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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We will  
3 jump right into the Rules Committee. Again,  
4 we have the Rules members who can vote.  
5 Everyone else can participate in terms of  
6 questions, discussion, et cetera. Rules  
7 Committee. I'll call the roll. Legislator  
8 Kopel.

9 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
11 Rhoads.

12 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
14 Schaefer.

15 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Minority  
17 Leader Abrahams.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
20 DeRiggi-Whitton.

21 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
22 Here.

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
24 Bynoe.

25 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Item 109

3 of 2020. A resolution providing for the  
4 issuance of a warrant directing the treasurer  
5 of the county of Nassau to pay the supervisors  
6 of several towns and to the treasurers of  
7 several villages and cities within the county  
8 the sums as apportioned by the legislature  
9 based on a report filed by the treasurer and  
10 county clerk showing deposits for mortgage  
11 taxes for the quarter beginning January 1,  
12 2020 through March 1, 2020.

13 Moved by Legislator Bynoe.

14 Seconded by Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton. Any  
15 debate or discussion on this item? All in  
16 favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed?  
17 Carries unanimously.

18 111 of 2020 is a resolution making  
19 certain determinations pursuant to the  
20 New York State Environmental Quality Review  
21 Act and authorizing the county executive on  
22 behalf of the county to execute a first  
23 modification of lease agreement between the  
24 county as tenant and BC Holdings of NY, Inc.  
25 as landlord in connection with certain

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2 premises at 160 North Franklin Street,  
3 Hempstead, New York.

4 Moved by Legislator Bynoe.

5 Seconded by Minority Leader Abrahams.

6 Katy, is there anyone here to speak  
7 on this item?

8 MR. PAVEL: Hello. Craig Pavel,  
9 deputy county attorney on behalf of the Office  
10 of Real Estate services on this item.

11 This is a lease for approximately  
12 5,700 square feet of space for the WICS  
13 program. And this lease will continue the  
14 term of the duration of the lease will be for  
15 another five years. This is our first  
16 extension.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any  
18 questions? Hearing none, all in favor signify  
19 by saying aye. Carries unanimously. Thank  
20 you.

21 Three items 112, 113 and 114 of  
22 2020. These are resolutions authorizing the  
23 county executive to execute grant agreements  
24 between the county and the Museum of American  
25 Armor, Friends of Cedarmore, Inc. and the Long

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2 Island Children's Museum.

3 Moved by Legislator Schaefer.

4 Seconded by Legislator Rhoads. Any questions  
5 on this item? Hearing none, all in favor  
6 signify by saying aye. Those opposed? They  
7 carry unanimously.

8 We are going to jump into the  
9 contracts portion of the meeting.

10 A-3 of 2020 is a resolution  
11 authorizing the commissioner of shared  
12 services to award and execute a purchase order  
13 between the county and Tyler Technologies. We  
14 need a motion on that. Motion by Deputy  
15 Presiding Officer Kopel. Seconded by Minority  
16 Leader Abrahams. This is before us. Anyone  
17 to speak on this contract with Tyler  
18 Technologies?

19 MS. STANTON: This is Nancy  
20 Stanton, IT commissioner. A-3-2020 Tyler  
21 Technologies. This PO is for annual  
22 maintenance and support of the Adapt system.  
23 The PO is for \$605,000 annually. The term is  
24 January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.  
25 This Adapt product is extensively used by the

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2 assessment department, ARC, treasurer and  
3 county attorney.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I don't  
5 know if there is anyone from assessment is on  
6 via remote or not.

7 MS. STANTON: Yes. I have Robert  
8 Miles here with me.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Robert,  
10 can you hear us?

11 MR. MILES: Yes, I can hear you.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The  
13 question I had was this. As recently as March  
14 when you were making the arguments as to why  
15 the phase-in had to be passed earlier rather  
16 than later the assessor indicated that the  
17 department had to deal with this outdated  
18 technology. Specifically the Adapt system.  
19 So now we are entering into a contract to  
20 perpetuate that system. Is there any  
21 alternative at this time to move away from  
22 Adapt?

