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LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm going
to call the Rules Committee.
MR. PULITZER: Thank you
Presiding Officer. Roll call 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

Schaefer.
LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here. MR. PULITZER: Legislator Steven

Rhoads.
LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.
MR. PULITZER: Vice Chairman
Howard Kopel.
LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.
MR. PULITZER: Chairman Richard
Nicolello.

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

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you.
Contracts, A-10 of 2022, A-14 of
2022, A-20, A-24. These are resolutions authorizing the commissioner of shared services to execute a purchase order or a blanket purchase order between the county and Tyler Technologies, Eastern Communications, Cream-O-Land Dairies, Cogsdale Corporation.

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E-74, E-75, E-76, E-77, E-78, E-79,
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$E-80, E-81, E-82, E-84, E-85, E-86, E-87$.
These are resolutions authorizing the county executive to execute personal services agreements or amendments to personal services agreements between the county and American Records Management Systems, James G. Frankie, Moody's Analytics, Plaza Theatrical Production, Mr. K's Motown Review, New York Brass Choir, Leander and Associates, SVAM International, M and J Engineering, One World Judicial Services, Camilo B. Sierra, NV5 New York Engineers.

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Moved by Legislator
DeRiggi-Whitton. Seconded by Legislator Schaefer. All of those are before the committee.

There are several that the IG is conducting investigations on and those investigations, mainly involving disclosures and documents, have not been completed. So I'm going to ask for a motion to table the following items. A-14 with Eastern Communications. A-20 with Cream-O-Land Dairies. E-84 with One World Judicial Services. E-78 with Mr. K's Motown Review. E-85 with Camilo Sierra.

Need a motion to table. Motion by
Legislator Bynoe. Seconded by Legislator Rhoads. No debate or discussion on a motion to table. So all in a favor of tabling signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Those items are tabled.

Next item is with TPVA. It's a contract with James G. Frankie, E-75 of 2022. MR. MULLIN: Mark Mullin and Chris Komoca with TPVA. As you're aware, TPVA

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is in need of judicial hearing officers. The Honorable Judge James Frankie has applied and is qualified under the statute.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Sounds
good. Any questions? Thank you guys. Next contract is with Budget. It's with E-76, Moody's Analytics.

MR. CONKLIN: Good afternoon.
Steve Conklin from the budget office. This item is an extension of a personal services contract with Moody's Analytics under which Moody's will provide OMB with quarterly sales tax forecast reports.

The extension is for one year during which we will receive four quarterly reports. These reports are valuable to OMB in preparing the budgets and projections throughout the year. Any questions? LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
questions? Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton. LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Hi.

Do you also keep track of the hotel-motel tax?

MR. CONKLIN: No. That's

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treasurer's office I believe.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Minority
Leader Abrahams.
LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: How are you?

MR. CONKLIN: Good. Thanks.
LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm sorry,
I was in conversation with staff. I don't think I caught your name.

MR. CONKLIN: Steve Conklin.
LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I don't
know if this is an appropriate question for you or $I$ don't know if Mr. Cleary is here but what we've noticed on not just this particular contract but several others that the disclosure for the lobbyist form has been missing. Our staff has been told that that form will no longer be submitted as part of the backup. But we just wanted to clarify on why that was the case.

MR. CONKLIN: I can't say why.
LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That's why
I said Mr. Cleary would probably be the more appropriate person to speak on it.

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MR. CLEARY: Robert Cleary, chief procurement and compliance officer.

For quite a while now that form has only been required when a vendor employs a lobbyist in relation to the contract. On the CCV question 7A if the answer is not in the affirmative, in other words, they did not hire a lobbyist in relation to that contract, the lobbyist form is not required. If that answer is yes, then the lobbyist form is required but it's required to be filled out by the lobbyist themselves.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So you're
relying on the vendor to disclose whether or not they used a lobbyist?

MR. CLEARY: Right.
LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You're
saying that it's safe to assume that a
lobbyist was not hired if they do not submit a form? So, there's no process to say you didn't use a lobbyist, check this box no, I didn't use a lobbyist?

MR. CLEARY: That's the
question. The question is did you employ a

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lobbyist in relation to this contract? If the answer is yes, then the lobbyist has to complete the form. If the answer is no, then there's no lobbyist to complete the form. LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Stay with me. So if you say no then the form doesn't appear in the backup? We don't need the form?

MR. CLEARY: That's right.
LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But then
how does this body know that they checked no other than the fact that we don't see it as part of the backup?

MR. CLEARY: It's on the CCV which is in the package. That form is always in the package and that question is always answered.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I think, Cecilia, it might be best that you and Mr. Cleary work it out. To me, that sounds like something that could work but from what I'm being told by our staff is that we normally have the two forms which you had described Mr. Cleary as well as the lobbyist.

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You're saying this change happened -- when did this change happen?

