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RICHARD NICOLELLO

PRESIDING OFFICER

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A P P E A R A N C E S

LEGISLATOR RICHARD NICOLELLO, CHAIRMAN

VICE CHAIRMAN HOWARD KOPEL

LEGISLATOR JOHN GIUFFRE

LEGISLATOR LAURA SCHAEFER

LEGISLATOR KEVAN ABRAHAMS (Recused, E-139) (Left
during recess.)

LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE

MICHAEL PULITZER Clerk of the Legislature

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

JOE JACOVINA, IT DEPARMENT

INSPECTOR WILLIAM FIELD, POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMISSIONER KEN ARNOLD, DPW

BRIAN LIBERT, COUNTY ATTORNEY OFFICE

LISA LOCURTO, COUNTY ATTORNEY OFFICE

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CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Welcome to the Nassau County Legislature. We have Committees today, and as always we start things off with the Pledge of Allegiance, and I would ask my colleague, Legislator Denise Ford, to lead us in the pledge.

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance is said.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Mike, could you call the roll for the Rules Committee, please?

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, Presiding Officer. Roll call for the Rules Committee.

Legislator Siela Bynoe?

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member Kevan Abrahams?

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

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CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura Schaefer?

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator John Giuffre?

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman Howard Kopel?

VICE CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Chairman Richard Nicoletto?

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum, sir.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you.

As we always do, we will start with the contracts portion of the Rules Committee:

A-32, A-34. Resolutions authorizing the Commissioner of Shared Services to award and execute Purchase Orders or Blanket Purchase Orders between the County of Nassau and Radeco, Inc.; Nearmap, USA Inc.

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B-32 a Resolution authorizing the
County Executive to execute a contract
between the County and Welsbach
Electric Corp of LI.

E-139, E-140, E-141, E-142,
E-143, E-144, E-146, E-147, E-148,
E-149, E-150 --

(Whereupon, off the record
discussion.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: All right a
little correction here. We're going to
go ahead with those items and then
we'll consider one separately.

E-139, E-140, E-141, E-142,
E-143, E-144, E-146, E-147, E-148,
E-149, E-150. These are all
resolutions authorizing the County
Executive to execute a Personal
Services Agreement, or an amendment to
a Personal Services Agreement between
the County of Nassau and Sullivan and
Cromwell; Milber Makris; Kendrick Law
Group; Euro Lloyd Travel; 318 South;
Marcum Technology; Drive Educated Drive

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2 Informed; Michael T. Hopkins; Abrams,
3 Fensterman; Pollock, Pollock, Isaac and
4 De Ciccio; Aetna Life Insurance
5 Company.

6 Motion by Deputy Presiding
7 Officer Kopel, seconded by Legislator
8 Schaefer puts all those items before
9 us.

10 First contract to be considered
11 is with Information Technology,
12 A-34-2023.

13 MR. JACOVINA: Joe Jacovina,
14 Deputy Commissioner, Information
15 Technology.

16 A-34-23 is to authorize and award
17 the Purchase Order to Nearmap US, Inc.
18 for the licensing of Nassau County
19 imagery. Nearmap proactively captures
20 the full extent imagery of Nassau
21 County three times per year. This data
22 is then hosted in the cloud for quick
23 access via web based map applications.

24 All County agencies have access
25 to this data, with primary uses being

IT, Assessment, ARC, DPW, Firecom, PD,
and many others.

This is a sole source purchase as
Nearmap owns the imagery and software
and is the only vendor who exclusively
manufactures, sells, and distributes
this particular aerial image.

The term of the agreement is
September 20th, 2023 through September
19th, 2024.

This Rules presentation is late
due to problems obtaining disclosure
forms from the vendor. All acceptable
disclosure forms were received in
November 2023.

The total cost of the maintenance
and support is \$301,655.00.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any
questions on this contract?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Thank you,
Joe.

MR. JACOVINA: Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Next
3 contract is with Human Resources,
4 E-150, Aetna Life Insurance Company.

5 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Richard
6 Soleymanzadeh from the County
7 Attorney's Office on behalf of Human
8 Resources.

9 E-150-23, this is an amendment to
10 execute a one year extension to the
11 existing contract with Aetna through
12 the end of 2024. This amendment will
13 seek to expand the existing Flexible
14 Spending Account (FSA) administration
15 to also include administration for a
16 Health Reimbursement Account (HRA), as
17 required by the recently negotiated
18 CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

19 The total requested encumbrance
20 is 6.4 million, which includes 2.1
21 million for the FSA and 4.3 million for
22 the HRA funding and administrative
23 costs. The total amount allocated for
24 administration of the County's FSA
25 program is inclusive of administrative

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2 costs and the costs related to funding
3 individual FSA accounts, which are then
4 recouped by the County through payroll
5 deductions. CSEA HRA funding for 2024
6 is \$4 million, as required by the
7 contract. And the remaining \$300,000
8 for administrative costs includes
9 processing of claims and related
10 reimbursement for participants. The HRA
11 will be available to the will be
12 available for active and eligible
13 retirees enrolled in the Excelsior
14 Plan. CSEA will determine how the \$4
15 million will be distributed amongst the
16 eligible population, and the County
17 will announce the amounts during open
18 enrollment. HRA funding amounts each
19 year in the future will be in
20 accordance with this Collective
21 Bargaining Agreement. HRA monies can
22 only be used for medical and
23 prescription expenses only.

