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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Presiding Officer

FINANCE COMMITTEE

HOWARD KOPEL, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Wednesday, October 3, 2018
3:10 P.M.

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

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4 HOWARD KOPEL,
Chairman5 VINCENT MUSCARELLA,
Vice Chairman

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7 TOM MCKEVITT

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9 ROSEMARIE WALKER

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11 ELLEN BIRNBAUM,
Ranking

12 ARNOLD DRUCKER

13 DEBRA MULE

14 MICHAEL PULITZER,
Clerk of the Legislature

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ANDY PERSICH.....15
PAUL BRODERICK.....17
BOB MCMANUS.....19

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Incorporated by reference
Health Committee Minutes
Dated 10-3-18 pertaining to
Clerk Item 519-18 (pages 5-7)11

1 Finance Committee/10-3-18

2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Will the Finance
3 Committee please convene. I will call the
4 roll. Legislator Mule?

5 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

6 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Legislator
7 Drucker?

8 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

9 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Ranking Member
10 Birnbaum?

11 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

12 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Legislator
13 Walker?

14 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

15 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Legislator
16 McKevitt?

17 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

18 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Legislator
19 Muscarella?

20 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: I'm here. We
22 have a quorum.

23 We have a number of items on for
24 this afternoon. What I'm going to do is I'm
25 going to call the first four items together.

1 Finance Committee/10-3-18

2 These items pertain to the
3 budget, the outcome of the budget for the
4 2019 fiscal year.

5 Now since we've not held our
6 budget hearings yet, and those hearings are
7 going to be held before the Full
8 Legislature, what I propose is that we just
9 pass this through committee and defer our
10 judgement until the entire Legislature has
11 had the opportunity to tee it up, in other
12 words, as Legislator Muscarella says.

13 Number 512 of '18, 513, 514 and
14 515. Motion?

15 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Motion by
18 Mr. Muscarella, seconded by Mr. Drucker.
19 All those in favor of teeing this up?

20 (Aye.)

21 Any opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Carries unanimously.

24 Those items are passed
25 unanimously.

1 Finance Committee/10-3-18

2 Number 516 is an ordinance
3 supplemental to the annual appropriations in
4 connection with the Correctional Center.

5 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Motion by
8 Legislator Walker and seconded by Legislator
9 Birnbaum.

10 MS. HALL: Narda Hall,
11 Correctional Center. Item 516-19 is a
12 supplemental appropriation request for
13 \$463,136 to be received from the Federal
14 Drug Enforcement Agency deposited with the
15 County Treasurer.

16 The amount and timing for receipt
17 for the funds is dependent on the amount of
18 seizure as well as completion of pending
19 investigations and convictions.

20 The funding is used towards
21 canine expenses and its handlers.

22 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: So there's no
23 budgetary impact, it's fully funded?

24 MS. HALL: No.

25 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 Is there any public comment?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 All those in favor signify by

6 saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 Any opposed?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 That item passes unanimously.

11 517 of '18 is a resolution to
12 authorize the transfer of appropriations.

13 Another one of those.

14 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR MULE: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Motion by Mr.

17 McKevitt, seconded by Legislator Mule.

18 Please.

19 MR. HAHN: Timothy Hahn, Medical
20 Examiner's Office. This is a request for
21 transfer of funds with the Paul Coveto Grant
22 for the Medical Examiner's Office in the
23 amount of \$8,200 to establish an equipment
24 line for the purchase of a water
25 purification system for drugs of abuse

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2 analyzer.

3 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That's just a
4 transfer within the current budget?

5 MR. HAHN: Correct.

6 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any other
7 questions?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 Is there any public comment?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 All those in favor?

12 (Aye.)

13 Any opposed?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 Thank you. That item is
16 unanimous. Thank you, sir.

17 Number 519 is supplemental to the
18 Health Department.

19 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So moved.

20 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That motion is
22 made by Legislator Drucker and seconded by
23 Legislator Muscarella.

24 MS. LAURAIN: Good afternoon.
25 MaryEllen Laurain, Department of Health.

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2 Item 519-18 is a supplemental
3 appropriation in the amount of \$177,604.
4 This is for our Drinking Water Enhancement
5 Program. It's 100 percent funded through
6 New York State Department of Health. We
7 collect water samples, we review over
8 250,000 water samples submitted to us by the
9 water districts and our engineering
10 department reviews the plans.

