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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEES MEETING

RICHARD NICOLELLO
PRESIDING OFFICER

C. WILLIAM GAYLOR, CHAIRMAN

PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS COMMITTEE

County Executive and Legislative Building
1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

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LEGISLATOR JOHN GIUFFRE VICE CHAIR
LEGISLATOR LAURA SCHAEFER
LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY
LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE RANKING
LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER
LEGISLATOR CARRIE A. SOLAGES

MICHAEL PULITZER Clerk of the Legislature

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

KEN ARNOLD, PUBLIC WORKS

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CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: At this time
I'll call the Public Works and Parks
Committee to order. I'll ask the Clerk
to call the roll.

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CLERK PULITZER: Thank you,
Chairman.

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Legislator Carrie Solages?

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LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

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CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

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Arnold Drucker?

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LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

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CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member

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Siela Bynoe?

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LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

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CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James

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Kennedy?

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LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

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CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura

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Schaefer?

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LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

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CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman

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John Giuffre?

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LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.

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CLERK PULITZER: Chairman C.

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William Gaylor, III?

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Present.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: So we have a quorum.

There's one Item on the Agenda today, which is Clerk Item 266-23.

Clerk Item 266-23 is an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Department of Public Works.

Can I have a motion, please? Move by Legislator Giuffre, seconded by Legislator Schaefer.

The item is before us. Commissioner Arnold from the Administration, Department of Public Works.

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Good afternoon.

266-23 is a supplemental appropriation associated with grant funds received from the FTA with respect to our transitive operation,

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the supplemental appropriations for a total of \$46.7 million. This covers operational assistance, procurement of rolling stock, capital improvements of the facilities and to keep the equipment in good standing.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any debate or discussion from legislators?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Any public comment?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: All in favor, please signify by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Public Works and Parks Committee respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: The item passes unanimously.

(Whereupon, Legislator Drucker poses a question.)

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: The floor is

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all yours.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you,
chairman.

Ken, thank you. Can you give us
an update on the status of the RFP.

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: The RFP I
would expect to be at the next Rules
Committee meeting.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Can you give
us an update today?

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: As we have
gone through our procurement process,
we've made our recommendations and the
package is being finalized through the
system and the recommendation of award
will be packaged with the new contract
and will be sent to the Legislature
shortly, which will be called on the
next meeting.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Could you
use the answer for me also regarding
this item, \$46.7 million, how does that
compare to grant funding in previous
years?

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COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: I believe it's roughly the same. I can double check, but they're pretty consistent with the money we get from FTA. It might be slightly higher, but I can double check and get back to you for the next meeting.

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CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Legislator Bynoe.

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LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you.

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Ken, could you tell us a little bit about the time line that was associated with the RFP that was issued regarding the bus.

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COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: The timeline of the RFP that we are processing?

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LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Yes. When was it originally issued.

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COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: I think it was issued just before the round New Year. I think it was the end of '22/early '23 we issued the RFP. We had interviews, we had site walk-thrus,

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we had a committee put together from various agencies of the County. It wasn't just public works. From that, they made their recommendation and that's what we're processing right now.

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LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And the timeline was that we issued, we were supposed to go through all of the different cycles of these inspections and Q&As from folks that submitted and then we were originally supposed to render a decision in what time-frame?

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COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: We're probably a touch later than we anticipated, but the contract starts the beginning of '24. So we're still on track to be done by that point. I think our Calendar might have had us submitting the contract a month earlier than we are.

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LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Only a month earlier?

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COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Yeah. We're not that far off from what we thought,

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NIFA Board will have to have a meeting

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LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I have some

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COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Yeah. I

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LEGISLATOR BYNOE: This is not

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necessarily contract specific, but I'll leave it. I do agree with you. I'm better served not asking.

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: We're anticipating a lot of back and forth on this contract because it is probably one the biggest contracts the County procures.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I just hope with this tight time-frame that we're going to have enough time to get through all of that. But thank you.

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: I would expect it would be fine.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Real quick, Chairman. How many proposals did you review?

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: We received two.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Two full proposals?

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Yes.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Any public

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(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: All in favor,
please signify by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the
Public Works and Parks Committee
respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: The item passes
unanimously.

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CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: There being no further business before the Committee, may I have a motion to adjourn?

Moved by Legislator Kennedy, seconded by Legislator Bynoe.

All in favor?

(Whereupon, all members of the Public Works and Parks Committee respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Committee is now adjourned.

Health will be next.

(Whereupon, the PW and Parks Committee is adjourned, 2:43 p.m.)

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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 6th day of
September, 2023.

Karen Lorenzo

Karen Lorenzo

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