24 The procurement guidelines allow
25 the extension of a contract to ensure

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continuity of essential services until the new contract is established. The Department will conduct an RFP for the administrative services, both FSA and HRA, in 2024 to be effective January of 2025.

The administrative services for the FSA services were reduced by \$0.25 per member as a result of this new negotiated extension.

If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any questions?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: All set. Thanks again.

MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Next two are with Public Works, B-32-23, Welsbach Electric Corp.

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Good afternoon. Ken Arnold, Public works.

B-32 is a requirements contract for the Department's traffic signal improvement work. We had three bids and Welsback back was determined to be the lowest responsible bidder and MWBE is at 5%.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Okay. Any questions?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: All right. Let's go to the next one, E-146.

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: E-146 is a contract amendment for the to for Drive Educated Drive. This contract provides educational programs for various areas including pedestrian safety, bike safety stop, DWI, school safety and car seats.

It's reimbursed through the Stop

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2 DWI program at 100%. This amendment
3 extends the contract through the end of
4 2024, with an also includes two
5 additional one year extensions at a
6 cost of \$45,000 a year.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any
8 questions on this one?

9 (Whereupon, no verbal response.)

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Nope. Thank
11 you, Ken.

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CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Next
contracts are with the Police
Department, starting with Radeco Inc.

INSPECTOR FIELD: Good afternoon.
William Field Inspector, with the
Police Department.

Item A-32-2023 is to authorize
and award a purchase order for Spot
Enterprise Investigation Robot For the
Police Department's bomb unit. Radeco
was identified as the lowest
responsible bidder meeting
specifications.

The maximum amount authorized
under this purchase order is \$432,820.
It is grant funded.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Okay. Any
questions on this one?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Go on to the
next, E-142.

INSPECTOR FIELD: Item
E-142-2023. This is between the County
and Euro Lloyd Travel LLC. This is an

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2 amendment to an existing contract to
3 provide travel services for various
4 County departments. The amendment is to
5 extend the term by one year and
6 increase the maximum amount by \$60,000.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: All right.
8 Thanks. Any questions on this one?

9 Legislator Bynoe.

10 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Good day. How
11 are you?

12 INSPECTOR FIELD: Good. How are
13 you?

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Good.

15 So we're increasing the amount.
16 Is this sending off people out for
17 training?

18 INSPECTOR FIELD: This is for
19 travel training. A lot of this is
20 extraditions. It would be prisoner
21 transports.

22 Generally, they will book the
23 service, the travel, for example. And
24 then depending upon what time they get
25 reimbursed, they would give us a claim

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voucher for payment. We would just
compensate them and then they get a fee
for the booking.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Okay.

So I was just shocked at the
increased amount for the one year
period above the 60. Did I hear that
correctly?

INSPECTOR FIELD: It's \$60,000
for another year. Yes.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And we spend
about that per year?

INSPECTOR FIELD: Approximately.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Wow. Okay.
Thank you.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any other
questions?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Nope.

E-143.

INSPECTOR FIELD: E-143-23, this
is between the County and 318 South,
LLC. This is actually an amendment to a
contract for maintenance and support

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2 for the Department's Swift Justice
3 system. Swift Justice is an electronic
4 records database for case and arrests.
5 This contractor provides 24 hours a
6 day, 365 days a year maintenance and
7 support services.

8 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any
9 questions on this contract?

10 (Whereupon, no verbal response.)

11 INSPECTOR FIELD: My last item is
12 E-144-23. This is an amendment to an
13 existing contract for support services
14 for the Police Department's information
15 technology network and security. It's
16 with Marcum Technology. This will
17 extend the term of the agreement by two
18 years. And the maximum amount will be
19 increased to \$420,000.

20 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Okay.
21 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton?

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
23 Could I ask you for a favor? Could we
24 go back to the Public Works E-146,
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CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Yeah. After
this, I'll have Ken come back up.

So any questions for Inspector
Field on E-144?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Nope. Thank
you.

INSPECTOR FIELD: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Ken, if you
would come back to the microphone.

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LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Hi,
Ken. I'm not sure if you would know
this, but Chris, and I forget his last
name, we do the car safety seats for
the children. Has he been replaced? Is
there is that program still in service?

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COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Chris
Mistron was not replaced. However, the
car seat program is being handled by PD
directly. They do the program. In
addition, we have our consultant, which
I believe this is one of them that
assists in that effort.

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LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
That's what we're just trying to figure
out because those are excellent
programs. So who would we contact if
the PD office?

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COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Yes, I can
get that information to you, but I
believe PD handles it. They're the
point of contact right now for that.

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2 But they also use some of our grant
3 funded consultants to assist.

4 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: And
5 then as far as DPW programs like do you
6 know what that entails or is it just a
7 separate program or what. Well, for
8 this you have drivers educated
9 information for ending drunk driving?

