19 was before I read that they were to the
20 untabled. So they are not part.
21 Motion, please.

22 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
25 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator

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2 Walker. All those in favor of those items
3 that were just called signify by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Any opposed?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Those item pass unanimously.

8 Now for what we call the
9 non-consent calendar, and in most instances
10 it's because there are amendments that need
11 to be done.

12 Next is Item 3, Ordinance 37; an
13 ordinance making certain determinations
14 pursuant to the State Environmental Quality
15 Review Act and authorizing the County
16 Executive of the County of Nassau to accept
17 on behalf of the County of Nassau an offer
18 of purchase from Breezy Hill Group, L.L.C.
19 of certain premises located in Westbury,
20 Town of North Hempstead, County of Nassau,
21 State of New York, said property known as
22 Section 11, Block 504, Lot 7 on the land and
23 tax map of the County of Nassau and
24 authorizing the County Executive to execute
25 a deed, contract of sale, and all pertinent

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2 documents in connection therewith to
3 consummate the sale.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So moved.

5 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
7 Legislator Nicolello, seconded by Legislator
8 Kopel. Now I need an amendment in the
9 nature of a substitution. I will tell you
10 what you the amendment is before we do that.

11 The amendment corrects the
12 language in the ordinance to state the
13 property description as Section 11, Block
14 504, but now is included is part of Lot 7.

15 Motion, please.

16 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

17 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
19 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
20 Walker. All those in favor of the amendment
21 in the nature of a substitution signify by
22 saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 Any opposed?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 Now, the item as amended. All
3 those in favor of the item as amended
4 signify by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Any opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 The item passes unanimously.

9 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: You were just
10 amending the item, Presiding Officer?

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We took
12 the vote to amend the item in the nature of
13 a substitution. Now the item itself as
14 amended is being voted on.

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: But the police
16 commissioner is there and I may have a
17 couple of questions.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay,
19 commissioner.

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER:
21 Thank you, Legislator Gonsalves. Acting
22 Commissioner Thomas Krumpter, Nassau County
23 Police Department. There has been a number
24 of questions on what this land and property
25 is currently used as. Historically, the

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2 building was originally built as the highway
3 patrol. About 20 years ago, highway patrol
4 moved from there to Brushhollow Road and
5 ultimately they're currently situated in the
6 Third Precinct policing center.

7 This facility is currently
8 occupied by the CAPS squad; Crimes Against
9 Property Squad. There was a question at the
10 last Legislative meeting as to how this
11 would disrupt the operations of that CAP
12 squad. As part of the new second precinct
13 policing center will be the home of the CAP
14 squad and they will ultimately be moving
15 into that facility.

16 CAP squad investigates auto
17 crimes. They investigate, additionally,
18 credit card fraud and they were the home of
19 the computer forensic section and the cyber
20 predators section.

21 Cyber predators section recently
22 January of this year was moving into special
23 victims squad. The computer forensic
24 section was moved into the electronics
25 squad.

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2 Computer crimes is now based out
3 of that unit. So those are the three
4 functions there. It's the credit card fraud
5 and fraud cases. Auto crimes and the last
6 piece of that is computer crimes.

7 Those units will be moving
8 temporarily into the Bellmore facility and
9 then they will be ultimately moving into the
10 Second Precinct policing center.

11 The building is dilapidated.
12 It's in one of its worst conditions. It
13 doesn't really lend itself to computer
14 forensics. It doesn't lend itself to
15 investigative services. Right now CAP squad
16 is about 12 detectives. The building is
17 rather large and it's mostly garage space.
18 That garage space is currently not needed.

19 Therefore, we contacted the
20 county and requested that they could surplus
21 the building and use it for other uses
22 within the county.

23 The county ultimately decided to
24 put out requests for proposals and, after a
25 lengthy process, a bidder was selected and

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2 the amount of \$1.2 million was the final
3 purchase price of that building.

4 With that I will be more than
5 happy to answer any questions that you may
6 have.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
8 Bynoe.

9 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you,
10 Presiding Officer. Good afternoon.

11 So I visited the site with you
12 just last week and we walked through the
13 building and I will agree that it's probably
14 at its tipping point and of very little use
15 to the police department.

16 I want to just confirm that there
17 will be no disruption of service or anything
18 to the local Westbury, New Cassel community
19 that neighbors the police station there.

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER:
21 Legislator Bynoe, as you saw on the day we
22 visited, which was a Monday, there was
23 actually only two detectives in that
24 building at that time. That's pretty
25 standard right now. It's an under utilized

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2 building. Those detectives work throughout
3 the county as a whole. So there would be no
4 disruption to policing within the community
5 of Westbury, New Cassel and they might even
6 see a benefit.

7 That is a -- highway would stop
8 in there to use the facilities. They would
9 now likely just head into the Westbury New
10 Cassel New Cassel and use the facilities at
11 the booth that's right down in New Cassel.
12 So they will actually draw more police
13 sources further into that community rather
14 than just on the peripheral of that
15 community.

16 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So you said
17 that you contacted the county and suggested
18 it become surplus. Do you remember when you
19 did that?

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER:
21 It's been a while. This is all part of the
22 bigger plan. When we knew we were moving
23 into the policing center, that facility is
24 35,000 square feet of office space. 15,000
25 square feet of garage space, it's a 50,000

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2 square foot building. The Second Precinct
3 was during the planning of that.

4 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So I'm just
5 going to, for the record again, state that
6 this was an unanticipated sale of property
7 as it was not included in the original
8 budget and, therefore, I suggest that this
9 money, this 1.2, go to funding the buses.
10 Thank you, Commissioner.

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER:
12 Thank you. Have a good day. And if you
13 look at the tail on that, it goes back to
14 2015. So this has been a long process. It
15 wasn't easily sold.

16 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Understood.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
18 Schaefer.

19 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: On that
20 topic, do you know where the funding goes?
21 Does it go to the police department, does it
22 go to the administration?

23 ACTING COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER: If
24 I'm not mistaken, it goes to the land sales,
25 the open space, I believe. We will have to

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2 get back with that answer.

3 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Okay. That
4 will be good to know. Thank you.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
6 legislators?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Any public comment? Mr. Budnick.

9 MR. BUDNICK: Do I understand
10 that the Second Precinct is going to be
11 transferred into this building in Westbury?
12 I just want to make sure to get that
13 question answered because it seemed as if
14 the Second Precinct was going to be
15 transferred from its current location in the
16 Town of Oyster Bay into Westbury and leave
17 the Town of Oyster Bay --

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:
19 Commissioner, will you correct the record?

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER: I
21 will clarify the record. So the only thing
22 that's happening is the detective unit
23 that's assigned to the Westbury facility is
24 moving to the Second Precinct Policing
25 Center that is being built. That's 50,000

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2 square feet building. The Second Precinct
3 is not moving. There's no plans to move the
4 second precinct at this time. There is no
5 discussions about moving the Second Precinct
6 at this time, that will remain in Syosset.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. Mr.
8 Budnick, does that answer your question? I
9 guess it does. Any other public comment?
10 Meta Mereday.

11 MS. MEREDAY: Meta Mereday,
12 Baldwin, go Bruins. Actually I'm connected
13 to Westbury too because I used to work with
14 Bucky Reed when I did some teaching at
15 Westbury High School, so, go Dragons. I'm
16 just hoping that those young people will be
17 able to, once they finish high school and go
18 to college will be able to afford the taxes
19 at the rate it's going now, and the number
20 of zombie houses.

21 With regard to this property, I
22 just wanted to get clarification, as Mr.
23 Budnick, I just needed to get clarification
24 with regard to the temporary move for the
25 credit and fraud aspect.

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2 I just wasn't clear as to them
3 being temporarily moved to Bellmore or just
4 to get clarification because if we're
5 looking for space, and particularly when we
6 are looking for fraud and credit card fraud,
7 and you're doing all these tours, I don't
8 know but have you been to the Department of
9 Social Services recently because in the
10 basement, there is a whole area that is
11 empty and the section that is being utilized
12 actually is being utilized for welfare fraud
13 and things of that nature.

14 So, hey, wouldn't it be
15 interesting if we're talking about fraud and
16 recouping money, that people are getting
17 illegally, including our tax dollars since
18 we're paying the second highest property
19 taxes in the country, that we might want to
20 incorporate that type of scenario to bring
21 those departments and that type of purpose
22 together, that it would positively impact
23 those of us who are trying to stay here on
24 Long Island.

25 So I just wanted to get some

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2 clarification on why we should have to
3 temporarily move someone, we can get them
4 situated, they can be right on the spot,
5 because the wiring and everything is in the
6 location. Brand new cubicles and
7 everything, but you can run a cow through
8 the available space, the lower level of
9 Social Services.

10 ACTING COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER:
11 Just to clarify, the CAP squad is under the
12 major case bureau. The major case bureau is
13 based in Bellmore. They are all moving into
14 a facility that's under construction. It's
15 just a matter of the timing of the closing.
16 So depending on the timing of the closing,
17 we expect that facility to be up and
18 operational before the end of the year, and
19 it's just a matter of exactly when this
20 facility is closed on, and we have to vacate
21 it. It would be a temporary fix. That's
22 all it is.

23 On the face, Social Services may
24 be an ideal, it's really not for us because
25 our network is complete separate. We would

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2 have to run network fiber into that
3 building. It's a secured network. This is
4 a lot easier for us we already have the
5 space available to house this unit without
6 any significant investment.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,
8 Commissioner. Any other questions or any
9 other comments?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Is there any public comment?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 There being none, all those in
14 favor of Item 3, Ordinance 37 as amended
15 signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Any opposed?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 I guess the item passes
20 unanimously.

21 We are going to move on to Item
22 17, Resolution 75, a resolution to confirm
23 the County Executive's reappointment of
24 David Chulwoo Lee to the Assessment Review
25 Commission.

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2 Motion, please.

3 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
6 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Legislator
7 Kennedy. Now, I also have an amendment in
8 the nature of a nature of a substitution, so
9 I need someone to move the amendment.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
13 Legislator Nicolello, seconded by Legislator
14 Muscarella.

15 The amendment adds language in
16 the resolution to show the salary of the
17 appointment pursuant to Administrative Code
18 6-40.

19 So all those in favor the
20 amendment in the nature of a substitution
21 signify by saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 Any opposed?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Now for the item as amended. Any

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2 questions or comments regarding Item 17?

3 MS. LAVEMAN: Good afternoon,
4 legislators. I'm Robin Laveman. I'm the
5 Chairperson of the Nassau County Assessment
6 Review Commission. I wanted to introduce
7 you to David Lee who is our new appointee
8 and we have Jacki Rogoff and Anthony
9 Ballato, numbers 18 and 19, for
10 reappointments.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: They're
12 all here. Yes, Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Why
14 is it that their term expires June 30th,
15 2017?

16 MS. LAVEMAN: The way it works is
17 we replace people who have left. So you
18 continue the term of the position. There
19 was a former commissioner, Stanley Hirsch,
20 his commission ends the end of June. So Mr.
21 Lee will be replacing him and then coming
22 back for reappointment in June.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Mr. Lee,
24 would you like to say something?

25 MR. LEE: Yes, my name is David

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2 Chulwoo Lee.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And you're
4 going to serve up to June of 2017 and
5 hopefully be reappointed again, correct?

6 MR. LEE: Thank you.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You may
8 get up and talk if you want. I'm not going
9 to stop you.

10 MS. MEREDAY: I know that. Meta
11 Mereday, Baldwin. Not a problem. You were
12 getting ready to say was there any public
13 comment.

14 As it pertains to all three of
15 the appointees, I'm just hoping that as far
16 as the information, because all of you would
17 have the information and most of us would
18 not want to hear about it in Newsday of
19 course.

20 I'm just hoping as far as their
21 professional affiliations, that they are
22 not, so that there is no potential conflict
23 that none of them have businesses that
24 relate to anything that has to do with
25 assessments or things of that nature

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2 because, again, we have so many situations
3 that smack of conflict of interest. It
4 seems like we pay a lot of lawsuits in
5 Nassau County for some interesting reason.

6 So I just want to make sure as a
7 point of clarification that these appointees
8 standing here that you are clearly going to
9 approve in some form of the majority that
10 they do not have any relationships to any
11 businesses that are tied to providing advice
12 or assistance in terms of assessments or
13 anything to do with mortgages or things of
14 that nature in the housing arena. I just
15 want to be clear. Thank you.

16 MS. LAVEMAN: Thank you.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,
18 Ms. Mereday. Since I called that
19 separately, I'm going to, if there is no
20 other comment, call a vote on Item 17 as
21 amended.