11 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: You check it
12 for?

13 MS. LAURAIN: It could be
14 microbiologicals, heavy metals, pesticides,
15 there is a whole list.

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: If you find any
17 what happens?

18 MS. LAURAIN: If there is an
19 elevation, we have to be immediately
20 notified. Depending upon what it is it's
21 either resampled or a do not consume or do
22 not use order issued. That doesn't happen
23 very often.

24 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: It does happen?

25 MS. LAURAIN: It has happened but

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2 not very often thankfully.

3 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

4 Legislator Birnbaum.

5 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: How often

6 are the water samples collected?

7 MS. LAURAIN: Weekly.

8 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any other

9 questions?

10 LEGISLATOR WALKER: I just ask

11 that for all of these, that the information

12 from the previous committees be included,

13 entered here in the record.

14 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Without any

15 objection.

16 (Whereupon, please refer to the

17 minutes of the Health and Social Services

18 Committee dated 10-3-18 pertaining to Clerk

19 Item 519-18; pages 5-7.)

20 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any other

21 questions? Legislator Drucker.

22 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Newsday

23 reported today that the one forth dioxin has

24 been found in water supplies from Montauk to

25 Western Nassau.

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2 So I suspect that your samples
3 are going to be filled with those types of
4 findings.

5 MS. LAURAIN: Yes. We are
6 sampling and the New York State Department
7 of Health and the DEC and EPA are also
8 investigating that.

9 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Right. We
10 are still waiting for the state and our
11 federal government to come out with
12 regulations?

13 MS. LAURAIN: Correct.

14 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Anything else?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Is there any public comment?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 All those in favor signify by
19 saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Any opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 That item is unanimous once
24 again. Thank you.

25 Number 520. I guess that's you

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2 as well. Any others after that?

3 MS. LAURAIN: No.

4 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: It is another
5 transfer of appropriations.

6 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR MULE: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That motion is
9 made by Ms. Walker and seconded by Ms. Mule.

10 MS. LAURAIN: MaryEllen Laurain,
11 Department of Health.

12 This is a transfer for \$4,034.

13 This is a New York State Department of
14 Health Grant funded program and it's to
15 maximize our grant reimbursement.

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Is there any public comment?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 All those in favor signify by
21 saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 Those opposed?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 That's unanimous once again.

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2 Thank you.

3 521 is supplemental to the annual
4 appropriations with the Department of Human
5 Services.

6 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Motion by Mr.
9 McKevitt, seconded by Ms. Walker.

10 MR. HALL: Brian Hall, Human
11 Services. This is a grant from the New York
12 State Office of Mental Health, \$199,000.
13 It's to be used by -- it's for our jail
14 diversion funds to be used in our mental
15 health courts.

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?
17 Yes, Ms. Mule.

18 LEGISLATOR MULE: What
19 specifically will it be used for, current
20 inmates to keep people out of jail?

21 MR. HALL: It's more to keep
22 people out of jail, people who are facing
23 trial, they put them through this jail
24 diversion fund to avoid jail and go for
25 rehab counseling and whatever else instead.

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2 LEGISLATOR MULE: Does this fully
3 fund those efforts?

4 MR. HALL: Well, we already have
5 a program going. This is additional money
6 they are giving us to I guess the expand the
7 program a little bit.

8 LEGISLATOR MULE: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any other
10 questions?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Is there any public comment?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 All those in favor?

15 (Aye.)

16 Any opposed?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Thank you.

19 522 authorizes the transfer of
20 appropriations or something. Why don't you
21 tell us.

22 MR. PERSICH: Andy Persich,
23 Office of Management and Budget. This item
24 transfers money from the Department of
25 Public Works into --

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Sorry. We
3 didn't have a motion.

4 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

5 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Motion by
7 Ms. Walker, Mr. Drucker seconds it. Go
8 ahead, Andy.

9 MR. PERSICH: This money is just
10 transferring money from one line item in the
11 budget to another line item for DPW to top
12 off the salt barns in case we have a bad
13 winter.

14 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?
15 Ms. Birnbaum.

16 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Is the salt
17 typically mixed with sand?

