

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEES MEETING

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PRESIDING OFFICER

HEATH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

ROSE MARIE WALKER

CHAIRWOMAN

County Executive and Legislative Building

1550 Franklin Avenue

Mineola, New York

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2:25 p.m.

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LEGISLATOR MAZI MELESA PILIP - VICE CHAIRWOMAN

LEGISLATOR DENISE FORD

LEGISLATOR C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III

LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON - RANKING

LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER

LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN (RECUSED 227)

LEGISLATOR JOHN FERRETTI (Sub for Giangregorio)

MICHAEL PULITZER

Clerk of the Legislature

A L S O A P P E A R E D

ANN DESIMONE, HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BRIAN HALL, HUMAN SERVICES

CAROL ROBINSON, HUMAN SERVICES

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CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I'd like to call
the Health and Social Services Committee
to order and ask the Clerk to please take
the roll.

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CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, Madam.
Health and Social Service roll call.

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Legislator Joshua Lafazan?

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LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

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CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Arnold
Drucker?

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LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

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CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

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LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

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CLERK PULITZER: Legislator C.
William Gaylor, III?

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LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

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CLERK PULITZER: Replacing
Legislator Giangregorio, Legislator John
Ferretti?

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LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

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CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairwoman
Mazi Pilip?

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LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

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CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.
Chairwoman Rose Marie Walker?

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,
Ma'am.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you.
There are three items on the Agenda.
The first is Clerk Item 213-23, which is
an ordinance supplemental to the annual
appropriation ordinance in connection
with the Health Department.

May I have a motion, please?

LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So moved.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: By Legislator
Gaylor, seconded by Legislator Lafazan.

MS. DESIMONE: Good afternoon.
Health Department.

Item 213-23 has two supplemental
appropriations. The first one is for the
WIC program and the amount of \$1,714,200.
The WIC Grant is federally funded for
nutrition and education that provides
vouchers for foods and infant formulas
for women, infants and children who

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2 qualify under federal financial need
3 guidelines.

4 The second appropriation is item 213
5 for the children and youth with special
6 healthcare needs program in the amount of
7 \$265,811. These grant funds are from the
8 New York State Department of Health to
9 provide information, referrals and
10 education to families of children and
11 youth who fall within the definition of
12 special healthcare needs.

13 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Ann, have we
14 found that our numbers have increased,
15 especially since COVID?

16 MS. DESIMONE: Yes.

17 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay. And I'm
18 sure, as always, we've said when we're
19 working with our young moms, often we see
20 other children that need resources and
21 help, and we're able to find that out.
22 And obviously, during COVID, that was
23 hard to do when we didn't necessarily see
24 people in person.

25 MS. DESIMONE: Correct. But we did

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2 still service the WIC clients.

3 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Which was great.
4 All right. Thank you very much.

5 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions
6 from the legislators?

7 (Whereupon, no verbal
8 response.)

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any public
10 comment?

11 (Whereupon, no verbal
12 response.)

13 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Hearing none,
14 all in favor of Clerk Item 213-23, please
15 signify by saying, "Aye".

16 (Whereupon, all members of
17 the Health and Social Services
18 Committee respond in favor
19 with, "Aye".)

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any opposed?

21 (Whereupon, no verbal
22 response.)

23 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: This will move
24 on to Finance. Ann, I just want to thank
25 the Health Department for their work. I

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2 know the beaches have probably been
3 driving you crazy with the weather, so
4 thank you so much for keeping us on top
5 of that.

6 MS. DESIMONE: This is actually our
7 press officer, Alyssa, that handles all
8 that.

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you very
10 much, Alyssa.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Next we'll call
3 these together. Clerk Item 220-23 and
4 Clerk Item 225-23, which are ordinances
5 supplemental to the annual appropriation
6 ordinance in connection with the
7 Department of Human Services.

8 May I have a motion, please? By
9 Legislator Ferretti, seconded by
10 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

11 MR. HALL: Brian Hall, Department of
12 Human Services. I'm also here with Carol
13 Robinson from the Department of Human
14 Services, and she's actually going to
15 explain to you what this supplemental is
16 all about.

17 MS. ROBINSON: We're requesting a
18 supplemental appropriation for New York
19 state funds that's going to be used for
20 COLA increases for mental health agencies
21 and CD agencies.

22 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay. And that
23 is 220-23.

24 MS. ROBINSON: Yes.

25 MR. HALL: That's grant money. 100%.

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MS. ROBINSON: 100% state funded.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions
from the legislators?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any public
comment?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

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2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay. 225-23.

3 MR. HALL: Okay. 225-23 is a
4 supplemental for the Office of Youth
5 Services. This is also grant money. We
6 contract directly with the three towns in
7 the two cities instead of them going in
8 directly with the State. So it's \$304,000
9 for the like I said, the three towns and
10 the two cities and they take care of the
11 villages in their areas.

12 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Excellent. Now,
13 is this new that we deal directly with
14 them?

15 MR. HALL: This is probably been
16 about 7 or 8 years. We're doing it every
17 year. And we have to wait until we get
18 the appropriate information before we can
19 put in for the grant supplement. So this
20 year, it's not too bad. It's only the
21 middle of 2023 and we got it. But yeah,
22 this has been about 7 or 8 years we've
23 been doing this.

24 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay. But this
25 is new that we deal directly with the

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2 municipalities rather than the State or
3 we've always done that?

4 MR. HALL: What happens is that the
5 villages charge the towns and then the
6 town charges us and then we charge the
7 state to get reimbursed for it.

8 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: All right. Any
9 questions from the legislators?

10 (Whereupon, no verbal
11 response.)

12 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any public
13 comment?

14 (Whereupon, no verbal
15 response.)

16 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Hearing none,
17 all in favor of Clerk Item 220-23 and
18 225-23, please signify by saying, "Aye".

19 (Whereupon, all members of
20 the Health and Social Services
21 Committee respond in favor
22 with, "Aye".)

23 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any opposed or
24 abstentions?

25 (Whereupon, no verbal

response.)

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Then this too
will move on to Finance.

There is no other business before
us.

May I have a motion to adjourn? By
Legislator Pilip, seconded by Legislator
Drucker.

And all in favor of adjourning,
signify by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of
the Health and Social Services
Committee respond in favor
with, "Aye".)

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Next is Finance.

(Whereupon, the Health and
Social Services Committee is
adjourned, 2:32 p.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF NEW YORK)

: SS.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public
for and within the State of New York, do
hereby certify:

That the above is a correct
transcription of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand this 17th day of July, 2023.

Karen Lorenzo

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