MR. CLEARY: This has been the policy since $I$ first started. This was the existing policy when I started. There's been a lot of confusion because we get a lot of lobbyist forms filled out by the contracting vendor and none of them really have any value because they're not lobbyists and they're not required to fill out that form. It's actually -- I think the information is cleaner if that form isn't there except when it's necessary. And when it's necessary it needs to be completed by the lobbyist. And we see very few lobbyist ones completed by lobbyists. So I think it's creating some noise in the package that isn't helping.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Got it. I understand. Thank you Mr. Cleary.

Mr. Conklin, I didn't have anything for you. You're good. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other questions? Thank you.

The next contract is with the
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county attorney's office, E-87 with Sokoloff Stern.

MR. LIBERT: Hello legislators. Brian Libert from the county attorney's office.

This is for a contract with Sokoloff Stern for the case of Matthew Felix. I was here at the last session I believe relative to a related contract and this is a case which involves a conflict and therefore we needed to assign additional counsel.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any questions? Thank you.

Next two are with Information Technology, A-10 of 2022 with Tyler Technologies.

MR. JACOVINA: Joe Jacovina, deputy commissioner of Information Technology. A-10 2022, Tyler Technologies. This is to authorize and award a purchase order for the annual software licenses support and maintenance of the assessment IAS Adapt system. This is a sole source procurement. The software is necessary to maintain the

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current technology for modules related to tax billing, collections, delinquent tax and appeals management.

The period of this agreement is from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. The maximum amount authorized under this purchase order is $\$ 667,010$.

This request to the Rules Committee is late due to the following reasons. The requisition cannot be entered until the year of the agreement start date. In this case the requisition was entered on January 3, 2022. Going forward IT will enter into a 15-month agreement for one year moving the subsequent year start date to April 1st.

To prepare for the Rules
presentation, the county requires documentation and disclosure forms from Tyler. Purchasing started contacting Tyler for this information when an invoice was received. Tyler was contacted on February 8th, March 21st, March 23rd, April 1st, April 22nd, May 17 th , June 13 th and June 15 th . Tyler finally provided all the information on

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June 27th. I will be happy to answer any questions.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: What does this Adapt system, again, what's the purpose of it in the Department of Assessment?

MR. JACOVINA: This is for the assessment system. It's for our tax billing, collections, delinquent tax and appeals management.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Is there any consideration towards changing the software or the system that we're using?

MR. JACOVINA: Yes, sir. Last year, last summer we published an RFEI, which is a Request for Expression of Interest for the Adapt replacement and no vendors responded to this request.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO:
Interesting.
LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Hey Joe.
How are you? I'm going to see you in the fall?

MR. JACOVINA: Absolutely.
LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: In full

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    disclosure, our sons play together flag
    football.
    Tyler Technologies, they've been a
    vendor for the county for some time now,
    right?
    MR. JACOVINA: At least ten
    years. I'm not sure of the specific start
    date but at least ten years.
    LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I know, if
    I recollect from the previous administration,
    they had cited some concerns, some problems
    that they had with the vendor in terms of some
    of the technical errors that had occurred. Is
    my recollection correct?
    MR. JACOVINA: I believe so.
    LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: How are we
    reassuring that those technical things that
    occurred in the past -- I know I've heard from
    the majority, they've voiced the same concerns
    in terms of what their constituents are
    incurring, how are we assuring that that is
    not happening? Or how are we going to insure
    that won't happen going forward?
    MR. JACOVINA: It's my
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understanding they are addressing all the issues as the county relates to them. This is related to errors that we have had in the past. Errors in the system is complex.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I expect those errors.

MR. JACOVINA: Frequently, because of a complex system and that's why we have had maintenance and support to make sure that as we find things going forward we expect obviously the number of errors to be less and less going forward.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I get
that. I just remember multiple times the administration coming up and multiple times, either with our side and even the administration themselves, previous administrations I should say, voicing concerns, concerns obviously voiced by the majority, minority, everyone, and I guess because you didn't receive any other proposals or responses to the proposal we're going with Tyler Technologies again.

It just seems like based on what I
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heard over the last couple of years since the county executive --, especially since the county executive, the previous administration decided to reassess and go through with this it just seems like there were a lot of issues that kept coming up. And it's unfortunate we didn't have anyone else respond, not from the standpoint of picking someone else but just from the standpoint of getting a different perspective.

I'm just concerned that the issues that came up before happen again and here we are voting for the same contract and then the 19 of us or the seven of us are supporting it. I just want to try to see if $I$ can get some reassurance that some of the stuff that's been addressed, even though I know it's a big system, things happen, a large county in terms of it's assessment, I get that, but we kind of need some assurance that a new administration is coming in, they came in here with clean eyes and they're willing to accept flaws and all. And if that's what they're going to accept then okay but the legislature has been

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pretty clear that this has presented some problems for our constituents.

So, I'm willing to give the administration obviously the tools they need, but $I$ just want to make sure that the concerns that have been brought up by this body, by both sides, have some level of understanding and hopefully they were considered when bringing up these discussions with Tyler Technologies.

