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13 18th Legislative District

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15 LEGISLATOR STEVEN RHOADS

16 19th Legislative District

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18 MICHAEL PULITZER

19 Clerk of the Legislature

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I would
3 like to call the legislature to order. I
4 apologize for the delay today. We have a lot
5 of items to be considered. We have the full
6 legislature to consider a number of capital
7 items including some emergencies today and
8 then the items on the actual calendars. It's
9 been a lot and we've been working out all the
10 details with the administration to move
11 forward.

12 We are prepared to do that now.
13 The first thing we will handle today is the
14 calendar for the full legislature. At this
15 time I would ask Legislator Colonel Bill
16 Gaylor to lead us in the Pledge of
17 Allegiance.

18 (Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you
20 Bill. Mike could you please call the roll?

21 MR. PULITZER: Thank you. The
22 roll call this afternoon.

23 Deputy Presiding Officer Howard
24 Kopel.

25 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

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2 MR. PULITZER: Alternate Deputy
3 Presiding Officer Denise Ford.

4 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

5 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Siela
6 Bynoe.

7 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

8 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Carrie
9 Solages.

10 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

11 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Debra
12 Mule.

13 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

14 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Vincent
15 Muscarella.

16 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

17 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Ellen
18 Birnbaum.

19 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

20 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Thomas
21 Mckevitt.

22 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

23 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura
24 Schaefer.

25 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

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2 MR. PULITZER: Legislator John
3 Ferretti.

4 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

5 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Arnold
6 Drucker.

7 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

8 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Rose
9 Marie Walker.

10 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

11 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Joshua
12 Lafazan.

13 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

14 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Steven
15 Rhoads.

16 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Here.

17 MR. PULITZER: Minority leader
18 Kevan Abrahams.

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

20 MR. PULITZER: Presiding Officer
21 Richard Nicolello.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

23 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum
24 sir.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you.

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2 The items before us on the calendar
3 today are all related to the capital plan of
4 Nassau County. We do have some items that are
5 going to have to be called as an emergency on
6 this calendar and I'm now going to ask the
7 clerk to call the emergency items.

8 MR. PULITZER: Thank you. An
9 emergency resolution declaring an emergency
10 for immediate action upon the following clerk
11 items. 421-18, 420-18, 417-18, 405-18 463-18
12 462-18. That would complete it sir.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Next, I
14 believe we need a motion to accept the
15 emergency. Moved by Legislator Kennedy.
16 Seconded by Legislator Birnbaum. Any debate
17 or discussion? All in favor of establishing
18 the emergency signify by saying aye. Those
19 opposed? The emergency is established.

20 Now I ask you, Mike, to call the
21 items themselves. The emergency items.

22 MR. PULITZER: 421-18 that would
23 be an ordinance to amend ordinance number
24 13-2016 adopting the capital budget for the
25 year 2016 for the County of Nassau

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2 corresponding to the first year of the four
3 year capital plan pursuant to the provisions
4 of Section 310 of the County Government Law of
5 Nassau County. Shall I complete all of them?

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Please.

7 MR. PULITZER: 420-18, a
8 resolution declaring a capital budget
9 emergency pursuant to 310(d) of the County
10 Government Law of Nassau County.

11 417-18, a bond ordinance providing
12 for a capital expenditure to finance the
13 capital projects identified herein within the
14 County of Nassau in authorizing \$400,000 of
15 bonds of the County of Nassau to finance such
16 expenditures pursuant to the Local Finance Law
17 of New York and the County Governmental Law of
18 Nassau County.

19 The next one, 405-18, a bond
20 ordinance providing for capital expenditures
21 to finance the capital projects identified
22 herein within the County of Nassau in
23 authorizing \$400,000 of bonds of the County of
24 Nassau to finance such expenditures pursuant
25 to the Local Finance Law of New York and the

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2 County Government Law of Nassau County project
3 61137.

4 Next one would be 463-18. A bond
5 ordinance providing for a capital expenditure
6 to finance the capital projects identified
7 herein within the County of Nassau in
8 organizing \$200,000 of bonds for the County of
9 Nassau to finance such expenditures pursuant
10 to the Local Finance Law of New York and the
11 County Governmental Law of Nassau County.
12 That would be project 844.

