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LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Call the
Rules Committee to order. Mike please call the roll.

MR. PULITZER: Thank you
Presiding Officer. Rules Committee.
Legislator Siela Bynoe.
LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.
MR. PULITZER: Legislator Delia
DeRiggi-Whitton.
LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
Here.
MR. PULITZER: Ranking Member
Kevan Abrahams.
LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.
MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura
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LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.
MR. PULITZER: Legislator Steven
Rhoads.
LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Here.
MR. PULITZER: Vice Chairman
Howard Kopel.
LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.
MR. PULITZER: Chairman Richard

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Nicolello.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.
MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum sir.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you. As we always do, we're going to handle the contract portion of the committee first and I'm going to call all the following contracts. A-31, A-34, A-35, A-44, A-45, A-50, A-51. These are resolutions authorizing the commissioner of shared services to award and execute purchase orders or blanket purchase orders between the county and Night Fighter Tactical Incorporated, Comfort Kool, Intellitech Corporation, Cogsdale Corporation, Cascade Airframe Repair, Idemia Identity and Security.
E-116, a resolution authorizing the
county executive to execute a license agreement between the county and Felico's Pizzeria.

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$E-137, E-138, E-139$ and $E-140$.
These are resolutions authorizing
the county executive to execute personal
services agreements or amendments to personal service agreements between the county and the following. Bond, Schoeneck and King, Vincelette Law Firm, West Group Law P.L.L.C., Euro Lloyd Travel Group, Knowledge Builders, Roemer Wallens, Jackson Lewis, VHB Engineering, LiRo Program and Construction, Quatela Chimeri, Montifort Healy, Vecchione, Vecchione, Thompson Consulting Services, Tetra Tech Inc., Debris Tech, New Wave People, Inc., VHB Engineering and Surveying and National Medical Services.

Put these before us. Minority
Leader Abrahams make a motion. Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel seconds the motion. All of those contracts are now before us.

Before I call up the first speaker two of those contracts are going to be tabled. They are E-126, which is a contract with Knowledge Builders, and E-138, which is a contract with New Wave Builders.

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I need a motion to table. Moved by
Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel. Seconded by Legislator Bynoe. All in favor of tabling those contracts signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Those contracts are tabled. Let's go on to the contracts. First contracts we have are with the NCPD.

MR. FIELD: William Field, inspector, police department. The first item, A-31-21, is to award and authorize a purchase order for night vision goggles imaging system for the Nassau County Police Department's aviation unit. This solicitation was advertised in Newsday and posted on the bid board. The vendor being recommended for this award was the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications. The maximum amount authorized is $\$ 179,000$.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You said
it's for the aviation?
MR. FIELD: Yes, it's for the aviation bureau. For our pilots.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
questions? Go to the next one.

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MR. FIELD: Item $A-50-21$ is to award and authorize a purchase order for the Nassau County Police Department's aviation bureau for two helicopter engines. The solicitation was advertised in Newsday and posted in the bid board. Lowest responsible was Cascade Air Frame Repair, Incorporated. The maximum amount authorized under this purchase order is $\$ 1,738,622.60$. This is going to be federally grant funded.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Recently we had approved funding for new helicopters. Why the need for helicopter engines?

MR. FIELD: These two engines allow our aviation bureau to keep both helicopters available to fly when an engine needs to be shipped out of state for maintenance. They've come close to the terms where they have to happen and therefore they will be able to swap out an engines. Our own pilots have that capability.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Again, we had authorized the purchase of new helicopters. I don't know if you would know

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this answer, what does the fleet look like? Is it a combination now of newer helicopters and older helicopters?

MR. FIELD: Last I check we had the two new helicopters and I believe, don't quote me on this, I have to verify that there is a third that they use more for training purposes. But these are for the two newer helicopter so that they are always able to -they're Pratt Whitney engines -- swap in and out.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: It's a
little confusing to me as a lay person because if you're buying a new helicopter you wouldn't think there would be a need to swap out engines.

MR. FIELD: The way it was explained to me is when they come to the point where the maintenance, significant maintenance say, based on hours and things like that, they will actually have to package the item, the engine, and potentially ship it out of state. When that happens the helicopter can't fly. So having the backup engine keeps it capable

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LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Has this been the policy before this? Have we had engines to swap out or is this new?

MR. FIELD: I can find out.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Anyone else have any questions? Legislator Schaefer.

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: I'm not sure if I missed your last question. My was, is this standard practice to have backup engines for any helicopter? Have you had that in the past?

MR. FIELD: I would have to find out if we had this in the past.