MR. JACOVINA: I will bring that up to my commissioner and I will get an answer to that as far as where we stand with fixes and how timely those fixes have been installed. My understanding right now is that there aren't any significant issues that the system is causing but $I$ will confirm that.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Is there a plan to do a reassessment or a plan to use Tyler Technologies and this system to develop a trend?

MR. JACOVINA: I am really here just to discuss the contract not to discuss assessment issues.

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MR. ROSS: Dan Ross, Department of Assessment. At this point in time we're here for the Adapt contract. There's no statement as far as --

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: There's no plans to -- you don't know of any plans to do a reassessment or anything along those lines?

MR. ROSS: I'm not aware at this point. I can look into it and find out and get back to you.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So what
staff is mentioning to me that obviously there's some concerns in regards to whether or not we are -- separate issue -- whether or not we are considering doing any type of reassessment or potentially looking at any trends based on -- would Tyler Technologies provide that level of data to the county in an historical standpoint?

MR. ROSS: Again, at this point in time I'm not in a position to discuss how we are moving forward as a department. It has to be researched and looked into and I can provide you with answers into the future. But

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as of right now I cannot answer you.
LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I guess
what I'm asking is, will this contract be utilized for any of those particular things going forward?

MR. JACOVINA: I think going forward from an IT perspective, not knowing what the requirements are, I can't answer that yet. But IT will provide any and every tool that is required by the assessment department once they determine what the requirements are going forward.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So, we do have contracts with SVS and Haberman to do a trend, right?

MR. ROSS: We do have contracts. I'm not sure if they're going to be utilized or, again, how we're going to proceed with that. It is an option at our disposal if we choose to do that. But right now, again, this is about Adapt and I cannot speak to other contracts.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Final
question if you can, I'm guessing bring it to

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other folks in the administration. We would like to have a clearer understanding where the county decides to go forward and how they plan to go with looking at trends as well as any type of potential reassessment. If you can share that information with us when you do have it that would be great.

Obviously this contract, like I said before, we want to give the administration the tools to be able to move forward, but we feel that this contract will be in some way incorporated into some of the things that we just talked about with reassessment and developing trends.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
DeRiggi-Whitton.
LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
Thank you.
I think you are aware of how assessment affected our lives in the last four years. I think it was a good intention. We wanted to have better prices, more accurate values for the homes. Yet there seemed to be a lot of really difficult obstacles in doing

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that. And most of it, from what I remember, a lot of it was blamed on algorithms and the technology that was used. For instance, the neighborhood factor, did that come from this type of technology?

MR. ROSS: No.
LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
Where did that come from?
MR. ROSS: That I believe was
from our Prognose system.
LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
the SVS. Now, when you mentioned that you're repairing or you're fixing a number of issues, do you have like a list of what is being addressed? What issues are being addressed? MR. ROSS: I don't have that at this point in time. We can look into it and we can provided you with whatever you'd like.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
Maybe that was more -- I'm sorry, your name? MR. JACOVINA: It's more an ongoing maintenance kind of thing and we can get that information for you.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: You

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don't know what issues are being addressed before we renew this contract? MR. JACOVINA: We know what
issues are being addressed right now.
LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can
you share them with us?
MR. JACOVINA: Sure.
LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
Okay. Go ahead.
MR. JACOVINA: I can share them
with you once I get the information from the project manager. I don't manage this project. We have a project manager that works closely with the assessment department and the vendor.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So we don't know what issues are being addressed?

MR. JACOVINA: I don't know what
issues are being addressed but the project manager does.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: And
he's not here today?
MR. JACOVINA: No.

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LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So we have to renew this contract without knowing what the issues are that are being addressed and how they are being addressed and the time frame for them to be addressed or anything like that?

MR. JACOVINA: I can get you that information. This is two components though.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: But
this is contracts. We only get one time to vote for this contract which is now. It doesn't go to full leg. So like if we don't have it now we're not going to have the information when we vote.

MR. JACOVINA: I do not have the list of those issues. Going forward I will bring that with subsequent contracts.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON
is almost a sole source, correct?
MR. JACOVINA: This is a sole
source.
LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
think, in my opinion as someone who has lived through the assessment years like my

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colleagues, I think it's way too important for us to hire them again, even though it is a sole source, without having a clear understanding of how we're going to fix the problems that we ran into for the last four years.

This assessment has been a major source of stress for all of us. I feel on our constituents it was a major source. I'm happy to see that we're addressing the problems. But if we don't know what issues we're addressing $I$ can't vote for this right now, and I think we should table it until we get at least the outline of issues that you're going to be addressing.

Again, $I$ agree that we want to give the administration the tools but we want to make sure they're the right tools and we're not going through another four years of what we just went through.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Before we go on to motions to table it seems as if we're discussing two separate things. One is this contract which seems to be more of just a

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ministerial program that provides the ability to send out tax bills and functions of that nature.

And second is the actual substance of what the department of assessment does. For example, question going forward is, what are you going to do with the next roll when it comes out? Are you going to trend it? Is it going to be models? That's not what the Adapt program is providing, correct?

MR. JACOVINA: Correct.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: When you talk about a list of issues are you referring to issues that Adapt is intended to address?