23 MR. MILES: Not currently. It  
24 houses everything that we need and we have a  
25 lot of applications that are linked to the

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2 Adapt system. So it would be very difficult  
3 right now to transfer to another portal  
4 application database. It's everything. So it  
5 would be very difficult to transfer from that  
6 program to something else. It's not that it's  
7 never been discussed before. But it really is  
8 an all-inclusive program. It not only affects  
9 assessment but the treasurer's office uses it  
10 extensively as well. So we'd have to make  
11 sure they're on board with any change we do.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I would  
13 ask the Assessment Department, treasurer's  
14 office, IT to at least begin the process of  
15 looking to transition away to another  
16 program. To a program that's not, quote  
17 unquote, antiquated. That can fulfill all the  
18 needs of our assessor's department. I think  
19 that's a process that should at least be begun  
20 at this time.

21 MR. MILES: We have been looking  
22 into it. Still trying to find something  
23 that's cost effective and time effective.  
24 Creating a whole new system for us would be --  
25 it's a tough project. It's not an easy



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2 project. It would be costly. But if fiscally  
3 we are sound and comfortable with the project  
4 itself and the IT department and the  
5 treasurer's office is on board then we will  
6 keep looking. We looked in the past and we  
7 will continue to look. We do want to go  
8 forward with more innovative processing.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I think  
10 what we would like to see going forward is a  
11 report on how this process develops and what  
12 progress is being made by that committee and  
13 those department.

14 MS. STANTON: Okay. We will.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
16 DeRiggi-Whitton.

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Hi.  
18 Can you just explain why there is a \$23,000  
19 increase for this year?

20 MS. STANTON: There were  
21 additional modifications that were made done  
22 on time and material that weren't part of  
23 this.

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
25 You're getting additional services from the

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2 provider?

3 MS. STANTON: Yeah. I believe  
4 there is an annual increase also.

5 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
6 Okay.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other  
8 questions? Hearing none, all in favor of this  
9 item signify by saying aye. Those opposed?  
10 Carries unanimously. Thank you.

11 I neglected to point out earlier  
12 that there were public comments submitted,  
13 which will be made part of the record,  
14 including comments from John Durso, the  
15 president of Local 338 and the president of  
16 the Long Island Federation of Labor. A  
17 comment from John Budnick. And a comment from  
18 Pete Gaffney. So they will be made part of  
19 the record. If it requires a response  
20 somebody from the legislature or our staff  
21 will be getting back to you.

22 I called that first contract  
23 individually. I'm going to call the rest as a  
24 group to streamline this a little bit.

25 First is A-26 of 2020. A

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2 resolution authorizing the commissioner of  
3 shared services to award and execute a  
4 purchase order between the county of Nassau  
5 and Millennium Products Group. Then I'm going  
6 to go to E-52, E-56, E-61, E-63, E-64, E-65,  
7 E-66, E-67, E-68 and E-69. These are  
8 resolutions authorizing the county executive  
9 to execute personal services agreements or  
10 amendments to personal services agreements  
11 between the county and Cedarmore Corporation,  
12 Change Healthcare Practice Management  
13 Solutions, Gannett Fleming Engineers, H2M  
14 Architects, NV5 New York, Liro GIS and  
15 Greenman Pederson and the Nassau County Health  
16 Care Corporation and the Leadership Training  
17 Institute.

18 That's moved by Legislator  
19 Schaefer. Seconded by Legislator Bynoe. So  
20 all those contracts are before us.

21 We will move on now to contract  
22 A-26 with Millenium Products Group, which is a  
23 contract through Emergency Management.