22 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Madam
23 Presiding Officer, I do have one question.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
25 Drucker, I should have called the other two.

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2 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I withdraw
3 any question.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I should
5 have called the them but they're all being
6 amended, I figured take our time.

7 Any questions regarding 17?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 All those in favor of Item 17,
10 Resolution 75, signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 Any opposed?

13 (Nay.)

14 We got 12 to 6.

15 Now we're going to move on to 18,
16 Resolution 76, Resolution to confirm the
17 County Executive -- Mr. Lee, by the way,
18 you were approved, resolution to confirm the
19 County Executive's appointment of Anthony
20 Ballato to the Assessment Review Commission.

21 Motion, please.

22 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
25 Legislator MacKenzie, seconded by Legislator

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2 Gaylor. Now I also have an amendment in the
3 nature of a substitution. So a motion for
4 the amendment.

5 Motion, please.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
9 Legislator Nicolello, seconded by Legislator
10 Kopel. And that amendment has to deal with
11 the salary of the appointee that was not in
12 the resolution. Before we get to the item
13 as amended, who do we have?

14 MR. BALLATO: I'm Anthony
15 Ballato.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Say a few
17 words before we vote on your appointment.

18 MR. BALLATO: Good afternoon,
19 everybody. My name is Anthony Ballato. I'm
20 in Massapequa, New York. And to answer the
21 question that was raised, I'm a private
22 practitioner. I have zero interest in any
23 kind of assessments or real estate business
24 or anything of that nature.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: That's

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2 good. Thank you, Anthony.

3 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I do have A
4 question for, Mr. Ballato. I'm sure you are
5 aware of the highly critical and
6 controversial issue that we have today in
7 assessment in Nassau County.

8 Could you tell us really, I see
9 that you're mostly involved in litigation in
10 your resume. What experience could you tell
11 us what you have in real estate and in terms
12 of in light of how important that's going to
13 be in your position?

14 MR. BALLATO: Well, as a general
15 practitioner, and I might handle about 52
16 different areas of law, people come to me
17 with all sorts of problems; from birth to
18 death, I handle people's matters.

19 I was born and raised in this
20 county. I know it well. I bought and sold
21 homes of my own, my own business. I have a
22 fair idea of what properties are worth and
23 what taxes are.

24 After all, it's just as the old
25 commercial, the Hair Club for Men, I'm not

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2 just a customer.

3 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: With all due
4 respect, sir, I believe this position
5 requires more than just a general knowledge
6 that every person has when they live in this
7 county.

8 What percentage of your law
9 practice involves real estate? I'm a
10 private practitioner as well. I concentrate
11 in real estate, but do you have any sort of
12 concentration in real estate?

13 MR. BALLATO: Yes, certainly I
14 do.

15 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: How come
16 it's not mentioned in your resume?

17 MR. BALLATO: I don't put
18 percentages on my practice.

19 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: You don't
20 mention it at all. You mention litigation,
21 matrimonial.

22 MR. BALLATO: If you go to the
23 second page, I talk about real estate and
24 general practice. Real estate false under
25 the heading of general practice.

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2 To answer your question, I
3 handled numerous transactions involving the
4 purchases and sales of residential and
5 commercial real estate.

6 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: How many per
7 year would you say?

8 MR. BALLATO: It varies could be
9 a dozen one year, maybe a few the next. It
10 goes back and forth.

11 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you.

12 MR. BALLATO: This is a
13 reappointment. I have been on this board
14 for over six years now and I also served in
15 capacities of a lot of other matters.

16 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I wasn't
17 involved in previous appointments, so --

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
19 Muscarella.

20 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: I just
21 think we are getting to a point where you
22 are almost damned if you do, damned if you
23 don't. Ms. Mereday rightly pointed out that
24 we didn't want anybody with conflicts of
25 interest which would be people interested in

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2 real estate or had experiences in real
3 estate.

4 Now we hear that there may a
5 criticism for somebody not having enough
6 experience in real estate. So I just think
7 that we should look at the quality of the
8 candidates and vote accordingly.

9 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: How can you
10 deny the relevance and importance of real
11 estate experience when you're in a position
12 like this?

13 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: I'm not.

14 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: You are by
15 saying it's irrelevant.

16 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: I'm not
17 saying it's irrelevant. I think that the
18 quality of the person --

19 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: We're not
20 talking about quality, we are talking about
21 the experience.

22 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: And he's
23 had six years of experience on the
24 Assessment Commission.

25 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: It was

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2 nonsensical from the beginning if you ask
3 me.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I would
5 note for the record that County Executive
6 Suozzi appointed as chair of this commission
7 a perennial candidate who had no
8 qualifications. Dolores Sedaka. So if
9 we're going to go to qualifications, maybe
10 we should start -- it's kind of late in the
11 game for you guys to start bringing that
12 stuff up.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: First of
14 all, before we can approve your appointment,
15 we need to move to accept the amendment in
16 the nature of a substitution.

17 All those in favor of the
18 amendment in the nature of a substitution
19 signify by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Any opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Ms. Mereday, you don't have
24 another comment, do you? Before I took the
25 vote.

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2 MS. MEREDAY: I appreciate that.
3 Thank you. Meta Mereday, Baldwin. Just
4 again, with the concerns as it pertains to
5 making sure that those issues that are
6 impacting the least of us, so to speak,
7 truly the underserved, for me, primarily,
8 the veterans, but also our senior citizens,
9 in terms of what the responsibilities are or
10 what the considerations are with regard to
11 the assessment process in making sure that
12 those needs that we don't have to once again
13 go to New York State to address those types
14 of assessments and abatements for our senior
15 citizens and making sure our veterans are
16 aware.

17 And I agree in terms of
18 Legislator Drucker, just wanting to be
19 concerned about who is watching any of our
20 store houses. Right now, our assessment
21 process is ridiculous in its archaic nature
22 and its lack of parity as it pertains to
23 residents in this county.

24 So we need to make sure and we
25 need to continue to make sure so we don't

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2 see these expos'es that come up in Newsday
3 and News 12 about what's happening with our
4 tax dollars. Because our properties right
5 now are being challenged.

6 I'm just hoping again that the
7 individuals that are being appointed and
8 reappointed and reassigned are just aware of
9 all of those issues and those items that
10 pertains to that.

11 I also wanted to let Legislator
12 Kopel know that the veteran that was in East
13 Rockaway and Lynbrook, we are working
14 towards getting the dormer on top of his
15 house. He's the 91 year old veteran that
16 was going into Alzheimer's and I had left a
17 letter with you requesting your assistance.

18 But we were able to get the
19 dormer that's now being built on the house
20 but we have got to address, not just the
21 assessments but the considerations for our
22 older veterans so they can get additions put
23 on their homes that are challenged in these
24 local municipalities who are against mother
25 daughters, so that couple's family that had

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2 to travel over an hour from Sayville to come
3 and look after them will now be able to live
4 upstairs in that home and take care of that
5 couple. So this is serious business. I'm
6 hoping we're all aware of it and we're going
7 into it proactively and collectively. We
8 should not be talking about a majority and
9 minority when it comes down to somebody's
10 home. Thank you.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're
12 welcome, Ms. Mereday. There being no other
13 comments, all those in favor of Item 18,
14 Resolution 76 as amended signify by saying
15 aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Any opposed?

18 (Nay.)

19 I just have to see. Okay, Mr.
20 Ballato.

21 MR. BALLATO: Thank you to
22 everybody. I appreciate your time.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Your most
24 welcome.

25 Next, Item 19, Resolution 77, a

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2 resolution to confirm the County Executive's
3 reappointment of Jacki Rogoff to the
4 Assessment Review Commission.

5 Motion, please.

6 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
9 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
10 Ford. I also have an amendment in the
11 nature of a nature of a substitution, it
12 pertains to the salary of the appointee not
13 part of the resolution.

14 Motion for the amendment.

15 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
18 Legislator MacKenzie, seconded by Legislator
19 Kennedy. All those in favor of the
20 amendment in the nature of a substitution
21 signify by saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 Any opposed?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Now, for the item as amended, is

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2 there any comment from the legislators?

3 MS. LAVEMAN: Legislator

4 Gonsalves, I would just like to introduce

5 you to Jacki Rogoff, she currently sits on

6 our board. Jacki has extensive real estate

7 background managing a not for profit

8 foundation with substantial real estate

9 assets and she is has been on our board for

10 nine years. She is an asset to the

11 Assessment Review Commission and I would

12 request her reappointment.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you

14 very much. I appreciate that. Any comments

15 from the legislators?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Is there any public comment?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 There being none, all those in

20 favor of Item 19, Resolution 77 as amended

21 signify by saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 Any opposed?

24 (Nay.)

25 So that was 15 to 4. That was

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2 Mr. Drucker, Ms. Birnbaum and Ms. Curran.

3 I'm not going to adjourn the
4 meeting. I have public comment. Motion to
5 adjourn the Full Legislature meeting on
6 March 27th.

7 Motion, please.

8 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
11 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
12 Ford. All those in favor of adjourning the
13 March 27th, 2017 Legislative meeting signify
14 by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 Any opposed?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 (Whereupon, the Full Legislative
19 meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.)

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I several
21 people who are here waiting to speak.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I
23 understand, Norma, based on our
24 conversations that the Human Rights
25 appointments are not going to be called

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2 today.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: When you
5 get the responses that you are looking for,
6 can you share that with our side as well?

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Without a
8 doubt, and vice versa. You're not waiting
9 for anything.

10 As promised, we're going back.
11 Daniel Dobroff.

12 MR. DOBROFF: You all know that
13 gender identity is not covered under Nassau
14 County's anti-discrimination laws or gender
15 expression.

16 I was told on Friday by the
17 Nassau County legislator's legal counsel
18 that transgender rights are covered in
19 Nassau County's antidiscrimination laws.

20 This I do not believe to be the
21 case. I do not believe this is the case
22 because two simple words, gender identity,
23 are not in the County Charter.

24 I was told that adding gender
25 identity to the County Charter would in fact

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2 make it harder for transgender individuals
3 as well as others to be protected against
4 discrimination in Nassau County. I do not
5 believe that this is the case.

6 I do not believe that the late
7 great Judy Jacobs would keep trying year
8 after year to add gender identity and gender
9 expression to the County Charter if she
10 believed that transgender individuals were
11 protected under Nassau County's
12 antidiscrimination laws.

13 When we add gender identity, we
14 recognize the transgender community and they
15 feel respected. They don't have to hide.

16 When people don't have to hide,
17 they have freedom. Freedom is the safety of
18 the soul.

19 Do the right thing and add gender
20 identity to Nassau County's
21 antidiscrimination laws. If you have any
22 hesitation about doing so, please agree to
23 meet with the leaders of the transgender
24 community before the next Nassau legislative
25 meeting so you can understand why that is so

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2 important to do.

3 I just wanted to make a few extra
4 comments. I'm disappointed in how you
5 select who speaks first. My friend Rusty
6 Rodes who is 65 and has had serious medical
7 issues over the past several years and came
8 all the way from Suffolk County to speak on
9 this issue, was unable to speak because she
10 can only sit for a short period of time. So
11 I'm disappointed she did not get an
12 opportunity to speak. That's the
13 responsibility of the County Legislature to
14 ensure this doesn't happen in the future,
15 not the person's responsibility. I'm
16 disappoint about that.

17 And I wanted to say, my one
18 question is, if you truly feel transgender
19 citizens are protected, why not just put it
20 up for a vote and vote your conscience on it
21 so the vote in all your districts could see
22 where you stand officially in a vote?

23 A problem I have been having in
24 national, state, and local level is, when
25 things are put up for a vote, people can

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2 vote the way they want, but whenever a bill
3 is out there, it should be voted on.

4 I really hope that Democrats and
5 Republicans will do more on this issue.

6 I would like a Democrat to
7 respond and say how Judy Jacobs supported
8 this issue because I know she did.

9 CLERK PULITZER: Your time is up.

10 MR. DOBROFF: Okay. Not to put
11 you on the spot, but Minority Leader
12 Abrahams, I want to know what Judy Jacobs
13 thought about transgender civil rights and
14 conversations with you? I'm sure there must
15 have been a few. What did Judy Jacobs think
16 about transgender civil rights and the
17 conversations you and her had about it and
18 why she wants this to be done?

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: She's not
20 here. Go ahead, answer him.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I can just
22 say that obviously Judy was a strong
23 supporter of the transgender community. I
24 think her actions demonstrated that as well.
25 Year after year, she supported legislation

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2 to try to include some of the language that
3 Joanne has come down here for. Words cannot
4 express enough how much support she gave
5 towards the transgender community. She was
6 one of the most staunchest supporters of all
7 communities, but obviously she spoke very
8 fondly of that community as well.

