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

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19 LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN

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2 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Finance
3 Committee. We are going to have to try to
4 move it along. Mike, would you do the honors
5 please.

6 MR. PULITZER: Thank you.
7 Finance Committee roll call. Legislator
8 Joshua Lafazan.

9 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

10 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Carrie
11 Solages.

12 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

13 MR. PULITZER: Ranking member
14 Arnold Drucker.

15 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

16 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Rose
17 Marie Walker.

18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

19 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Thomas
20 McKevitt.

21 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

22 MR. PULITZER: Vice chairman John
23 Ferretti.

24 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

25 MR. PULITZER: Chairman Howard

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2 Kopel.

3 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

4 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum
5 sir.

6 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Thank you.

7 First we have two consent items and those are
8 86 of '22 and 87. 86 is a supplemental with
9 the health department and 87 is with the
10 district attorney. Motion on those items by
11 Mr. McKevitt. Second by Ms. Walker. All in
12 favor of those two items? Any opposed?

13 Number 88 is transfer of
14 appropriations. Who would that be?

15 That motion is made by Mr. Ferretti
16 and seconded by Mr. Drucker. Anyone here for
17 88? Andy that your's?

18 MR. PERSICH: Sorry legislator,
19 what item is it?

20 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: 88.

21 MS. SIMONE: Just a board
22 transfer on the immunization grant. Go from
23 salary to -- sorry. Go from salary in general
24 to fringe. Just to maximize grant funding.

25 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any

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2 questions? Any discussion? All those in
3 favor of 88 please say aye. Any opposed?
4 That's unanimous.

5 Number 91 is a budget transfer.
6 That motion is made by Mr. Lafazan. Seconded
7 by Mr. McKevitt.

8 MR. FIELD: Good afternoon.
9 William Field, inspector with the police
10 department. Item 91-22 is a request for two
11 board transfers. The board transfers will
12 move funding in the state asset forfeiture
13 accounts to our contractual lines.

14 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any
15 questions? All those in favor of 91 please
16 say aye. Any opposed? That's unanimous.

17 Number 92. There's a motion by
18 Ms. Walker. Seconded by Mr. Lafazan.

19 MR. PERSICH: Good afternoon.
20 Andy Persich from the Office of Management and
21 Budget. This item is just first quarter
22 realignment of budget appropriations. Due to
23 the rising fuel costs and everything else we
24 had to reshuffle the deck and some items in
25 the clerk's office. So it's all general fund

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2 and police district fund and headquarters
3 fund.

4 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any
5 questions? All those in favor of that item
6 please say aye. Any opposed? That item is
7 unanimous. Andy, what else do you have?

8 MR. PERSICH: I have 120.

9 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: 120 is a local
10 law to amend section 3-2.3 of the county
11 administrative code in relation to special
12 revenue fund.

13 That motion is made by Mr.
14 McKevitt. Seconded by Mr. Drucker.

15 MR. PERSICH: This item, 120, is
16 just extending the purposes of the special
17 revenue fund to include longevity, Article 18,
18 OPET benefits and general litigations to help
19 reduce the county's outstanding liabilities.

20 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any
21 questions? All those in favor please say
22 aye. Any opposed? That's unanimous. Are you
23 have Andy? Just run through them. Which
24 number is next?

25 MR. PERSICH: I have 121 and 122.

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2 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: I'll call them
3 both. 121 is a supplemental for management
4 and budget. Number 122 is to reconcile the
5 county's financial records supplemental
6 appropriation. That motion is made by
7 Ms. Walker. Seconded by Mr. McKevitt.

8 MR. PERSICH: I'm going to do
9 this simultaneously. 121 is actually
10 appropriating the money in the special revenue
11 fund. Approximately \$208 million are for
12 certs. \$104 million are for general
13 litigation. \$50 million for longevity.

14 And then the second item, 122, is
15 the year-end board transfer which closes out
16 the year as per the comptroller's office. And
17 because we finished with a substantial surplus
18 this year, almost half a billion dollars,
19 we're putting approximately \$30 million into
20 the retirement reserve contribution, \$20
21 million into the bond indebtedness fund, \$20
22 million into litigation and 50 for longevity.

23 This is securing the county's
24 financial position for future years by putting
25 money into these reserves to help us exit the

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2 control period with NIFA. I'm here to answer
3 any questions.

4 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any
5 questions? All those in favor please say
6 aye. Any opposed? Those two items are
7 unanimous. Thank you Andy.

8 Number 104 we did that one already.

9 105 is a supplemental with the
10 Office of Management and Budget. And that
11 motion is made by Ms. Walker. Seconded by
12 Mr. Ferretti.

13 MR. NOLAN: Chris Nolan, Office
14 of Management and Budget. This item
15 appropriates an additional \$1 million to
16 support veterans. There are approximately 111
17 VFWs and American Legion halls in Nassau
18 County. This item appropriates funds to
19 provide grants to those organizations.

20 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any
21 questions? All those in favor of 105 please
22 say aye. Any opposed? That's unanimous.
23 Thank you.

24 108 is a transfer of
25 appropriations. Motion by Mr. Ferretti.

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2 Seconded by Mr. Drucker.

3 MR. PERSICH: This is a
4 legislative item. This is just reshuffling
5 the deck based on the proportionate shares of
6 the number of seats between the majority and
7 minority.

8 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Makes sense.
9 Any questions? All those in favor please say
10 aye. Any opposed? That's unanimous.

11 Now, Mr. Drucker makes a motion for
12 executive session. Seconded by Mr. McKevitt.
13 All those in favor of going -- actually I need
14 to make a motion on the items first. First
15 I'm going to call the two items.

16 85 of '22 which is to settle the
17 claims of Perros against the County of
18 Nassau. And 99 which is Dover Gourmet against
19 the County of Nassau.

20 Motion on those two items by
21 Mr. Lafazan. Seconded by Mr. Drucker.

22 Now Mr. McKevitt makes a motion for
23 executive session. Seconded by Ms. Walker.
24 All those in favor of going into executive
25 session. Any opposed? We're in executive

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2 session. Members of the Rules Committee
3 please come and join us.

4 (Committee went into executive
5 session at 5:30 p.m.)

6 (Committee reconvened at 6:20 p.m.)

7 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: On item 85 of
8 '22, which is Perros versus the County of
9 Nassau, all those who want to proceed with
10 this settlement please say aye. Any opposed?
11 We have four to three.

12 Item number 99 is Dover Gourmet
13 versus the County of Nassau. Those in favor
14 of this settlement say aye? Any opposed? It's
15 four to three. That item passes four to
16 three.

17 We have one more item which is 131
18 of '22. Which is a resolution requesting the
19 legislature of the state of New York to enact
20 and the governor to approve an act to amend
21 the retirement and social security law to
22 establish a death benefit.

23 That is motion is made by
24 Legislator McKevitt. Seconded by Legislator
25 Drucker. All those in favor of this item?

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2 Dover becomes five in favor

3 Five-two.

4 Number 131. Does anybody have any
5 questions on this item? All those in favor of
6 number 131 please say aye. Any opposed? That
7 item seems to be -- that vote was all in
8 favor.

9 There are no more items.

10 Mr. Ferretti moves to adjourn. Ms. Walker
11 seconds it. All those in favor of adjourning
12 Finance please say aye. Any opposed? Finance
13 is adjourned. Thank you for your indulgence.

14 (Committee adjourned at 6:23 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATION

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
April 2022.

FRANK GRAY