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Okay. I guess I'm just thinking usually like with a car you kind of know when something's going wrong and you don't have a backup engine. Obviously this is different circumstances when we use helicopters. But just seems like the presiding officer said a little bit different than what you would think you would do.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So again, I'm

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certainly not an expert in helicopters but $I$ know in the car, that's the closest I get, swapping an engine is something like 15 or 20 hours of work. You say a pilot can it?

MR. FIELD: Our aviation mechanics, people that we have work that work there, they're capable of being able to do so.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: But that's a major procedure, isn't it, swapping an engine?

MR. FIELD: To be honest with you, I don't know how substantial timing it is.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: When you say maintenance what are we talking about? Why can't that be done in the helicopter while it's sitting there? Why does it have to be moved and shipped out?

MR. FIELD: I'll have to find out
exactly. I believe it has to do with the specific things that we can do on-site versus things that we couldn't do on-site or not comfortable doing on-site.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: In other

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words, is each of these maintenance things is a complete rebuild and how often does that happen?

MR. FIELD: My understanding is it's as needed.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator Rhoads.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: My understanding is that this is a fairly common practice in the military for tanks, for helicopters, having extra engines to swap them out keeps them mission capable so that the down time for that particular piece of equipment is significantly reduced.

So, with this being federally
funded it's not an additional expense to the county and having the spare, significant parts it would allow the aviation unit continue to fly without that helicopter down for a significant period of time. Is that right?

MR. FIELD: Yes, sir. The premise, from what I've been told, is the idea that we wouldn't have a helicopter available because it had to have engine work, especially

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with some of our agreements we have with the Coast Guard, we didn't want to not be able to have the capability of having one of our helicopters not unavailable for a long time. This is port security grant funded mainly to supply us with them.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So if it
takes a day for us to have to complete the work on our own it's better than having a helicopter out of service for an extended period of time.

## LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: What's the

 useful life of the engines?MR. FIELD: I have to get that
information for you.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Anyone
else have any questions?
LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Hi. Good afternoon. How many aviation mechanics do we have on staff?

MR. FIELD: We have seven
pilots. We may have one or two mechanics. I have to check.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I would be

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interested to know that. I was concerned when you said the pilots were doing it. Those are completely two different disciplines. MR. FIELD: It's our aviation
mechanics. I'd have to check the number. LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you.

Let me know that I'd appreciate it.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The grant
that funds this is it specific to this item? MR. FIELD: As in the 2018 grant
is it specific?
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I think
what I'm asking is, we're getting a grant from the federal government but is it specific that we use it to purchase engines or is it possible these grants coming from the federal government could be used for other purposes? MR. FIELD: I'd have to check. Might have been what we were requested -- it's possibly what we requested the funding for and that's what we were granted.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator Bynoe.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I guess my

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question is, I understand, as Legislator Rhoads said, we want to be mission ready. Have we encountered a scenario where our helicopters were done for a significant period of time because of engine maintenance?

MR. FIELD: I believe because of the relatively new age of the helicopters not to my knowledge. But that's definitely something I can find out in more recent time if it has happened.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: It all makes
sense to me that we would not want to be without a helicopter for a significant period of time. But I guess it would be helpful if we knew that in the past with older models that we may have encountered that. That certainly would be helpful to us.

MR. FIELD: I totally understand.
LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Move on to the next one, A-51.

MR. FIELD: A-51-21 is to award and authorize a purchase order for Idemia live scan cabinets. These are fingerprint

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machines. Mainly for our precincts. We are purchasing seven total units. Idemia is the system -- created the AFIS system. The actual cabinet is proprietary hardware software components which combine to make our work with our current AFIS fingerprint software. It is New York State grant funded. That's it. LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
questions? E-125.
MR. FIELD: E-125-21. This is an
amendment to our existing contract for travel
services with Nassau County. The services that are provided are mainly domestic and international travel for when NCPD members have to conduct investigations, prisoner transports, extraditions.

The original RFP was in 2018. The contractor also provides services for the sheriff's department, social services and the probation department. The amendment increases the amount by $\$ 150,000$ and exercises the options that were in the original contract through 2023. LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Deputy

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Presiding Officer Kopel.
LEGISLATOR KOPEL: I didn't understand. The original contract provided for this extension?

MR. FIELD: Yes, sir.
LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Why do we need
travel agents in this day and age? They hardly exist anymore. Are there no travel people in the police department, someone assigned to handle ticketing and so forth? MR. FIELD: We do not have someone that's specifically tasked to do these types of -- to make these types of purchases. They do provide a service, whereas, they try to find best rates. They have agreements I guess with or they look for the best rates they can get. And there have been times where they've called us and have told us maybe we should look into traveling a different time or date if possible. They pay for their services upfront and then are reimbursed by us at a later date.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: This doesn't include ticket prices, does it?