9 MR. DOBROFF: Thank you.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,
11 Mr. Dobroff. Jacqueline Pirro? John Healy?

12 MR. HEALY: Good afternoon,
13 Legislators. I'm here specifically to
14 address Legislator Rhoads. He's the
15 representative for my district in Merrick.

16 As he's not here, I will take a
17 few minutes to address the general body of
18 the legislators and I appreciate your time.

19 I'm here as a resident of
20 Merrick. I resided in Merrick for four
21 years now. I bought a house back in 2009 in
22 a residential neighborhood. I bought the
23 home, across the street from me, hello
24 Legislator Rhoads, how are you? Thank you
25 for coming back in. I appreciate that.

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2 I'm a Merrick resident, and I
3 started saying, and I bought a home in a
4 residential community and across from me
5 were four families with children.

6 In the last six or seven years
7 since I have been living in that community.
8 One by one I have watched the lights in
9 those homes go off.

10 And the owner of those particular
11 homes is St. Demetrius Church. They have a
12 plan. I know we sent you some letters and
13 also to Presiding Legislator Gonsalves about
14 this issues.

15 We sent some letters to you
16 because the Nassau County Planning
17 Commission is going to address a pretty
18 aggressive redevelopment of the neighborhood
19 where I have bought my home and some of my
20 neighbors are also here and they're going to
21 speak about it as well.

22 They are looking to knock down
23 six homes on my particular street. Like I
24 said, we bought in a residential community.
25 The nature of that community is going to

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2 change. They are going to put up a large
3 commercial structure, directly across from
4 me and my two young children and my wife is
5 going to be a parking lot and an entrance to
6 the parking lot for this new cultural
7 center.

8 I know that the Nassau County
9 Planning Commission is going to make a
10 recommendation on this issue. They have a
11 hearing two days from now just this week.
12 Unfortunately, the people on the Planning
13 Commission are not elected representatives
14 and that's why we came to talk to you about
15 that.

16 We had a hearing last year before
17 the Town of Hempstead building BZA, and, at
18 that hearing, over 100 residents of our
19 neighborhood turned out in opposition to
20 this plan.

21 The church itself is short on
22 parking spaces for the church as it stands
23 right now, and the new plan calls for a
24 variance which would leave them another 150
25 parking spaces short for their services and

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2 the school and everything else that they
3 want to build here in this residential
4 neighborhood are knocking down homes in that
5 regard.

6 I was hoping that you, as our
7 representative on the county, could
8 certainly reach out to the Nassau County
9 Planning Committee, and discuss and let them
10 know of our dissatisfaction.

11 We are certainly going to turn up
12 at the meeting there as well. I know that
13 the Nassau County Planning Commission makes
14 a recommendation to the town and, our
15 position is as the neighbors, and your
16 constituents is certainly to know that we
17 are opposed to that. We are interested in
18 seeing the Nassau County recommendation be a
19 denial for the variances required.

20 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I'm familiar
21 with the proposal, it's been brewing for
22 some time. I know that you're back before
23 the Board of Zoning Appeals, if I'm not
24 mistaken, on April 26th.

25 I know that the Planning

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2 Commission is meeting on Wednesday. If you
3 want to hang around, because we're almost
4 done with the meeting, I'm happy to speak
5 with you about it.

6 MR. HEALY: Okay. And I know
7 there are two of my other neighbors that
8 want to address you as well. I won't take
9 up any more of your time, but let me defer
10 to them and let them address their further
11 concerns.

12 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Sure.

13 MS. BENEDETTO: Hello. My name
14 is Karen Benedetto. I live at 2095 Annette
15 Avenue in Merrick. As John was saying, some
16 of you may know that the South Nassau
17 Hellenic Community, doing business as St.
18 Demetrius Church, is looking to build a
19 structure that would house 13 classrooms.
20 First of all, it would be 25,684 square
21 feet. It would house 13 classrooms, a
22 library, a terrace, a museum, a gymnasium,
23 multi-purpose gathering hall which would
24 hold 316 occupants, a commercial kitchen
25 suitable for catering, administrative

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2 offices, and additionally, they're
3 requesting a variance for 146 off street
4 parking spaces. A refrigerated dumpster
5 which also is required for catering. We are
6 here really to employ your help, your
7 support, and most importantly your voice.

8 Our homes and our whole
9 life-style is being threatened. This
10 proposed addition to shift the community
11 from a residential to a commercial will
12 radically and forever alter the character of
13 this neighborhood that we bought into.

14 It will affect the safety of our
15 children and all residents. It will
16 increase traffic on the local streets and
17 that deficit of 146 parking spots will turn
18 our neighborhood streets into a parking lot.
19 If I wanted to live in Queens, I would have
20 bought in Queens, which is fine, but imagine
21 coming home and having to drive around for
22 10 minutes trying to find a parking space.
23 That is not suburbia and that's not why we
24 pay the taxes we pay.

25 On a personal note, 25 years ago,

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2 when we each bought into this quiet tree
3 lined neighborhood so that we could raise a
4 family and enjoy our quality of life, I
5 mean, picture yourself living across the
6 street from a 26,000 square foot building
7 and a parking lot that wasn't there when you
8 purchased your home, with horns beeping,
9 lights flashing, the trucks will be
10 unloading loading buses. It is will mayhem
11 every day of the week. But, be very
12 truthful, would you want this in your
13 neighborhood?

14 There are commercial locations
15 for a building such as this but it does not
16 belong in our residential neighborhood.

17 As John said, the Nassau County
18 Planning Commission denied this proposal May
19 18th, 2016, and I have a copy of their
20 decision. They are having another one but
21 there haven't been that many changes. So I
22 have a copy for you to read it.

23 They already have a 15,202 square
24 foot beautiful church for their worship,
25 fellowship, and their community needs. We

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2 have no objection to the existing church.
3 It's beautiful.

4 However, by comparison, the
5 Merrick library, which is 14,000 square
6 feet, it services and supports all of the
7 south Merrick community with over 10,000
8 residents.

9 The church, with this proposal,
10 will take over 40,000 square feet to service
11 and support maybe a thousand parishioners.
12 Please keep in mind it does not service the
13 Merrick community.

14 MS. BERGMAN: Good afternoon.
15 Before I begin, I would just like to take
16 the liberty just to say -- my name is Nancy
17 Marie Bergman, I would just like to say that
18 this is the first time that I'm actually in
19 the Legislative chambers and addressing the
20 legislators today.

21 It's really an honor, not only
22 being a Nassau County resident, but also
23 being an American that we have this type of
24 a forum that we can actually have our voices
25 heard.

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2 My name is Nancy Marie Bergman,
3 and I reside at 9 Cornell Place in Merrick.
4 I'm here today to provide information to
5 this legislation with an additional concern
6 from our community concerning the St.
7 Demetrius Church and their proposal to build
8 a two story cultural center.

9 The environmental impact would be
10 devastating. With the demolition of five
11 homes, we will be facing particle pollution
12 which will compromise everyone's health. We
13 have documentation from the United States
14 Environmental Protection Agency of air and
15 radiation to support this.

16 Additionally, there will be noise
17 pollution, light pollution and more exhaust
18 fumes.

19 We have been in contact with
20 several environmental agencies in regard to
21 the impacts this will have in our community.

22 A professional engineer, Daniel
23 Karpen, has expressed a deep concern due to
24 the fact that there is an underground fresh
25 water stream that runs geographically under

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2 the streets where this proposed building
3 will be.

4 All of these findings will reduce
5 the value of our homes; the homes we bought
6 in this neighborhood. Not across the street
7 from a parking lot, not across from a
8 commercial building but other homes in a
9 neighbor.

10 I urge you to look at the
11 pictures that we have brought today which we
12 will show after session.

13 In regards to the concerns for
14 the safety of our children and the
15 residents, we need to address the traffic
16 situation. In the surrounding streets of
17 St. Demetrius, we have many children, some
18 whom we have identified with special needs.

19 The traffic pattern has increased
20 on Hewlett Avenue over the last few years.
21 We have pictures to support.

22 There has already been a
23 significant amount of traffic in the
24 neighborhood as Hewlett Avenue is a through
25 street to the church and businesses, and the

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2 Long Island Railroad at the location on
3 Merrick Road and Sunrise Highway.

4 There may be three of us here
5 today but there are hundreds of Merrick tax
6 paying residents, and I will repeat,
7 hundreds of taxpayer Merrick residents that
8 are in an uproar over this proposed project.
9 All actively fighting to keep our
10 neighborhood intact.

11 Now, we are aware that there is a
12 RLUIPA Act to protect the civil rights to
13 worship and we are not here today talking
14 about the church who was outgrown its site,
15 but we are here today talking about a profit
16 events center that is owned and will be
17 owned by the church.

18 We appreciate you giving us this
19 forum to express our community concerns. We
20 need action now and we need it from you, the
21 leaders here in this room. Our community
22 has sent, as John has mentioned, numerous
23 letters to state and local politicians from
24 starting with the governor of this great
25 state, to all who are here in this room,

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2 which is Legislator Rhoads and Legislator
3 Gonsalves.

4 We are welcoming your response,
5 we implore you to give us your answers. We
6 would like to further this discussion
7 separately or collectively. Thank you for
8 your time.

9 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you.

10 MS. BENEDETTO: I just wanted to
11 say one other thing, by demolishing those
12 five homes, by doing so, the county's tax
13 revenue will decrease and then in turn
14 causing our taxes to increase which is a
15 very big consideration as well.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: If you
17 have any paperwork to deliver to us, you can
18 give it to the clerk and he will make sure
19 it's circulated.

20 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I'm not sure
21 how many speakers we have left, Presiding
22 Officer, but if you wait until the end of
23 the meeting, I will be happy to speak with
24 you if you have time.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The next

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2 speaker is Rusty Rodes who I believe left.
3 Then we have Aiden J. Kaplan? I don't think
4 he is here either. Steven Fegora Smith?
5 Aaron Watkins Lopez. He is here.

6 MR. WATKINS LOPEZ: Aaron Watkins
7 Lopez with the Long Island Bus Riders Union.
8 First of all, I just wanted to thank
9 Legislator Rhoads for joining us last week.
10 I went up Vision Long Island. We delivered
11 about 600 letters to the Assembly, the
12 Governor's Office, as well as all the
13 senators on Long Island.

14 There was some good news. The
15 Assembly did talk about the possibility of
16 \$10 million being allocated to non-MTA so it
17 would be split between us, Suffolk County,
18 and Westchester. The only thing is, really,
19 the senate needs more of a push. They're
20 still talking about this. Still in
21 negotiations. So we do have about seven
22 days before this budget is put out and this
23 money is given to us or not.

24 Something that did come up in the
25 meetings that Legislator Rhoads brought up

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2 and I would just like a little bit of
3 clarity on was, the possibility of the
4 county giving \$1.2 million to NICE Bus.

5 He mentioned in the meeting that
6 the majority caucus is working with the
7 administration. I just wanted to know where
8 this money was coming from. What is the
9 possibility that this is recurring revenue,
10 and what are we doing to continue to
11 advocate for the additional revenue streams
12 that are found. Because, as great as it is
13 for \$1.2 million, and as great as it would
14 be if the state gave about 3.3 to Nassau
15 County, it still doesn't fill the deficit
16 and doesn't fill the naturally recurring
17 deficit of \$7.5 million that NICE Bus
18 managed to cut.

19 So what are we going to do to
20 make sure this isn't the same conversation
21 we've been having for five years next year?
22 So I just wanted to know if anybody could
23 give me a little more clarity of where this
24 money is coming from, can we get it next
25 year, and what are we looking for next

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2 year's funding?

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Aaron,
4 it's something that we need to keep working
5 on. You know that Legislator Rhoads went up
6 to Albany on our behalf. Unfortunately I
7 couldn't go but I wanted to go because I was
8 at Vision Long Island. When we said that we
9 would continue to work hard to make sure
10 that we had the resources to fund bus
11 service, not just for this year but for the
12 years in the future. Because this is very
13 painful going through this every year.

14 MR. AARON WATKINS: Absolutely.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: So we're
16 not going to give up. We're going to see.
17 But it's \$10 million that they're talking
18 about.

19 MR. AARON WATKINS: If we split
20 it by ridership, we'll get the lion share
21 but it's still only about 3.4.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: It's not
23 enough.

24 MR. AARON WATKINS: It's not
25 enough. But I do want to know what was this

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2 \$1.2 million that was brought up. I think
3 if we're talking about this in a room with
4 50 advocates and we're talking about it with
5 the senators, we should kind of know what
6 this money is, so we can continue to
7 advocate for it. So I just want to know if
8 you could tell us.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Aaron,
10 it's my understanding that the state will
11 match whatever we put in.