10 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Yeah. This
11 consultant provides educational
12 materials. So if you needed something
13 you'd let us know and we would get that
14 information for you.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
16 do they offer a program like Chris did?

17 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: No. I
18 think they do a little bit. But most of
19 that program is production of
20 information. I mean, it's only a
21 \$47,000 contract, so there's not a lot.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
23 was just curious why it was even under
24 DPW and not the police. All right.

25 So I'm going to try to set up a

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COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Good.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: All
right. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: All right.
Thank you, Ken.

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CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Next
contracts with the County Attorney's
Office. We're going to hold E-139 to
the end, so we're going right to E-140,
Milber, Makris, Plousadis & Seiden.

MR. LIBERT: Good afternoon,
legislators. Brian Libert from the
County Attorney's Office.

E-140-23 is a contract with
Milber, Makris for a case called Eden.
This was a case involving allegations
of false arrest and some conduct on the
Police Department.

If you have any questions, I'm
more than happy to answer the same,
just to address the procurement as well
as mini bid.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any
questions on this?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Let's go to
the next one, E-141.

MR. LIBERT: This is for the
Kendrick Law Group to represent the

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2 County and the County Attorney's
3 Office, obviously, in a case called
4 Thompson, which was a very significant
5 motor vehicle accident case. And again
6 this one was mini bid.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Describe for
8 me what a mini bid is again.

9 MR. LIBERT: Sure. Yes.

10 We have an abbreviated process
11 within the County Attorney's Office.
12 Once firms are on what we call the
13 qualified panel, we may then go to
14 those firms on a sort of abbreviated
15 basis and seek their proposals to do
16 work, rather than doing a full RFP or
17 RFQ that other departments sort of
18 engage in.

19 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Okay.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Just a
21 quick question. The Department does not
22 have in-house resources for this?

23 MR. LIBERT: This matter
24 particularly. I mean, I think when you
25 say this, I would just address this

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2 matter that I'm speaking to.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Well, it
4 seems like there are a lot of them
5 lately. It seems like there are a lot
6 of outside counsel lately. I'm just
7 wondering. What are the criteria now
8 that you're using to take cases to
9 outside counsel, as opposed to
10 retaining them in house?

11 MR. LIBERT: I think it's a case
12 by case basis. We've been pretty
13 particular in not adopting a hard and
14 fast rule, but in analyzing the cases
15 as they come through, based on the
16 resources that are available in that
17 exact moment. And looking at the file,
18 that's how the determination is made,
19 rather than sort of having a strict
20 rubric.

21 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Legislator
22 Schaefer then Legislator
23 DeRiggi-Whitton.

24 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Hi. How are
25 you?

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MR. LIBERT: Good.

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Just a quick question: About how many cases does the County Attorney's Office have on a regular basis? On average?

MR. LIBERT: I hate to be this guy as the lawyer, but I think you would have to ask what regular is because we have an influx. On a daily basis we receive, I would have to ask, but I would think it would be at least a dozen notices of claim, maybe more. How many of those then end up into complaints or lawsuits? I wouldn't want to speculate, but those are numbers that exist and are available, just not at my fingertips.

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Right. That gives me a general idea of it's a dozen or more a day, and they have to be processed in whatever direction they go. I understand. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

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LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just getting back to the mini bid idea, do you go through the procurement process that's required for other contracts?

MR. LIBERT: We follow a procurement policy. Yes. I think that's your question.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I just want to make sure that I know it is part of it. But you do follow the same procedures as we would with any other contract, correct?

MR. LIBERT: Well, I guess it's again, it's sort of similar to Legislator Schaefer's question, where it's a bit difficult to answer because you say any other contract. Each one sort of has its own individualized path. They're all unique little snowflakes. Rather than having a generalized sort of set way of doing it. So we do follow the procurement policy. We're pretty particular about that. I can say that we've followed the

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2 policy. I know procurement is here. So
3 my answer is that we follow the policy
4 as I read it and as it is written.

5 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
6 just I guess I'm just trying to
7 understand what a mini bid is. Is it
8 similar to what you would consider
9 on-call type of situation?

10 MR. LIBERT: No. In fact, I think
11 you asked me this exact question last
12 month. So an on-call contract would be
13 something where we came to you and we
14 asked you as the Legislative Body to
15 approve something for, I'll just say,
16 the Smith Law firm, as if that existed
17 for \$1 million. And they're going to do
18 all of the work that's under that
19 contract. That's not what we're doing
20 here. We're simply asking for a
21 singular case. So they're on-call would
22 be once the Legislative Body approves
23 it, we could then either let them
24 directly or do a mini bid at that time.

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: All

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2 right. I guess that's what I'm still
3 not quite comprehending. What the
4 difference between a regular assignment
5 or request for coverage, or a mini bid
6 is. Just sum up what a mini bid is.

7 MR. LIBERT: Sure. So pursuant to
8 the procurement policy, and Robert
9 Cleary can certainly correct me if I
10 got this wrong, my understanding is
11 that the County Attorney is permitted
12 to establish a qualified panel of
13 firms, and then from that qualified
14 panel may solicit mini bids on an
15 ordinary basis. And there may be some
16 cases where there are extraordinary
17 basis that a mini bid is not performed,
18 but the one that we're speaking about
19 right now, a mini bid was performed.

