

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEES MEETING

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PRESIDING OFFICER

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FINANCE COMMITTEE  
HOWARD KOPEL  
CHAIRMAN

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A P P E A R A N C E S

LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL CHAIRMAN

LEGISLATOR JOHN FERRETTI VICE CHAIRMAN

LEGISLATOR THOMAS MCKEVITT

LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER

LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER RANKING MEM. (ABSENT)

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON (SUB)

LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES

LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN

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MICHAEL PULITZER Clerk of the Legislature

A L S O    A P P E A R E D

COMMISSIONER BELYEA, PARKS DEPARTMENT

ANDY PERSICH, OMB

COMMISSIONER KEN ARNOLD, PUBLIC WORKS

ANN DESIMONE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

SEEMA ZIKA, HUMAN SERVICES

JODI FRANZESE, INSPECTOR GENERAL

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Mike, will you,  
please, call the roll?

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, sir.  
Finance Committee roll call Finance.

Legislator Joshua Lafazan?

LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Carrie A.  
Solages?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member  
Arnold Drucker is absent? Anybody care  
to take his place? Thank you, Delia.

Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Rose  
Marie Walker?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Thomas  
McKevitt?

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman John  
Ferretti?

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Chairman Howard  
3 Kopel?

4 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Here.

5 CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,  
6 sir.

7 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you.

8 Okay. We will start out with a  
9 motion to suspend the Rules. That motion  
10 is made by Ms. Walker and it is seconded  
11 by Mr. Lafazan.

12 All those in favor of suspending the  
13 Rules, say "Aye".

14 (Whereupon, all members of  
15 the Finance Committee respond  
16 in favor with, "Aye".)

17 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: The Rules are  
18 suspended.

19 We will start out with several  
20 items which are budget items:

21 282, which is an ordinance adopt the  
22 Nassau County Budget for the 12 months of  
23 the '24 fiscal year beginning January 1st  
24 and ending December 31 of '24;

25 283, which is an ordinance fixing

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2 the tax rates and levying taxes for the  
3 12 months of the '24 fiscal year;

4 284, which is a Resolution to adopt  
5 the Multi Year Financial Plan for fiscal  
6 years '24 through '27, as required by  
7 Section 310 of the County Government Law;  
8 finally

9 285, which is an ordinance to adopt  
10 the Budget for the County Legislature for  
11 the County of Nassau for the 12 months of  
12 '24 fiscal year beginning January 1,  
13 2024.

14 Motion by Mr. McKevitt, seconded by  
15 Mr. Solages.

16 Any discussion on those items?

17 (Whereupon, no verbal  
18 response.)

19 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor  
20 of those items please so indicate by  
21 saying, "Aye".

22 (Whereupon, all members of  
23 the Finance Committee respond  
24 in favor with, "Aye".)

25 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

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2 (Whereupon, member of the  
3 Public responds.)

4 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Public Comment.  
5 Sure. I'm in the mood.

6 MS. MEREDAY: With regard to the  
7 first one on the budget, just had some  
8 concerns with regard to the percentage of  
9 the property tax. Just looking at that  
10 pie chart yesterday, the Property Tax  
11 takes about 20% on the revenue, but the  
12 combined Federal and State Funding output  
13 was probably about ten, I would say. I  
14 mean, we're looking at projected close to  
15 800 million in funding coming in from  
16 property taxes, but just under 500  
17 million for combined state and federal  
18 funds.

19 I think it should be flipped. I  
20 think that our federal and state funding  
21 component should be a larger percentage  
22 of what the dependence is on the property  
23 taxes. I continue to feel that it is a, I  
24 don't want to say failure, but it's just  
25 a disappointment that we are not

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2 increasing the outreach, or at least what  
3 we should be getting in terms of our  
4 numbers and our population in Nassau  
5 County from the state and federal  
6 government. Yes, we do get some grants.  
7 Most of that is kind of the general  
8 reimbursement issue. I feel we need to  
9 be a little more aggressive going into  
10 2024.

11 Just some other issues, I had agreed  
12 with Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton yesterday  
13 as well as Legislator Siela Bynoe and  
14 others with regard to the ARPA and opioid  
15 outreach. Again, we have communities in  
16 crisis, and we really need to step up our  
17 efforts to distribute those resources to  
18 where they can be most effective and  
19 inclusive of providing the resources to  
20 those companion organizations that are in  
21 community groups that are working, or at  
22 least trying to work with our law  
23 enforcement officials to be more  
24 proactive in terms of where we can help  
25 the residents.



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2 As far as the Litigation Fund, it's  
3 a disappointment that we have to be  
4 concerned about how much money we can put  
5 into a fund to pay off on settlements,  
6 when we can do a better job going in to  
7 be more, again, proactive, possibly more  
8 compassionate, more aware of the  
9 diversity and some of the adversity in  
10 our county. So I just wanted to bring  
11 that to the forefront.

12 And lastly, we talk about surpluses,  
13 and it gives us a false sense when we  
14 have such a high level of debt that we  
15 give the impression that we have monies.  
16 And a lot of that money, again, is in  
17 restricted funding that we don't really  
18 access, but we are choosing to use it to  
19 bolster our potential ratings down the  
20 road.