12 I think the bottom line is \$1.5
13 million, and I'm still not sure where that
14 \$1.5 million is coming from, but if we were
15 able to come up with \$1.5 million, then the
16 state promises or says they will commit, put
17 it that way, to match it with another \$1.5,
18 but that brings us to \$3 million. Takes us
19 maybe till next year at the same time. So
20 we're back in the same ball game. Let's see
21 where we can go with the state in getting us
22 that additional money. I thank you for your
23 efforts. I know it's hard.

24 MR. WATKINS LOPEZ: Thank you.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Scott Wolf

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2 still here? No. Joe Diamond? No. Meta
3 Mereday. You're next.

4 MS. MEREDAY: Meta Mereday,
5 Baldwin. On April 27th of this year, it
6 will be I guess one year of the enactment
7 with regard to the Section 1, Title 18 of
8 the law that took two years. And thanks to
9 Legislator Curran and, as you all say, the
10 other side, for those of us on this side,
11 we're on one side.

12 With regard to increasing the
13 inclusion for service disabled veteran owned
14 businesses, for me, it's almost like a
15 discrimination of omission where we're not
16 including veteran owned businesses as well,
17 but since we have not really achieved any
18 real benchmarks as it pertains to including
19 service disabled veteran owned businesses,
20 it really doesn't sadly make a difference
21 whether we say it's service disabled or
22 veteran owned business.

23 So my question continues to be,
24 where is the rubber meeting the road?

25 Particularly hearing from the

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2 representatives from corrections with regard
3 to the infrastructure problems that have
4 been going on at the jail for a number of
5 years, particularly that facility. This is
6 the perfect opportunity for us to use our
7 invasion and creative genius to try to look
8 at getting funding to not only repair the
9 infrastructure in the jail system but to
10 also increase opportunities for veteran
11 employers as well as veteran employees to
12 actually do some work that's going to secure
13 and reinforce our communities.

14 As I'm sure you said, Presiding
15 Supervisor, you don't necessarily want the
16 overcrowding to extend outside the facility
17 into your own home. So what exactly do you
18 plan to do about it? Setting up another
19 committee? Having another commission
20 established? That's not going to be the
21 answer.

22 Just as the previous speaker who
23 had been so eloquent in trying to get
24 funding to address the NICE Bus cuts which
25 are significantly going to impact residents

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2 and workers who rely on those buses solely
3 for their life-style, their whole
4 livelihood, including many of our veterans
5 who unfortunately are not able to assess
6 even the additional buses and vans that were
7 provided to DAV to get north.

8 I know I myself have had to
9 transport the widow of a veteran from the
10 south north to north shore just to get to
11 her pain management clinic.

12 So I'm not here just standing
13 here speaking because I want to spend the
14 time, all though all of you are very
15 entertaining and enlightening in some
16 occasions, but I do have to do some things
17 as I said to maintain my own property as
18 well as to try to support my ongoing efforts
19 to address the increasing unmet needs in our
20 veteran community.

21 So I'm hoping that since it took
22 two years to get the legislation on the
23 books, that we're now one year out that we
24 can have something significant in terms of
25 some real items.

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2 Again I have provided you with
3 the information in terms of my background
4 that we can provide these opportunities,
5 particularly since we so many planes that
6 fly over us from JFK, I don't understand why
7 we have more businesses that are operating
8 and working on the construction and
9 development at both JFK and LaGuardia.

10 I have also given my information
11 to the correction representatives in the
12 hopes that we can come together to bring
13 some significant programming that we can get
14 funding from the state as well as the
15 federal government to shore up our prison
16 facilities, but also provide opportunities
17 for those who are in the prison system so we
18 can bring down the ongoing recidivism that
19 we have also impacted.

20 So that's pretty much it. As I
21 said, the last thing I'm hoping that we can
22 revisit the whole mother daughter situation
23 as it pertains to a lot of our real estate
24 because that could be one, at least one
25 solution, to addressing the increase of

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2 flight that we have with our veterans who
3 are leaving this community.

4 They are leaving Long Island,
5 leaving Nassau County, even though they are
6 attending our prestigious institutions of
7 education. They cannot afford to live here.

8 Just in one instance it took us
9 over eight months to get a waiver to get a
10 permit to build a dormer on top of a home
11 because rather than for challenging mother
12 and daughters already in their community,
13 that shouldn't be the case. Because my
14 focus on trying to keep veterans from losing
15 their home before they become to the point
16 where they have lost their home and then
17 they get very depressed and disillusioned
18 and they add to the numbers that are
19 increasingly now, according to Soldier's
20 Project, close to 30 veteran soldiers who
21 are committing or attempting to commit
22 suicide every day. Domestic violence,
23 substance abuse, sexual assault is on the
24 rise in the military and within our veteran
25 community.

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2 If we continue to just --

3 CLERK PULITZER: Ma'am, your time
4 has expired.

5 MS. MEREDAY: If we just continue
6 to just bypass and shake our heads and say
7 this is such a shame and we do nothing about
8 it, we are not longer at fault, we are
9 responsible. Thank you.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,
11 Ms. Mereday. Have a good day.

12 MS. MEREDAY: You too.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: John
14 Budnick.

15 MR. BUDNICK: John Budnick, 122
16 Von Huenfeld Street, Massapequa Park.

17 Madam Chair and members of this
18 august Legislature, you folks and our county
19 are being starved of funding by the way New
20 York State does its business.

21 I noted last week that there was
22 a proposal to stop the bleeding from our
23 county budget of about \$21 million a year
24 because the state pushes those amounts of
25 Medicaid payments back upon the county.

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2 Pushed them back on all the counties in New
3 York State. There was a proposal introduced
4 by Congressman Faso from upstate New York to
5 end that.

6 I don't know what is happening
7 with that or if it bears any potentiality
8 for bearing fruit, but the problem we find
9 the county in, we don't have money to repair
10 the jail, don't have money to take care of
11 the buses, we don't have money for many many
12 necessary items that the state is very often
13 pushed on to the county and we need to have
14 the state stop pushing its responsibilities
15 and these costs back upon the county because
16 the county has basically only two means to
17 raise the funds.

18 One is by real estate; one is by
19 sales tax. That's an impossibility right
20 now because of the high taxes because of our
21 schools because, once again, New York State
22 is not properly funding our schools.

23 I leave these issues to you and I
24 also believe that consideration should be
25 given to bringing back having the County

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2 Executive, County Comptroller and County
3 Attorney be non voting members of this body.

4 Also, I'm asking for two
5 additional things, bear with me for a
6 moment. One is creation of Mitchell Field
7 Historical District to honor those veterans
8 and all they did in World War II.

9 Mitchell Field was the
10 headquarters among other things of the
11 interceptor command. It was also the
12 headquarters of the Army Air Force
13 Anti-Submarine Command, one of the planes
14 out of there saved my uncle from being shot
15 when he sank right off of Fire Island here.
16 By scaring the German submarines into diving
17 instead of them opening up on the survivors
18 of the torpedoed ship.

19 Also, one more thing, Topic
20 House, or something like it needs to be
21 recreated. We have too many young people
22 dying. Too many people lives destroyed
23 because there isn't someplace in Nassau
24 County.

25 We have property at Nassau

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2 Medical Center, there are several floors
3 open. There's also new property that the
4 county is getting just west of Nassau
5 Community College.

6 Thank you very much. Thank you
7 for your time. Thank you for all that you
8 guys do each and every one of you. God
9 bless you. And you're underpaid grossly.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,
11 Mr. Budnick. That ends public comment and I
12 thank all of you who stayed to be heard but
13 unfortunately we had a lot of people here to
14 speak but we're here to stay as long as you
15 are here to stay.

16 So thank you and have a good
17 night and stay safe.

18 (Whereupon, the Full Legislative
19 Committee concluded at 4:18 p.m.)

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RULES COMMITTEE

NORMA GONSALVES, Chairwoman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, March 27, 2017
4:30 P.M

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Chairwoman

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Vice Chairman

HOWARD KOPEL
Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer
(Substituted by Legislator Rhoads)

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KEVAN ABRAHAMS,
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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Let's move
3 on. The Rules Committee is now in session.
4 Please call the roll.

5 CLERK PULITZER: Roll for the
6 Rules Committee:

7 Legislator Carrie Solages?

8 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

9 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Delia
10 DeRiggi-Whitton?

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
12 Here.

13 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
14 Kevan Abrahams?

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

16 CLERK PULITZER: Substituting for
17 Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Howard
18 Kopel is Legislator Steve Rhoads.

19 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

20 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
21 Dennis Dunne?

22 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Here.

23 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman
24 Richard Nicoletello?

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Chairwoman Norma
3 Gonsalves?

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Present.

5 CLERK PULITZER: We have a
6 quorum, ma'am.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
8 very much, Mr. Pulitzer. Let's begin with
9 the first item on the agenda, A-7, a
10 resolution authorizing the director of
11 Nassau County Office of Purchasing to award
12 and execute a contract between the County of
13 Nassau acting on behalf of the Nassau County
14 Police Department and Intergraph Corporation
15 d/b/a Hexagon Safety and Infrastructure.

16 Motion, please.

17 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
20 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
21 Nicolello.

22 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Item A-7
23 is to authorize and award a purchase order
24 for Hexagon maintenance for the Nassau
25 County Police Department.

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2 Hexagon Maintenance is our
3 computer aided dispatch and our records
4 management system software. The request is
5 for a sole source purchase Intergraph
6 Hexagon Safety and Infrastructure is the
7 creator and owner of the Hexagon software
8 that's copyrighted software. Because the
9 software is proprietary and copyrighted an
10 in accordance with the license agreement,
11 Intergraph is the only vendor legally
12 authorized to provide maintenance.

13 The purchase order is for
14 \$1,184,608 and this takes us to the --
15 maintenance expires July 31st of 2018.

16 This contract is going to supply
17 maintenance. We are going to get a software
18 upgrade and we're also going to integrate
19 the record management software into our new
20 program when we roll it out.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
22 questions of the lieutenant in regard to
23 this item?

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If I may,
25 Madam Presiding Officer. I have questions

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2 directly for the Lieutenant on this
3 particular item that said -- I wanted to get
4 a chance to speak before we actually opened
5 up the meeting. It seems like we are
6 holding Rules Committee meetings every
7 Monday this Legislative body meets.

8 To me, in light of the fact that
9 outside forces, whether it be Newsday or
10 editorial boards, independent authorities
11 are calling for more transparency and more
12 contract reform in this county, it seems
13 like we are going in the wrong direction by
14 accelerating some of these contracts
15 through.

16 This is not a direct knock on
17 your contract, Lieutenant, it just seems
18 when we should be reigning in contract
19 spending and taking a look at reforming our
20 procurement process, it looks like we're
21 going even faster, like this is the
22 Enterprise.

23 So I just want to make sure that
24 we're cognizant that we still do not have
25 the proper reforms in place to protect us

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2 from an AbTech or any other situation that's
3 happening in this county.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
5 Solages.

6 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you
7 very much. I would like to join in on the
8 concerns of my colleague from the First
9 District. I took time this weekend just to
10 appreciate the editorial by Newsday.

11 It's exactly what my colleagues
12 and I have been fighting for since April
13 2015 when the AbTech scandal broke out which
14 led to the conviction of a New York State
15 senator involving an unsolicited contract
16 that came out of this body.

17 I'm concerned that we are just
18 going forward with the same process. I know
19 that, from what I have heard as well, you
20 can appreciate these concerns.

21 I have seen over the past couple
22 of months Legislator Nicoletto raise
23 concerns before that we had been raising
24 them for quite a long time and I thank him
25 for that.

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2 But I think that the time is due
3 now for us to come to some kind of consensus
4 as to how much reform, if any, we will
5 engage in to at least show some respect to
6 the voters and the residents of this great
7 county who are concerned with the constant
8 turning out of contracts from this body.

9 People want to see work done in
10 their community but the excessive rate of us
11 granting these contracts left and right to
12 politically connected firms is quite
13 concerning.

14 The editorial states in part that
15 Nassau needs a clean contracting process.
16 It goes in great detail.

17 One suggestion is to put a \$2,000
18 cap on vendor donations to candidate for
19 county political offices and political
20 committees.

21 Instead, the county put it in a
22 tougher disclosure rule for vendor
23 contributions to candidates but did nothing
24 about vendor contributions to the party
25 committees that provide so much money to

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2 campaigns.

3 Again, these are concerns.

4 Nothing against this specific contract.

5 But, again, I want to thank my colleague

6 Kevan Abrahams for raising this and I think

7 that it's time for us to come together. We

8 have been coming in the same direction but

9 the time is now for reform. Thank you.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Hold on.