24 MR. PERSICH: Andy Persich. Good  
25 afternoon. This is a contract with the vendor

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2 that we found to get PPE equipment. It's a  
3 wholesaler. As this thing was evolving we  
4 were running out of vendors we could get  
5 equipment from. So this became the prime  
6 choice to get some of the PPE equipment.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I did have  
8 a question which is, the masks being purchased  
9 are almost a dollar each according to the  
10 backup. I believe the ones that we are  
11 wearing, the cloth masks, is that price is  
12 that a good price? Is it high for this  
13 supply?

14 MR. PERSICH: I can't tell you  
15 pricing-wise. What I do know in the midst of  
16 what was happening on these -- we had these  
17 daily phone calls that occur. Getting the  
18 equipment drove the price up. So I wouldn't  
19 be surprised that somewhere in the interim  
20 that these were probably driven up by pricing  
21 because of demand. We've heard a lot of press  
22 conferences on this about what's happening in  
23 this market arena. I think what happened is  
24 in the middle of the crisis there was limited  
25 supplies that we could get and there was a lot

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2 of debate or discussion about where we were  
3 going to procure stuff and this became the  
4 primary source at a pricing scale that may not  
5 be at the current levels but at that time it  
6 was probably a good deal.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Anyone  
8 else have any questions? Anyone at home?

9 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Actually I  
10 do. Do you see a need to purchase more of  
11 these going forward from the same company or  
12 what are we looking at now for the future?

13 MR. PERSICH: I don't believe  
14 that's the plan. I think this was a  
15 short-term fix. There's a lot of debate and  
16 discussions now once we go into the recovery  
17 mode, legislator, that we will be looking to  
18 procure these through whether it be a state  
19 contract or something else. We all know that  
20 supply is going to be a big issue. I think  
21 I'm hearing a 90 day supply. I don't think  
22 we're there yet but I just want to make you  
23 aware that OEM has a plan to stockpile some  
24 things but where that's at right now I don't  
25 know.

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2 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Okay.

3 Thank you.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Anyone  
5 else? Thank you. All in favor signify by  
6 saying aye. Those opposed? Carries  
7 unanimously.

8 Next item is E-52, contract with  
9 Cedarmore Corporation. Anyone here or  
10 participating remotely to speak on this?

11 MS. HORST: Katy Horst from the  
12 administration. Brian Hall should be on the  
13 line for this contract.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Brian are  
15 you there?

16 Are you able to answer any  
17 questions?

18 MS. HORST: I can do my best.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The one  
20 question that I had was, I'm not sure why this  
21 program is broken out from some of these other  
22 youth service agencies that we have. For  
23 example, we have contracts with youth services  
24 agencies that we deal with every year. So I  
25 wasn't sure why we would want to have an

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2 additional contract on top of that as opposed  
3 to having these monies flow into our regular  
4 youth service providers.

5 MS. HORST: Just so I understand,  
6 the question is why an additional provider?  
7 If you give me a minute I will get Brian Hall  
8 on the phone and get an answer for you. If  
9 you want to move on.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We can  
11 hear you now.

12 MR. HALL: That was an RFP that  
13 we did last year for all the youth service  
14 contracts. This is a three-year contract  
15 we're giving out. I'm not sure, what was that  
16 last question?

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I thought  
18 this seems to be on top of what we usually  
19 have in terms of our regular youth service  
20 agencies. I was unsure as to why we didn't go  
21 through those agencies that we fund and we  
22 have existing relationships with.

23 MR. HALL: Actually, we went  
24 through, like I said, the RFP process and they  
25 were a local affiliate there and they met the

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2 qualifications so we went with them. As far  
3 as previous agencies running that area, they  
4 would have been picked for whatever reason.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you  
6 Brian. Any other questions?

7 LEGISLATOR WALKER: I have a  
8 question Presiding Officer. This agency is a  
9 new agency?

10 MR. HALL: Yes, it's a new agency  
11 for human services but they've been around.

12 LEGISLATOR WALKER: But they  
13 haven't been part of the county?

14 MR. HALL: I'm not sure if  
15 there's any contracts as part of the county.  
16 As far as human services go with these youth  
17 contracts they haven't had one. We don't have  
18 any other contracts with our aging or chemical  
19 dependency. I'm not sure about the whole  
20 county if there's another contract out there.