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MR. FIELD: No. They only get a service charge for our transactions.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Don't they get money from the airlines and so forth as well?

MR. FIELD: I'm not sure about that. I believe it's \$19, around \$19 a transaction when they buy the actual tickets. When they book the tickets. Then they put in a claim for us to pay them.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: For $\$ 19$ each

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MR. FIELD: I believe it's a transaction.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Has it been the department's experience that overall this saves money?

MR. FIELD: I would have to check. They have called us before and have said at times say this is probably not the best time or day to travel. Maybe we should wait until tomorrow type of thing. It does seem like they do have our interests there.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Okay. I just really kind of wonder why we need outside --

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would it not make sense to have -- look, you don't have an awful lot of travel, is there? I wouldn't think this is something that happens --

MR. FIELD: Our detective division uses it quite often. I don't have an exact amount. It can be a decent amount of money the course of a year.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: I'm wondering
if a full-time employee or maybe even
part-time actually, part-time employee might not be more efficient.

MR. FIELD: It's something we can
definitely explore.
LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Thank you.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other questions on this one? No. You have one more, $\mathrm{E}-140$.

MR. FIELD: E-140-21. This is an
amendment to the existing contract with
National Medical Services, Incorporated. They
provide laboratory services for the police
department. It extends the term for two additional years. There is no increase in

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funding for this amendment. They mainly drug test evidence. Drug evidence for us. LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any questions on this? Thank you inspector. Next contracts are with Public Works.

Before you start I wanted to say your staff did a very good job with the chambers here. The upgrades. It almost feels like a different space with the lighting and everything. Extend our compliments to all those that worked on it.

MR. ARNOLD: I will do that.
Thank you.
The first item, A-34, is a contract for $A C$ maintenance and repair associated with the computer rooms. We had seven bidders and Comfort Kool AC was the lowest responsible bidder.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: There's two Comfort Kools. Why don't we just do them both together?

MR. ARNOLD: A-35 is also an AC maintenance repair contract for split systems and portable air conditioning units. Again,

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we had six bids and Comfort Kool HVAC was the lowest responsible bidder.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Between
the two of them it's $\$ 9$ million maximum
amount. Is this the usual expense to the county?

MR. ARNOLD: On A-34 this
contract will allow us to install units.
That's why we upped the number this year so we can put new units in. It's not just maintenance. I would have to double check if A-35 has that same language.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
particular buildings that are targeted for new units?

MR. ARNOLD: Not at this time.
Right now it's just maintenance.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: But A-34
allows you to do that?
MR. ARNOLD: Yes. Like we had an
issue a couple of years ago at 60 Charles
Lindbergh. We had to put a new unit in. This would give us that opportunity.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other

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questions? No. E-118.
MR. ARNOLD: E-118 is a contract
for environmental facilities on-call
construction management services. We had 13
firms submit. Aecom was one of the eight selected vendors based on their technical score.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
questions? Okay.
MR. ARNOLD: My next one is
E-129. E-129 is an additional firm for our traffic on-call services. We initially selected five of the eight firms. We are currently in the process of adding two additional firms which VHB is one of the two firms.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: How many
firms in total do you expect to have doing on-call engineering?

MR. ARNOLD: Should be seven. The reason was not all of the firms bid on every project so we wanted to get more engagement.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: From your

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experience and your review they are all qualified?

MR. ARNOLD: Yes.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
questions? No. Let's move to E-130.
MR. ARNOLD: $\mathrm{E}-130$ is a contract amendment for LiRo Engineering associated with the family mat court. It's a two-year extension. An additional $\$ 1$ million in services.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: This is
for phase two?
MR. ARNOLD: Yes.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Tell us
again what the timeline is for the family court. I know we ask you every time. I want to be consistent.

MR. ARNOLD: It's an 18-month contract from April of this year. There are some concerns right now associated with delivery of mechanical equipment because of COVID. But we're looking at that process right now.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So the 18

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month timeline what is expected to happen at the end of the 18 months?

MR. ARNOLD: Completed project. LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We would certainly look forward to that.

MR. ARNOLD: That's my goal.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
questions on this one? Yes.
LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I have a question on $\mathrm{E}-129$.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Okay. We haven't voted on anything so you can always go back.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Can I ask that question now?

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Yes.
LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I have a
question about VHB. They were ranked number six out of all of the others on the technical rank. Why did we go with them as opposed to those that were ranked?