20 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
21 might ask you about it again some other
22 day.

23 MR. LIBERT: Any time.

24 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Once they're
25 selected, they have to provide the same

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disclosures and paperwork that other contractors have to submit?

MR. LIBERT: Absolutely. 100%.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Okay.

All right. Any other questions on Kendrick Law Group?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: The next one is E-145, Sullivan & Cromwell. This is not the one relating to the Hofstra litigation. This is related to the case called Alan Pawelsky and Ace Recycling versus the County of Nassau.

MS. LOCURTO: Good afternoon, legislators. Lisa Locurto, Nassau County Attorney's Office.

Yes, this is a personal service contract to retain special counsel to defend the all the County and all named county defendants in the Pawelsky matter.

In the Pawelsky matter, the plaintiffs have brought federal action. Various claims relating to the seizure

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2 of property pursuant to a warrant
3 issued in connection with a County
4 investigation into the plaintiff's role
5 in the theft of catalytic converters.
6 You may have seen this in the
7 newspaper. It was a long investigation
8 and it was highly discussed in the
9 press. The plaintiffs sought a
10 preliminary injunction requiring the
11 return of the seized property and
12 damages. It was brought in May of this
13 year through an order to show cause
14 that we were required to respond to,
15 because of the need to immediately
16 respond.

17 There is an ongoing criminal
18 investigation in contemporaneous with
19 the civil lawsuit that's being filed.
20 It was imperative that the criminal
21 investigation was not impacted
22 negatively by the civil litigation.
23 That's why we felt the need to retain
24 special counsel immediately. And we did
25 so. That's why this contract is a

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2 little bit late. There were processes
3 to get the counsel in through the
4 process.

5 Are there any other questions?

6 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any
7 questions?

8 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton?

9 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Hi.
10 I just have a question with the fee
11 schedule. Do you have that in front of
12 you?

13 MS. LOCURTO: Yes, I do.

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
15 Because it's not in line with what we
16 normally agree to.

17 MS. LOCURTO: Agreed, Legislator.
18 The County Attorney's office looked at
19 the normal panel of qualified counsel.
20 However, because of the gravitas of
21 this particular litigation and the far
22 reaching impact of it, we decided to
23 look beyond our panel. We are always
24 concerned with the public fisc, and
25 even though this is not the normal

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2 rates or fees we felt for the quality
3 of services that we were going to
4 receive with this firm, we felt it best
5 to select them.

6 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: We
7 have two contracts today with this pay
8 schedule. And then there's a very
9 high--

10 MS. LOCURTO: It is higher than
11 the normal. However, as you see in the
12 schedule, they do provide a discounted
13 rate for because we are a municipality.

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: But
15 it's over \$1,000 an hour. Just from
16 past history with other cases, even
17 federal cases, I've never seen these
18 numbers before.

19 MS. LOCURTO: Well, this is a
20 federal case. And there's also a
21 companion state case as well. So
22 they're involved in that. They're also
23 bringing affirmative claims on behalf
24 of the County as well.

25 As we've seen, all federal cases

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2 are not equal. The old saying, "you're
3 making a federal case out of
4 something", this one. We are concerned
5 that in the recent past, as this
6 Legislative Body may recall, there was
7 the Restivo litigation, a lawsuit where
8 we had to pay out close to \$40 million.
9 We don't believe the actions of our
10 District Attorney or our Police
11 Department are such that they did
12 anything wrong. But that doesn't stop
13 someone from filing a federal lawsuit.
14 And our concern is we do not want to
15 fail to provide the best possible
16 defense to defend our Police
17 Department, our District Attorney and
18 the County, especially in a case where
19 they have worked very diligently and
20 hard to put a stop to the catalytic
21 converters being improperly converted
22 and stolen.

23 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: All
24 right, just to clear that up, it's 145,
25 not 154.

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CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Correct.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So we're coming to the Legislature late with a contract that we have \$1.5 million amount, with an initial encumbrance of \$620,000. And I just, you know, I respect what you're saying as far as we want to be careful with not having a large settlement. I mean, of course, that's our goal with any law firm, but I just don't see why this would warrant such a high amount per hour. Is that one attorney?

MS. LOCURTO: Legislator, just to to answer that question. It is not for one particular attorney.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: One second.

MS. LOCURTO: Oh. I'm sorry.

(Whereupon, off the record discussion.)

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I apologize for that. So can I ask one other question? For one attorney, it's

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2 \$1,260 an hour. What if it's two or
3 three attorneys are working on it at
4 the same time, same hour?

5 MS. LOCURTO: It's put into all
6 our contracts with special counsel that
7 there are litigation guidelines that we
8 strictly enforced to keep down the
9 expense and cost of that. Wherever
10 possible, we dictate to law firms to
11 use associates keeping the expense down
12 as much as possible.