21 So that's where I really wanted to  
22 comment. And once again, we need to do  
23 something with regard to NUMC and to  
24 create a more positive and proactive  
25 environment for our military families and

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2 to save the public health facility.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor  
5 of items? Go ahead.

6 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I just  
7 want to say we're going to tee up the  
8 proposed County Budget by passing it  
9 through, but we are going to be making  
10 amendments in the future.

11 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Noted.

12 That having been said, all those in  
13 favor of those items, please so indicate  
14 by saying, "Aye".

15 (Whereupon, all members of  
16 the Finance Committee respond  
17 in favor with, "Aye".)

18 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

19 (Whereupon, no verbal  
20 response.)

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those items are  
22 unanimous. Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Now, there are a  
3 number of items which have gone through  
4 previous Committees, and it has been  
5 agreed by the Majority and Minority that  
6 the require no further debate or  
7 discussion.

8 I'm going to call those as a group.  
9 And those would be:

10 297; 298; 302; 303; 304; 305; 306;  
11 309; 310; and on the Addendum 314.

12 There is a motion on that made by  
13 Ms. Walker and seconded by Mr. Lafazan.

14 All those in favor of those items,  
15 please so indicate by saying, "Aye".

16 (Whereupon, all members of  
17 the Finance Committee respond  
18 in favor with, "Aye".)

19 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

20 (Whereupon, no verbal  
21 response.)

22 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those items are  
23 unanimous.

24 Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Next Item is 295,  
3 which is a Resolution authorizing the  
4 County Executive to execute a grant  
5 agreement and the County of Nassau,  
6 acting on behalf of the County Department  
7 of Parks Recreation and the Village of  
8 Great Neck.

9 Motion is made by Ms.  
10 DeRiggi-Whitton, seconded by Mr.  
11 Ferretti.

12 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Hi again,  
13 Darcy, Parks Commissioner. Presenting a  
14 Hotel/Motel Tax Grant Agreement between  
15 the County and the Village of Great Neck.  
16 The purpose of this agreement is to cover  
17 expenses for a multicultural concert,  
18 providing family oriented entertainment  
19 for the residents of Nassau County.  
20 Presented hosted by the Village of Great  
21 Neck. The term of this agreement is one  
22 year commencing August 15, 2023, ending  
23 on August 14, 2024.

24 The Village had problems with some  
25 of the items in the vendor portal, which

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2 is why this is delayed. The requested  
3 amount is for \$20,000 will be funded by  
4 the Hotel/Motel Tax Grant fund.

5 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Do we have any  
6 questions, debate or discussion?

7 (Whereupon, no verbal  
8 response.)

9 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any public comment?

10 (Whereupon, no verbal  
11 response.)

12 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor,  
13 please say, "Aye".

14 (Whereupon, all members of  
15 the Finance Committee respond  
16 in favor with, "Aye".)

17 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

18 (Whereupon, no verbal  
19 response.)

20 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That is unanimous.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: You have any  
3 others?

4 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Yes. Village  
5 of Great Neck Plaza, 296-23.

6 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. 296-23 is a  
7 Resolution for a Grant Agreement with  
8 County Parks and Village of Great Neck  
9 Plaza.

10 Motion by Mr. McKeivitt, seconded by  
11 Mr. Solages. Go on, please.

12 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: So this is a  
13 Hotel/Motel Tax Agreement again between  
14 the County and the Village of Great Neck  
15 Plaza.

16 The purpose of this agreement is to  
17 cover the cost of entertainment events at  
18 Firefighter's Park on Grace Avenue, in  
19 the Village of Great Neck Plaza. The term  
20 of the agreement is one year beginning  
21 August 15, 2023 and ending August 14,  
22 2024. The requested amount is for \$5,000  
23 and again will be funded out of the  
24 Hotel/Motel Tax Grant Fund.

25 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: So this one's late

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2 again?

3 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Yeah. So, I've  
4 been trying to, because of you, I want to  
5 delay them. These were May requests and  
6 we put them all the way out to August  
7 1st, and they just struggle with the  
8 vendor portal and some of the  
9 documentation.

10 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: What can we do to  
11 fix this issue?

12 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: I have a  
13 designated person working now with Vendor  
14 Portal issues and Procurement is very  
15 helpful as well. So we're trying to do  
16 the best we can to get them more timely.

17 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: What do you think?  
18 When do you figure you might have this  
19 solved?

20 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: I don't know  
21 if it ever be solved, because it's very  
22 user centric. We can't produce a  
23 documentation that they need.

24 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: When do you think  
25 it might be better?

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2 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Oh, I don't  
3 know, I don't know. It all depends on  
4 the user and how responsive they are and  
5 when they log in. So they want the funds,  
6 but they have to do the work to get to  
7 them.

8 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: It's not enough of  
9 an incentive. You don't get it done, you  
10 don't get the money?

11 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: To you and I  
12 might be. But yeah, it just gets delayed  
13 and it can gets kicked down the road.

14 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Ms. Walker.

15 LEGISLATOR WALKER: I agree with  
16 you. I think some of them, members of  
17 their organization, sometimes if they're  
18 like a historical society or another  
19 group, they're not as as well versed with  
20 working with technology --

21 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Correct.