11 Hold on. Legislator Nicoletto.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We tend to

13 speak in absolutes and I think that's what

14 the members of the minority are doing right

15 now, you have done nothing, yada yada, yada.

16 The truth of the matter is,

17 there's been a number of reforms that have

18 been put in place. The truth of the matter

19 is, this is a work in progress. There are

20 additional reforms that may be necessary,

21 additional changes to the procedures of the

22 county that are underway.

23 So, yes, there's been an

24 tremendous amount of reforms and in many

25 respects ours is now the most transparent in

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2 the state.

3 You look at reforms that other
4 counties have, and they have some of what we
5 have, but what we have now in effect is, as
6 I said, probably one of the most transparent
7 in the state.

8 The one thing -- I kind of agree
9 that we should not be having Rules
10 Committees unless there is something that
11 has to go through on a time sensitive basis.
12 We should not be having them on the same day
13 as Legislative meetings.

14 But, again, unless there is a
15 time sensitive issue that should go forward.

16 However, I would also note that
17 the more reforms that we put in place and,
18 again, there were good reforms that we put
19 in place to date, that the process gets
20 slower and you have some 12 departments that
21 look at these contracts as well as the
22 Comptroller and NIFA and these contracts are
23 taking an incredibly long time to get
24 through and, in some respect, that's not in
25 the interest of taxpayers either.

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2 It's a work in progress. We made
3 a lot of reforms. We are open to additional
4 reforms where we see fit and that's my
5 spiel.

6 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Madam Chair?

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
8 Dunne.

9 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: On the item, I
10 just wanted to weigh in on it. Yes, we are
11 the most transparent in the State of New
12 York with our contracts. Nobody does more
13 than we do in Nassau County. Nobody in the
14 State of New York.

15 So to say that we're doing a bad
16 job, no, I think we are doing a damn good
17 job, putting a lot of reforms in, as
18 Legislator Nicoletto had said.

19 This sole provider software for
20 the police department I don't think is
21 something that is a friendly thing we are
22 doing for somebody, and to paint it that
23 way, that's the way it came out, and I'm
24 sorry if I read it wrong.

25 I know you don't mean to throw

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2 stones, but this is something that the
3 police department -- you need it, right, you
4 can't operate without it, right? We need
5 it. This is something that we have to do.

6 There was something earlier that
7 didn't have to be on there and it was taken
8 off. Where it's necessary, we're putting it
9 on the Rules, we're going to be doing the
10 contracts with it.

11 I would love to say that we've
12 gotten money from the state to take care of
13 contracts because we have a state board that
14 is suing contracts, spending our taxpayer's
15 dollars, it's crazy, to do the job they're
16 supposed to be doing.

17 So there's so much that can be
18 thrown back and forth and we're not going to
19 be do that.

20 All I'm saying is, this is
21 necessary, this is something that I'm glad
22 Madam Chair put on because if we waited then
23 it would be two or three months down the
24 line and we would say why did it take so
25 long to put before us?

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2 So damned if they do, damned if
3 they don't. We have to get it done for
4 them. So I'm going to vote for this, Madam
5 Chair.

6 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: One
7 statement.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
9 DeRiggi-Whitton.

10 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
11 Thank you. Getting back to what Legislator
12 Nicolello just mentioned, it is every Monday
13 and today we have 12 contracts on for Rules
14 and, out of the 12, I believe 11 are late.
15 One is on time. Two they're actually trying
16 to backdate, I haven't really seen before.

17 Just to go back to one more thing
18 that Legislator Dunne mentioned, while I
19 agree we have made some improvements, I'm
20 happy to see that, we are in a very unusual
21 situation having a black cloud of an
22 indictment hanging over us.

23 Honestly, unless we have an
24 independent inspector that has their own
25 office, their own budget and subpoena power,

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2 which I would really love to see, we are
3 really not doing anything to stop another
4 AbTech from happening.

5 So although a few minor
6 improvements have been made rightfully so
7 under this situation, I still think we have
8 a long way to go before any of us feel that
9 we are 100 percent confident in this
10 process.

11 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: If I may,
12 please.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
14 Solages.

15 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Hi. Thank
16 you. Let the record reflect, before
17 Mr. Sullivan, with the Correctional Officer
18 Union, at the jail provided a pamphlet
19 packet with many pictures describing and
20 showing conditions at the county jail,
21 significant disrepair in terms of entry
22 ways, elevators, hallways mold, this is the
23 point.

24 The people in this county pay
25 some of the highest taxes and none of these

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2 taxes are going to fix things like this, but
3 they're going to fix and help politically
4 connected law firms like Rivkin Radler or
5 politically connected organizations like
6 LamTech, which sounds similar to AbTech, and
7 politically connected organizations that
8 truly people don't want to really see this
9 county money go to these areas but where
10 they deserve. So we are asking things to
11 get on the right track here.

12 So, please, Legislator Dunne, I
13 know you didn't mean it to manipulate what I
14 said to distract people. It wasn't about
15 the first contract. We just brought it up
16 now because it's the beginning of the Rules
17 Committee.

18 This is about, in general, the
19 type of contracts are not necessary, rushed
20 through without true oversight, and, as a
21 result, money, there are certain projects
22 where really money needs to be devoted on,
23 they're not getting the attention they
24 deserve.

25 So if we can come a consensus to

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2 create more oversight to allow this leaking
3 sieve to just limit in its flow so we can
4 truly save to the people's money and get
5 projects done that really need to get done.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
7 Dunne.

8 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Thank you,
9 Madam Chair. You know, the state gives us
10 mandates and does not fund them. There are
11 so many unfunded mandates from the state
12 that comes to us. \$242 million in Medicaid
13 alone. \$242 million.

14 Now, when we have a contract
15 that's necessary for the safety of our
16 residents, the sewers, the roads, those
17 contracts I think are important too, not
18 just the police contracts but the sewers and
19 the roads.

20 And we are as transparent more
21 than we've ever been and more than any
22 county in the State of New York. We are
23 doing the very, very best we can right now
24 and we can't get, right now nobody is more
25 transparent than we are.

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2 We've got to get moving forward.
3 There's holes, pot holes, everywhere, road
4 construction that needs to be done. Those
5 contracts are being held up for ransom for
6 the apparatus you want involved and we want
7 to get the county back into shape.

8 We want infrastructure done and
9 the infrastructure is the sewer system.
10 That starts falling apart, it's not going to
11 be shame on us, it's going to be shame on
12 you because you are not bonding the stuff.

13 People are complaining about the
14 roads in Nassau County. You know what,
15 somebody gets hurt, there's an accident
16 because the roads aren't done because you
17 didn't bond the money for the contracts that
18 we're trying to get done, you know what? You
19 have to live with yourself on that one. I'm
20 amazed. I'm stopping right there. Let's
21 just stop.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Let's go.
23 Any public comment on this? Any public
24 comment on this?

25 MR. BECKER: Madam Chair, you

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2 have to give me a moment. Maybe give me 30
3 seconds.

4 I want to add, number one, the
5 minority seems to be bent on indicating the
6 reforms that were made were minor and that's
7 hardly the fact. As you well know and
8 actually stated, Deputy Presiding Officer
9 Nicolello, you stated it clearly.

10 We know it's the silly season so
11 they're going to make everything that the
12 majority does and the County Executive
13 shaded.

14 Legislator Dunne, when the
15 Legislator Solages said everything
16 politically connected, you were right in
17 insinuating that he's trying to make
18 everything any contract that comes before
19 this body to be shaded, that it's somehow
20 politically connected, which, again, is
21 absolutely false. We understand what you're
22 trying to do at this time of year.

23 And, of course, as far as doing
24 the Rules Committee today, we are in fact
25 have a budget of \$3 billion in this county.

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2 The majority has the right to call Rules
3 meetings. All of these items before you
4 today were submitted seven days prior as is
5 required by the rules of this body. The
6 majority has the right to call these
7 meetings or not.

8 Wisely, I think they did. There
9 are some very important things on here.
10 Maybe we need to have more Rules meetings.
11 That is my big part of the solution. I was
12 never on Rules, so that was okay.

13 Madam Chair, Mr. Cleary wanted to
14 give a brief presentation before you on the
15 advances and the work he's doing in regards
16 to getting these contracts in time and some
17 of the procurement policies that are now in
18 place. Some of them are brilliant and
19 wonderful. But I told him that today would
20 be a bad day only because of all the
21 presentations that were made today.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Guess
23 what? It's never a bad day. To hear from
24 the procurement director, then it is a good
25 day.

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2 MR. BECKER: But he will be
3 making a presentation with your permission
4 next meeting.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Hold on
6 one minute. Is he ready today? Next week
7 we're meeting at 3:30, 4:00.

8 I'm a good listener, I don't know
9 about some of my colleagues but I'm a good
10 listener. That goes for both sides of the
11 aisle. I'm not picking on anybody.

12 If there is no public comment
13 regarding this item, I'm going to call for a
14 vote.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I have a
16 question.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: On this
18 item? Go ahead Minority Leader.

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Lieutenant,
20 we just wanted to clarify based on your
21 comments, Motorola is developing and
22 installing the new Rems?

23 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Yes.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And it will
25 be rolling out later this year?

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2 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Yes.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We had
4 heard through back channels or commentary
5 that some police officers were unsatisfied
6 with Armor software, have you heard the same
7 thing?

8 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Not
9 directly but I heard it through other
10 people, yes.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Do you
12 have any idea of what those objections or
13 concerns are?

14 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: I think
15 the system was cumbersome to use and took a
16 lot of time to process an arrest. So the
17 new system is going to streamline that and
18 it will be more user friendly and it will
19 process arrests quicker.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Will the
21 contract cover maintenance as well?

22 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Yes.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay. I'm
24 good.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: One more

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2 question, Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

3 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

4 Would you consider this contract a sole
5 source?

6 MR. STEPHANOFF: The one
7 currently in front of you?

8 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Yes,
9 that's the one we're talking about.

10 MR. STEPHANOFF: Yes.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: It's
12 a sole source?

13 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Yes.

14 Because originally we bid this out
15 originally when we bought the system and
16 this is a maintenance contract. They have
17 copyrighted software so no one else can
18 maintain this.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
20 DeRiggi-Whitton, did you get the answer to
21 your question?

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Yes.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Fine. Any
24 public comment on this item?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 There being none, all those in
3 favor of Contract A-7, signify by saying
4 aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Any opposed?

7 (Nay.)

8 The item passes four to three.

9 The next item is E-48, a personal
10 services agreement between the County of
11 Nassau acting on behalf of the Traffic and
12 Parking Violations Agency and Anthony D.
13 Perry.

14 Motion, please.

15 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
18 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
19 Nicolello.

20 MR. RICH: Dave Rich, Deputy
21 Director of Nassau County Traffic and
22 Parking Violations Agency.

23 This is an extension of an
24 existing contract for one of our judicial
25 hearing officers, Judge Perry.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
3 questions?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 Is there any public comment?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 There being none, all those in
8 favor of E-48 signify by saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 Any opposed?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 It's unanimous.

13 E-61, a personal services
14 agreement between the County of Nassau
15 acting on behalf of the Nassau County
16 Department of Public Works and Nelson & Pope
17 Engineers and Surveyors.

18 Motion, please.

19 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

20 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
22 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
23 Rhoads.

24 MR. ARNOLD: Ken Arnold, Public
25 Works. E-61 is a contract amendment

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2 associated with the design services of the
3 extension of Motor Parkway Trail. The
4 amendment is necessary to have a
5 commencement date as of May 2nd instead of
6 the August that was initially approved when
7 the contract was signed.

8 This is necessary because the
9 county is receiving state funding and to
10 meet the deadlines we had to start the
11 contract earlier than the commencement date
12 came in.

13 If you any questions, I can
14 answer them.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
16 Dunne.

17 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: The failure to
18 approve this would result in a loss of
19 federal aid for this project, correct?

20 MR. ARNOLD: The contractor has
21 done some work at the early commencement
22 date because we did not want to lose the
23 money. Failure to prove this would have the
24 vendor not get paid.

25 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: I just want to

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2 make sure of one thing.

3 This path that we're talking
4 about, it appears it's going to be -- used
5 to have in the plans, it would go behind
6 some houses in Levittown. A lot of houses
7 in Levittown.

8 I asked that that be diverted
9 around so it goes around the business area
10 rather than through the back of many many
11 houses in my district and people would be
12 really upset, people riding by their
13 backyard while they're sunbathing or having
14 their breakfast or even barbecuing and
15 having all sorts of traffic there where
16 there never was before. Has that been part
17 of the --

18 MR. ARNOLD: I know that's a
19 consideration for future phases.

20 This phase that we're talking
21 about today, is from the existing ending of
22 the bike trail by the dog run in Eisenhower
23 Park. And it will run to the Merrick Avenue
24 multi-use trail that runs along Merrick
25 Avenue so it's connecting two existing bike

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2 trails that we already have through the old
3 Motor Parkway right of ways.