13 Next would be 462-18. A bond
14 ordinance providing for capital expenditures
15 to finance the capital projects identified
16 herein within the County of Nassau in
17 authorizing \$50,000 of bonds of the County of
18 Nassau to finance such expenditures pursuant
19 to the Local Finance Law of New York and the
20 County Governmental Law of Nassau County.
21 Project 61140. That would complete it.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you
23 sir. I need a motion for those items. Moved
24 by Legislator Gaylor. Seconded by Legislator
25 Drucker. These are the emergencies related to

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2 the resolutions involving the capital budget
3 emergency as well as the capital budget for
4 the year 2016 as well as two specific items.
5 And if anyone from the administration is
6 available I would appreciate it if you could
7 come up and explain to us what the two
8 specific emergency items are. I see
9 Mr. Arnold our Commissioner of Public Works is
10 making his way up.

11 MR. ARNOLD: Ken Arnold, Public
12 Works. The two specific bond ordinances that
13 were added as an emergency deal with Motor
14 Parkway in Farmingdale. It's a study to look
15 at the curb, sidewalks and the street in that
16 location. There have been issues associated
17 with that location.

18 And I believe the second one was to
19 perform a study for the Crescent Beach area.
20 There's a storm water issue that is impacting
21 the ability for the bathing beach to be open.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you
23 Mr. Arnold. Anyone have any questions or
24 discussion among the legislators? Minority
25 Leader Abrahams.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Hey Ken.

3 In regards to the second emergency, the one
4 for Crescent Beach, we have it as part of the
5 backup -- sorry Ken. So, in regards to the
6 second emergency it's for Crescent Beach
7 pollution control, this is an actual measure
8 that the county will embark on to implement
9 solutions after we understand the conditions
10 to a greater deal. But we are actually going
11 to implement the solutions, correct?

12 MR. ARNOLD: My understanding is
13 that the funding allows for the study and the
14 design services. The construction would be a
15 separate bond ordinance.

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It would be
17 for the study and design, so the county would
18 go forward with that?

19 MR. ARNOLD: Once we complete
20 this study and find out there is a viable
21 solution, yes.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That would
23 lead to us being able to do the design?

24 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: For the

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2 total of \$200,000?

3 MR. ARNOLD: That is correct.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Then at a
5 later date, hopefully this fall when we do the
6 much larger plan, we will be able to embark on
7 authorization for the \$2 million?

8 MR. ARNOLD: Yes. I don't
9 suspect the study being done by the fall
10 because I have to procure a consultant but if
11 we can yes.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We can
13 actually put it into a capital plan which
14 would mean we can actually go forward with it
15 in the out years.

16 MR. ARNOLD: Yeah. Just
17 typically we like to have the bond ordinance
18 developed off of a study. I'm not sure the
19 study will be complete for that bond ordinance
20 for construction, but we can discuss it at
21 that point.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
23 DeRiggi-Whitton.

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
25 Thank you very much. Thank you Ken also. We

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2 had a meeting last week that I attended, along
3 with my counsel, and both the board of health
4 and the Department of Public Works endorsed
5 attempting a solution for Crescent Beach.
6 Possibly a helix system, which is what we
7 discussed also. I would like to put on the
8 record that that is a possibility. But the
9 problem I'm having right now -- okay. Never
10 mind. Okay. I think we're going to have a
11 slight amendment.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Let's
13 confer with counsel. I don't know if it
14 requires an amendment. I think what we're
15 talking about is take out the word possible in
16 the purpose of the project. Project
17 description. We want to make sure that
18 there's some remediation that's going to
19 happen.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: While
21 we're waiting Legislator Walker has a
22 question.

23 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you.
24 Mr. Arnold. I just want to check, both of
25 these projects, the bonding we are looking at

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2 now is for them to look at that project and
3 then do a design. Then we would have to come
4 back and bond for the actual work of the
5 project?

6 MR. ARNOLD: That is correct.

7 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Is there
9 any other debate or discussion? Any public
10 comment?