MR. ARNOLD: Legislator, we already selected the top five. We had done that about a year and a half ago. We're

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adding two additional firms. We're adding VHB and I believe the other is Aecom. Aecom we're still working on the disclosures with them. We're adding more firms to our pool of on-call consultants for traffic.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: They're just going to be added as an on-call?

MR. ARNOLD: Yes. We already have contracts with the top five.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I understand what you're saying you're working your way down the list based on the submissions you received. Ranking a technical score of 96.8 is -- when you get down to eight it's going to be 72.3 and with VHB we're at 84. Eighty four is a fair score it seems. But there could be some significant differences that in I guess the factors or the variables that got them down to number six. I'm just interested to know the difference between them being ranked number one and number six.

MR. ARNOLD: This contract includes both design services and construction management services. Some firms are stronger
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in one area than another area. But all that is flushed out because we do -- each task order is a mini bid. So we still go through a second selection process. If we have, for example, a task that $I$ want to do a study at a location, all firms that are currently selected, in this case it would be the top five plus VHB, would submit mini proposals and these will have to rank number one to get that project. This only gives them the ability to be in the pool of consultants that we evaluate for our mini bids.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I understand but I'm having a hard time wrapping my mind around the technical score being significantly different. Especially as we go down the list and if the idea is that we're going to work our way right down this list we're going to from someone who ranked 96.8 to someone who ranks 72.3. It's like a 20 point plus difference.
MR. ARNOLD: My traffic group
looked at that and VHB has done work for us and actually VHB, later in this session there
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will be another contract for them on traffic work. So they do have talent in the area of traffic. I'd have to go back to the scores on why Greenman Peterson might have been 96 and they were 84. There's probably one component that they had a concern about with VHB. But in working through the mini task bids that can be managed and worked through.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I think for me to have like real comfort in being able to approve something like that I would need to know that you actually reviewed what variable or component led to such a significant difference in the technical score and that you know that they can perform under the contract that we're looking at. I think we should know that. If you're giving us this contract for us to take into consideration to add them to the on-call $I$ want to make sure there's no major deficiency in whatever the services they would need to provide. I don't know that VHB really gives me that much concern. But I know when we get down to KLB I would be concerned.

MR. ARNOLD: My team has not
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recommended KLB.
LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I know. I know we haven't gotten down there yet. You're telling me we're just working down a list. I say at some point once we get below a certain score you should probably rebid so we get a whole bunch of fresh new bids in. I'm not trying to make a mountain out of a mole hill here. You're saying that there's a reason why they didn't get ranked higher. When we get down to number eight, if we're talking about just working down a list, when we get down to number eight we're giving a bid to someone who ranked 20 percent lower than the original bid that came in.

MR. ARNOLD: I know in discussing
with my team that I don't believe that KLB will be recommended. I know Aecom their score is also low. But Aecom has construction management talent and $I$ would think that's where my team is looking to use them not in the design aspect of traffic. But today we're not talking about Aecom we're talking about VHB. I'm just talking in general, the big

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picture.
LEGISLATOR BYNOE: There's a reason they didn't come in higher. I just wanted to know what it was. You're saying you don't know what it is right now?

MR. ARNOLD: I'd have to go
back. This was done a couple of years ago.
We're probably rebidding this next year.
These contracts. Their term is probably up by the end of this year.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I just think
that if you're going to come and give us that kind of -- bring this kind of contract to us that we should know that you knew what the deficiency was where they ranked lower and wouldn't be of concern in this particular contract.

MR. ARNOLD: My assumption is we haven't used VHB in a couple of years for any construction management. So they probably are weaker on that point where they are very strong on the design side.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And they're
going to be used for design only on this?

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MR. ARNOLD: Like I said,
there'll be mini task bids each time and I would expect their reviews to be in parallel to the overall review when the time comes.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you for answering the questions.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I note
that you just addressed E-130 LiRo but my understanding is that the inspector general is still reviewing that contract and that she is still reviewing contract E-136 with Tetra Tech, Inc. So, at this time $I$ would call for a motion to table E-130 and E-136. Moved by Legislator Rhoads. Seconded by Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton. All in favor of tabling signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Those two contracts are tabled.

The next two are E-135 and E-137. MR. ARNOLD: E-135 and E-137 are professional services associated with disaster related debris removal monitoring services. Four firms submitted and the department is selecting the three highest technically ranked firms. They include Tetra Tech. The one item

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that we just tabled which is -- actually Tetra Tech we did table. And then Debris Tech and Thompson are the other two.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
questions on these? Quick question off topic. With tropical storm Ida any extensive damage to the county facilities that you can report on?