MR. JACOVINA: Only Adapt
issues. If there's a production problem the vendor is working on it. If there's an enhancement that's been requested by the assessment department related to the modules as I stated before then Tyler would work on that. If it's a Prognose-related issue or another application a different vendor works on those.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: What does

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the Adapt do with respect to the actual assessment of properties? Does it have any function whatsoever in terms of how the county is going about assessing properties? How it's going to update the assessment rolls? Is the Adapt related to that?

MR. ROSS: Adapt is a very large system that is capable of doing everything from housing our data, which is every single bit of inventory on any residential, commercial, utility property. To treasurer functions, Assessment Review Commission functions. It is a very vast system. So, it has components for valuation, but that doesn't necessarily mean that we use the Adapt system for our valuation component of it.

The contract that's before us right now is really just for the basic maintenance of the data-based servers. Everything to just keep it moving or general fixes. It has nothing to do with updating our models, our algorithms or anything else needed to conduct reassessment.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The

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previous administration because there were issues with Adapt had gone out for an RFI, request for information?

MR. JACOVINA: Correct.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: And no one responded.

MR. ROSS: Correct.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: As of this point the term's a sole source provider but it looks like as of this time they're the only game in town for us?

MR. ROSS: At this point in time, yes.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So, if we don't approve the contract what service do we have -- what means do we have to provide the services you're talking about?

MR. ROSS: We can't.
LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: With
all due respect, $I$ do think that this program is used to defend our assessment values, correct?

MR. ROSS: No.
LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: The

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information in this program is not used to defend our assessment?

MR. ROSS: No. I can't speak for how the Assessment Review Commission, that's a separate agency, defends our valuations or anything else. The Department of Assessment establishes our values and our values are established outside of the Adapt system. How it's defended is a separate department.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Does SCAR use this information?

MR. ROSS: Adapt houses our
information. We produce our property record cards. It houses our property record cards and our property inventory. But it's not used to defend our values. Our values are defended outside of Adapt.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: In my opinion, the information is used to validate our decisions, which if the information is having an issue of some sort or another that might affect our valuations.

I agree with the presiding officer that we need a system and this is the only

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one. But if you're saying to us that there are issues that we're correcting I don't know what the issues that you're correcting and you don't have a list of issues that you're correcting. How do we know that they're going to be corrected? I think it would hold this company responsible to have a list of what the problems are before we agree to enter into another contract with them.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I would also point out that this contract's term is January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Obviously we are six plus months into this. It is the sole source provider. There's no alternative. So I don't understand what the function would be to table this.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just to get that information. We need the information as to what they're going to be correcting.

MR. JACOVINA: I can provide that information and that may make it clearer as to what the functions of Adapt is versus Prognose. I don't know of any significant

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issues right now in Adapt.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Wait, wait. You don't know of any significant issues with Adapt currently?

MR. JACOVINA: That the vendor is working on. But $I$ can get a list that the vendor is working on things for us.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Some of the issues that we remember, just to make sure I'm talking apples to apples, from what we can remember the Adapt issue presented concerns with exemptions. I know all of us have dealt with that in terms of being able to have constituents call saying they should have received an exemption. Could be a senior exemption. Could be whatever the exemption could have been. Could have been any of those levels of exemptions. From what I understand it presented problems with that.

The splitting of lots, which
happens, we consider that type of stuff all the time. That became an issue.

Data issues. I think Mr. Ross you had talked about as it pertains to new
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construction.
All in all we do depend on this system maybe not for defending the roll, as Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton may have mentioned, but I think it's really semantics we're talking about. It is there, because everything that $I$ just brought up it's tied to validating the roll so that we are able to have a roll that the county can stand by. That's really what we're doing.

Every year when people get their statements on January 1st and January 3rd we're saying that this is your assessment and we're validating, we're able to provide that level of information based off of this system. There's no other way to say it.

So, from that standpoint we would need to have some level of comfort that the issues I just brought up have they been discussed and have they been corrected? I know I've heard from both sides bring these types of stuff up before.

I understand the presiding officer, obviously they're the only game in town. That

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kind of leads into my second point in terms of when the RFP was put out? How much time was given for the RFP? How did we advertise and whether or not we were able to get someone else to respond? If the answer is no one else was considered and you put it out there for a long period of time, it sounds like it's been going on for quite some time, several months, okay.

But we would at least need to know that these exemption issues, splitting of lot issues, the data issues, $I$ think that's all tied to how we validate the roll.

MR. JACOVINA: I will be happy to get the information on the details of the process for the RFEI.

And as far as items like exemptions and splitting of lots, I'm not sure if that's a technology issue or another type of issue where the data is incorrect. I'm just not aware of that. But I'm sure we can easily get that information for you. But it may not be a technology issue.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Let me

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just have one more point Legislator Bynoe. We're into July already. The term of this contract ends December 31st. Is the department, IT or Assessment, looking at again seeing if there's any other alternative out there to Adapt so that when the new year rolls around that there's another alternative for us?