21 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So this  
22 agency who did they replace in the area that  
23 they are now providing services to?

24 MR. HALL: I don't know if it's  
25 so much as replacing as much as maybe



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2 enhancing. I don't know really why because  
3 I'm not a program guy but I do know that we  
4 had a problem with one of the other agencies  
5 that was in Freeport and they actually dropped  
6 out of the running for it. So that left an  
7 opening.

8 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Okay. But  
9 this was an agency -- they needed someone else  
10 to fill that spot to be able to --

11 MR. HALL: Yes. Cover that area,  
12 right.

13 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other  
15 questions? Hearing none, all in favor signify  
16 by saying aye. Those opposed? Carries  
17 unanimously.

18 The next two that I called were  
19 E-56 and E-69 having to do with agreements  
20 with Change Healthcare Practice Management  
21 Solutions and Change Healthcare Technology  
22 Enabled Services. Those are contracts through  
23 the police department.

24 MR. FIELD: Good afternoon.  
25 William Field, deputy inspector from personnel

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2 and accounting bureau.

3 The first item is item E-56-20.

4 It's an amendment to an existing contract  
5 between the county and Change Healthcare  
6 Management Solutions Incorporated. It's to  
7 extend the contract to May 31, 2020. A new  
8 RFP was issued in 2019. The department is  
9 currently working on an award in order to  
10 ensure a smooth transition to the new  
11 contract. We have this amendment in place.  
12 It is a revenue-generating contract to offset  
13 expenses for the services provided. We also  
14 are endeavoring to encumber \$354,400 to pay  
15 vendor fees as per the contract. Do you have  
16 any questions?

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any  
18 questions on this one? Let's move on to the  
19 second E-69 69.

20 MR. FIELD: Item E-69-20 is a  
21 contract between the county. It is the new  
22 contract for the recording and transmission of  
23 prehospital care reports, billing and  
24 collection of fees for the department's  
25 Emergency Ambulance Bureau. The RFP was

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2 issued in 2019 as I said before. The  
3 department received four proposals. An  
4 evaluation committee was formed consisting of  
5 the members of the department's Emergency  
6 Ambulance Bureau as well as the county  
7 attorney's office.

8 Proposals were ranked and scored.  
9 The contract was awarded to the highest  
10 scoring proposer which is Change Healthcare  
11 Technology Enabled Services. Similar to the  
12 previous E-56 item, this is a  
13 revenue-generating contract which assists in  
14 offsetting expenses for the services  
15 rendered. And we are wishing to encumber  
16 \$750,000 to pay vendor's percentage of net  
17 revenue.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The first  
19 one is really more or less to finish out the  
20 existing contract?

21 MR. FIELD: Yes, sir. It goes  
22 through May 31, 2020.

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The end of  
24 this month. With respect to the second  
25 contract, we have questions about how

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2 aggressively the vendor is pursuing residents  
3 as to who is making determinations as to  
4 hardship status. Some of us were here when we  
5 first started doing this. It was always the  
6 focus and intention was to recapture some of  
7 the monies from insurance companies that would  
8 pay for the ambulance trips to and from the  
9 hospital. It seems that it's morphed into  
10 something different in terms of going after  
11 residents whose taxes already pay for this  
12 service.

13 So we have -- again, this is with  
14 respect to the second contract -- we have  
15 questions as to how this is being  
16 administered, how it can be better  
17 administered in such a way that we can achieve  
18 the original objective which again is to  
19 recoup insurance monies as opposed to going  
20 after residents. Many of whom are in hardship  
21 especially now with the COVID epidemic and the  
22 number of calls that were made and again with  
23 the economic distress in the background of  
24 that.