22 LEGISLATOR WALKER: -- As I know  
23 certainly as I am. Oftentimes, I asked my  
24 kids or my grandkids and they are better  
25 at it than I am.



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2 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Right. And  
3 oftentimes it's volunteer groups and  
4 different members have to go through the  
5 portal and it just takes time. I'm  
6 trying to put the dates out further so I  
7 don't have to bring them back to you  
8 retroactively.

9 LEGISLATOR WALKER: And I know for  
10 this money they they all have to have --

11 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: They have to  
12 have their own their own profile.

13 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So if there's  
14 ten of them, it's not like it's one  
15 person or two people filling it out.  
16 Every one of them has to give all their  
17 information.

18 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Correct.

19 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Sure. Go on.

20 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Darcy,  
21 how is this going to work next year?  
22 We're going to come up with that same  
23 idea of like each Legislator getting a  
24 certain amount?

25 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: That's the

1  
2 law. Yes.

3 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Okay.  
4 And there's a backlog a little bit,  
5 right?

6 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: There is a  
7 backlog. There's a handful that are  
8 coming up the pike in the next month or  
9 so.

10 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Okay,  
11 that are all set to go but just haven't  
12 been calendared?

13 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Exactly.

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Okay.  
15 Good. All right. And then we'll start  
16 again, I guess in January.

17 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Start again in  
18 the new year.

19 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: All  
20 right. Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Anyone else?

22 (Whereupon, no verbal  
23 response.)

24 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Hearing none. Any  
25 public comment questions?

(Whereupon, no verbal  
response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor  
of this item, please so indicate by  
saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of  
the Finance Committee respond  
in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal  
response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That item is  
unanimous. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: 301 is transfer of  
3 appropriations, motion by Ms. Walker,  
4 seconded by Mr. Ferretti.

5 MS. SIMONE: Ann DeSimone, Health  
6 Department.

7 301-23 contains two board transfers  
8 to maximize grant funding. The first one  
9 in the amount of \$31,807, is for the  
10 Public Health Emergency Preparedness  
11 grant, and the second is in the amount of  
12 \$2,982 for the Lead Prevention program.

13 Both programs are 100% grant funded

14 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions or  
15 public comment?

16 (Whereupon, no verbal  
17 response.)

18 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor,  
19 please say, "Aye".

20 (Whereupon, all members of  
21 the Finance Committee respond  
22 in favor with, "Aye".)

23 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

24 (Whereupon, no verbal  
25 response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Do you have  
anymore?

MS. SIMONE: No.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: 307 is another transfer  
3 of appropriations. That motion by Mr.  
4 McKevitt, seconded by Ms. DeRiggi-  
5 Whitton.

6 MS. ZAKI: Good afternoon,  
7 Legislators. Seema Zaki, Fiscal Director,  
8 Department of Human Services.

9 Item 307 is a board transfer of  
10 appropriations made within the budget for  
11 the year 2023. These are \$50,000 that are  
12 being transferred. These funds are from  
13 the Covid stimulus grants. We are  
14 reallocating these funds to purchase  
15 supplies and equipment which will be  
16 distributed to the senior centers for  
17 equipment, especially like kitchen  
18 equipment, computers, recreational  
19 equipment, and supplies like medical  
20 supplies like defibrillators,  
21 thermometers.

22 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: \$50,000?

23 MS. ZAKI: Yeah, it's between 25,000  
24 equipment and 25,000 for supplies. We  
25 have separate grants that have expired on

September 30th of this year, but we are reallocating additional funds so that we can cater to it until it expires in 2024.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay.

Any discussion, any questions or public comment?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor, please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Finance Committee respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That's unanimous  
Thank you.

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3 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Number 311 is a  
4 Resolution approving an amendment by a  
5 Memorandum of Understanding to the  
6 Collective Bargaining Agreement between  
7 the County of Nassau and the Nassau  
8 County Correction Officers Benevolent  
9 Association. Motion by Mr. McKeivitt,  
10 seconded by Ms. DeRiggi-Whitton.

11 MR. PERSICH: Good afternoon, Andy  
12 Perisch, Office of Management and Budget.

13 Item 311-23 before you is the one of  
14 the final unions to get an MOU together.  
15 We finally reached an agreement with the  
16 hard working men in the Correctional  
17 Facility to give them a fair and  
18 equitable contract that's consistent with  
19 the patterns with the other unions. Both  
20 sides walked away not happy, but I think  
21 it's a fair deal like the other ones.

22 I will give you some of the  
23 highlights of the deal, briefly:

24 It's an eight and a half year deal  
25 starting from January 1, 2018 through



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2 June 30, 2026;

3 It includes gross wage increases or  
4 GWIs of 2%, 2%, 2.5%, 2.5%, 3%, and 3% in  
5 the final year;

6 It includes a stipend for a 15 year  
7 correctional officer of \$3,700;

8 There will be a health insurance  
9 contribution for all members of 2.5%;

10 There is a new salary chart for new  
11 employees;

12 There are some operational changes  
13 that will not get into, but they yield  
14 some savings as a result of that;

15 We're shortening some of the  
16 vacation day and personal day accruals  
17 and some excusable time for other medical  
18 issues;

19 We're also changing the overtime  
20 from 24 hours down to 16 hours, which  
21 benefits the union membership;

22 And the other items that are in  
23 there pretty much covers some specialty  
24 items that the union requested that fit  
25 within the pattern.