MR. JACOVINA: Not that I'm aware of. IT would take their direction from the assessment department and support them on whatever they need as far as developing an RFP from a technology side and finding out who is out there. We would take our direction from the assessment management.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
interest in doing that from assessment?
MR. ROSS: At this point in time we are at the very beginning stages of attempting to look into it again. But we're not ready to put anything out there because I don't have anything to put out there at this point.

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Bynoe.
LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you Presiding Officer. Good afternoon sir from IT. If you would, you went through a couple of dates, a few dates, where there was an attempt to get information in terms of the disclosure from Tyler. Could you repeat those dates for me?

MR. JACOVINA: Sure. The dates
are -- again, the requisition was entered January 3rd. It was approved by IT a few weeks later. Then it goes through the normal approval process that the county has. In conjunction with that, purchasing started contacting Tyler. They were contacted on February 8th, March 21st, March 23rd, April 1, April 6th, April 22nd, May 17th, June 13th and June 15th. And we finally got all the required information from Tyler on June 27 th. LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you. So, to that point, presiding officer, this is why I support my colleague's suggestion that we table this item because they are not responsive to us. It's clear to them that
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they're a sole source. So, therefore, it takes that many times to get a disclosure form. We have to reached out that many times to have them be responsive?

I think we have to send a very clear message to them that they are to make sure that we have all of our issues addressed before we sign any contract. I think that they really have indicated that they don't believe that they need to respond to us timely. If they would do that on a disclosure form, which is clearly going to be the mechanism to insure that they are paid, what will they do when we sign the contract and have questions?

So, I think that we really need to clarify some of these issues that have been brought up not just in this conversation but of conversations in the past from this body to assessment. With that, I make a motion to table.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I second it.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Motion to

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table and seconded. All in favor of the motion to table signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Nay. Motion to table fails. Any further questions of these two individuals? Thank you sir. Both of you.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I have one other question since we're going to vote on it. Why is this a sole source? We're not the only county that undertakes these assessments. There has to be some other entity in some other state, in some other locale that has the ability to provide the service. I don't understand why we would accept poor response to our outreach. I don't understand why we had a system that was riddled with errors and that we think this is the best we can do. Our constituents deserve better. Our taxpayers who are paying for this service deserve better. I don't understand why we think they have us over the barrel.

MR. JACOVINA: They did provide a sole source letter. I think our issue is when we went out for a request for interest last year, which I agreed I will get you more
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information on what that process was, no one responded to the county. So, at the moment we don't know of any alternatives.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I do hope that we take these next few months, because this contract terminates at the end of this year if I heard this correctly, and we look and cast our net a little wider. Because if they're not responsive for routine matters I can't imagine that in complex issues that will be impacting our constituents that we're going to get any better type of a response from them. I for one don't support this contract moving forward. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you sir. Both of you. I think it's obvious the way the vote is going to do. What I'm going to do now is call for a vote separately on contract A-10 with Tyler Technologies. All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Passes by a vote of four to three. Next contract with IT is with Cogsdale Corporation. MR. JACOVINA: A-24, 2022

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Cogsdale Corporation. This is a request to authorize and to award a purchase order for the renewal of the Famous maintenance and support to Cogsdale Corporation.

Famous is the county's financial
system supporting the college, budget department, comptroller, purchasing and providing departmental financial reports across the county. This is a sole course procurement.

This is an annual renewal for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 covering technical support services. The total cost for the year is $\$ 133,612.55$. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any questions? That's it.

MR. JACOVINA: Thank you very much.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you.
Social Services. E-74, American
Record Management Systems.
MR. CARMENOTY: Good afternoon

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ladies and gentlemen. I'm Rudy Carmenoty, deputy commissioner. I'm joined by Sharon Rucidi, who is a deputy director of administration for DSS.

Our contract concerns American Records Management. It's basically a contract for the maintaining of the DSS, DOH and DH's agency case record files containing client information as mandated by New York State laws and regulations. These include the New York State Social Services law and the New York college rules and regulations.

Records Management Services is involved in one, the off-site storage of hard copy business files. Retrieval, purging and destruction services as well as to maintain maintenance and operation of a bar coded computerized file tracking system. And we would be very happy to answer any and all of your questions.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The only question $I$ had was, this all hard copies, papers, files etcetera?

MR. CARMENOTY: Correct.

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LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Are we required to maintain this, these records, in hard copy form? In other words, is it possible to digitize these records to save storage costs etcetera?

MS. RUCIDI: For the last year the department has been working closely with the state OTDA on a system called IEDR, which is an electronic document retrieval system. We actually are working on a contract through NYSID for the imaging that will be under IEDR that will allow us to apply to have the documents destroyed once they're uploaded.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Obviously
there's tremendous cost involving when you store this many documents. So to the extent we can do that, to digitize these documents, any savings would be great.

MS. RUCIDI: We've been working hard on it.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Great. Thank you. Any other questions? Thank you very much.

District attorney. E-80 of 2022

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Leander and Associates.
MR. MCDERMOTT: Good afternoon
Presiding Officer. Dennis McDermott, assistant district attorney.