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: But
14 we have no control over that. If three
15 attorneys bill at the same time and
16 it's, you know, you're talking about --

17 MS. LOCURTO: Well, to the extent
18 we do audit their bills and we can deny
19 certain claims too.

20 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: But
21 there's nothing in writing stating
22 that.

23 MS. LOCURTO: Yes, there is.
24 There is in the litigation guidelines
25 that specifically specify that and it

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2 is included. The litigation guidelines
3 are specifically referenced in the
4 contract, so they are contractually
5 bound to follow those litigation
6 guidelines.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
8 understand, but the bottom line is if
9 three attorneys bill at the same time
10 for hours, you know, the same hours,
11 it's going to be very difficult for us
12 to claw the money back, even if we're
13 aware of it. I mean, it's going to be
14 hard. I understand it's in the
15 guidelines and I appreciate that.

16 MS. LOCURTO: I won't debate it
17 with you. Of course it's always
18 difficult to audit bills and services.
19 But we are the client and we do demand
20 that they follow the guidelines. And I
21 know my colleague and Deputy County
22 Attorney, Brian Libert, does an
23 excellent job as the contract
24 coordinator and diligently goes through
25 and many times has sent back invoices

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2 and reduced the bills accordingly.

3 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
4 there's two contracts on today that
5 both have this similar very, in my
6 opinion, very pricey, might make some
7 of the lawyers up here want to go back
8 and reconsider their own their own
9 billing. But anyway, I just don't want
10 to see it as a trend.

11 Number one, I really believe we
12 have very competent attorneys in our
13 County Attorney's Office. I really do,
14 and I think all of us up here would
15 like to see a big effort to keep as
16 much as possible in-house. And again, I
17 do appreciate that the risk sometimes
18 does warrant a real specialist, I'm
19 speaking for myself, but I think my
20 colleagues would agree that we don't
21 want to see this becoming a new trend.
22 These are exorbitant hourly fees. Let's
23 just put that on the record that I hope
24 this is not something we're going to
25 continue to see on a regular basis.

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2 MS. LOCURTO: Legislator, as
3 previously stated on the record, every
4 case is looked at to see what resources
5 can be handled within the County
6 Attorney's Office and when the
7 resources require us to go to outside
8 counsel. The tremendous risk, because
9 you're referring to contract 139, which
10 is the contract where we were sued, an
11 Article 78 with the Hofstra University,
12 that is a litigation which deals with
13 the economic engine of the County, one
14 of our greatest assets, which is the
15 Nassau Coliseum. And therefore, while
16 it is expensive for these counsel, the
17 engagement --

18 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Make sure
19 you just focus on the item.

20 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
21 Let's not get into that.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: One of the
23 legislators is going to have to recuse
24 himself when we get to --

25 MS. LOCURTO: I'm sorry,

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2 Legislator. I did not mean to. But just
3 sticking with this case that's before
4 us, the Pawelsky one, whenever there is
5 potential risk that it could be in the
6 millions of dollars, it's important to
7 balance that against when we pick
8 counsel.

9 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: We
10 all agree with that. But it just seems
11 to be that this is -- first of all, we
12 have outside counsel that's very
13 competent also, but doesn't charge
14 anywhere close to this, this is
15 exorbitant. And I'm putting it on the
16 record; it's exorbitant. And regardless
17 of the issue really, we still have to
18 try to get our money's worth for
19 outside counsel. And there are so many
20 competent law firms and even our own
21 attorneys. They really are. This is
22 just a huge jump from what I'm used to
23 seeing. \$1.5 million is your max. How
24 much have you spent to date? Do you
25 know? You probably don't even know.

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2 MS. LOCURTO: At this time, until
3 the contract is approved, the billing
4 system doesn't permit them to upload
5 their bills. They have the projected,
6 yes, some of their billing.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
8 Where are we today?

9 MS. LOCURTO: I don't have an
10 exact number, but I could get it to
11 you.

12 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
13 Well, you must have some idea.

14 MS. LOCURTO: It's more than
15 100,000. I can tell you that. But the
16 litigation commenced with the order to
17 show cause back in May of 2023. So we
18 had to respond immediately or otherwise
19 we would put the criminal investigation
20 in jeopardy, as well as properly
21 defending the civil litigation. So,
22 yes, some work has commenced.

23 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: You
24 know, especially if a law firm is
25 charging this much per hour. I mean,

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2 you've had this since May and it's
3 December and you've already racked up
4 100,000 in bills, and it hasn't even
5 come before us. This is very
6 concerning. What if we say no? Who's
7 going to pay for that work they've
8 already put in? You know, the bottom
9 line is we especially if it's something
10 that's going to require \$1,200 an hour
11 per lawyer working on it, it needs to
12 come to us immediately. This is nine
13 months that they've been doing work on
14 this lawsuit and it's never came before
15 us. It's just not the way it works.
16 And I know I've said this to you, we
17 can't be the follow up people here. It
18 has to come to us before \$100,000 worth
19 of work is done.

20 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Legislator
21 Giuffre?

22 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: What's our
23 exposure on this case? Approximately.

24 MS. LOCURTO: The exposure could
25 be in the hundreds of millions of

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2 dollars.