4 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Thank you. In
5 that case, I'm voting for this. Thank you.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Minority
7 Leader.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you,
9 Madam Presiding Officer.

10 Ken, my questions, I'm sure what
11 this is being designed for is worthy to what
12 Legislator Dunne was talking about, but our
13 understanding of some of the backup
14 documents is a little troubling.

15 It seems like this contract was
16 commenced on August 8, 2016 and whether or
17 not this Legislature took action prior to
18 August 8th is another issue. I don't have
19 that information in front of me.

20 That said, it seems like we are
21 amending the start date today to reflect May
22 2nd, 2016, and now we are in March 27 of
23 2017.

24 Why would we ten months later be
25 looking to push the start date back on a

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2 contract?

3 MR. ARNOLD: In the past we have
4 amended for commencement dates on some
5 contracts. So this is not unusual that
6 we've done this.

7 I believe if my memory corrects
8 me, I can look it up, that the original
9 contract came through your body just before
10 the May 8th change of the date.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No. It was
12 fully executed on 8-8-16.

13 MR. ARNOLD: Right, but I believe
14 the vote for the initial contract was, and I
15 can look it up here, I think in April of
16 '16, execution date follows after the NIFA
17 and Comptroller approval. So usually it's
18 two or three months after you guys have seen
19 it on this level.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Again,
21 today for consideration is an amendment to
22 push it back three months from the August
23 date to the May date; is that correct?

24 MR. ARNOLD: That's correct.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So why

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2 would we be considering that now moving from
3 August which was seven months ago to push it
4 back to now, the contract goes back ten
5 months? Is there some type of work they
6 were doing between May and August that we're
7 not aware of?

8 MR. ARNOLD: Yes, as I stated
9 previously, there was some work they had to
10 do because we had some deadlines that were
11 approaching us, and if we would have waited
12 for the August commencement date, we would
13 not have made those deadlines and could have
14 risked losing the funding.

15 So the department directed Nelson
16 & Pope at risk to start some aspects of the
17 work so we would make all our deadlines.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And you're
19 saying we would have lost some type of
20 reimbursement funding?

21 MR. ARNOLD: Yes, the state has
22 deadlines for design reports and different
23 parts of the project. We have to get to
24 them on time to meet the obligation date to
25 build it.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So if I
3 understand, the state accepts the practice
4 that even though the contract has not been
5 approved -- I mean, this whole thing with
6 backdating the contract now --

7 MR. ARNOLD: More importantly, we
8 are changing the commencement date for the
9 Comptroller to pay the vendor. This is the
10 practice that we have talked to them in the
11 past on and they accept this as a practice.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: My counsel
13 is telling us we don't see many of these.

14 MR. ARNOLD: We have a handful.
15 On occasion we have done this.

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Sounds
17 extremely troubling that a contract that's
18 already in the middle of being done
19 obviously with Nelson & Pope, it just seems
20 like now we're saying, oh, seven months
21 later, we have to go back.

22 I would have to see the fact that
23 -- you know what, let's request it. I would
24 like to see what work they did between May
25 and August of 2016. Because it will be

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2 extremely troubling if I see or our caucus
3 or this legislative body see something that
4 comes back that is significantly billing the
5 county during that period that could not be
6 billed before.

7 MR. ARNOLD: You want to see what
8 was billed?

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I would
10 like to see what work as well as what bills
11 they will submit between May and August from
12 2016 because here we are backdating the
13 contract. They started the work. Granted,
14 they did not have a contract in place to
15 start the work.

16 They got their contract in
17 August. They started work in May and here
18 we are in March of the following year and
19 now we are approving a backdate? It seems
20 like to me that -- it sounds like to me that
21 that backdate is going to include a big
22 bill. Why are we even going through this
23 exercise of amending a contract seven months
24 after it commenced to -- if it's not going
25 to have a big portion of May to August

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2 that's not going to have a big bill?

3 MR. ARNOLD: Well, regardless of
4 the size of the bill, in order for the
5 Comptroller to pay it, we have to backdate
6 the contract because they did do some work
7 in that time frame.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Ken, I
9 totally get why the Comptroller needs to see
10 it in place for him to pay it.

11 What I'm asking is, suddenly it
12 dawned on us seven months later, oh yeah, we
13 have to backdate this contract three months?
14 This should have come to us -- they did the
15 work. We knew they did the work in August.
16 This is before us in March. This should
17 have come before us in September, October.

18 MR. ARNOLD: I don't disagree
19 with your argument, and we've directed all
20 our project managers of this issue, moving
21 forward, they need to let the commissioner's
22 office know as soon as they have an issue to
23 get the information to us so we can act on
24 it.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now, Mr.

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2 Arnold, I'm going to have a motion to table
3 this until next week.

4 MR. ARNOLD: Okay.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
8 Legislator Nicolello, seconded by Legislator
9 Dunne. All those in favor of tabling this
10 item signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 Any opposed?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 It is tabled.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Ken, you
16 should try to get us that information before
17 next week.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: The next
19 item is E-62, a personal services agreement
20 between the County of Nassau acting on
21 behalf of the Nassau County Traffic and
22 Parking Violations Agency and RTR Financial
23 Services, Inc.

24 Motion, please.

25 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
4 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
5 Nicolello.

6 MR. RICH: Dave Rich, Deputy
7 Director of Nassau County Traffic and
8 Parking Violations Agency.

9 This is a contract amendment. In
10 general, it's going to allow us to reimburse
11 the certified mailing costs for certified
12 mailings for default judgment.

13 Last year, I think it was about
14 April or May, the FDCPA came and stated that
15 we can no longer report traffic tickets and
16 parking tickets to a person's credit report.
17 This allows us now to file a default
18 judgement which is filed with the County
19 Clerk which now it acts as a record on the
20 credit reporting as well as allows us to
21 take additional execution efforts on it.

22 Back in September or October we
23 did a proof of concept where we mailed out
24 roughly 1,691 letters, certified mailings.

25 Of that, we would have spent

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2 about \$21,000 in mailing costs but we would
3 have been recouped about \$180,000 which
4 would have been about a net of about
5 \$100,000 to the county.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
7 questions for Mr. Rich? Legislator
8 DeRiggi-Whitton.

9 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Is
10 this also pertaining to the red light camera
11 that go on the credit?

12 MR. RICH: No. This specific
13 vendor, no, is just for our traffic moving
14 violations. We have a different vendor that
15 does photo enforcement as well as parking
16 violations.

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So,
18 the photo enforcement, do they still go on
19 the credit rating record?

20 MR. RICH: Yes, they would. They
21 don't currently because of the FDCPA ruling,
22 but we have another contract amendment
23 coming up with a different vendor that we
24 anticipate doing the same exact thing.

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Are

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2 you going to have the same issue with the
3 certified letter or no?

4 MR. RICH: Yes. No. I take that
5 back. We thought we did but in the enabling
6 legislation, basically, for failure to
7 resolve, I'm using layman's terms, so to
8 speak, failure to resolve allows us to do a
9 default judgement without doing a certified
10 mailing.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just
12 one last quick question. Wouldn't the
13 contractor, wouldn't they be responsible for
14 the cost of the certified letter not the
15 county?

16 MR. RICH: Usually we do that but
17 we found that this vendor, this specific
18 vendor actually came in at seven percent.
19 We issued the RFP back in 2012 and what we
20 did, May 25th, 2012, we issued the RFP. We
21 received 18 responses at that time.

22 This vendor actually came in the
23 lowest at seven percent. But, what we did
24 with the RFP, we said the default judgments
25 at that time was an optional component. We

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2 looked at the pricing on that as well as we
3 decided whether or not we were going to
4 allow that vendor to do it.

5 In the original contract, we did
6 not contract with them for default
7 judgement. But, being that it was in the
8 original RFP, and in their response, we
9 looked at it, I think it would have come out
10 to seven percent to do the collection fee,
11 and then an additional seven percent for the
12 default judgement, plus they also talked
13 about doing a recruitment if they had to do
14 an income execution. So we basically agreed
15 that it's just going to be a flat seven
16 percent so we actually saved money by
17 sticking with this vendor to do a default
18 judgement.

19 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
20 by only paying the seven percent and paying
21 for the certified mailing, it's still less
22 than any of the other people that responded
23 to the RFP?

24 MR. RICH: Yes. You're not going
25 to find anyone else there that's going to do

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2 seven percent collection fee.

3 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

4 Thank you.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
6 Dunne.

7 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: And their
8 license in Buffalo and license in Yonkers,
9 and you are satisfied with the work they
10 provide?

11 MR. RICH: Very satisfied.

12 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Thank you.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any public
14 comment?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 There being none, all those in
17 favor of E-62 signify by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 Any opposed?

20 (Nay)

21 The item passes four to two.

22 The next item is E-63, a personal
23 services agreement between the County of
24 Nassau acting on behalf of the Nassau County
25 District Attorney and ACISS Systems, Inc.

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2 Motion, please.

3 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
6 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
7 Rhoads.

8 MR. MCMANUS: Bob McManus,
9 District Attorney's Office.

10 This is the fourth one year
11 extension of an agreement with ACISS Systems
12 Incorporated for support and maintenance of
13 the District Attorney's legacy case
14 management system.

15 The system assists the District
16 Attorney's Office in collecting, sharing and
17 analyzing data regarding violent and gun
18 related crimes.

19 We introduced a new case
20 management system called Justware in
21 December 2015.

22 However, for the time being, we
23 are still maintaining our previous system
24 until Justware is fully integrated.

25 I think it would be disrespectful

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2 of me to seek approval of this item without
3 explaining or briefly addressing the issue
4 of contracts in general.

5 The reason for the delay in this
6 case is due to a misunderstanding in our
7 agency.

8 In December of 2015, as I
9 previously mentioned, we introduced a new
10 case management system in our office called
11 Justware. Justware is a major upgrade from
12 our previous system.

13 Staff members in our office
14 mistakenly assumed we would not be renewing
15 with ACISS due to the introduction of
16 Justware.

17 However, our IT staff started
18 getting inquiries from ACISS and they
19 notified us that ACISS was continuing to
20 perform services as part of the transition
21 from the previous system to Justware. We
22 apologize for the late submission of this
23 extension.

24 More generally, in some cases we
25 have to wait until grant funds are in place

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2 before we can proceed with contracts.

3 However, in many cases, or in
4 some cases, we submit contracts close to or
5 past the beginning of a contract term for
6 reasons unrelated to funding.

7 In recent days, we have devoted
8 many staff hours to completing contracts to
9 address the legislature's concerns about the
10 issue of timely submission. This is
11 currently a top priority in our office.

12 Moving forward we are
13 transferring an additional staff member from
14 our district court office to our
15 administrative offices in Mineola within the
16 next two or three weeks and this individual
17 will be assigned to working with vendors to
18 writing contracts, assembling the required
19 disclosure forms, and working with the
20 various county agencies to expedite
21 contracts in a timely fashion in the future.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
23 Dunne.

24 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: In putting the
25 contracts forth on time, if it does work,

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2 will you share that with us, the process and
3 then we'll try to get it county wide.

4 Because, if it does work, let's make it
5 global in Nassau County.

6 This is a sole source vendor; is
7 that correct?

8 MR. MCMANUS: That's correct.
9 ACISS, it's their software. The system
10 provides the office with investigative case
11 management program management programs,
12 software, which uniquely integrates with the
13 case management system that we're gradually
14 phasing out.

15 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: It's only
16 \$24,000 that we're talking about, so it's
17 not -- even though it's a little late, it's
18 a small contract. Thank you.

19 MR. MCMANUS: Thank you.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
21 comments?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Is there any public comment?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 There being none, all those in

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2 favor of E-63 signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 Any opposed?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 The item passes six to zero

7 correct.

8 MR. MCMANUS: Thank you.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: The next
10 item is E-70, a personal services agreement
11 between the County of Nassau acting on
12 behalf of the Office of the Nassau County
13 Clerk and Word Power Unlimited.

14 Motion, please.

15 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
18 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
19 Dunne.

20 MR. BUTLER: Good afternoon.

21 John Butler, fiscal officer, Nassau County
22 Clerk, Maureen O'Connell's Office.

23 The item before you today is an
24 amendment to extend time and add dollars to
25 a bulk mail processing contract with Word

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2 Power.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
4 questions? Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

5 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
6 would just like to put on the record that
7 this contract expired on May 31st, 2015,
8 almost two years, which is one of our
9 records.