25 So, I don't know if I have any

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2 questions for you. That's just a background.  
3 Does anyone have any questions for Inspector  
4 Field? Anyone on video? If not, I think what  
5 I would like to do is just table E-69 and go  
6 ahead with E-56. Motion to table E-69 by  
7 Legislator Rhoads. Seconded by Legislator  
8 Bynoe. All in favor of tabling E-69 signify  
9 by saying aye. Those opposed? Carries  
10 unanimously. We're good. Thank you.

11 Next series of contracts are with  
12 the public works department. Ken Arnold is  
13 here. Contracts with Gannett Fleming, H2M NV5  
14 and Greenman Pederson.

15 MR. ARNOLD: Good afternoon. Ken  
16 Arnold, public works. E-61 is a construction  
17 management services contract for various pump  
18 stations in Glen Cove. Eight firms  
19 submitted. Gannett Fleming was the most  
20 qualified firm with a contract total  
21 \$884,000. Their WBE participation is at 20  
22 percent.

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Just I  
24 have something to state on the record. The  
25 resolution is for a personal services

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2 agreement and not an amendment to a personal  
3 services agreement. Just so the record is  
4 clear on that. Any questions for Ken on this  
5 item? Anyone via video? Okay.

6 MR. ARNOLD: E-63 is a design  
7 services contract for the design services for  
8 two Glen Cove pump stations. Four firms  
9 submitted. H2M was the most qualified firm by  
10 \$260,000 for the design services. Their WBE  
11 goal is 20 percent.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any  
13 questions? Hearing none, let's move on.

14 MR. ARNOLD: E-64 is a contract  
15 amendment for our on-call civil design  
16 contract with NV5. We're looking to amend the  
17 contract by \$4 million which will have a new  
18 cap of \$5.5 million. There's current  
19 encumbrances in this amendment for resurfacing  
20 design, Centennial Park Bannister Creek  
21 Bridge. This contract will expire -- it's not  
22 being amended for expiration but the current  
23 contract will expire in 2024.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: This is a  
25 sizable increase in the amount due to or

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2 potentially to be paid to NV5. It's for  
3 on-call design and related services?

4 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Are there  
6 other firms that do this for the county?

7 MR. ARNOLD: We anticipate  
8 amending all the on-calls at a similar  
9 amount. We are looking to get us through  
10 until 2024 and resurfacing alone we're  
11 probably running a million dollars, a million  
12 and a half dollars of design services out to  
13 the contractors. We want them all in play.  
14 Just because they have the cap capacity  
15 doesn't mean they're going to get all that  
16 work. But without the capacity of the cap I  
17 would have to amend contracts before I could  
18 award design services. So we're looking for  
19 capacity for all these firms.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Is this  
21 extending the time?

22 MR. ARNOLD: No. We're staying  
23 within the same time frame of the original  
24 contract.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: What I

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2 don't get is that it was initially, it was  
3 last year that you came before us and asked  
4 for a certain amount of money for these  
5 on-call services and within a year you're  
6 looking to increase that by \$4 million for  
7 this contractor and potentially other of the  
8 engineering firms.

9 MR. ARNOLD: We were looking at a  
10 million and a half per year and we realized  
11 why do we have to keep coming back and doing  
12 this every year. We just figured we'd extend  
13 it out for the length of the contract.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The  
15 difference is you want to avoid having to come  
16 back each year for this particular on-call  
17 services contract?

18 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Is this  
20 unusual to extend an on-call contract out for  
21 this many years?

22 MR. ARNOLD: This current  
23 contract is I think it was a three-year  
24 contract with two one-year extensions. So the  
25 money we're putting in gets us out to the



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2 extension. We are making the contracts a  
3 little bit longer because of the  
4 administrative burden of putting contracts  
5 through. We're trying to eliminate as many  
6 trips as possible.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Actually  
8 it's not as much of an extension of the  
9 contract as it is just adequate funding there  
10 for the duration of the --

11 MR. ARNOLD: Yes. It doesn't  
12 mean each firm will get all of it. But I need  
13 to have capacity in the contract so they all  
14 can bid. And if timely want to award a  
15 contract I don't need to come back and change  
16 capacity.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Do the  
18 other firms get roughly the same amount of  
19 work roughly?