This CLDA 22-2 is a request by the office for a short extension of time through the end of September of 2022 in order for Dr. Leander to complete the research and recommendation for his own based prosecution model respecting the Village of Hempstead. There is no additional money. LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
questions? Legislator Rhoads.
LEGISLATOR RHOADS: No
questions.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you very much. Sorry about that. Legislator Bynoe.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Hi. So, to this point has there been any preliminary report at all?
MR. MCDERMOTT: No. He's just finishing his research. That's why he needs the extra time to complete a report and sit

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down with the department to make his recommendations. But there is no preliminary report at this time.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Who compiled the list of community leaders that he would -MR. MCDERMOTT: Actually, the leaders he's talking about are representatives of the district attorney's office.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you. I
appreciate that.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other
questions? No. Thank you.
Second contract is with SVAM
International. DA's office.
MR. MCDERMOTT: We are requesting
approval of contract number CQDA 22-2 with
SVAM International. It's for the
implementation of software programs that will assist ADAs, discovery expediters, other support staff in trying to comply with the increasing onerous discovery requirements.

And SVAM was selected pursuant to an RFP. There were three proposers. They were determined to have the best overall

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proposal. It's a three-year term with one three-year option. Total amount to be paid over the three years is $\$ 398,000$.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: What is
the term robot process automation?
MR. MCDERMOTT: That actually,
I'm somewhat old, when everything started it was called computer program. Then it became Apps. Now they're called Bots.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
Rhoads.
LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Just a couple
of questions. Am I correct in my
understanding that the reason that the county taxpayers have to expend this additional expense of almost $\$ 400,000$ is a direct result of discovery reforms that were passed by the state?

MR. MCDERMOTT: That's correct
legislator. Under the new laws if you're incarcerated, total discovery not partial discovery, used to be every single thing that they may be entitled to if the case was going to trial. It used to be that if cases did not

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go to trial you didn't have to turn anything over or very limited amounts.

As an example, in district court simple cases would generate at least 100 pages worth of documents, including possibly body cam footages. Things like that.

In county court, where the felonies are, there could be thousands to tens of thousands of documents like in a fraud case.

Typically in district court there are over 30,000 cases a year. In county court over 3,000 cases a year.

And the penalty is severe if you do not comply. Either if you do not turn over everything or if you sign a certificate saying everything has been turned over and it isn't the odds are good your case is going to be dismissed.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: You got to not only locate those records but you have to produce those records within what time frame?

MR. MCDERMOTT: It's got to be turned over in 20 days if the defendant is incarcerated. 35 if they're not. From the

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moment a case is brought 20 days.
LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Okay. That's
if they're incarcerated. That's the handful
of people that actually are incarcerated pending trial?

MR. MCDERMOTT: Right. Everyone else gets 35 days.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: To the ones
that haven't been let out on
get-out-of-jail --
MR. MCDERMOTT: 20 days.
LEGISLATOR RHOADS: 35 days for
everybody else?
MR. MCDERMOTT: Correct.
LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So,
theoretically, in your example you would have to compile 30,000 pages worth of documents and turn all of those documents over to defense counsel in less than three weeks if an individual is incarcerated?

MR. MCDERMOTT: That's correct.
LEGISLATOR RHOADS: That's the obligation that was put on the district attorney's office by the state?

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MR. MCDERMOTT: That is correct.
LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Under our current system without this contract do we have any ability to actually comply with it? MR. MCDERMOTT: It is very difficult that ADAs who should be overseeing a case and preparing for trials and things like that, now have to do with the discovery expeditors and the paralegals and legal secretaries, they are the ones now who have to try to and collect all this information. Which is why this is part of it.

In a lot of ways this serves almost as an interface with places like village police departments or even Nassau County's NICE system. Data comes over here. It would serve as an interface with our own case management system -- which is also severely in need of an upgrade -- and other departments and it centralizes it and it reduces the need to have ten people constantly rekey things. It prepares forms for review. Documents for review.
Needless to say, the staff, the

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ADAs still have to review everything to make sure everything is correct. They still have to review body cam footage for any redactions. It just helps them. It's not going to make their jobs a ton easier but it will make it easier.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: It gives then an extra pair of hands to be able to process all this information?

MR. MCDERMOTT: That is correct. The whole idea of this is to facilitate their work.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So we don't have the ADAs who are out there trying cases sitting at a photocopy machine producing documents?

MR. MCDERMOTT: That is correct. That is the intent.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Am I correct in my understanding that in theory if you have someone who has been incarcerated on a murder charge they theoretically their case could be dismissed?

MR. MCDERMOTT: Theoretically

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yes.
LEGISLATOR RHOADS: If we don't comply with that 20 -day time limit?

MR. MCDERMOTT: That is correct.
LEGISLATOR RHOADS: That is
absurd. So, I know you indicated that this contract only goes through I believe you said September 1st?

