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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO,  
Presiding Officer

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

ROSE MARIE WALKER,  
Chairwoman

1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, New York

Wednesday, October 3, 2018  
1:17 P.M.

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2     A P P E A R A N C E S:3     ROSE MARIE WALKER,  
4         Chairwoman5     JAMES KENNEDY,  
6         Vice Chairman

7     LAURA SCHAEFER

8     C. WILLIAM GAYLOR, III

9     DELIA DeRIGGI-WHITTON,  
10         Ranking

11     ARNOLD DRUCKER

12     JOSHUA LAFAZAN

13     MICHAEL PULITZER,  
14         Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

MARYELLEN LAURAIN . . . . . 5

BRIAN HALL . . . . . 8

KATIE HORST . . . . . 9

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2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Will  
3 everyone please stand and join in with  
4 Legislator Gaylor.

5 (The Pledge of Allegiance was  
6 recited.)

7 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: At this time  
8 I'll call the Health and Social Services  
9 Committee to order. I will ask the clerk to  
10 please take the roll.

11 CLERK PULITZER: Health and  
12 Social Services roll call. Legislator  
13 Joshua Lafazan?

14 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

15 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
16 Arnold Drucker?

17 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

18 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member  
19 Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

20 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

21 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator C.  
22 William Gaylor III?

23 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Here.

24 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura  
25 Schaefer?

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2 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

3 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman

4 James Kennedy?

5 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

6 CLERK PULITZER: Chairwoman

7 Rosemarie Walker?

8 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Here.

9 CLERK PULITZER: We have a  
10 quorum, ma'am.

11 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you.

12 There are three items on the agenda today;  
13 the first is Clerk Item 519-18, an ordinance  
14 supplemental to the annual appropriation  
15 ordinance in connection with the Health  
16 Department.

17 Motion, please.

18 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by  
21 Legislator Gaylor, seconded by Legislator  
22 Schaefer. MaryEllen Laurain.

23 MS. LAURAIN: Good afternoon.

24 MaryEllen Laurain, Department of Health.

25 Item 519-18 is a supplemental appropriation

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2 in the amount of \$177,604. It's for our  
3 Drinking Water Enhancement Program. This is  
4 100 percent funded through the New York  
5 State Department of Health. Our program  
6 collects drinking water samples and also  
7 reviews approximately 250,000 samples  
8 submitted to us from the water districts.  
9 We review the engineering plans for the  
10 water systems and we review emergency  
11 responses.

12 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I would first  
13 like to thank you, MaryEllen and all who  
14 work on this particular area because I think  
15 there are several water districts in my  
16 legislative district that must have to test  
17 that water on a continuous basis. I am in  
18 constant contact with the water districts as  
19 I know you are. So I just want to thank you  
20 for that.

21 Any other legislators?  
22 Legislator Drucker.

23 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Do you test  
24 every single water district? What is the  
25 system in terms of the evaluation?

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2 MS. LAURAIN: We test every water  
3 single water district in Nassau County.  
4 There's 46 of them.

5 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So every  
6 single water district last the opportunity  
7 to give you the samples and then --

8 MS. LAURAIN: Every single  
9 district is required to submit to us.

10 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Are there  
11 any that aren't required?

12 MS. LAURAIN: No.

13 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you  
14 very much.

15 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions  
16 from any other legislators?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Any public comment?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Seeing none, all those in favor  
21 signify by saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 Any opposed?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 It will move on to Finance.

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2 Clerk Item 521-18, an ordinance  
3 supplemental to the annual appropriation  
4 ordinance in connection with the Department  
5 of Human Services.

6 Can I have a motion?

7 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: So moved.

8 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Second.

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by  
10 Legislator Kennedy, seconded by Legislator  
11 Lafazan.

12 MR. HALL: Brian Hall,  
13 Department of Human Services. This is  
14 \$199,000 grant from the New York State  
15 Office of Mental Health. It's 100 percent  
16 reimbursable. It is for our jail diversion  
17 funds for our courts.

18 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you.  
19 And this program is doing very?

20 MR. HALL: Yes, this is actually  
21 in addition to the program we already that  
22 exists. It's a pilot program that adds a  
23 couple of more items to the diversion court.

24 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Great. Any  
25 questions from the legislators?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 Any public comment?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 All those in favor of 521 signify

6 by saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 Any opposed?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 Any abstentions?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 This will also move on to

13 Finance. Thank you.

14 Lastly, Clerk Item 523-18, an  
15 ordinance supplemental to the annual  
16 appropriation ordinance in connection with  
17 the Department of Social Services.

18 Can I have a motion?

19 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

20 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Second.

21 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by  
22 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Legislator  
23 Drucker.

24 MS. HORST: Hi. Katie Horst from  
25 the administration.

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2 This is \$391,462 from the New  
3 York State Office of Temporary Disability  
4 Assistance. This money is for to the SNAP  
5 high performance bonus award, best payment  
6 accuracy and most improved payment accuracy  
7 during the federal fiscal year 2015.

8 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions  
9 from the legislators?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Any public comment?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 All those in favor of 523 signify  
14 by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 Any opposed?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Any abstentions?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 This too will move on to Finance.  
21 There is no other business before the Health  
22 and Social Services Committee. May I have a  
23 motion to adjourn?

24 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

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2 Second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by  
4 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Legislator  
5 DeRiggi-Whitton.

6 All those in favor of adjourning  
7 signify by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 Any opposed?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 We are adjourned and the next  
12 committee will be Public Safety.

13 (Whereupon, the Health and Social  
14 Services Committee adjourned at 1:22 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.

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FRANK GRAY