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Just for
12 the record -- thank you for being gracious
13 Presiding Officer -- and I know we have other
14 comments, Ms. Mereday is coming up, I just
15 want to note for the record that we are
16 striking the world possible from the project.
17 From the description of the project staff
18 summary of the item. If anybody can
19 understand that because I barely understand it
20 and I just said it.

21 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday,
22 Baldwin resident. Just this is a general
23 question as it pertains to all of these
24 emergencies. Because I did hear that this is
25 connected to -- the reference was made to

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2 Local Finance Law of New York State. I'm just
3 curious as to whether there is going to be
4 consideration as it pertains to the New York
5 State Executive Law Article 15A as pertains to
6 minority and women business participation.
7 Since we still do not have a program, and New
8 York State itself is reviewing its program,
9 the effectiveness of its minority and women
10 business program since it doesn't even have
11 one for veteran businesses per se.

12 I'm curious again as to how we are
13 going to make sure that diverse businesses are
14 incorporated in the outreach and the bidding
15 process for these projects. I know we are
16 saying the word emergency. Sometimes that
17 tends to give people leeway into making that
18 additional effort, since I still have yet to
19 see what the updated curriculum and process
20 and structure is for the women and minority
21 business program here. I know that there is
22 another committee that has been put in place
23 but there is money that's being doled out in
24 hundreds of thousands of dollars.
25 Unfortunately those diverse businesses still

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2 lack the representation from what I can see.

3 If someone can show me different I
4 would appreciate that. But we do need to try
5 to avoid the number of lawsuits that continue
6 to hit this county. If we're not bonding for
7 capital projects we seem to be bonding for
8 settlements. If someone can give me an answer
9 to that question it would be greatly
10 appreciated. Thank you.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The
12 reference to emergencies with respect to these
13 two specific items relates only to their
14 status before the legislature today in terms
15 of us being able to vote for them. They are
16 not in any other ways the underlying items,
17 the underlying contracts, the underlying
18 capital bonding items are not emergencies.
19 They go through the normal course of business
20 of Nassau County. I don't know if you want
21 someone to describe what the normal course the
22 county follows in terms of its bidding and its
23 outreach. But the term emergency has nothing
24 to do -- it's simply going to go through the
25 normal course like everything else.

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2 MS. MEREDAY: The way I heard is
3 that this is going out for a study and
4 design. So there are businesses, believe it
5 or not, that are minority and women owned that
6 can do design and study that, unless I'm
7 mistaken, are not included in the current
8 roll. So that's why I'm asking the question.
9 Whether it's \$400,000 or \$4 million, the lack
10 of diversity is still the lack of diversity.

11 Again, the question still remains,
12 if this money is being funded in an emergency
13 situation, that means someone is going to get
14 a contract based upon some type of
15 description, relationship or receipt of
16 information and materials, is that not
17 correct? If I'm mistaken please correct me.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: There will
19 be a design. Again, the term emergency, the
20 only relevance it has is it allows us to
21 consider it today because it didn't go through
22 the normal course. It didn't have sufficient
23 amount of time. But the county, public works
24 et cetera is going to have to go through --
25 and the Office of Purchasing -- is going to

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2 have to go through the regular course of
3 business. The contract itself is not going to
4 be an emergency contract.

5 Again, if you want anyone to
6 describe the county's normal course of
7 business they can.

8 MS. MEREDAY: That I don't really
9 need. I kind of hear enough about that in
10 Newsday. Thank you.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other
12 public comment? Hearing none, all in favor of
13 these emergency items signify by saying aye.
14 Those opposed? They carry unanimously.

15 I'm going to call now the rest of
16 the calendar. The nonemergency items. There
17 are a number of them. With the consent of the
18 minority I'm going to simply call the item and
19 ordinance number and not read each item.