MR. MCDERMOTT: No, no. That was
the last one. This is a three-year contract with an option for one three-year extension.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: This is
intended to be an ongoing support system that tries to have the DA's office --

MR. MCDERMOTT: Correct. When
the case management system is upgraded this will also interface with that as it will with the current. It will serve a lot of purposes. Mostly just to help our office comply with all of the requirements that are now imposed on us.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Okay. I
appreciate it. Thank you.
LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Anyone else?

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I guess the next one will be E-77, which would be with -- we're going to call -- it will be E-82 and that will be public works and $M$ and $J$ Engineering.

MR. ARNOLD: Good afternoon. Ken Arnold, public works.

E-82 is a contract amendment for our civil side construction management contract. It's adding an additional \$1.5 million in capacity for $M$ and $J$ Engineering. LEGISLATOR KOPEL: That's an ongoing contract?

MR. ARNOLD: Yes, it is.
LEGISLATOR KOPEL: It's one of those where you pretty much got to use the same engineers?

MR. ARNOLD: Yeah. We have a group of $I$ think five or six engineers. We've increased the caps on a couple of them. $M$ and $J$ is here today and also NV5 is another item that's on today's calendar for the same purpose.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: I'm sorry. This is just on a per job consulting basis?

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MR. ARNOLD: On-call. So, if we have like our resurfacing we look for support for resurfacing. We'll bring on engineers for all our field work. It could be any of our bridge projects. If we don't have an open competitive RFP.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: We're adding how much?

MR. ARNOLD: $\$ 1.5$ million in
capacity.
LEGISLATOR KOPEL: And the original?

MR. ARNOLD: Original contract was I want to say it was two. Might have been less than that though.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Are we adding time as well?

MR. ARNOLD: No. Same time
frame.
LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Anyone else?
Ken you have one more. I think E-86.
MR. ARNOLD: E-86, like I said, it's the same purpose except for it's NV5. Increasing the capacity for civil site

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construction management contract.
LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any
questions? Thank you. You're done, right?
77, try that again, is Department of Parks and Recreation with Plaza Theatrical Productions.

MS. BELYEA: Darcy Belyea, commissioner Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums.

This is a retroactive contract.
Parks department conducted a lengthy RFQ seeking musical and theatrical performers of various genres to engage with us for entertainment purposes for Lakeside theater and other venues in our park system.

This particular one is Plaza Theatrical. It is for a three-year contract expiring December 31, 2024 with an option to renew for one two-year period.

Plaza has been projected to perform three performances at Lakeside this summer. Camelot was on June 23, 2022. Howard Became a Pirate and the Wizard of Oz were both on July 9, 2022. A cost of $\$ 7,500$ for all three
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performances. This is funded out of hotel-motel grant funds.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Why is this so late?

MS. BELYEA: Because the RFQ process was very lengthy and then we had problems unfamiliar with our vendor portal being able to fill out all of the disclosure forms.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: But you had an RFQ and that was very lengthy but how did you end up letting these people start?

MS. BELYEA: We didn't really
have an alternative. We had to offer the programing. I apologize and will look to do better going forward.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Okay.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: E-79 with
New York Brass Choir.
MS. BELYEA: New York Brass
Choir. Same RFQ for Dean Carahalas and the concert Pops of Long Island performed at Lakeside Theater on June 18, 2022. Again, a three-year contract expiring December 31, 2024

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with the option to renew for one two-year period. Their cost is $\$ 7,000$ for a two-hour performances. Funded by hotel-motel grant funds.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
DeRiggi-Whitton.
LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Hi commissioner, I want to first of all say I think you're doing a very good job. I know you inherited a lot of parks. 78 I think. Plus the real estate. And have been very responsive. I appreciate that.

This might not be directly related to you but I just noticed that a number of our hotel-motel grants it seems like they're not coming through. You know, to be calendared. I understand that some of them have been approved by you or just waiting for the administration to sign off to calendar them.

MS. BELYEA: I've been working through a stack about this high that was left over for about a year and a half, two years. We're working through them.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: At

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this point there are some that have been approved by your office and basically possibly at the administration level waiting to be, you know, calendared to be at that point?

MS. BELYEA: Waiting for their approval and then to calendar, yes.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: If
there's anything we can do to have the
administration push forward. I know it would
help you, it would help me, it would help all of the legislators to not get these phone calls about people that are looking for their hotel-motel funding. I know the administration is still working through a number of things but that's something that I believe it's really important for our constituents. Hopefully we'll get some more calendared shortly. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank
you. No other questions, right? Thank you. Call for a vote on the contracts that follow. E-75 --

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I
apologize. I did have a question while deputy

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presiding officer was bringing up the item. I didn't get a chance to bring it up with regard
to E-86. Who spoke on E-86? Ken. Ken, I just wanted to note for the record you may want to say something at the floor that we had discovered that NV5 was cited by the city of New York for poor performance evaluations. I'm not sure if the department was aware of those evaluations.

I know we have approved NV5 in the past. So they are a vendor that the county has used before. However, these poor evaluations have been cited by the city of New York since I guess the last time we have approved their contract. So, I just want to make sure you were aware of that and if you could respond to having those concerns brought up to NV5 or not.