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2 The cost of the deal, I'm going to  
3 go over it by year:

4 2020 it's 1.2 million; 2021 it's 3.5  
5 million; 2022 it's 6.2 million; 2023 it's  
6 10.2 million; 2024 it's 12.3 million;  
7 2025 it's 16 million; and 2026 it's 17.4  
8 million. Approximate cost is around 66-67  
9 million.

10 We are working with OLBR to go over  
11 the numbers. And I think we'll be heard  
12 before the Full Legislature. And if  
13 there's any more questions I'm here to  
14 answer them at this point.

15 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any comment or  
16 discussion, public comment?

17 Yes, Delia.

18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So I  
19 know we're going to have a few questions,  
20 but we'll probably pass it through hoping  
21 that we have all the reports for Full  
22 Legislature. But something I noticed, the  
23 NUMC post coverage reduction, which is  
24 only going to be one officer bringing  
25 people to NUMC now instead of two.

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2 That's the only thing I was a little  
3 concerned about.

4 MR. PERSICH: It's not the  
5 transportation piece. I think it's the  
6 piece that's actually when they reside in  
7 NUMC, we're reducing it by one officer is  
8 what it is.

9 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: When  
10 they reside. Okay. I thought it was  
11 transportation cuts. Okay. Thank you.

12 MR. PERSICH: You got it.

13 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Anyone else? Any  
14 public comment?

15 (Whereupon, no verbal  
16 response.)

17 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor,  
18 please say, "Aye".

19 (Whereupon, all members of  
20 the Finance Committee respond  
21 in favor with, "Aye".)

22 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

23 (Whereupon, no verbal  
24 response.)

25 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That Item is

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2 unanimous.

3 Do you have something else?

4 MR. PERSICH: I have Item 313-23.

5 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Why don't we do  
6 that. Go on, please.

7 MR. PERSICH: Item 313-23 is a board  
8 transfer which is consistent with my  
9 testimony yesterday. We're moving some  
10 money around in Department of Social  
11 Services and Early Intervention to cover  
12 recipient grants, emergency vendor  
13 payments. As I stated yesterday, was  
14 starting to see an uptick in caseloads.  
15 And this is a result of what we're  
16 seeing. So we're moving some money around  
17 in the Operating Budget to cover some of  
18 these shortfalls that we will see in the  
19 Department of Social Services.

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you.

22 We didn't do a motion on that yet.  
23 Motion on 313 is made by Ms. Walker and  
24 seconded by Ms. DeRiggi-Whitton.

25 All those in favor, please so

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2 indicate by saying, "Aye".

3 (Whereupon, all members of  
4 the Finance Committee respond  
5 in favor with, "Aye".)

6 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

7 (Whereupon, no verbal  
8 response.)

9 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That Item is  
10 unanimous.

11 MR. PERSICH: Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: It looks like we do  
3 have another parks item, right? Number  
4 312. Which is a Grant Agreement between  
5 Parks and Friends of Hempstead Plains at  
6 Nassau Community College. There's a  
7 motion by Mr. Ferretti, seconded by Mr.  
8 McKevitt.

9 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: I'm sorry.  
10 We're dealing with Parks complaints.

11 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: You have  
12 complaints?

13 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Item three  
14 1223 is a Hotel/Motel Tax Grant Agreement  
15 between the County and the Friends of  
16 Hempstead Plains. The amount they are  
17 requesting is \$25,000 to be funded by the  
18 Hotel/Motel Tax Grant fund. The funds  
19 will be used to support ongoing efforts  
20 that pertain to stewardship and education  
21 at the Hempstead Plains and Francis T.  
22 Purcell Preserve. The term of this  
23 agreement is August 1, 2023 and will  
24 terminate on July 31, 2024.

25 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: It's the same issue

again?

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: This one, I think, may have been, but it just didn't get to you. This may have been filed in more timely fashion, but just didn't get heard right away.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. All right. Any debate or discussion or public comment?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor, please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Finance Committee respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That Item is unanimous.

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: The last item is  
3 322-23, which is the authorizing the  
4 County Executives to execute an agreement  
5 with Transdev Services for the  
6 management, operation, maintenance of a  
7 Nassau County bus system. That motion is  
8 made by Mr. McKevitt, seconded by Ms.  
9 Walker.

10 Now, before we get into that, I  
11 would tell the public that there's going  
12 to be a full hearing on this matter on  
13 October 23rd. We're just going to tee it  
14 up for that.

15 I also before we start, I'd like to  
16 have the Inspector General come up,  
17 please, if you would, and just tell us  
18 where you are on this because I  
19 understand you're not finished with your  
20 review.

21 INSPECTOR GENERAL: Good afternoon.

22 The status on this item, we're still  
23 reviewing it. We have a lot of  
24 information that we need to parse through  
25 and we're determining what's important



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2 and what's not necessarily important. And  
3 we are planning to be prepared for the  
4 Full Legislature. We should have a  
5 contract review report for you at that  
6 point.