20 Item 3 ordinance 64. Item 4
21 ordinance 65. Item 5 ordinance 66. Item 6
22 ordinance 67. Item 7 ordinance 68. Item 8
23 ordinance 69. Item nine ordinance 70. Item
24 10 ordinance 71. Item 11 ordinance 72. Item
25 12 ordinance 73. Item 13 ordinance 74. Item

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2 14 ordinance 75. Item 15 ordinance 76. Item

3 16 ordinance 77. Item 17 ordinance 78. Item

4 18 ordinance 79. Item 19 ordinance 80. Item

5 20 ordinance 81. Item 21 ordinance 82. Item

6 22 ordinance 83. Item 23 ordinance 84. Item

7 24 ordinance 85. Item 25 ordinance 86. Item

8 26 ordinance 87. Item 27 ordinance 88. Item

9 28 ordinance 89. Item 29 ordinance 90. Item

10 30 ordinance 91. Item 31 ordinance 92. Item

11 32 ordinance 93. Item 33 ordinance 94. Item

12 34 ordinance 95. Item 35 ordinance 96. Item

13 36 ordinance 97. Item 37 ordinance 98. Item

14 38 ordinance 99. Item 39 ordinance 100. Item

15 40 ordinance 101. Item 41 ordinance 102.

16 Item 42 ordinance 103. Item 43 ordinance

17 104. Item 44 ordinance 105. Item 45

18 ordinance 106. Item 46 ordinance 107. Item

19 47 ordinance 108. Item 48 ordinance 109.

20 Item 50 ordinance 111. Item 51 ordinance

21 112. Item 52 ordinance 113. Item 53

22 ordinance 114. Item 54 ordinance 115. Item

23 55 ordinance 116. Item 56 ordinance 117.

24 Item 57 ordinance 118. Item 58 ordinance

25 119. Item 59 ordinance 120. Item 60

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2 ordinance 121. Item 62 ordinance 123. Item
3 63 ordinance 124. Item 64 ordinance 125.
4 Item 65 ordinance 126. Item 66 ordinance
5 127. Item 67 ordinance 128.

6 Moved by Minority Leader Abrahams.
7 Seconded by Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel.
8 Those are the capital items. These items, as
9 part of the 2016 capital budget, have
10 undergone extensive negotiations by the
11 minority, majority and administration. They
12 represent numerous projects involved in the
13 operation of the county for the betterment of
14 the county involving everything from parks to
15 roadways to traffic signals to studies to
16 bridge rehabilitation to projects of Nassau
17 Community College to capital bonding in
18 connection with NICE bus service to sewer and
19 storm water projects to a study with respect
20 to opioid treatment clinic, to Saddle Rock
21 Grist Mill to a new Nassau County Police
22 Academy.

23 Again, they were subject of
24 numerous negotiations and all parties in good
25 faith came together and have agreed to these

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2 items which will move the county forward, will
3 create jobs, repair our roads and make our
4 parks better for our residents.

5 Any debate or discussion? Sure.
6 Minority Leader Abrahams.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you
8 Presiding Officer Nicoletto. I just want to
9 say also for the record I agree there was
10 extensive discussions regarding these capital
11 items. Obviously, I think both sides agree
12 that we want to see the county be able to move
13 forward. You don't have to be a stranger to
14 Nassau County to see that some of the roads
15 are in disrepair, some of the infrastructure
16 is in disrepair. I'm not saying that this
17 particular capital plan will address
18 everything in one shot, but it goes a step in
19 the right direction.

20 I want to thank the county
21 executive. I see Mike Santoramo, Mr. Arnold,
22 Mr. Brian Schneider, Presiding Officer, as
23 well as my staff worked very, very -- worked
24 on this for quite a bit of time. Michele
25 Darcy, Pete Kleins, Bill Biamonte obviously to

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2 name a few. I'm forgetting somebody now that
3 I started naming people. Cecilia Capers as
4 well. All worked on this hand and hand and I
5 want to thank them as well.

6 I do have a quick question in
7 regards to item 46 that I believe the
8 comptroller's office is here to answer
9 regarding the police academy. I think
10 Mr. Schoen. How are you Jeff? Just present
11 your name for the record.

12 MR. SCHOEN: Jeff Schoen, counsel
13 to the comptroller.

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Just a
15 quick question. I'm not going to take up too
16 much of your time. Obviously this is one of
17 the larger items on the capital plan and most
18 people when they're questioning this or
19 concerned about this, it's \$54 million bond,
20 which I believe commensurates with a contract
21 for this particular item for the police
22 academy. Is that your understanding as well?

