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LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER

LEGISLATOR SCOTT DAVIS

MICHAEL PULITZER Clerk of the Legislature

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Good afternoon,
everyone, and welcome. We'll get started
here. We start, as always, with the
Pledge of Allegiance. And legislator
Mulaney will lead us.

Legislator Mulaney?

LEGISLATOR MULLANEY: Yes, sir.

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance
was said.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. And we
start out with a period of public comment
of up to an hour, and this period of
public comment will be strictly for items
that are on today's Agenda. So when you
do come forward, please tell us at the
outset what the item is that you want to
talk about. Comments are limited to three
minutes. Please watch the clock. You'll
be cut off after that point. Also this is
not a discussion. It's not a back and
forth. We're here strictly to listen to
what you have to say. Okay. Let's start
out with Jessica Chiarello.

LEGISLATOR NUNEZ: Presiding Officer,

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2 before the comments are made, I just want
3 to remind this body that we're asking for
4 public comments before anyone has had an
5 opportunity to hear the conversations up
6 here. Thank you.

7 MS. CHIARELLO: My name is Jessica
8 Chiarello. I currently live on the
9 Dorothy P. Flint, 4H Camp in Riverhead,
10 on a part of the land that has been
11 portioned off for development. I have
12 been a tenant for the Cornell Cooperative
13 Extension of Nassau County for almost a
14 year with my partner and my animals. I'm
15 employed through Cornell with a part time
16 position of animal care and property
17 surveillance. We refurbished the animal
18 space to accommodate better living
19 conditions and esthetic appeal to
20 visitors. The renovation project ran over
21 \$3,000 and required nearly 60 hours of
22 unpaid labor to complete. It was paid in
23 full by our friends at Humane Long
24 Island. We continue to invest time and
25 energy into improving the space at the 4H

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2 Camp and have plans to make it even
3 better. I am also head of hospital at the
4 Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center.
5 I possess our Class 2 rehabbers license
6 through the Dec. I also hold our federal
7 permit with the United States Fish and
8 Wildlife Service that allows us to help
9 all migratory birds. We respond and help
10 local law enforcement on a daily basis.
11 Our main mission is to rescue,
12 rehabilitate and release our native
13 wildlife.

14 Last year, we took in over 3,000
15 animals, many of whom were injured at the
16 hands of humans. Maybe their homes were
17 destroyed. They were hunted for sport.
18 They were hit by vehicles or poisoned
19 with pesticides. We nurture them
20 regardless and give them a second chance
21 at life.

22 The property being proposed for
23 development has become home to much of
24 our hard work. Some animals that we gave
25 a second chance to are red winged

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2 blackbirds, big brown bats, eastern
3 cottontail rabbits, eastern gray
4 squirrels, a variety of migratory
5 warblers and more. This land is also home
6 to a pair of red tailed hawks who bear
7 children each nesting season, and there
8 are barn swallows who travel back from
9 South America every year to nest on my
10 front porch. The preservation of this
11 land, and the allowance for us to
12 maintain our lease is vital to the
13 function of the wildlife center. We are
14 deeply opposed to development and hope
15 that you will allow us to remain tenants
16 here so that we can continue to fiercely
17 serve our communities. Thanks.

18 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Juliana Di
19 Leonardo.

20 MS. DI LEONARDO: My name is Juliana
21 Di Leonardo. I am a licensed wildlife
22 rehabilitator and the vice president of
23 Humane Long Island. Our time working and
24 living on the Dorothy P. Flint east side
25 of the 4H Camp, has been has truly been a

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2 gift because we have become true stewards
3 of the land by protecting the wildlife,
4 who live on the property. Our presence
5 here is definitely needed.

6 Since being here, we have put up
7 signs to remind vehicles to slow down for
8 wildlife, particularly for the box
9 turtles who often cross the road and are
10 threatened in New York State. These signs
11 were put up in response to us finding
12 crushed turtles along the road leading up
13 to the waterfront. Aside from looking out
14 for the turtles, we have rehabilitated
15 and released native birds, rescued hawks,
16 seabirds and orphaned fawns. We also have
17 educated individuals from scouts to
18 Hofstra and LIU students, to become
19 future stewards of wildlife and
20 domesticated animals. The domestic farmed
21 animals who we rescue and care for also
22 need this land to heal from the suffering
23 and trauma they've endured through
24 abandonment and neglect. An example is
25 one Cayuga duck from Nassau County, she

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2 was rescued there. She came to us with a
3 respiratory infection. She was
4 malnourished, and she had a crater in her
5 forehead from being shot with a pellet
6 gun.