MR. ARNOLD: We've had a number of washouts and issues up on the north shore. Glenwood Avenue is one big one that we're cleaning up right now. Couple of other smaller ones. We did have some damage and we have assessment reports in working with FEMA like we typically would.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Ken, I just want to thank you because we did have a sewer backup and a few other things and you answered me right away. It was I guess it was like, $I$ don't know, eight o'clock in the morning and I appreciate it. I don't think it's going to affect the county but we had a sand dune collapse in Sands Point that caused extensive damage on Furwood. The whole sand

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dune collapsed onto the neighborhood below. And I was there with the county executive -MR. ARNOLD: This is on Inwood? LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

Inwood and --
MR. ARNOLD: Yes. We are looking
that also.
LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Is
the county going to have a role in that?
MR. ARNOLD: Believe it or not, the county owns one little parcel of that -LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
heard that.
MR. ARNOLD: There's probably an old tax lien. So, my update from my team is that the upland fell on to that and gave concern. So, I'm not sure where we are in that remediation. We're working through that.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
There was eight feet of sand in someone's basement. It's horrible. Thank you so much.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Last
Public Works contract I believe is VHB Engineering which is E-139.

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MR. ARNOLD: E-139 is an
engineering design services contract for the replacement of signals on the south shore related to Hurricane Sandy. We received DOT funding for this project at 80 percent. We had 80 proposals and VHB was the highest technically ranked firm and MWBE is at 16 percent.

## LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any

questions? I think we're good.
We have a couple of contracts with
IT.
MS. STANTON: Good afternoon.
Nancy Stanton, IT technical.
Intellitech, A-44 2021. This
contract is for the jail management system. It's the annual license and maintenance. Term is from August 2021 through August of 2022. Any questions?

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm told
that in the backup there's an indication that the system is not stable.

MS. STANTON: They do have issues
from time to time.

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I don't know if you want to speak to that.

MR. CRUZ: Deputy undersheriff Antonio Cruz. Good afternoon. We are endeavoring to see if there's other options but at this point this is the software that we use to maintain the operations of the jail on a daily basis.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Tell me about what operations it maintains.

MR. CRUZ: The admissions
process, the discharge process, the commissary, cash deposits, etcetera, etcetera. Basically it's our information platform for the inmate population.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The concern is obviously when we hear something like this, the system is not stable, the major concern is we don't want to see our officers put at risk at all. Can you affirm that any issues with this software, etcetera is not going to endanger our officers?

MR. CRUZ: The purpose of the contract is to continue the software so we can

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maintain operatability while we're exploring other options.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We need
some sort of statement or assurance that this software is not endangering our officers.

MR. MILES: Like anything else, I
can't specifically --
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I guess
you can't make a guarantee in life but you can --

MR. MILES: I can't guarantee but we need the software to operate on a daily basis and any issues that come up are rectified with the vendor.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Your answers really for me are not satisfactory and I understand what you're saying that you need this to continue operations. But I would ask IT, the administration, the jail, the sheriff, to do whatever they have to do in the near term to identify either a replacement or a complete fix to this.

MR. CRUZ: Sir, that's actually in process. This contract is to maintain us

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until that comes to fruition. We're actively looking to replace the system that we have. LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: When do we think we'll have --?

MS. STANTON: Probably the second quarter of next year.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Is there
an RFP out?
MS. STANTON: I believe it's a system that was on state contract.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: This
system. So what's the process then?
MS. STANTON: It's on a state
contract, so we can procure through procurement.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: But what's the next step? I know you talked about the second quarter of next year. What is it you're doing now to get the next contract?

MS. STANTON: We're actually
having meetings with the vendor to make sure it satisfies the needs of the jail. We've had kickoff meetings already.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You can

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expect that we will be asking about this on a regular basis. Any questions from anyone else? Thank you. A-45 with Cogsdale Corporation.

MS. STANTON: Yes. This contract is also annual maintenance and support for the county's financial system. The data warehouse. The annual expense is $\$ 124,871$. The term is July 1, 2021 through June of 2022. LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Why was the contract late?

MS. STANTON: Just getting the vendor to fill out forms. It's an ongoing problem.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Then maybe
that vendor should be not renewed going forward if it takes -- is this sole source? MS. STANTON: Yes, sole source. LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: It's maintenance, okay. Maybe you should be looking at another system at some point. If it takes them over a year to fill out paperwork then there's a problem. I would count that as something that raises suspicions

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about their ability to do whatever they do.
MS. STANTON: It was only submitted to purchasing in May of this past year. With COVID and people being out there was a delay on our part as well I have to be honest.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other questions? Thank you. We have one contract with the Parks Department.