MR. ARNOLD: We're aware of
those. It occurred on other work outside the county and we have addressed it with the firm.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You're comfortable with us moving forward today with this contract?

Rules - 7-18-22 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you
Ken.
LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other questions? I'm going to call for a vote on the following contracts. E-75, E-76, E-87, $A-24, E-74, E-80, E-81, E-82, E-86, E-77$ and E-79. Any debate or discussion on those contracts? Any public comments?

MS. MEREDAY: Yes. Good
afternoon. Meta J. Mereday. Just a couple of comments. And I'm sure it probably is in the backup material that all of you are privy to but unfortunately the public is not.

I'm just still concerned that as we sit in 2022 that there doesn't seem to be any discussion or recognition to the inclusion factor with regard to these contracts. I haven't heard anyone say anything in terms of the compliance factor. There are service disabled veterans that are involved with these contracts. Minority women businesses.

We talk about the disparity study which determines the outcomes and the

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protocols and goals of our minority and women business department and the related agencies, Office of Asian-American Affairs, Office of Hispanic-American Affairs. That unfortunately sometimes when you break it out to those specific arenas it kind of dilutes the effort when the overall participation and utilization of minority women and veteran businesses are so small to begin with. So it becomes an issue.

It would be nice to hear or at least see notification in the document that certain companies are service disabled veteran businesses or minority businesses or at least to have that awareness as opposed to having it brought up a couple of weeks ago and the question was asked, do you do outreach to diverse businesses? Just to do outreach but not to have inclusion and to have them participate in the equitable distribution of the resources in this county $I$ think it does a disservice to all who are involved.

That would be my overall question and concern. And if someone could give me
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some clarification that this business or this entity has a percentage of utilization or it is 100 percent diverse business I think it would give residents and constituents and particularly those small businesses that are struggling as well and paying taxes in this county a sense of hope that they can actually get a contract and create jobs for their own residents as well as other citizens in the county. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank
you. All in favor of these contracts signify by saying aye. Those opposed? They pass unanimously and we will put Rules in recess. (Committee recessed at 2:55 p.m.) (Committee reconvened at 5:09 p.m.) LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Calling the Rules Committee out of recess. Need a motion to suspend the rules. Moved by Legislator Rhoads. Seconded by Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel. All in favor of suspending the rules signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously.

Item 195 of 2022 is a resolution

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authorizing the county executive to execute an intermunicipal agreement with the Incorporated Village of Floral Park in relation to the construction of a pedestrian walkway.

Moved by Legislator
DeRiggi-Whitton. Seconded by Legislator
Schaefer. Any debate or discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously.

I guess I forgot to call consent items. Consent items 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 204, 205, 213, 218. And on the addendum, 222, 223, 224 and 225. Any debate or discussion on those items? Motion by Minority Leader Abrahams. Seconded by Legislator Rhoads. Any debate or discussion on these items? Any public comment? All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? They carry unanimously.

Next item is 215. I'm going to call the next three items together. 215, 216 and 217. These are resolutions authorizing the county executive to enter into intermunicipal agreements with the Village of

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Saddle Rock, the Plainedge Union Free School District and the Incorporated Village of Hempstead.

Motion? Legislator Bynoe moves.
Seconded by Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel. Any debate or discussion on these items? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? They carry unanimously.

219 of 2022 is a resolution establishing a standard workweek for elected officials in the county of Nassau who are members of the New York State and local retirement system.

Motion by Legislator Schaefer.
Seconded by Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton. Any debate or discussion on this item? Any debate or discussion? Any public comments? All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously.

220 of 2022 is an ordinance making certain determinations pursuant to SEQRA and authorizing the county executive to execute a parking license agreement between the county and the Incorporated Village of Hempstead in
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connection with the use of parking spaces at various locations within the Incorporated Village of Hempstead.

Motion by Minority Leader Abrahams. Seconded by Legislator Rhoads.

MR. WALSH: Kevin Walsh, Office
of Real Estate Services. This is a new agreement and in essence a renewal of our parking license for the various county employees and court personnel who work in the Village of Hempstead and utilize the various parking fields. It's a three-year license with a two-year option that could be added. We've actually reduced spaces. Last license had provided for 655 spaces. This is 625. And the village is offering it to us at the same rate so there's no increase.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you very much. Any questions? Hearing none, any public comment? All in favor of this item signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously. Thank you.

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authorizing the county attorney to make an
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offer of judgement for the compromise and settlement of claims of plaintiff as set forth in the action entitled Sharp versus the County of Nassau.

Motion by Legislator Rhoads.
Seconded by Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel. Any debate or discussion? Any public comment? All in favor signify by saying aye.

Opposed? Abstain? It passes by a vote of four in the affirmative and three abstentions.

Motion to adjourn. Legislator
Rhoads. Seconded by Legislator Schaefer. All in favor of adjourning signify by saying aye. Opposed? Carries unanimously. (Committee adjourned at 5:15 p.m.)

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