10 MR. MCMANUS: Within the contract
11 itself, we did have the right to extend for
12 four single year terms. We did attempt to
13 extend back in 2015 but somewhere along the
14 process the paperwork was lost. We believe
15 the County Attorney's Office when we go back
16 and look at the entry screens it seems like
17 we hit a road bump there.

18 I understand that our procurement
19 officer, Mr. Cleary, is currently working on
20 software that will prevent an oversight like
21 that from happening again. So we are
22 looking forward to implementing the CRS
23 system in our department but it was just a
24 simple oversight.

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: All

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2 right, but just to reiterate what everyone
3 has been saying, both sides of the aisle, we
4 have really kind of reached our maximum
5 point of patience with this. As you see,
6 NIFA is also. It really is an important
7 thing. We can't have oversight if we don't
8 even know that the contracts are going. But
9 thank you.

10 MR. MCMANUS: I understand.

11 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Madam Chair,
12 real quick?

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
14 Dunne.

15 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: I appreciate
16 the work that has to be done by your office
17 and this is extremely important to get this
18 kind of mailing done.

19 Now the tracking system that
20 they're trying to put in place, is that what
21 you're talking about?

22 MR. MCMANUS: That's it, yes.

23 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: That will show
24 us exactly where it is and why it's late, if
25 it's late, who's to blame?

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2 MR. MCMANUS: Right. Just so we
3 can better track where it is. We can better
4 implement technology to help.

5 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Give us the
6 reasoning why it's being delayed and stuff
7 so it if does come to us like this, like
8 even you agree, it's not acceptable it comes
9 so darn late.

10 So we try to do it the right way.
11 Let's fix this.

12 MR. MCMANUS: I would like to
13 prevent something like this from happening
14 as I'm sure everybody up here does.
15 Technology can obviously help us. On a
16 going forward basis, you know --

17 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: And this is a
18 \$50,000, we're not going to handcuff the
19 County Clerk's Office, I'm going to vote for
20 this.

21 MR. MCMANUS: Appreciate it.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any public
23 comment?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 There being none, all those in

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2 favor of E-70 signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 Any opposed?

5 (Nay.)

6 The item passes four to two.

7 The next item is E-78, a personal
8 services agreement between the County of
9 Nassau acting on behalf of the Office of the
10 Nassau County Attorney and Bee Reporting
11 Agency, Inc.

12 Motion, please.

13 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
16 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
17 Rhoads. Okay, Mr. Littman, how are you?

18 MR. LITTMAN: How are you? Sam
19 Littman, County Attorney's Office.

20 This is an amendment to an
21 existing contract with Bee Court Reporting.
22 It seeks to add time and money into the
23 contract. The existing contract was
24 approved by this body in May of 2015, I
25 believe. Any questions?

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any

3 questions of Mr. Littman?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 Is there any public comment?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 There being none, all those in
8 favor of E-78 signify by saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 Any opposed?

11 (Nay.)

12 The item passes four to two.

13 The next item is E-79, a personal
14 services agreement between the County of
15 Nassau acting on behalf of the Department of
16 Social Services and Anthony V. Santoro,
17 Psy.d

18 Motion, please.

19 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
22 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
23 Nicolello. Mr. Broderick.

24 MR. BRODERICK: Good afternoon.

25 Paul Broderick, Deputy Commissioner,

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2 Department of Social Services.

3 The item before you is a contract
4 between the Department of Social Services
5 and Dr. Anthony Santoro to provide
6 evaluation services as mandated by family
7 court. Do you have any questions?

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
9 questions or comments for Mr. Broderick?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Is there any public comment?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 There being none, all those in
14 favor of E-79 signify by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 Any opposed?

17 (Nay.)

18 The item passes four to two.

19 Thank you.

20 The next item is E-80 personal
21 services agreement between the County of
22 Nassau acting on behalf of the Nassau County
23 Parking and Traffic Violations Agency and
24 Joseph C. Calabrese.

25 Motion, please.

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2 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
5 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
6 Nicolello.

7 MR. RICH: Dave Rich, Deputy
8 Director of Nassau County Traffic and
9 Parking Violations Agency.

10 This is a contract extension for
11 an existing JHO contract for Judge
12 Calabrese.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
14 questions or comments?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Is there any public comment?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 There being none, all those in
19 favor of E-80 signify by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Any opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Six to zero.

24 Next is E-81, a personal services
25 agreement between the County of Nassau

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2 acting on behalf of the Department of Social
3 Services and American Records Management
4 Systems, Inc.

5 Motion, please.

6 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
9 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
10 Nicolello.

11 MR. BRODERICK: Good afternoon.
12 Paul Broderick, Deputy Commissioner,
13 Department of Social Services.

14 The item before you is a contract
15 between the Department of Social Services
16 and American Records Management.

17 Per New York State Law, we're
18 mandated to maintain records and case files
19 regarding client history. Any questions?

20 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: This starts
21 April 1st of this year so you are ahead of
22 the game and your department is such a major
23 department and how you can do this and other
24 departments can't, I don't know. God bless
25 you. Keep up the good work.

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2 MR. BRODERICK: Thank you.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Are there
4 any other comments or questions from the
5 legislators?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Is there any public comment?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 There being none, all those in
10 favor signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 Any opposed?

13 (Nay.)

14 Passes four to two.

15 The next item is E-82, a personal
16 services agreement between the County of
17 Nassau acting on behalf of the Department of
18 Health and James McGuinness & Associates,
19 Inc.

20 Motion, please.

21 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

22 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
24 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
25 Rhoads.

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2 MS. LAURAIN: Good afternoon.

3 MaryEllen Laurain, Department of Health.

4 Item E-82-17 is a renewal to a contract with
5 James McGuinness & Associates in the amount
6 of \$97,500.

7 This contractor processes claims
8 for Medicaid reimbursement for services in
9 our mandated preschool special education
10 program. Work has not started and will not
11 start until this contract is fully approved.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
13 questions or comments? Legislator
14 DeRiggi-Whitton.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just
16 one quick question. Is there any other
17 contractor providing this service to the
18 county?

19 MS. LAURAIN: In the county any
20 other contractor? I'm not aware of any
21 other contractor.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: For
23 the Medicaid reimbursement services.

24 MS. LAURAIN: For the Health
25 Department this is the only contractor that

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2 we use.

3 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Has
4 the county performed any due diligence to
5 purchase software that could be used?

6 MS. LAURAIN: We do utilize the
7 McGuinness software as part of the children
8 who are receiving services. So this
9 contractor, the software is married to one
10 another.

11 This is very labor intensive and
12 Medicaid is audited every year. It's a very
13 strict audit. So it could really affect the
14 universe of the department if there were
15 errors in that.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any public
17 comment?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 There being none, all those in
20 favor of E-82 signify by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 Any opposed?

23 (Nay.)

24 The item passes four to two.

25 I have four items, four contracts

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2 that are going to be untabled if I have a
3 motion to untable. E-281, A-2, E-23 and
4 E-35.

5 Motion, please.

6 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
9 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
10 Nicolello. All those in favor signify by
11 saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 Any opposed?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 They are untabled. And we will
16 begin with E-281, a personal services
17 agreement between the County of Nassau
18 acting on behalf of the Office of the Nassau
19 County Treasurer and Capital Resource
20 Management, Inc.

21 Motion, please.

22 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
25 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator

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2 Nicolello.

3 MR. JEFFERSON: Good evening.

4 Beaumont Jefferson, County Treasurer. The
5 item before you is a contract to provide
6 collection services of emergency ambulance
7 billing.

8 The vendor Capital Resource
9 Management, CRM, is a local MWBE firm that
10 specializes in medical billing collections.

11 Currently we have approximately
12 \$777,000 in insurance checks that were
13 received by individuals who were transported
14 by ambulance services.

15 They received checks from their
16 insurance companies and those checks were
17 not remitted to the county.

18 We also have approximately \$1.2
19 million that we cannot determine the
20 addresses so we actually need to skip search
21 and find these individuals so they can remit
22 those checks if they do have them.

23 This is a collection for billing
24 and I have Greg Stephanoff from PD who can
25 speak to the billing contract, but I don't

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2 want this to be confused with the actual
3 ambulance billing. This actually comes
4 after the billing, after the ambulance
5 billing company attempts to collect from
6 anyone who takes an ambulance.

7 Then you have the service where
8 we try to collect anything that was remitted
9 to the insurer or any addresses that are
10 bad.

11 So I think the last time we were
12 hearing this was tabled, I think there was
13 some confusion on, what is this.

14 I want to separate, this is
15 collections for our people who we know
16 received checks and we want to collect
17 those. Also there is a component where we
18 have bad addresses.

19 So this company, which is a local
20 company will actually try to track these
21 individuals and have these individual remit
22 these checks for us.

23 There is another component, if
24 there is another component, we would have to
25 speak to the billing side of it, but this is

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2 really a collection contract that we are
3 interested in collecting money which is low
4 hanging fruit from folks who receive money
5 and cash the checks and they owe the county
6 the money.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
8 Nicolello.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you,
10 Mr. Jefferson. You have explained that very
11 well. I do have a question to the initial
12 component, the billing side of this, before
13 it gets to collections.

14 It's always been my understanding
15 that the county goes after just the
16 insurance and does not go after people --
17 doesn't attempt to collect on resources from
18 people who are uninsured; is that correct,
19 lieutenant?

20 MR. JEFFERSON: That's my
21 understanding but I will let the lieutenant
22 speak to it.

23 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Everyone
24 who gets driven in an ambulance who does get
25 billed, and what we do is, anyone who asks

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2 for relief, we coordinate with the billing
3 company. We look at the situation. If
4 there is no ability to pay, then we would
5 offer relief. No ability meaning that there
6 is no insurance that can be reimbursed and
7 then we do offer relief to them.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Okay. I
9 thought more in particular, I thought it was
10 more definite that if someone did not have
11 insurance, the county would not go after
12 their assets or their payments. That's been
13 my understanding.

14 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: In that
15 case we would offer relief, because they
16 wouldn't have a mechanism of getting
17 reimbursed for it.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here is my
19 concern. I always thought that the bills
20 had that spelled out clearly.

21 We all get bills in our home.
22 Much of the time it's elderly people. Our
23 staff had gotten a copy of one of the bills
24 and this is what it says, it indicates how
25 you can pay, different types of insurance.

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2 It says, self pay, if you do not have
3 insurance, please remit your payment. If
4 you have any questions please call the
5 number listed on the front of this
6 statement.

7 So it just says self pay. If you
8 do not have insurance, please remit.

9 So if I'm looking at this, I have
10 no idea that I don't have to pay. I'm
11 saying, I don't have insurance, I have to
12 pay. I send the check in.

13 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: It's not
14 always the case that you don't have to pay.
15 There are people with means that can easily
16 pay.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Then how
18 do we know that?

19 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: To the
20 best of our ability, we coordinate with the
21 billing company who deals with the person
22 that we're billing, and we try to make an
23 assessment. If there is no insurance we do
24 offer relief from the bill.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I have

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2 difficulty with that because the people with
3 means have a way to have mechanisms and
4 resources to I guess fight this.

5 But I think what you're dealing
6 with is the people that don't have means.
7 People are probably -- who don't have
8 insurance are probably on the lower
9 socioeconomic scale. So those are the
10 people who are going to start sending in
11 money.

12 That's exactly opposite of what
13 we always wanted to do here is simply this:
14 You have insurance, we're going to go after
15 your insurance to pay us for this service.

16 If you don't have insurance,
17 we're not. Because your tax dollars pay for
18 it anyway.

19 So, I think this clearly say to
20 anyone who receives a bill for using a
21 Nassau County Police Ambulance, if you do
22 not have the ability to pay or do not have
23 insurance, please contact this number.

24 Basically, we can work on the
25 details, but people who don't have insurance

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2 should know that they don't have to pay for
3 this.

4 MR. BECKER: Legislator
5 Nicolello, I want to do add one thing. I
6 did some research on this on my own. I, in
7 fact, called the agencies that are involved
8 here as to why it wasn't absolutely clear
9 that if you didn't have insurance you didn't
10 have to pay.

11 Their concern basically is, if
12 you say call this number if you have no
13 insurance. They're thinking that people
14 aren't going to pay, whether they have
15 insurance or not.

16 By having a phone there, if you
17 have no insurance, once the people call and
18 they're asking for relief because they
19 really can't pay and do need the relief, at
20 that particular point they tell them they
21 don't have to pay once they make that phone
22 call.