20 MR. ARNOLD: One thing to note is  
21 one firm just was added to the list. Nelson  
22 and Pope had gone through some extra  
23 compliance review. They're I think the sixth  
24 firm that's in the loop. They were not part  
25 of last year's work because they were not yet

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2 approved. There's probably three firms that  
3 get most of our resurfacing work, which is the  
4 majority of the work, but all of the firms are  
5 getting a piece of the pie.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Anyone  
7 else have any questions? Legislator  
8 DeRiggi-Whitton.

9 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: How  
10 much do you normally like spend per year on  
11 this contract?

12 MR. ARNOLD: We have a lot of  
13 newer contracts that are out. We've stepped  
14 up our bridge program. So we're putting out  
15 bridge work that we have not done in the  
16 past. Resurfacing, all our designs are going  
17 through this now. We do very little designs  
18 through separate contracts. Both Centennial  
19 Park and Christopher Morley Park are going  
20 through these design on-calls. On top of that  
21 we have our typical smaller designs that are  
22 beyond our in-house capacity that come through  
23 here.

24 So, I believe last year I think we  
25 were somewhere around \$6 million worth of work

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2 in total went to the five firms.

3 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

4 Thank you.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other  
6 questions? Hearing none, all in favor signify  
7 by saying aye. Passes unanimously. Last one  
8 for you 66 right? No, 65.

9 MR. ARNOLD: My apologies. 66 is  
10 a contract for traffic and management center  
11 operations. We had two bidders on this.  
12 Greenman Pederson was selected as the lowest  
13 responsible bidder. It's a three-year  
14 contract with a cap of \$3.5 million. The 2020  
15 encumbrance is for \$900,000. We get 80  
16 percent reimbursement on this contract. This  
17 contract, these are the people that are in our  
18 command center monitoring 24-7 the conditions  
19 of our roadways.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Has the  
21 CSEA taken any position on this?

22 MR. ARNOLD: Yes. They claim the  
23 work. We wrote back to them saying this  
24 historically was never done by county staff.  
25 So I anticipate at some point there will be a

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2 grievance hearing on this issue.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: What is  
4 the urgency on this?

5 MR. ARNOLD: I think our current  
6 contract we're in an extension right now.  
7 Without having this contract we could end up  
8 with a lapse in service because I think we  
9 extended our existing contract to cover a time  
10 period. I don't know exactly when the current  
11 contract expires. I don't have it with me  
12 today.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Could you  
14 find that out while we're here?

15 MR. ARNOLD: Sure. I can make  
16 some calls to find that out.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We will  
18 come back to this one. Let's move on to E-65,  
19 2020. I think that's with Information  
20 Technology. It's Liro GIS, Inc.

21 MS. STANTON: Good afternoon.  
22 Nancy Stanton IT E-65-20 Liro GIS. This  
23 amendment is to extend the current contract  
24 for one year through February 28th. We use  
25 this vendor for monthly GIS data maintenance

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2 and tax map tools migration for assessment.

3 Our original contract term was  
4 March 1, 2015 through 2020. We do not have  
5 any renewals left on this contract. Part of  
6 the delay in this renewal was due to Liro GIS  
7 changing their name from Liro GIS Survey to  
8 Liro GIS and getting them to complete the  
9 appropriate forms. This is just an extension.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any  
11 questions? Thank you Nancy.

12 MS. STANTON: Thank you.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We have  
14 two more contracts left with the Department of  
15 Probation. E-67 and E-68. Nassau County  
16 Health Corporation is E-67 and E-68 is  
17 Leadership Training Institute.