7 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: So by the time we  
8 are voting on this in the Full  
9 Legislature, you'll be good, one way or  
10 the other. Okay, good.

11 INSPECTOR GENERAL: And I'm saying  
12 we have a lot of information. I'm not  
13 suggesting that it's bad information. I'm  
14 just trying to categorize it.

15 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: You're just not  
16 ready yet. Okay. Got it.

17 Wait, wait.

18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So do  
19 you anticipate supplying that report the  
20 day of the Full Legislature?

21 INSPECTOR GENERAL: No. We're going  
22 to try to do it before so everybody can  
23 read it.

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: It's  
25 such an important --

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LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Chair?

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Yes.

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LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you.

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For a contract of this magnitude and for the nature of the type of services that it's providing for Nassau County residents, transportation, which is very crucial, we don't have a report today?

INSPECTOR GENERAL: No. We're still going through all the results. We did searches and a lot of investigation. We have a lot of information that we need to bring to you, as long as we think it's relevant and important.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: All right. As a Committee, especially with the members of my caucus, we have to make a decision today. And, you know, we need information, and because this information is not available now --

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Mr. Solages?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Yes.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We would simply have the information for the Full

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2 Legislature and the Full Legislature will  
3 have to vote on this. So Jodi did tell us  
4 that we would have all the information  
5 that we need in time for everyone to read  
6 it and make an informed decision prior to  
7 the Full Legislature meeting.

8 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: In the future.

9 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Does that help you?

10 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: In the future,  
11 but for today's purposes --

12 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Today we are  
13 teeing it up for that.

14 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I have a  
15 problem with teeing it up.

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That's your  
17 privilege and you can vote as you as you  
18 --

19 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Respectfully, I  
20 would like to make a motion to table this  
21 matter.

22 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: By all means.  
23 There's no debate or discussion on a  
24 motion to table.

25 Motion is made by Mr. Solages,

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2 seconded by Ms. DeRiggi-Whitton.

3 All those in favor of the motion,  
4 please so indicate by saying, "Aye".

5 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Aye.

6 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Aye.

7 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: And all those  
9 opposed? Nay.

10 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Nay.

11 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Nay.

12 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Nay.

13 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: The motion fails by  
14 a vote of 4 to 3.

15 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Nevertheless,  
16 can we please have a certain date by  
17 which we have this report?

18 INSPECTOR GENERAL: I can speak with  
19 the staff and then I can e-mail everyone.

20 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Okay. Thank you  
21 very much.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Jodi,  
23 I'm sorry.

24 If you could just make a comment in  
25 your report -- I'm not telling you what

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2 to do -- but if you could just analyze  
3 the future costs of this contract, like  
4 yearly, that would assist, just to let us  
5 know. If you feel that's in line.

6 INSPECTOR GENERAL: I actually  
7 didn't hear you.

8 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can you  
9 also make sure that the report includes  
10 just the reference of the cost for the  
11 future expenses. If you could analyze  
12 that and just make sure that you feel  
13 that it was -- I'm not asking you to  
14 analyze the finance end of it, but just  
15 to make sure that it's addressed in the  
16 contract.

17 INSPECTOR GENERAL: I think  
18 actually, one of your staff e-mailed me  
19 some questions regarding that.

20 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: All  
21 right.

22 Just before this moves on, there  
23 were a couple other issues, including, we  
24 would just like to know what the dates  
25 are a little bit more ahead of time --

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2 And this isn't pertaining to you, I'm  
3 just putting it on the record -- the  
4 dates pertaining to any future meetings,  
5 because I know that sometimes we're  
6 notified very, very last minute. And we  
7 wanted to incorporate the future expense  
8 in with the item.

9 And there are two vacancies -- and  
10 again, this doesn't pertain to you  
11 exactly -- but if we could just comment  
12 on the fact that we have two vacancies on  
13 the transit board, that should be filled  
14 probably like soon.

15 Also, we just wanted to make sure I  
16 know that the amendments only require  
17 that the County Executive approve them,  
18 but I'd like to see any amendment to  
19 these contracts in the future be brought  
20 back to the Legislature.

21 So I don't know to what extent you  
22 can comment on that or if there's any --  
23 but those are the things that I that we  
24 really feel should be incorporated into  
25 this contract.

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2 So maybe if you have any comments?

3 INSPECTOR GENERAL: Based on the  
4 e-mail I received from your staff, I do  
5 anticipate a meeting.

6 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Okay.  
7 Yeah. And maybe just your opinion on  
8 some of these requirements that we'd like  
9 to see included.

10 Thank you.

11 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: If I may also,  
12 Chair.

13 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: By all means.

14 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you very  
15 much, Legislator Kopel.

16 Just in light of the nature of this  
17 type of contract, it's a contract for  
18 transportation services for a large  
19 portion of our county who work 9 to 5.  
20 They're not able to be here during the  
21 time of this hearing. Perhaps it's  
22 possible -- I'm asking, just asking -- is  
23 it possible that we could have a hearing  
24 in the evening regarding this? Because,  
25 again, many of the people who use these

1  
2 services won't be able to participate in  
3 this hearing.