23 MR. SCHOEN: You would have to
24 authorize the bonding and the contract
25 would -- if the funds are there the contract

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2 would be -- the bonding and contract are
3 separate issues.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I guess
5 what I'm driving at, the bond needs to
6 commensurate, to your understanding, from the
7 comptroller's office of being able to execute
8 payment, the bond needs to be tied with the
9 amount that's actually in the contract,
10 correct?

11 MR. SCHOEN: That's really a
12 technical question. Kind of depends on the
13 language in the contract. We would be guided
14 by Section 4023 of the charter, which
15 basically says that in approving all contracts
16 the comptroller has to ascertain before
17 approval that monies have been duly
18 appropriated and allocated to meet the
19 obligations. Those obligations would be set
20 forth in the contract. So if the contract
21 clearly articulated the understanding between
22 the parties as to the availability of funds
23 that's what we would be looking at.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Has your
25 office had the opportunity to review the

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2 contract?

3 MR. SCHOEN: No.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Maybe I'm
5 not pointing the question to the right
6 entity. It was our understanding based off of
7 the reading of the contract that the money had
8 to be encumbered due to the entirety of the
9 funds. So all \$54 million.

10 MR. SCHOEN: Again, I would have
11 to look at the language of the contract. We
12 would be guided by the statute that would
13 require us to ascertain if the monies have
14 been duly appropriated relative to the
15 obligations in that contract. We would have
16 to look at the specific obligations in that
17 contract to determine if enough monies have
18 been allocated.

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Counsel
20 just reminded me, so basically, if I'm
21 understanding this correctly, the contract
22 does not have any provision for partial
23 funding or partial bonding for this particular
24 contract.

25 MR. SCHOEN: Okay.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I believe
3 that's what he represented to you. In that
4 event the legislature would have to bond for
5 the entire amount.

6 MR. SCHOEN: If the contract
7 doesn't contain language that allows us to
8 determine whether the obligations are being
9 met, partial encumbrance language would be
10 helpful. Then we would have to look at
11 whether or not we could approve the contract
12 without enough funds being there. So, yes,
13 the full amount of the contract -- we would
14 look to see the full amount of the contract
15 without any partial encumbrance language.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
17 DeRiggi-Whitton is going to have a question.
18 Before that, the minority pointed out
19 something important. We need to thank our
20 staff for the work that they do with respect
21 to this. Meredith Hughes is behind me. Dan
22 McCloy, Chris Ostuni and Bill Mueller did an
23 outstanding job on behalf of the majority.

24 I would like to invite up
25 Commissioner Ryder because a major component

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2 of the capital plan is the police academy. So
3 commissioner come up and say a few words.

4 COMMISSIONER RYDER: First of
5 all, I want to say thank you on behalf of the
6 police department, the people of Nassau
7 County. We will better serve the police
8 department in a more diverse way than we ever
9 have before by putting the academy on the
10 grounds of Nassau Community College. We will
11 involve the students from that school who come
12 from our diverse community here in Nassau
13 County and involve them in the growth of the
14 police department. They will see that this is
15 a department that welcomes all. From that our
16 recruitment will improve.

17 We will take off that \$800,000 a
18 year that we pay in rent. When I came into
19 this police department I was over in Williston
20 Park in a grammar school. From there we went
21 to trailers. Trailers that were condemned for
22 prisoners but okay to train police officers
23 in. And now we are back in an elementary
24 school. When I went into the NYPD back in
25 1984 they have a beautiful facility and now

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2 they have a multiple, multiple million dollar
3 facility over in Whitestone park. Again
4 improving. That's how you improve policing,
5 from technology and from community building.
6 That's how we get better at it.

7 More importantly, it frees us the
8 asset money. You are all well aware of that.
9 That's how we do National Night Out. That's
10 how we do opioids. That's how we fight gangs,
11 terrorism, school resource programs and crime
12 in general. We don't come to the legislature
13 for many items that we can do and use
14 forfeiture money for. That is giving us the
15 ability to keep that fight where we're down 30
16 percent in opioid overdoses. Where we're down
17 in crime 30 percent. Where our school
18 resource programs get better and better every
19 day.