18 MR. DIMAGGIO: Good afternoon  
19 legislators. My name is Dominick Dimaggio.  
20 I'm the attorney for the Department of  
21 Probation.

22 As far as contract 67-20 that is  
23 for retroactive payments for health care  
24 services provided to all the detainees at the  
25 juvenile detention center. It is for services

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2 that were provided January 1, 2013 through  
3 September 30, 2018. There is a state  
4 reimbursement of 49 percent on the services  
5 and it is a retroactive contract to cover for  
6 those payments.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any  
8 questions on that?

9 MR. DIMAGGIO: At present there  
10 is a contract for the services for the  
11 detainees in effect through '20 of '23. That  
12 was initiated on October 1, 2018 to reach the  
13 new Raise the Age standards that are required  
14 by the state. So we do have a present  
15 contract in effect for the services at the  
16 detention service through 2023.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any  
18 questions on the first contract? Legislator  
19 DeRiggi-Whitton.

20 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can  
21 you explain why -- I know it's retroactive --  
22 but why it's this late?

23 MR. DIMAGGIO: Sure. I did  
24 attach a retromemo with the contract but I  
25 will just give you a brief summary of it. My

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2 predecessor, who had retired December 31,  
3 2016, I was provisionally appointed August 6  
4 of 2017. I don't have an explanation for why  
5 it was never initiated. But when I did take  
6 over there were a number of retroactive  
7 contracts which we have successfully cleared  
8 up the vast majority of them. In fact, we're  
9 pretty much caught up after this contract. So  
10 I have been working diligently to clear up any  
11 old contracts that were due.

12 When I did become aware that these  
13 were due, I did have the juvenile detention  
14 center director as well as the accounting  
15 staff in the department verify that the  
16 services were provided and the appropriate  
17 amounts are being billed to the county before  
18 I initiated the payment for this contract.

19 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: It's  
20 six and a half years late. How did the  
21 hospital pay for things the last six and a  
22 half years? How were they paid for their  
23 services?

24 MR. DIMAGGIO: I'm sorry I had a  
25 train. I didn't hear your question.

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2 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can  
3 you just explain how the hospitals that  
4 provided the services were paid for the last  
5 six and a half years?

6 MR. DIMAGGIO: They weren't paid  
7 at this point. It's money due. It's a total  
8 of approximately \$49,000 due and it dates back  
9 from January 13 through, like I said,  
10 September 30th of '18. And they are still due  
11 this money. So it's actually for payment for  
12 retroactive services already provided.

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: We  
14 had a contract in front of Rules back in  
15 September 2019 where we went through the  
16 Nassau Health Care Corporation for 2018  
17 through 2023 contracts for these services.  
18 This wasn't included at that time?

19 MR. DIMAGGIO: No, it wasn't  
20 because we processed that contract on an  
21 expedited basis because it met all the new  
22 standards for the Raise the Age services that  
23 had to be provided with the new law which took  
24 effect October 1 of 2018. I also had to  
25 verify that these services were provided and



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2 that the appropriate amounts were charged back  
3 from those dates. Obviously it was a number  
4 of years ago. So I did a double check through  
5 the JDC director as well as the accountant to  
6 verify that the amounts were correct.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So,  
8 do you think there is anything in place that  
9 would avoid something like this from happening  
10 for six and a half years? Does anyone review  
11 the charges and see why we're so far behind?

12 MR. DIMAGGIO: Like I did say,  
13 specifically with NHCC the present contract is  
14 in effect through 2023. So we are actually  
15 ahead of the game with that. All the other  
16 contracts I have been working diligently and  
17 am pretty caught up. There were a number of  
18 contracts that I'm sure most of the  
19 legislators remember. I'm working my way  
20 through it. I'm pretty much caught up at this  
21 point.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
23 Good. I'm glad you to support it but I think  
24 six and a half years is a new record. Just  
25 going forward we just want to be a little bit

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2 more on top of it. Thank you.