23 Sitting where you are sitting at
24 one point, just being conflicted about that,
25 whether you should actually have on that, if

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2 you have no insurance, and people just say,
3 I have no insurance and they're really not
4 telling you the truth. That's a problem.

5 In fact, it's an even greater
6 problem that people who do have insurance
7 aren't paying. They get the check and never
8 send it in. It's a big problem.

9 The agencies are trying to work
10 together or work towards trying to find a
11 better method of getting paid by people who
12 actually have the insurance.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: That's a
14 legitimate point. I would say that with
15 respect to that, then maybe we should have a
16 form that they fill out and return which
17 states basically that they are submitting
18 this information that have no insurance
19 under penalty of perjury and have them go to
20 a notary public or something like that.

21 Again, the point here is this,
22 it's always been our concept up here, and I
23 think most people in the county. If you
24 have insurance, the county is going to go
25 after it to get reimbursed for the service.

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2 If you don't have insurance, your
3 tax money paid for this already, we're not
4 going to go after it.

5 The way we're doing it now, I
6 guarantee there are thousands of people who
7 paid because they didn't understand that the
8 county makes an exception.

9 MR. BECKER: I would like to say
10 that we tabled this many months ago and it's
11 creating problems.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I don't
13 want to table this item because it has to
14 deal with collections, but I think this is a
15 problem we have to explore on the billing
16 end of it.

17 MR. BECKER: All I'm saying to
18 you is, the companies that I spoke to, the
19 two of them who are doing the collection,
20 they'll do anything we want. It's simply is
21 the treasurer advising them to change the
22 form.

23 I think -- I actually had a long
24 conversation with counsel, I had long
25 discussions about this, and we were

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2 supposed to come up with some kind of
3 solution. We can still come up with some
4 kind of solution. This is the reason why it
5 was tabled the first go around.

6 I'm just saying to you, whatever
7 we want, whatever this body decides to do,
8 you just advise the treasurer and the
9 company itself that does the collection has
10 no problem doing whatever we ask to do.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
12 Dunne.

13 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Thank you.
14 Mr. Jefferson, we're going to give you all
15 the tools you need to do your job. I
16 appreciate the way you do your job. My
17 legion was very, very thoughtful for your
18 immediate response to our request so I'm
19 here for you and we're going to pass this.

20 But, Frannie, the wording has got
21 to be -- we have World War II people, and we
22 got Korean war guys, senior citizens look at
23 it and say, if you can't pay, it says if you
24 don't have insurance.

25 MR. BECKER: Anything that

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2 counsel agrees to and you advise the
3 treasurer they will abide by it.

4 Just keeping in mind that if you
5 give people a quick out they're going to
6 take it and they're not going to pay, and as
7 I said, our biggest problem are people who
8 are currently getting checks from the
9 insurance company, that's our biggest
10 problem right now is getting money from
11 people who actually got a check -- you're
12 talking hundreds of thousands of dollars.
13 Our treasurer is working very hard to
14 collect that money.

15 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: We are going
16 to give him the tools to do that. Thank
17 you.

18 MR. JEFFERSON: I just want to
19 say that we can identify the people who
20 receive checks, and we can actually go after
21 and try to collect on those.

22 We can also identify folks who
23 have a bad address, so we can identify those
24 people and try to track them to see if they
25 have insurance.

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2 We can also identify through PD
3 but we have to do it upfront when they
4 receive the initial bill to be able to
5 actually call up and say, I do not have
6 insurance or there's a mechanism in place.

7 But that mechanism has to be in
8 place when the bill is received and not
9 after the collection process.

10 So when it comes to my office, at
11 that point, we can identify the different
12 buckets that these claims fall into and ask
13 the collection agency to go after the people
14 who received checks and those will be the
15 first people you would actually try to
16 retrieve that money from and then also try
17 to identify folks who have a bad address.

18 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: You are doing
19 the right thing, but on that form it should
20 say in big block letters, if you are unable
21 to pay, please call this number. Then they
22 call up and say, listen, I don't have the
23 income, I'm on social services. Okay, just
24 send me you're on proof you're on social
25 services and you're clear. Don't worry

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2 about it. That's how simple as it is.

3 That's what we're asking for. That's not
4 your part.

5 MR. JEFFERSON: Right. I just
6 wanted to make that clear.

7 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Thank you so
8 much. God bless you.

9 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Is
10 there some way we can possibly while the
11 patient is still in the ambulance, or
12 someone that's there for them to sign the
13 forms, where they can assign the payment to
14 the county? Because what's happening now,
15 is the payment goes to the insured, but
16 there is a way to assign payment.

17 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: I think
18 for some reason that's the way that the
19 payment works from the insurance company.

20 Personally I get the same thing,
21 where I have to remit to a doctor. It
22 happens often in emergency rooms.

23 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: But
24 a lot of times you can have the assignment
25 signed and the insurance company can be

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2 directed to pay -- I mean, the insurer would
3 have to sign it.

4 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: I can
5 tell you it happened to me -- not in an
6 ambulance, but at the emergency room where
7 the doctor, I would have to pay him
8 afterwards. I think it's just the way.
9 Meanwhile, you're signing everything, all
10 the papers in the emergency room. There's
11 no shortage of signatures that you have to
12 make.

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
14 understand but I think we should look into
15 that, seeing, Fran, maybe you would know, to
16 see if there's a way we can, maybe not on
17 every occasion, but try to get as many times
18 as we can to have it --

19 MR. BECKER: That a great idea and
20 we'll look into that.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You have
22 to also remember, there may be many people
23 in that ambulance who are not of sound body
24 and mind.

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

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2 Well, someone signing the papers, if they're
3 being signed, and they're not going to
4 happen every time.

5 MR. BECKER: I will reach out.
6 We will talk about it.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can
8 I have one more quick question.

9 If the people that don't have
10 insurance don't have to pay, which I'm all
11 for, I think that might cause a problem with
12 the insurance company because they only
13 reimburse what has to be. It wouldn't be a
14 debt. So we have to just be careful.
15 Someone has to look into that.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: That was
17 E-281, no further comment?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 Is there any public comment?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 There being none, all those in
22 favor of E-281 signify by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 Any opposed?

25 (Nay.)

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2 The item passes four to two.

3 Next is A-2, a resolution
4 authorizing the director of Nassau County
5 Office of Purchasing to award and execute a
6 contract between the County of Nassau acting
7 on behalf of the Nassau County Department of
8 Information Technology and Tyler
9 Technologies.

10 MR. BECKER: Madam Chair, we ask
11 that this remain tabled.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Motion to
13 table.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
17 Legislator Nicolello, seconded by Legislator
18 Dunne. All those in favor of tabling A-2
19 signify by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Any opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 It is now tabled again.

24 The next one is E-23, a personal
25 services agreement between the County of

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2 Nassau acting on behalf of the Department of
3 Social Services and One World Judicial
4 Services, Inc.

5 Motion, please.

6 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
9 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
10 Rhoads.

11 MR. BRODERICK: Good afternoon.
12 Paul Broderick, Deputy Commissioner,
13 Department of Social Services.

14 The item before you is a contract
15 between the Department of Social Services
16 and One World Judicial Services who are
17 process servers.

18 Per New York State law, we need
19 people to deliver summonses, personal
20 service of summonses and complaints in
21 connection with proceedings in Supreme Court
22 and Surrogate's Court. Do you have any
23 questions?

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Are there
25 any questions of Mr. Broderick from the

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2 legislators?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 Is there any public comment?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 There being none, all those in
7 favor of E-23 signify by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 Any opposed?

10 (Nay.)

11 The item passes.

12 Next is E-35, a personal services
13 agreement between the County of Nassau
14 acting on behalf of the Department of Social
15 Services and CareerArc Group, L.L.C. d/b/a
16 tweetmyjobs.com.

17 Motion, please.

18 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
21 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
22 Rhoads.

23 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Just a
24 question, the item passed four to one.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I wasn't

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2 looking, four to one. Okay.

3 MR. BRODERICK: Good afternoon.

4 Paul Broderick, Deputy Commissioner,

5 Department of Social Services.

6 The contract before you is

7 between the Department of Social Services

8 and Tweet My Jobs. It is for this

9 corporation to maintain a job portal for the

10 County of Nassau. Do you have any

11 questions?

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator

13 DeRiggi-Whitton.

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: She

15 said one quick question. Isn't there like

16 free entities out there like Monster.com or

17 all these other programs that are offered to

18 the public that we can use rather than

19 paying \$100,000?

20 MR. BRODERICK: That's a good

21 question, but, however, to answer your

22 question, no, it's usually free to the job

23 seeker, but not the people who are employing

24 people.

25 So in lieu of spending, on

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2 average we did a cost analysis --

3 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: And
4 this is cheaper?

5 MR. BRODERICK: No. Actually, if
6 you want to post a job, if you're an
7 employer, they usually charge anywhere from
8 250 to \$350 for anyone seeking a job. So
9 this comes at no cost to either small
10 businesses, large corporations.

11 In our employment unit, we have
12 relationships with various firms in Nassau
13 County. For example, we have a relationship
14 with Home Depot. We point them, we'll try
15 to work with Home Depot to take DSS clients
16 and get them job ready for positions at Home
17 Depot in some cases. We'll also have Home
18 Depot post their jobs out on this free
19 portal for our residents.

20 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any public
23 comment?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 There being none, all those in

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2 favor of E-35 signify by saying aye.
3 (Aye.)
4 Any opposed?
5 (Nay.)
6 The item passes four to one.
7 MR. BRODERICK: Thank you.
8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Left
9 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton all by herself.
10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Motion to
11 adjourn.
12 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.
13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.
14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
15 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
16 Nicolello. All those in favor of adjourning,
17 signify by saying aye.
18 (Aye.)
19 Any opposed?
20 (No verbal response.)
21 The Rules Committee is now
22 adjourned.
23 (Whereupon, the Rules Committee
24 adjourned at 5:40 p.m.)
25

C E R T I F I C A T E

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

THAT I attended at the time and place
above mentioned and took stenographic record
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THAT the foregoing transcript is a true
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
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FRANK GRAY

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

11th TERM MEETING AGENDA

RULES COMMITTEE

MARCH 27, 2017 1:00 PM

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Clerk Item No.	Proposed By	Assigned To	<u>Summary</u>
A-7-17	PR	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF NASSAU COUNTY OFFICE OF PURCHASING TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND INTERGRAPH CORPORATION d/b/a HEXAGON SAFETY & INFRASTRUCTURE. A-7-17
B-2-17	PW	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE LANDTEK GROUP, INC. B-2-17
E-48-17	TV	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</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 TRAFFIC AND PARKING VIOLATIONS AGENCY AND ANTHONY D. PERRI. E-48-17
E-61-17	PW	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</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 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND NELSON & POPE ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS. E-61-17
E-62-17	TV	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</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 TRAFFIC AND PARKING VIOLATIONS AGENCY AND RTR FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. E-62-17
E-63-17	DA	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</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 DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND ACISS SYSTEMS, INC. E-63-17

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E-78-17	AT	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</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 OFFICE OF THE NASSAU COUNTY ATTORNEY AND BEE REPORTING AGENCY, INC. E-78-17
E-79-17	SS	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ANTHONY V. SANTORO, PSY.D. E-79-17
E-80-17	TV	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</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 TRAFFIC AND PARKING VIOLATIONS AGENCY AND JOSEPH C. CALABRESE. E-80-17
E-81-17	SS	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</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 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND AMERICAN RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC. E-81-17
E-82-17	HE	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</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 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND JAMES MCGUINNESS & ASSOCIATES, INC. E-82-17

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A-4-16	PR	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF NASSAU COUNTY OFFICE OF PURCHASING TO REQUEST OVERSIGHT OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU ACTING ON BEHALF OF VARIOUS NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND HVAC INC. A-4-16
B-4-16	PW	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</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 R.J. INDUSTRIES, INC. B-4-16
E-182-16	PW	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</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 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND D & B ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS, P.C. E-182-16
E-281-16	TR	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2016</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE NASSAU COUNTY TREASURER, AND CAPITAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, INC. E-281-16
A-2-17	PR	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF NASSAU COUNTY OFFICE OF PURCHASING TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU ACTING ON BEHALF OF NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TYLER TECHNOLOGIES. A-2-17
E-2-17	AT	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</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 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND SIMMONS HANLY CONROY LLC. E-2-17

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E-23-17	SS	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ONE WORLD JUDICIAL SERVICES, INC. E-23-17
E-35-17	SS	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</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 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, AND CAREERARC GROUP LLC DBA TWEETMYJOBS.COM. E-35-17
E-57-17	AT	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. -2017</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 ATTORNEY’S OFFICE, AND THE LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT P. MACCHIA & ASSOCIATES. E-57-17