3 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: My
4 understanding was 170 million.

5 MS. LOCURTO: Correct.

6 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Is that
7 what's demanded?

8 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: I think that
9 is what's demanded.

10 MS. LOCURTO: That is what is
11 demanded, Legislator. Obviously, our
12 opinion is it's zero. We don't believe
13 that that is warranted and that the
14 action should be dismissed. So far, we
15 have gotten a stay to let the criminal
16 investigation continue on, which is a
17 very important thing. We've had certain
18 claims already dismissed, which is
19 vital, and we feel we are adequately
20 defending this litigation.

21 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Right. And I
22 notice there is also a determination
23 made that this firm was a sole source
24 provider.

25 MS. LOCURTO: Yes, they are

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LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Minority Leader Abrahams.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Just a quick question, Lisa. If I recall correctly, all contracts are subject to NIFA approval, am I correct?

MS. LOCURTO: Yes, sir. They are.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: This contract would be inclusive of that.

MS. LOCURTO: Correct. Anything in excess of \$50,000 or in the aggregate of contracts. If you have more than one contract in excess due to the control period, must go before NIFA.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay, so that that being said, has the County Attorney's Office had any discussions with NIFA? Being that the sentiments that have been brought up by Legislator

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DeRiggi-Whitton in regards to the cost?

MS. LOCURTO: With this particular firm? Yes, NIFA has reached out to us on other contracts. I'm not sure if on this particular contract we've spoken with NIFA.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Based on past practice and based on the fee schedules and other contracts, have they supported voting for a contract that has fees in upwards of \$1200 to \$1700 per hour?

MS. LOCURTO: They have, in fact, in the past they have used Sullivan and Cromwell and certain litigations themselves, unrelated to anything specific, but they have seen contracts with the County, with large bills, I should say large fee schedules.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay.

MS. LOCURTO: I don't want to speak for NIFA in totality.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm just asking. Obviously, if they are the

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2 final say and they reject, you're right
3 back at square one without a
4 conversation with them. That's why I
5 don't know if it's prudent to have a
6 conversation with them. If this was a
7 normal contract that falls within the
8 scale of, I think we normally pay,
9 what, 260 to 300, roughly up to 600.
10 Yeah, up to 600. I think that would be
11 something that I think would pass the
12 Legislature pretty relatively easy. But
13 you're talking about a contract that's
14 almost three times that. I think it
15 would be imperative for the County
16 Attorney to reach out to NIFA. I mean,
17 just from us having some pause as well.
18 But that being said, we do understand
19 the exposure and we do understand what
20 the demand is from the plaintiff, so we
21 get that from that standpoint. But I
22 mean, I would hate to see you come back
23 and have to go through this process all
24 over again because we're not able to
25 properly -- not saying you're doing a

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2 bad job or anything -- but we're not
3 able to properly justify the fee
4 structure to NIFA. But you did say they
5 used Sullivan and Cromwell in the past?

6 MS. LOCURTO: Yes, they have. So
7 they are familiar with this firm.
8 Sullivan and Cromwell is not only a
9 nationally recognized firm, it's a
10 globally recognized firm. They have
11 over 800 attorneys and over eight
12 countries. So they lend a certain
13 gravitas.

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I don't
15 doubt that.

16 MS. LOCURTO: They are familiar
17 with this firm and the power and the
18 presence that they bring into the
19 courtroom.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay. Well,
21 if you can get back to us about whether
22 or not the County Attorney would make
23 that outreach, or someone from the
24 Administration will make that outreach,
25 that would be helpful.

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MS. LOCURTO: Yes, I will.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I mean, obviously this has to be voted on now, but I would like to hear that back.

MS. LOCURTO: Yes.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you.

MS. LOCURTO: You're welcome.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any other questions?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I know I already made this statement, but, again, we need to expedite this type of situation knowing that it was around since -- did you say March or May, I forget?

MS. LOCURTO: May is when the order to show cause --

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So I mean, you know, you're talking about what, like eight months, seven months that we haven't received it. And the fact that they've already built \$100,000, it's something that we're concerned about, you know, and the fact

that NIFA has been aware of it.

There's a lot of risk, including for law firm, which would, if they ever got denied it could preclude us from using them in the future even, should we really need them. So I think with that being said on the record, we might honor the County Attorney's request for this, but going forward, we really need to fix this.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Okay. Then I guess we'll just move on to the next contract. E-147 contract with Michael T. Hopkins and Associates.

MR. LIBERT: 147-23 is a contract with Michael Hopkins for a case called Woroniecki. This case was mini bid. It is a MVA with significant injuries, including traumatic brain injury.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any questions on this contract?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Do we want to just go to the next one?

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MR. LIBERT: Sure.

E-148-23 is for Abrams Fensterman on a case called Nunziata. Even though, of course, Nunziata is the commissioner of Social services, she's named as a procedural matter. She's not named personally. DSS is involved, and the County Attorney's Office has a conflict in this case. So Abrams Fensterman was selected for this representation.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Okay.

Any questions?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: All right.
One more, Brian.