20 I just got an email as I was
21 sitting here that Suffolk is inquiring the
22 Rave Act. The Rave Act that we've already
23 gotten approved and pushing forward through
24 this in every single school. So we get out in
25 front of these items. Get out in front of

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2 them with the support of our intel analysts
3 and intel world and of course the great work
4 done by the men and women of this police
5 department. From the management that is all
6 here today to show that support for this
7 program, right down to the POP cop and the
8 civilians that work for us in the police
9 department. We are going to use the money as
10 effectively and efficiently as we can.

11 This academy will be built on time
12 and will be built correctly without change.
13 We have been through these plans since 2010
14 when this project started. I know the
15 building inside and out. I think I can build
16 it myself by now. It's a great project. It's
17 a cost saving project. It's a way to better
18 police and it's a way to be more diverse and
19 reach into our communities and bring them into
20 it. Including the weekend basketball camps,
21 which will start the minute that tactical
22 warehouse is built and complete we will open
23 that up to the communities to bring in our PAL
24 basketball weekend programs.

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2 Police Foundation who puts up that money to
3 bring them in. And again using forfeiture
4 money. This is a great project, and I think
5 it will be go down in the history as one of
6 the best projects we have ever pushed
7 forward. Because it makes police and
8 community one and as long as we are one we
9 will succeed as a county. On behalf of all of
10 us thank you. I will take any questions.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Sure.

12 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: When
14 you came to our community meeting you
15 mentioned the \$800,000 that you just touched
16 on. Can you go through basically the payment
17 of that and the debt service?

18 COMMISSIONER RYDER: We have been
19 renting space forever and now we are at about
20 \$770,000 a year to rent the school that we are
21 currently in. But that does not include the
22 repairs and the uptick of that building that
23 has to be done all the time. Dealing with old
24 buildings and old structures we're constantly
25 fixing things to keep us moving. The hub of

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2 our intelligence sits there and the hub of our
3 training sits there. We take that now and put
4 it onto the college campus, where we already
5 do our evac training, makes us more efficient,
6 makes us more effective and makes us better
7 policing.

8 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: And
9 the cost of the \$800,000 if you are putting it
10 towards the debt service remember how we said
11 it --

12 COMMISSIONER RYDER: That's
13 correct. That should be put towards the debt
14 of that bonding when it matures.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: In
16 my opinion, not only is it good for all of you
17 but it's also financially the right move
18 because we are putting that money towards a
19 building that we are going to use for years to
20 come use.

21 COMMISSIONER RYDER: This is a
22 state of the art training facility with a 500
23 seat auditorium which will generate a
24 revenue. Again, the building, the way we
25 designed it, becomes self-sufficient. We just

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2 met with our federal partners on another case
3 that we are doing this morning, and again,
4 they've already said we will be knocking on
5 that door to use your facility and that brings
6 in a revenue which offsets any cost to the
7 building.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
9 Birnbaum.

10 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: I hear the
11 passion in your voice and I understand what a
12 new police academy will bring to Nassau
13 County. In your words, to get better
14 policing. I just want to bring to your
15 attention the reopening of the Sixth Precinct
16 fully staffed. I know we have been asking for
17 this for years to have the precinct in my area
18 and I think Presiding Officer Nicolello's as
19 well and I think the county executive has been
20 in favor of it. So I hope we will see this
21 soon.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: As well as
23 the Eighth Precinct.

24 COMMISSIONER RYDER: We are a
25 very prepared management group and when the

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2 hammer comes down to make any moves that we
3 have to make we will make them and do it
4 effectively.

5 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Thank you.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
7 Ferretti.

8 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you
9 Presiding Officer. I would like to second
10 Legislator Birnbaum's request as we have had
11 discussion on this before Commissioner. The
12 Eighth Precinct specifically we have a brand
13 new building there with state of the art
14 equipment. What we need is to staff it
15 properly and open it as a precinct. I hope f
16 this academy moves forward and the bond for
17 the academy moves forward, which I'm in favor,
18 I think we need to keep in mind that with all
19 new buildings and this new technology we have
20 to make sure that we are utilizing it.