18 MR. PERSICH: I really don't know
19 the answer to that. That's more of a
20 technical answer. I want to say yes but I
21 don't want to give you the wrong answer. I
22 do believe it is but it's salt in the wound
23 right now is what it is.

24 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any other
25 questions?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 Is there any public comment?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 All those in favor?

6 (Aye.)

7 Any opposed?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 Thank you. That item is
10 unanimous. Thank you.

11 I'm going to skip 524 for the
12 moment. 523 is supplemental for the
13 Department of Social Services.

14 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR McKEVITT: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Motion by Mr.
17 Drucker, seconded by Mr. McKevitt.

18 MR. BRODERICK: Good afternoon.
19 Paul Broderick, Deputy Commissioner,
20 Department of Social Services.

21 The item before you is a
22 supplemental appropriation for \$391,462 from
23 the Office of Temporary and Disability
24 Assistance.

25 This is a good news story. The

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2 department was awarded these bonus funds for
3 the timely and accurate processing of SNAP
4 applications for our county residents.

5 Monies will be used for
6 technology enhancements in the department.
7 Do you have any questions?

8 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Do we have any
9 further questions on this item?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Is there any public comment?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 All those in favor say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Those opposed?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 The item passes unanimously.

18 Thank you.

19 I will skip 524 for the moment.

20 525 is another transfer of appropriations
21 for OMB.

22 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That is moved by
25 Legislator Walker and seconded by Legislator

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2 Birnbaum.

3 MR. MCMANUS: Bob McManus,
4 District Attorney's Office. This item
5 transfers \$250,000 in funding from the
6 salary line to the general expense line in
7 our 2018 approved budget.

8 Like all agencies, we work with
9 OMB to budget conservatively and very often
10 towards the end of the year we have to move
11 money around to utilize approved funding.

12 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 Is there any public comment?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 All those in favor?

17 (Aye.)

18 Any opposed?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Thank you. It's unanimous.

21 527 is another transfer of
22 appropriations.

23 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

24 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That is moved by

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2 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
3 Birnbaum.

4 MR. BRODERICK: Good afternoon.
5 Paul Broderick, Deputy Commissioner,
6 Department of Social Services. The item
7 before you is a request for a board transfer
8 in the amount of \$1,930,000.

9 Basically we are maintaining our
10 budget, just shifting funds around to
11 leverage the resources we have available to
12 us. Do you have any questions?

13 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 Is there any public comment?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 All those in favor?

18 (Aye.)

19 Any opposed?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Thank you. That's unanimous.

22 I'm going to call the three
23 remaining items together and then I will
24 make a motion for executive session.

25 524 is an authorization to settle

1 Finance Committee/10-3-18
2 the claim of Brian Knox against the county.
3 537 involves the claim -- application of
4 New York Association of Homes and Services
5 to the Aging against the Commissioner of
6 Health. And 539 is an authorization to
7 settle an action entitled Nicolette Iacone
8 by her co-guardians against the county.

9 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR MULE: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Motion by Mr.
12 McKevitt, seconded by Ms. Mule. Motion for
13 executive session.

14 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Motion by Mr.
17 Muscarella, seconded by Mr. Drucker.

18 All in favor of going into
19 executive session.

20 (Aye.)

21 Any opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Thank you. We are in executive
24 essential. Any members of the Rules
25 Committee?

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2 (Whereupon, the Finance Committee
3 recessed into Executive Session at 3:23
4 p.m. and reconvened at 4:39 p.m.)

5 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We are back from
6 executive session and we are going to vote
7 on these three items.

8 First, as to 524-18, all those in
9 favor of this settlement please say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 Any opposition?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 That is unanimous.

14 As to 537 of '18, all those in
15 favor of this settlement please say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Any opposition?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 That is unanimous.

20 As to 539, all those in favor?

21 (Aye.)

22 Any opposition?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 That is unanimous.

25 Motion to adjourn?

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2 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

3 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Motion to

5 adjourn is made by Mr. Muscarella, seconded

6 by Ms. Birnbaum. All those favor of

7 adjourning?

8 (Aye.)

9 Any opposed?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 We are adjourned. We are back at

12 Rules.

13 (Whereupon, the Finance Committee

14 adjourned at 4:40 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this 19th day of October, 2018.

FRANK GRAY