MR. LIBERT: Yes, sir. Lastly, E-149-23 is for the Williams case, for Pollack, Pollack, Isaac and DeCicco.

This is a personal injury case involving injury at the Nassau Supreme Court. It was actually in the New York Law Journal. I believe the damages were very significant. And the office did move quickly to appeal the judgment of

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the Court in this matter. So this was
done on an expedited basis. And this
law firm was selected specifically for
their knowledge in appeals and
appellate work.

If you have any questions, I'm
more than happy to answer the same.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any
questions?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Good. Thank
you, Brian.

MR. LIBERT: Thank you. Have a
great day.

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CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: I'm going to call these items other than the one that we've held E-139.

A-34; E-150; B-32; E-146; A-32; E-142; E-143; E-144; E-140; E-141; E-145; E-147; E-148; E-149.

Any further debate of discussion?
(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any public comment on these contracts?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Hearing none. All in favor, signify by saying, "Aye".

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

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Those opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: They carry unanimously.

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2 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Now, E-139,
3 the Minority Leader will be recusing
4 himself from any debate, discussion or
5 vote on this matter and is in fact
6 leaving the chambers now.

7 (Whereupon, Minority Leader
8 leaves the Chambers.)

9 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: So E-139
10 2023 with Sullivan & Cromwell.

11 MS. LOCURTO: Good afternoon. For
12 the record, Lisa Locurto, Deputy County
13 Attorney, County Attorney's Office.

14 This item before you,
15 legislators, is again a personal
16 service contract for legal services to
17 represent and defend all named County
18 defendants in an Article 78 action
19 brought by Hofstra University against
20 the Nassau County Planning Commission.

21 In this lawsuit, it was commenced
22 April 20th, 2023, and the relief
23 requested was to invalidate the
24 findings by and recommendations of the
25 Planning Commission, which were to

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2 permit the transfer of the leases, the
3 former Coliseum and to lease to the
4 Sands, with the potential nullification
5 of the Nassau Planning Commission's
6 approval and, by extension, the
7 nullification of the Legislature's vote
8 to approve the new lease with the
9 Sands. This presented significant
10 exposure and liability to the County.

11 As I said before, one of the
12 greatest assets of the County is the
13 Coliseum, and the development of the
14 hub and that area provides is a strong
15 economic engine to the County. Anything
16 that would derail the County's ability
17 to continue to further develop that
18 area lead us to believe that this was
19 such a significant litigation that
20 special counsel, including looking at
21 our panel, we decided to go outside the
22 panel and we felt Sullivan and Cromwell
23 was the best to represent the County in
24 defending this litigation.

25 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Okay, I'll

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2 open it up to the legislators that just
3 I will note for the record that we just
4 had a lengthy discussion about Sullivan
5 & Cromwell and their fee structure with
6 respect to E-145. And I think we can
7 safely assume that that same
8 conversation applies to this contract
9 as well. So we don't have to
10 necessarily reiterate everything that
11 was said.

12 Anyway, legislators, anyone?

13 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Was
15 there anything in the lease or any
16 other way saying that if we were in
17 this situation that the legal services
18 would be paid for by that or the person
19 who by the group that wanted to lease
20 the property?

21 MS. LOCURTO: I'm not familiar. I
22 can't answer that question, but I can
23 find out the answer and get that to.

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
25 Okay. And I go on the record with my

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last statement that I think the fee
schedule -- we just looked at the other
ones that we just approved. The hourly
amount is like less than 25%, 10%.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any other
legislators?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Thank you.
Lisa.

MS. LOCURTO: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any public
comment on this contract?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Hearing
none, all in favor, signify by saying,
"Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the
Rules Committee signify by saying,
"Aye".)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Carries
unanimously.

We'll put the Rules in recess.

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Next Committee is Public Safety

(Whereupon, recess,
2:15-4:42p.m.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: We are
bringing the Rules Committee into
session. Motion to suspend the Rules
Committee. Motion by Legislator Giuffre
Walker, seconded by Legislator
Schaefer.

All in favor of suspending the
Rules, signify by saying, "Aye".

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

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Those
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Rules are
suspended.

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2 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: We're going
3 to call the Consent Calendar. These
4 items went through other Committees and
5 it's been agreed by the Majority and
6 Minority that no further debate or
7 discussion needed with respect to these
8 items:

9 These are all 2023 -- 351; 352;
10 353; 354; 358; 359; 360; 361; 362; 363;
11 364; 365; 366; 367; 368; 369; 370; 371;
12 373; 374; 375; 376; 377; 378; 380; 381;
13 382; 383; 384; 385; 386; 387; 388; 389;
14 390; 391; 392; 393; 394; 396; 397; 398;
15 399; 400; 401.

16 On the Addendum: 402; 404; 405;
17 406; 408; 409; 410; 411; 414.

18 I need a motion and a second.

19 Moved by Legislator
20 DeRiggi-Whitton, Second by Deputy
21 Minority Leader Kopel.

22 Any debate or discussion?

23 (Whereupon, no verbal response.)
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CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any public
comment?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Hearing
none, all in favor, signify by saying,
"Aye".

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

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Those
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Those all
pass unanimously.