MS. KASO: Good afternoon. Tori Kaso with the Department of Parks. E-116 is a license agreement with Felico's Pizzeria to provide full food and beverage and catering services for the department and other various county agencies if they need with the approval of the department at certain county events including the veterans picnic is our major event that we use this type of contract for, where the county provides such services to third parties at no cost. It is for a maximum of $\$ 75,000$ a year for a total of $\$ 375,000$ over the five year term.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
questions? Thank you.

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County attorney. Bunch of county attorney contracts.

MS. MOLINARES: Good afternoon.
Chief Deputy County Attorney Jessica Molinares.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Let's start with 119.

MS. MOLINARES: E-119 is a
contract between the county attorney with the law firm of Bond Schoeneck. This is regarding

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    a discrimination claim. That's actually
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    currently active.
    LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
questions on this one? No. E-120.
MS. MOLINARES: E-120 is for --
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: E-120 and
121 together it's the same law firm.
MS. MOLINARES: E-120 and E-121 are both with the law firm of Vincelette. They are our trial counsel on various tax cert matters that are on for trial. Tax certiorari matters.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So these cases were handled in-house until the trial

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stage?
MS. MOLINARES: I believe so.
Yes, they were.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: It also says they're providing general legal advice and counsel to ARC, Department of Assessment and county attorney's office on assessment related matters?

MS. MOLINARES: Correct.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Is that something they've been doing in the past?

MS. MOLINARES: No. And I
wouldn't say it's been frequent. It's just been more of on an as-needed basis. As we're preparing for trial we have some various other just other issues arise that we sought their guidance on.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any questions on these two? No. E-122 is with The West Group.

MS. MOLINARES: E-122 is with the
law firm of The West Group. And that's on two matters that have actually subsequently been resolved. They were also discrimination

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matters.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
questions? Legislator Schaefer.
LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Good
afternoon. I just noticed that the fees are slightly different for someone like West Group, and I know we didn't get to it yet but there was another firm, maybe Quatela Chimera, but the fees are different for like partner for associate. Can you tell me what that's based on?

MS. MOLINARES: Those are based on essentially the budgets that are proposed by the various firms. When there's an RFP process or mini bid process, once we have our qualified panel of law firms, our vendors, we call them our vendors, when we submit a bid for a matter or for various matters they then submit proposed budgets and different firms may have different budgets. They tend to be somewhat aligned but not always. So it does vary.

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: There's a range I assume in which they are allowed to

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propose their fees or not really?
MS. MOLINARES: I wouldn't say
that it's on paper that there's a range.
There's just standard practice based on our experience both in private and public sector what we think is reasonable and this is all reviewed by the selection committee in making the selection of the firm.

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Thank you.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other
questions? Next one.
MS. MOLINARES: That would be E-127. That's with the law firm of Roemer Wallens. That's for a disposed matter. That's just to essentially an amendment to close out the additional invoices or the remaining invoice on this matter.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any questions on this one? E-128 with Jackson Lewis.

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\text { MS. MOLINARES: } \quad \mathrm{E}-128 \text { is an }
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amendment to a contract with Jackson Lewis. This contract includes the NIFA wage freeze litigation that we presented previously. Also

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includes some previously also disposed matters and this is more of an amendment for just some additional billings on the wage freeze litigation and to clear up some invoices.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
questions on this? No. E-131 with Quatela.
MS. MOLINARES: $\mathrm{E}-131$ is an
amendment to the contract with the law firm of Quatela Chimera. Those are for some various federal litigations. Or litigations in federal court better stated.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
Schaefer.
LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Just a question on this one and actually one we just went over. I forget what the last one was. Has the money that, if it was approved today, is this money already spent or this money for them going forward?

MS. MOLINARES: I'm not sure what
the other one is that you're referring to. I can tell for Quatela there are invoices that are outstanding, so, yes.

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So some of

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it or is all of it?
MS. MOLINARES: I think the
amendment is for invoices that are outstanding and for future budgeting. But the initial encumbrance is to cover the outstanding invoices. Majority.

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: The last one was the West Group.

MS. MOLINARES: Well, as the matters are resolved I would say that these are for outstanding invoices.

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Okay.
Thank you.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other questions so far? I think the next one is E-132 with Montfort Healy.