3 MR. DIMAGGIO: I absolutely  
4 understand. And like I said, I don't have an  
5 explanation for why it wasn't paid. It was  
6 prior to my even being employed by the county,  
7 many of these charges. I didn't start until  
8 March of 2014 with the county itself.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: All  
10 right. Dom, I don't think that's a record you  
11 wanted to set.

12 MR. DIMAGGIO: All I'm saying is,  
13 many of these bills were prior to me even  
14 being here. But I am on top of it now that it  
15 is my position and I will be following up to  
16 make sure that obviously it never happens  
17 again.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank  
19 you. You want to jump into the next one, 68.

20 MR. DIMAGGIO: Sure. That is a  
21 contract. It's a fully funded grant contract  
22 which is provided for parolees for their  
23 successful reentering into society and this is  
24 to prevent them from re-offending. It's  
25 funded 100 percent state grant reimbursement.

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2 It's a pass-through. It's between ourselves  
3 and LTI, which is a new vendor now providing  
4 the services. Our prior vendor, FCA, informed  
5 us in June of last year that they no longer  
6 wanted to provide the services. An RFP was  
7 initiated and LTI is now the vendor that's  
8 providing these services.

9 This is slightly retroactive as  
10 well. I'd just like to make a note that many  
11 times with these grant contracts our letters  
12 and the authorization for funding comes very  
13 close to the time or after the time in which  
14 the services actually begin. But many times  
15 built into the system because of the way the  
16 funding comes through there is a slight amount  
17 of retroactivity that occurs in these grant  
18 contracts. Especially with the Department of  
19 Probation.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any  
21 questions? Thank you Dom. Ken, I see you are  
22 back in the room. You want to go back to  
23 E-66?

24 MR. ARNOLD: This contract is  
25 actually a retroactive contract I was just

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2 told by my project manager. We have to keep  
3 continuous service of the TMC to keep our  
4 funding. The current contract expired in  
5 January. This was to pick up that contract  
6 and we would be paying the vendor  
7 retroactively once this contract is approved.  
8 I apologize for the misinformation. I did not  
9 realize that.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I think  
11 we, the legislators, need to take a look at  
12 this over the course of the next two weeks.  
13 For this reason, potential CSEA grievance on  
14 this claiming this should be done by their  
15 workers. So I think we need at a very minimum  
16 to do our due diligence to take a look at  
17 these titles and see if we have them or not.

18 MR. ARNOLD: We don't have these  
19 titles in the department. We've never had  
20 these titles. It's always been done by a  
21 contract. It's kind of like the red light  
22 camera program. It's always been done by a  
23 contract. There are other things that we go  
24 back and forth with the union all the time  
25 on. But in this case I'm comfortable saying

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2 that we've never done this work and had people  
3 operating this facility that were union  
4 employees.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: It's a  
6 retroactive contract. If it's delayed for an  
7 additional two weeks --

8 MR. ARNOLD: That's fine. I just  
9 wanted to state our piece.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: To clarify  
11 the record.

12 MR. ARNOLD: I understand you  
13 want to go back and look at it.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: With E-66  
15 we need a motion to table. Moved by  
16 Legislator Rhoads. Seconded by Deputy  
17 Presiding Officer Kopel. All in favor of  
18 tabling signify by saying aye. Those  
19 opposed? Carries unanimously.

20 Now for the rest of the contracts  
21 that have not been tabled. That would be  
22 A-26, E-52, E-56, E-61, E-63, E-64, E-65, E-67  
23 E-68. With respect to those contracts all in  
24 favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed?  
25 Carries unanimously.

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2 Motion to adjourn by Legislator

3 DeRiggi-Whitton. Seconded by Legislator

4 Schaefer. All in favor of adjourning signify

5 by saying aye. Those opposed? It carries

6 unanimously. Thank you.

7 (Committee adjourned at 2:15 p.m.)

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