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CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Item
395-2023 is a resolution to accept a
gift bequest offered by the estate of
Lawrence Macchia to the Nassau County
Veterans Service Agency.

Motion by a Deputy Presiding
Officer Kopel, seconded by Legislator
Bynoe.

MR. ESPOSITO: Hello, Ralph
Esposito, proud Director of Veterans
Services of Nassau County.

First, I want to say thank you to
all of you for always thinking of our
veterans. I mean, you really honor me
by doing that.

This veteran left stuff, left us
some money. And I'm happy to say it was
\$45,000. I don't know what to say.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: That's good
enough for us.

MR. ESPOSITO: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: All right.
Any questions for Ralph?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

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CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Thank you
very much.

MR. ESPOSITO: Thank you sir.
Gonna miss you.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Thanks.
We'll miss you too.

Any public comment?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

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

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

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Those
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Carries
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CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Then on the
Addendum, Item 403, it's a resolution
to authorize the transfer of
appropriations heretofore made within
the budget for the year 2023.

Motion by Legislator Giuffre,
seconded by Legislator Schaefer.

Any debate or discussion?
(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any public
comment?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

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

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Aye.

VICE CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Aye.

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Aye.

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Aye.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Those
opposed.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Nay.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Nay.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Passes by a
vote of four to two.

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2 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Item 407 is
3 a resolution to accept a gift offered
4 by the Nassau County Police Department
5 Foundation to the Nassau County Police
6 Department. Motion by Legislator Bynoe,
7 second by Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

8 INSPECTOR FIELD: Good afternoon.
9 William Field, Inspector with the
10 Police Department.

11 Item 407-23, is to accept a
12 donation from the Nassau County Police
13 Department Foundation for one horse for
14 our NCPD mounted unit. The value of the
15 donation is \$12,500.

16 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Okay. Any
17 questions to the discussion?

18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Is
19 it a good horse or a bad horse?

20 INSPECTOR FIELD: He's been
21 through the trial and seeming to work
22 very well in what we need him to do.

23 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
24 felt bad for the bad horse.

25 INSPECTOR FIELD: We're very

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optimistic.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

Okay. Because you had to give the bad horse back, remember?

INSPECTOR FIELD: Yes.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: All right. Hopefully, we have better luck.

INSPECTOR FIELD: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any debate or discussion?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any public comment?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

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

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

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Those opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: That carries unanimously.

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2 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Last one,
3 413-2023 is a resolution requesting the
4 State Liquor Authority to change the
5 hours of restriction of sales of
6 alcoholic beverages by wine and liquor
7 stores in Nassau County.

8 Motion by Legislator Schaefer,
9 seconded by Deputy Presiding officer
10 Kopel.

11 Chris?

12 MR. LEIMONE: Good evening, Chris
13 Leimone from the Administration.

14 Clerk Item 413-23 is a resolution
15 that requests the New York State Liquor
16 Authority to change the hours of
17 restriction to allow for the sale of
18 alcoholic beverages by wine and liquor
19 stores from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on
20 Mondays through Wednesday in Nassau
21 County, so that with the passage of
22 this resolution and approval by the New
23 York State Liquor Authority, the hours
24 of operation in Nassau would be from
25 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday to Saturday.

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CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Okay, a couple of things. So all that we're changing is the three days a week Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, we're allowing them to stay open from 8 p.m. it's going to go to 10 p.m., correct?

MR. LEIMONE: Correct. It's already Thursday to Saturday, it's already till 10 p.m..

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Okay. Well, you know, we took a look and we've got information that we are actually an outlier in the state in terms of the hours that we allow liquor stores to be open in Nassau County.

MR. LEIMONE: Right. Correct. The New York State Liquor Authority is allows 8 a.m. to 12 midnight, and about 45 counties all operate in that time frame. So we're just kind of moving ourselves closer to that time period and aligning ourselves closer with the State and New York City.

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: I think this

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2 will be a helpful to our residents
3 because especially at this time of
4 year, people are out shopping and
5 things and they don't get to the store,
6 liquor store or alcohol or wine store
7 by 8:00, they have to come back the
8 next day or something like that. So it
9 gives them a little additional time to
10 do their shopping during holidays,
11 among other things, I'm sure.

12 Any other discussion? Anything
13 else, Chris?

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can
15 I just we just wanted to request more
16 of a hearing on the 18th and we'll just
17 pass it through.

18 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: I think we
19 have to have a hearing.

20 MR. LEIMONE: Yeah, we have to
21 have a hearing on it. We are required
22 by law to have a hearing on this.

23 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
24 we will just pass it through.

25 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: All right.

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So for today's purposes you'll just
vote to pass it through.

All right. Thank you, Chris.
Any public comment?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

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

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

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Those
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Passes by a
vote of 6 to 0.

Motion to adjourn.
Motion by Legislator Schaefer.

I'm going to second that motion.

All in favor of adjourning,
signify by saying, "Aye".

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

CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: That might

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2 be the end of my term of the Rules
3 Committee. We will see next week.
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5 (Whereupon, Rules Committee is
6 adjourned, 4:50 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 4th day of
December, 2023.

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