MS. MOLINARES: Montfort Healy E-132. This is for what we consider a high potential exposure personal injury lawsuit.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
questions? No. E-133 Vecchione.
MS. MOLINARES: E-133 with
Vecchione is an extension. They are essentially service our worker's compensation

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counsel and they handle the worker's
    compensation matters.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: They have
for a long time too.
    MS. MOLINARES: Yes. But this is
    an amendment for one year.
    LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other
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    questions? Legislator Schaefer.
    LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Just
    curious. They're paid on a flat fee per
    month; correct?
MS. MOLINARES: I believe so.
Vecchione, yes.
LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: And others
do the hourly fee. Do you know what the
difference is? Is there a preference by the
firm or something else? Some other reason?
MS. MOLINARES: As Vecchione does
provide the services for the worker's
compensation matters that can be very
volumious and the scope of services vary from
month to month. At the time it just made
sense to have more of a flat fee arrangement
with them.

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LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: They also,
I guess, do sort of an on-call with regard to issues that come up with the worker's comp? MS. MOLINARES: Yes. That's fair
to say.
LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Thank you. With regard to that, does that work? Does a flat fee payment -- has it been explored to have that work with other scenarios, with other types of legal cases?

MS. MOLINARES: It's definitely
something that has been discussed but litigation can be very fluid. It can vary. One perfect example would be a certain matter could have volumious discovery where we would actually be hard pressed to find a firm that would be willing to work for a flat fee. And the problem is sometimes when you enter into or when you commence or when you're first responding to an action that has been commenced against us you don't necessarily know what trajectory the case is going to take. It's a little difficult to approach litigation in that regard.

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LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Thank you.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The last contract was E-134.

MS. MOLINARES: E-134 is with the law firm of Montfort Healy. This is also for a personal injury litigation. Federal venue, yes.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
questions on this last contract? Thank you very much.

We are going to call all the
contracts that have not been tabled except for one, which we will call separately. Contracts we're calling now for a vote are $A-31, A-50$, $A-51, E-125, E-140, A-34$ and $A-35 . E-118$, $\mathrm{E}-129, \mathrm{E}-135, \mathrm{E}-137, \mathrm{E}-139, \mathrm{~A}-44, \mathrm{~A}-45, \mathrm{E}-116$, E-119, E-120, E-121, E-122, E-127, E-128, E-131, E-132 and E-134.

Any further debate or discussion? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously.

The last contract we will call is with Vecchione. It's E-133. Legislator Rhoads is leaving the chambers and will not be

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voting on this particular item.
No further debate or discussion.
All in favor of $E-133$ with Vecchione signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously by a vote of six to zero.

We'll put the committee in recess and resume the other committees.
(Committee was put in recess at 3:18 p.m.)
(Committee reconvened at 8:38 p.m.)
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: At this time I'm calling the Rules Committee out of recess. What we're going to do is call the one item that just went through Finance, settlements, and then go out of recess and we're going to be calling an emergency meeting of the legislature to consider that same item.

So, it's item 343. A resolution authorizing the acting county attorney to compromise and settle the claims of the county against Endo Health Solutions, Inc.

Moved by Legislator Schaefer. Seconded by Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton. Any

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debate or discussion on that item? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

Opposed? Passes unanimously. Putting the Rules Committee in recess.
(Committee recessed at 8:39).
(Committee reconvened at 8:49 p.m.)
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm
reconvening the Rules Committee now and call
the consent items. So we move to the
calendar. Item 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 270,
271, 272, 273, $274--273,276,277,278,279$,
280, 281, 285, 286, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302,
$303,304,305,306,307,308,309,311,312$,
$313,314,315,316,326,330$.
Those are the items on the consent calendar for the main calendar. Let's vote on those. Any further debate or discussion on these items? Motion by Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel. Seconded by Legislator Schaefer. All those items are before. They went through committees a few moments ago and it's been agreed by the Majority and Minority that no further debate or discussion is needed at this time. All in favor of those items

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signify by saying aye. Those opposed? They all carry unanimously.

I did not count the consent items on the addendum because I hadn't take a motion to suspend the rules. I will do that now. Motion by Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton to suspend the rules. Seconded by Legislator Bynoe. All in favor of suspending the rules signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Rules are suspended.
$327,328,329,332,333,335,336$,
$337,338,339,340,341,342,344,345,346$, 347, 348 and 289. Again, these are the items that went through committees moments ago and it's been agreed by the Majority and Minority that no further debate or discussion is needed at this time but we do need a motion. Moved by Legislator Rhoads. Seconded by Legislator Schaefer. All in favor of these consent items signify by saying aye. Those opposed? They all pass unanimously.

Since we're still waiting we'll keep on going.

Item 219 of 2021 is a resolution to

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ceremonially designate a portion of the county road known as Middle Neck Road at the corner of Cedar Drive in Great Neck as Great Gatsby Way.

Motion by Legislator
DeRiggi-Whitton. Seconded by Minority Leader Abrahams. Any debate or discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously.