4 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: So I understand  
5 what you're asking. I suppose I'll pass  
6 your request on to the Presiding Officer,  
7 and we'll see what happens.

8 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you very  
9 much, Legislator Kopel.

10 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Anyone else?

11 (Whereupon, no verbal  
12 response.)

13 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. Ken?  
14 Thank you, Jodi.

15 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Good afternoon.  
16 Ken Arnold, Public Works.

17 Item 322-23 is a contract to  
18 operate, manage and maintain the County's  
19 transit system, which is the NICE bus  
20 system, as per General Municipal Law  
21 119-R and the Nassau County Local 115  
22 1972, Nassau County is authorized to  
23 provide a bus service.

24 The RFP for this contract was issued  
25 in January of '22. Four firms initially



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2 showed interest in providing a proposal.  
3 At the end, only two firms provided  
4 written proposals to the Department. The  
5 Department managed an Evaluation  
6 Committee that was made up of staff from  
7 the Department of Social Services,  
8 Minority Affairs and Human Services,  
9 along with OMB and my department. The  
10 Technical Review Committee reviewed the  
11 technical proposals. They then followed  
12 with interviews and reviewing the course  
13 proposals. All this was done with the  
14 Office of the Inspector General's  
15 personnel present at all meetings and all  
16 discussions. At the end, Transdev was  
17 determined to be the chosen vendor for  
18 this service.

19 This contract that's before you is  
20 for seven years and it has two extensions  
21 allowed, one for five years, one for  
22 three years.

23 To touch on what Legislator DeRiggi  
24 asked, all amendments to this contract  
25 and the prior contract comes to this

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2 Body. There's no changes to the contract  
3 without coming to this Body.

4 The contract has an operating budget  
5 for 2024 of \$169 million that was  
6 established during the budget process.  
7 And then it's being utilized as the first  
8 year of this agreement.

9 Of that amount, we have two  
10 components of the budget. We have a fixed  
11 fee, and we have a variable fee. The  
12 fixed fee covers administrative costs,  
13 benefits, insurance, security services,  
14 marketing, utilities. And the variable  
15 fee covers the operation and mechanic  
16 labor benefits, insurance for the bus  
17 operation.

18 The bus operation is in two pieces.  
19 You have the paratransit and you have the  
20 the larger bus fleet that does the routes  
21 throughout the county.

22 The contract has a cap for profit at  
23 4%, just as the prior contract did, and  
24 all contract provisions are under the  
25 FTAs review and all buses are inspected

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2 by New York State DOT on a regular basis.  
3 The routes for the buses just to remind  
4 everybody and the fares are all  
5 determined by the transit committee  
6 working within the MTA, because if they  
7 change fees, we work with them and so on  
8 and so forth. The transit committee  
9 still has involvement in all those  
10 aspects of this operation.

11 Available for any questions.

12 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I know  
14 we're going to have a full hearing on  
15 this, but I was just wondering if you  
16 have a copy of the new forms? Like the  
17 new -- if there's any type of -- I was  
18 wondering, I actually heard that there  
19 might have been a couple of lawsuits  
20 against Transdev, I don't know if we have  
21 any updates on any of that.

22 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Any operation  
23 of this size is going to have lawsuits,  
24 right?

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Right.

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2 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: So the  
3 question is, what lawsuits are material  
4 to our operation? So the department  
5 working with our Department Chief  
6 Contracting Officer and also Robert  
7 Cleary, the County has looked at that and  
8 we've made the recommendation based on  
9 what we've seen, the IOG will do their  
10 review. On occasion, they bring up  
11 additional items that we're not aware of  
12 and that will be discussed. And if  
13 required, we'll look at that adverse  
14 information and react accordingly. So  
15 that's where we are currently.

16 Any operation, whether it's Transdev  
17 on buses or Veolia with sewer plants,  
18 these are big multinational corporations.  
19 And there's going to be a lot of  
20 information to weed through, which is why  
21 the IOG has such a task in front of her.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I  
23 completely understand.

24 Did we receive the updated  
25 disclosures from Transdev?

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COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Yes.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: The Department is satisfied that we have all the disclosures and are filled completely. That does not mean that something does not pop up during the IG's review.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: No I understand, Ken. I've been around this a while. I just want to put on the record that I'm glad that we have that in our possession.

The other thing, do you know how many other responses we received to this?

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: One other response we had; two total.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just for the record, what was the name of the other company?

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: It was Envy Transit.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Okay.

I guess that they're also going to discuss in the presentation why we're

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2 sticking with Transdev?

3 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Well, the  
4 Technical Review Committee, and it's in  
5 the documents that are in the package,  
6 felt that Transdev provided the best  
7 service, they have the most experience,  
8 and they have the cost and the financial  
9 ability to support the County's required  
10 bus service.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Okay.  
12 All right.

13 So I guess we'll see on the hearing  
14 and we'll see what the what the IG's  
15 Office comes up with.

16 Thank you for your work on this,  
17 Ken.

18 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Anyone else?

19 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can I  
20 ask one more thing? You don't have any  
21 idea if they're decreasing routes or  
22 increasing routes or anything like that.

23 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Routes are not  
24 determined by this contract.

