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10	JAMES KENNEDY, CHAIRMAN
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16	County Executive and Legislative Building
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18	1550 Franklin Avenue
19	Mineola, New York
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21	Monday, February 6, 2023
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24	TAKEN BY: KAREN LORENZO, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER
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4	LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY Chair
5	LEG. C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III Vice Chair
6	LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER
7	LEGISLATOR MAZI MELESA PILIP
8	LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE Ranking
9	LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON
10	LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN
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12	MICHAEL PULITZER Clerk of the Legislature
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4	RALPH ESPOSITO, DIRECTOR, VETERAN SERVICE
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3	CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: At this time, I
4	will call the Veterans Committee to
5	order. I will ask the Clerk to call the
6	roll, please.
7	CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.
8	Veterans Committee roll call. Legislator
9	Joshua Lafazan?
10	LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.
11	CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Delia
12	DeRiggi-Whitton?
13	LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.
14	CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
15	Debra Mule?
16	LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.
17	CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Mazi
18	Pilip?
19	LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.
20	CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Rose
21	Walker?

25 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Here.

William Gaylor, III?

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LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman C.

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CLERK PULITZER: Chairman James Kennedy?

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Great. All right.

There is one item on the agenda today,

which is Clerk Item 45-22.

Clerk Item 45-22 is a Resolution to accept a gift offered -- Sorry, 45-23 is a Resolution to accept the gift offered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 325 Garden City to the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency. Moved by Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Mule.

This item is before us. Who is here from the Administration to speak to us? Hi, Ralph.

MR. ESPOSITO: Ralph Esposito,
Veteran Service Agency Director.

Thank you all so very much. As you know, this is our seventh vehicle that we had donated to the County. We're very happy that we're able to transport our veterans to four different locations:

Northport Valley Stream, Hicksville and East Meadow. And I want to thank you all

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for supporting us all the time. You are the best, believe me. Just instead of taking money, I'm giving money. So thank you again and hope to see you soon with more vehicles.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Thank you, Ralph. And you are the greatest as well. Thank you. Any debate or discussion? Legislator Mule.

LEGISLATGOR MULE: Hi, Ralph. Is this a brand new vehicle?

MR. ESPOSITO: Brand new wheelchair Van, \$66,000.

LEGISLATGOR MULE: Okay. And it covers everything that that you want it to for the veterans?

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes.

LEGISLATGOR MULE: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Thank you.

Yes?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Ralph, before you go anywhere, it's Delia.

Good work on this, by the way. I think that's awesome.

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MR. ESPOSITO: It's not easy.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: And I just want to say -- it hasn't happened yet. But do you remember we spoke about that monument, that's supposed to be on today.

MR. ESPOSITO: Oh, thank you so much for that, also.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: We'll keep you in the loop for that. Thank you.

MR. ESPOSITO: You're welcome. We're the model service agency of the state of New York. Just want you all to know that.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Thank you, Ralph. Is there any public comment?

MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday. Always excited about any resources that are going to our Veteran Services Agency. And I'm hoping that, again, that this body will look into what we can actually do to uplift and enhance the services at our many VFW halls and American Legion halls. I know that that grant that was

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put out to provide ramps and things of that nature was very helpful. But again,

this is an opportunity at this time

period that we can look into generating

funds for our veterans right where they

live. Particularly where we are, the

climate, the most recent scenario where

we had the drop in temperature, we had a

lot of our residents, particularly our

older veterans, who were potentially in

jeopardy, those who are homeless, not

having any type of space or location to

go. We had to set up impromptu heating

and cooling centers in the summertime.

And we need to also look at those

scenarios for facilities in the

wintertime.

And I think, again, there are resources that are available through national organizations, American Legion, VFW, that we can bring again into Nassau County that again brings money and resources to the County and does not add an additional burden to our overstrained

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So I'm very excited about this donation, and I'm hoping that we can use this as a stepping stone for even further types of enhancements for our veterans and their families. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Thank you. Ms. Mereday.

LEGISLATGOR MULE: James.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Yes.

LEGISLATGOR MULE: Meta, thank you for bringing that up about warming centers. I'm sure that all the legislators put out last weekend about the the warming centers that are available here in Nassau County. Of course, they're available to anybody who needs them. And whatever we can do to advertise that. That, of course, is available to everyone, not just veterans. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Thank you. All in favor, please signify by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of

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2	the Veterans Committee respond
3	in favor with, "Aye".)
4	CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Any opposed?
5	(Whereupon, no verbal
6	response.)
7	CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: All right. Item
8	passes unanimously by a vote of seven to
9	nothing.
10	There is no other business in front
11	of this Committee. May I have a motion to
12	be to adjourn? Legislator Gaylor,
13	seconded by Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.
14	All those in favor. This committee
15	is adjourned. Thank you. Planning is
16	next.
17	(Whereupon, the meeting is
18	adjourned, 2:58 p.m.)
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8	I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public
9	for and within the State of New York, do
10	hereby certify:
11	That the above is a correct
12	transcription of my stenographic notes.
13	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
14	set my hand this 6th day of February, 2023.
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