21 So, I would second the request of
22 Legislator Birnbaum and I know the majority
23 has already made the request to the county
24 executive to reopen the precincts. Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER RYDER: Thank you.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you
3 Commissioner Ryder. I had one other question
4 for the administration actually before we open
5 it up to other legislators having to do with
6 advertising. It wouldn't be for you
7 commissioner. I don't know if it's for you
8 either Ken. Where is Mike Santoramo or Katy?

9 MR. SANTORAMO: Mike Santoramo.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: This is a
11 logistical issue now that we've broken all
12 these out into numerous separate items. It
13 incurs an advertising obligation that will
14 have to be met by the clerk's office. We will
15 be looking to the administration to fund that
16 advertising. I understand it's in the area of
17 six figures. Is there a plan by the
18 administration to get the monies into the
19 clerk's office to do that?

20 MR. SANTORAMO: There is. We
21 recently met with the clerk of the legislature
22 and as the invoices come in for the
23 advertising they will be sent over to the
24 county treasurer's office and paid that way.
25 That should take care of everything.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
3 Bynoe.

4 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Could you
5 clarify your request?

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Yes. I
7 think in the past the capital plan items have
8 been put together and advertised as a single
9 item. There is a cost to that. But when you
10 break them out separately you have to
11 advertise each one individually. It increases
12 the cost to the county and to the clerk's
13 office. That's one of the downsides of doing
14 it this way.

15 Suffolk County they are having the
16 exact opposite discussion in which the county
17 executive has put everything into one plan and
18 some members of the legislature has asked them
19 to break them out into separate items. When
20 you do break them out there are additional
21 advertising costs. We want to make sure those
22 are met.

23 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I kind of
24 understand why we did it that way but I would
25 like us to consider maybe at least bulking

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2 some of these things together. When you start
3 talking six figures for advertising I'd like
4 to see more projects done. I think we should
5 work together. I think we did a great job
6 working together and getting this plan pushed
7 forward. I would like to see us bulk some of
8 this stuff in the future.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We agree
10 and have been making that suggestion
11 repeatedly to the administration. But it was
12 there preference to do it this way at this
13 time. I agree 100 percent. In the future
14 let's try to put this all together and save
15 that money.

16 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you
17 Presiding Officer.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thanks.
19 Anyone else on the legislature before I open
20 it up for public comment? Sure. Minority
21 Leader Abrahams.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I believe
23 there's someone from the administration that
24 can answer the question about the partial
25 encumbrance Mike?

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2 MR. SANTORAMO: We can get
3 somebody from the county attorney's office.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I thought
5 somebody was here. If nobody's here then
6 don't. Maybe Ken can answer it real quick.

7 Ken, how are you? Is there
8 language in the contract that provides for a
9 partial encumbrance?

10 MR. ARNOLD: No. My
11 understanding is that the full encumbered
12 value of the contract has to be available for
13 the comptroller to act on.

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Is Jeff
15 still here? So Jeff, hearing what you just
16 heard from the commissioner, you're expecting
17 that the legislature bond the entire \$43
18 million?

19 MR. SCHOEN: If the contract
20 doesn't contain sufficient language, partial
21 encumbrance language, availability of funds
22 language or some sort of language breaking
23 down the cost or some way to break it down for
24 us to determine whether the obligations are
25 met by the bonding then we would expect to see

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2 the full bond.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Is there
5 any public comment? Hearing none, I just
6 wanted to thank all the members of the Nassau
7 County Police Department staff who are here in
8 support of the police academy under the
9 commissioner. Hearing no public comment, I
10 will ask for a vote. All in favor signify by
11 saying aye. Those opposed? Carries
12 unanimously.

13 Legislator Ford is making a motion
14 to adjourn. Seconded by Legislator Drucker.
15 All in favor of adjourning signify by saying
16 aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously. We
17 are adjourned and now move on to the committee
18 calendars.

19 (TIME NOTED: 2:24 P.M.)

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