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Right.

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2 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: This is a very  
3 important piece everybody needs -- the  
4 County budget determines what we can pay  
5 for, the Transit Committee will work on  
6 what routes we work with FTA on making  
7 sure the routes are in the right areas.  
8 But this contract does not determine  
9 routes nor fares.

10 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: So the contract was  
11 strictly a financial affair and  
12 operational.

13 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Yeah. This  
14 this puts the service in place.

15 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Where the buses go  
16 has nothing to do with this contract at  
17 all.

18 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: No. The  
19 budget of 169 keeps this current service  
20 intact.

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That's a budget  
22 item.

23 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: That's a  
24 budget item. Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Legislator Solages.

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2                   LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you,  
3                   Chair.

4                   But does this determine the type of  
5                   quality of services, like the type of  
6                   buses and the type of technology on these  
7                   buses? We need to know what we're  
8                   getting for our dollar. Already the  
9                   federal government and the state  
10                  government giving lots of money to this  
11                  bus company that's for profit. So we need  
12                  to know what we're getting. Are we  
13                  getting modern buses or we you know, some  
14                  buses now have features where you could  
15                  use your credit card to pay instead of  
16                  having to pay for a fare. So what type of  
17                  buses are --

18                 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: We are going  
19                 address that more in the hearing. Because  
20                 the buses we buy have to be approved by  
21                 the FTA because the FTA is paying for 80%  
22                 of that bus.

23                 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Understood.  
24                 But are we getting a no frills bus, are  
25                 we getting a luxury bus? I mean, what are



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2 we getting for our money?

3 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: I'll address  
4 that more in the hearing. Let me go back  
5 and cross my Ts. There's a level of  
6 service defined in this contract and I  
7 think that's what you're getting at and  
8 we'll answer that question further at the  
9 hearing.

10 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Anyone else?

12 (Whereupon, no verbal  
13 response.)

14 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you, Ken.

15 Now, once again, I'll remind the  
16 public we're going to have a public  
17 hearing on this on the 23rd, subject to  
18 review of Mr. Solages' request.

19 That being the case, any public  
20 comment on this item?

21 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday,  
22 again.

23 Appreciate the information about the  
24 hearing, but it's the same day as the  
25 Full Legislature meeting, which kind of

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2 prohibits residents, one, who don't have  
3 access to this information, and as  
4 Legislator Solages pointed out, have a  
5 hard time getting here in general at the  
6 time periods that you have these  
7 meetings, clearly, because there would be  
8 more people here. Some people would have  
9 to take 2 or 3 buses, bring either their  
10 elder, their senior member, or their  
11 children or their person with challenges.

12 So I have concerns about that  
13 because there have been some concerns  
14 with regard to Transdev, for the most  
15 part, if it's the best service, I'm not  
16 too sure about that; most experienced,  
17 Yes. The level of the service support,  
18 like who would be responsible for  
19 updating where the actual bus stops are.  
20 There are some communities that don't  
21 even have the signage, so that people who  
22 are in those areas don't even know where  
23 they can catch a bus if they don't have a  
24 car. There are some areas that you don't  
25 have a place to stand or sit in case

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2 they're having inclement weather. We do  
3 live in four seasons, so there are people  
4 who have to stand under trees in  
5 rainstorms with possible thunder strikes  
6 to wait for buses that may or may not  
7 come.

8 There have been issues. The  
9 gentleman Richard, who usually comes here  
10 to speak about the limitations in the  
11 routes or cancellations. And I do know  
12 that there are some residents that are on  
13 routes that have been canceled, and they  
14 are now having problems in terms of  
15 trying to get to medical appointments and  
16 to jobs.

17 So again, having this hearing right  
18 before the Full Legislature and we're  
19 looking at what, two weeks away? I think  
20 it provides it's definitely a disservice  
21 to the residents to be able to question  
22 this type of scenario. When you're  
23 talking about this volume of money in a  
24 seven year contract, I mean, that's  
25 longer than some marriages. So we need to

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2 be a little bit more responsive to the  
3 needs of the community. And we need to  
4 also look at the Transit Committee  
5 itself. If that's their responsibility in  
6 terms of rates and fares, we need to get  
7 more assistance for our residents who are  
8 struggling in terms of the rates as well  
9 as the accessibility to get to these  
10 buses. We need to be more protective of  
11 that, as well as making sure that a  
12 safety scenario is in place to protect  
13 residents when they're on these buses.  
14 We're having a lot of issues with  
15 increased crime on these buses, as well,  
16 as I said, the locations where people  
17 have to stand, stand in inclement  
18 weather, not have notification as to  
19 where those bus stops are, if they're in  
20 communities that they're not that  
21 accessible to, and a stronger position on  
22 providing more routes and accessibility  
23 for our residents, many of whom in a  
24 larger number, are not using cars. We  
25 don't have the advantage of -- some of us

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2 don't have, based upon those numbers  
3 yesterday of the median income of Nassau  
4 County 136,000, I still like to know ten  
5 people who make that, but still live  
6 here. So everybody doesn't have one car,  
7 let alone two.