275, a resolution to accept a gift offered by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America to the Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums.

Motion by Legislator Schaefer. Seconded by Legislator. Any debate or discussion? You want to say a few words? I'm sorry you had to stay here all night?

MS. KASO: I don't need to unless you need any answers.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Good choice. We're good. Thank you very much. All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously.

We have a number of resolutions to

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accept gifts offered by either the West Hempstead Fire Department and/or the Nassau County Police Department Foundation. These are 290, 291, 292, 293, 295, 296 and 297.

Motion by Minority Leader
Abrahams. Seconded by Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel. All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously.

We are going to take another recess from Rules and go right to the full leg.

For the record, Legislator Bynoe did not vote and/or participate in item 299 which was on the consent calendar. So therefore, it passes by a vote of six to nothing in the Rules Committee.
(Committee recessed at 8:55 p.m.) (Committee reconvened at 8:57 p.m.) LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Reconvening the Rules Committee. Item 310 of 2021 is a resolution to accept a gift offered by the United States Soccer Foundation to the county Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums.

Moved by Legislator Bynoe.

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Seconded by Legislator Rhoads. Any debate or discussion? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Carry unanimously.

The next several items are CRPs. Call them together. 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324,325 . These are resolutions authorizing the county executive to execute agreements with Rescue Hook and Ladder, Locust Valley Fire District, Baldwin Fire District, Village of Lynbrook, Village of Laurel Hollow, the Merrick Union Free School District, the Carle Place Union Free School District and the Jericho Union Free School District.

Moved by Legislator Rhoads.
Seconded by Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton. Any debate or discussion on these items? All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? They carry unanimously.

331 is a resolution prohibiting
Nassau County elected officials from postmarking or causing to be mailed mass mailings prior to an election.

Moved by Deputy Presiding Officer

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Kopel. Seconded by Legislator Schaefer.
All this does is apply the
restriction on county legislators to all
county officials in connection with mailings within 45 days of an election.

Any debate or discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? That passes unanimously.

Now to the first addendum. We have one item in the first addendum which is 334. A resolution to accept a gift offered by the Nassau County Parks Conservancy.

Moved by Minority Leader Abrahams. Seconded by Legislator Schaefer. Any debate or discussion on this item? All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously.

Two items on the second addendum. 349, a local law to amend the administrative code of Nassau County in relation to the prohibition of discriminatory anticompetitive business practices by companies that participate in boycott divest sanctions and activities.

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Motion by Legislator Rhoads.
Seconded by Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel. You want to give us the Cliff notes.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Simply Cliff note version. Obviously this is an extension of the anti-BDS legislation that we passed back I believe in 2016. We discovered, through Ben and Jerry's actually, in events that took place over the summer that there was a loophole in the existing BDS law. This closes that loophole so that now if there is a company that engages in BDS activities, any county vendor is now prohibited from distributing or offering for sale any goods from that company that is participating in BDS activities on Nassau County property.
LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If I may?

We are in complete support of this. But how has the enforcement occurred since we passed the original bill since 2016? Have they been discovering individuals that have, in that case it was vendors, have they discovered that there were vendors during that time that have been active in BDS activity that shouldn't be

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contracting with the county. I'm just curious now that we've seen the bill for the last five years how it's been enforced.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I would have to ask the administration that.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: I have the impression that it's kind of a hard thing to enforce but it's certainly an important statement that we're making.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I agree. LEGISLATOR KOPEL: And that's the essence of this. It could happen that we find out and we do have now this instance of Ben and Jerry's we could disseminate that to the vendors. But it's a statement.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I wanted to
make sure that if there was some type of
enforcement mechanism that was occurring I just wanted to get a greater understanding of how it was being done. That being said, obviously we agreed with the statement.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: This
particular case it may very well be that, I don't know this for sure, I've been trying to

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avoid ice cream recently, but it may be the case that we do offer Ben and Jerry on county property and that obviously would stop that from happening.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
further debate or discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously.

Last item for tonight is 350 , which is a resolution to prohibit the inclusion of the name, likeness or title of an elected official on any check, direct payment or cash transfer or any envelope, correspondence or mailing accompanying the same to homeowners distributed by Nassau County pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act.

Moved by Legislator Schaefer. Seconded by Legislator Rhoads. It's self-explanatory. Any debate or discussion on this? All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously.

A motion to adjourn by Legislator Rhoads. Seconded by Legislator Schaefer. All in favor of adjourning signify by saying aye.

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Those opposed? We are adjourned.
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I, FRANK GRAY, a Notary Public in and for the State of New York, do hereby certify: THAT the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of September 2021.

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