8 So I'm hoping that someone out there  
9 is listening regarding this RFP and  
10 answering all of those questions,  
11 particularly those areas where if this  
12 company is not responsible for it, then  
13 who is and how can we make it better for  
14 all the residents, one. And how can we  
15 make these types of forums where  
16 residents who have questions and concerns  
17 can get those issues put on the table?

18 Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay.

20 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Chair, the  
21 routes are not determined by this  
22 contract, but are the actual stops  
23 determined by this contract?

24 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: My understanding is  
25 that they're not.

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2                   LEGISLATOR SOLAGES:   Okay.   Can we  
3 ask that to the Commissioner?

4                   CHAIRMAN KOPEL:   Ken, is that  
5 correct?

6                   COMMISSIONER ARNOLD:   The bus stops,  
7 Transdev does have input on where the  
8 stops are because of how their buses need  
9 to line up on the road and the way they  
10 can pull over.

11                  CHAIRMAN KOPEL:   Is that part of  
12 this contract?

13                  COMMISSIONER ARNOLD:   Well, it's an  
14 operational item that would come up. So  
15 on a route, if something needed to be  
16 changed, we would work with Transdev. And  
17 if we had to move a stop a couple of  
18 blocks either direction, it'd be a  
19 collaborative effort.

20                  LEGISLATOR SOLAGES:   So since the  
21 last time this contract was executed,  
22 excuse me, Chair, there have been  
23 significant changes in infrastructure and  
24 such. I could imagine that there may be  
25 changes where you need to do a curb out,

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2 or you need more signage, or you need a  
3 different bus shelter. Are bus shelters  
4 determined by this contract?

5 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: No, but that's  
6 a separate contract. We have a separate  
7 shelter contract So the company that  
8 provides the benches and the shelters is  
9 a separate contract. They're always  
10 looking for locations. But remember we  
11 were hindered by putting certain types of  
12 furniture on the right of way if there's  
13 not enough room for accessibility of the  
14 sidewalk. So I can't put a bench if I  
15 don't have enough room for a bench, and  
16 to have the adequate space for somebody  
17 who's accessibly challenged to get past  
18 that location.

19 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: So more likely  
20 than not, it's possible that they may  
21 need to change the number of stops,  
22 increase or decrease. So stops and  
23 therefore routes are relevant towards  
24 this discussion.

25 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Well, the

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2 route it runs, that's not determined by  
3 them. The number of the stops along the  
4 route, we could be modifying them.

5 A good example, I'm working with  
6 Legislator Gaylor in Lynbrook on the five  
7 corners. We moved some stops around  
8 because of just traffic issues and safety  
9 concerns. That stop still exists, but it  
10 was relocated in that general area to  
11 make it more safe.

12 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Understood. All  
13 right. Thank you.

14 Thank you, Chair.

15 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Anyone else? Okay.  
16 Hearing none.

17 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I mean, there  
18 are a number of questions, excuse me.  
19 Sorry. There are a number of questions  
20 presented by Ms. Mereday and one question  
21 I would like to add is we should have a  
22 hearing also to determine whether we  
23 should have a for profit bus company.  
24 There are people who believe that there  
25 are certain services that government



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2 provides in nature must not be private.  
3 And again, before I was elected in 2011,  
4 there was another type of contract. And  
5 some people believe that that type of  
6 contract worked better for Nassau County.  
7 So, you know, can this hearing cover the  
8 issue as to whether or not we should have  
9 a for profit bus company providing a  
10 service that cannot be delegated?

11 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: I am sure people  
12 will be free to bring something like that  
13 up. But I'd point out to you that an  
14 operation of this sort, if it were to be  
15 public, even if you wanted to do  
16 something like that, I would imagine it  
17 would take several years of planning. So  
18 you're going to, no matter what, even if  
19 this --

20 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: My question to  
21 you, Chair, is that was there any  
22 discussion by the Administration as to  
23 whether --

24 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That's not a  
25 question to me that would be a question

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2 to the Administration.

3 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Commissioner,  
4 was there such a discussion in the  
5 procurement in this? Did you realize that  
6 it's going to cost the County so much  
7 money?

8 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: There has been  
9 no recent discussion, but we were before  
10 this Body when we amended the Transdev  
11 contract at the end of the last  
12 administration, speaking of extending the  
13 period for Covid and that we were going  
14 to put out a new contract that we are  
15 here today to discuss. So but since that  
16 point, no, we have not done any type of  
17 financial analysis whether the MTA would  
18 be willing to take back the service or  
19 any other public corporation.

20 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Have you have  
21 you received calls and other sorts of  
22 communication from constituents or other  
23 individuals asking that you may  
24 reconsider whether this could be provided  
25 by under the MTA?

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: No.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Okay.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor  
of this item passing this item through,  
please so indicate by saying, "Aye".

Aye.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Aye.

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Aye.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Aye.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: We're  
abstaining.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: So that's four for  
the item and three abstentions.

There are no further items;  
therefore, Ms. Walker moves to adjourn  
Mr. Lafazan seconds.

All those in favor of adjourning,  
please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of  
the Finance Committee respond  
in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal

response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We're adjourned and  
we're back to Rules.

(Whereupon, the Finance  
Committee meeting is adjourned,  
3:10 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 11th day of October, 2023.

Karen Lorenzo

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