7 Another example is our adopted
8 parrot, Obie, who is an elderly bird with
9 a cross beak and a clubfoot, and she was
10 rescued from a hoarding case in Woodbury.
11 The land we protect at this site needs us
12 to stay.

13 Please consider us as an important
14 fixture of this property. We support the
15 land sale to the Peconic Land Trust. But
16 we serve a critical role that must be
17 allowed to continue. Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Judith
19 Wilansky.

20 MS. WILANSKY: Good afternoon. This
21 is to address Item 111-26, regarding the
22 sale of the property to the Peconic Land
23 Trust. My name is Judith Wilansky. I've
24 been a resident of Nassau County since
25 1980. I'm a retired educator and I have

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2 had the privilege of serving on the board
3 of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Nassau
4 County, for the past seven years.

5 Most are familiar with Cornell
6 University, but perhaps not as familiar
7 with the cooperative extensions that
8 operate in all of the counties in New
9 York State. Cooperative extension is an
10 independent, educational, not-for-profit
11 organization whose mission is to serve
12 the residents of Nassau County by
13 connecting Cornell's research and
14 knowledge to community needs. We do that
15 by offering programs that focus on
16 horticulture, environment, health,
17 nutrition, consumer skills, and positive
18 youth development.

19 Today's item for your action has
20 been a goal, a dream, and a prayer for
21 Cornell Cooperative for well over a
22 decade, and that is to ensure that the
23 DPF 4H Camp will have a permanent home. I
24 wanted to commend the hard work of the
25 attorneys for the Real Estate Division to

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2 solve the public relations and rubiks
3 cube of this issue.

4 Peconic Land Trust, I want to thank
5 for their mission to preserve the land
6 that our camp lives on, and to my fellow
7 board members for their perseverance over
8 these many years. The world has changed
9 significantly over the past century, but
10 the DPF 4H Camp's mission has always been
11 the same, and that is to empower youth
12 through belonging, through developing
13 responsibility, and leadership toward
14 their community and deepening their
15 connection and their appreciation to the
16 natural world.

17 Generations of Nassau County
18 residents have attended our 4H Camp over
19 the decades. Our 100th anniversary
20 celebration. Almost 600 people
21 established this camp as a valuable
22 building block for their own personal
23 growth and community oriented values.

24 If this action is adopted today,
25 then DPF 4H camp will be able to finally

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2 develop a plan for much needed upgrades,
3 and we will be able to fundraise, apply
4 for relevant grants to improve our
5 facilities, and ultimately provide
6 opportunities to our Nassau County youth.

7 I thank you for your consideration.

8 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you.

9 Michael Horowitz?

10 MR. HOROWITZ: Good afternoon. I hope
11 all the legislators had a good Mother's
12 Day. My name is Michael Horowitz, and I'm
13 speaking about my feelings on the
14 Brookside Preserve.

15 This preserve is located on the
16 south shore of Long Island. It is a
17 hazard. Dangerous and a health problem.
18 Something has to be done about it. I have
19 contacted different departments and
20 agencies, and I've prepared this document
21 that each one of you will be getting.
22 Here's a picture. They say a picture is
23 worth a thousand words. This is a
24 pathway. It's been like this for the past
25 five years. Also, one of your legislators

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2 had a press conference and the article
3 was put in the Herald newspaper, which
4 you will get a copy of. And in these
5 documents we will give you, itemize all
6 the problems they are having. The idea is
7 too many people, too many elected
8 officials in different levels of
9 government are passing the buck and
10 nothing is being done about it. You are
11 the legislature of the Nassau County. You
12 have the right to oversee all the
13 departments and agencies under the County
14 Executive, and asked for reports and
15 everything. If you would think and maybe
16 ask for reports, what is being done about
17 the Brookside Preserve? What has been
18 done? How much money was spent? You
19 approved the budget, but the Department
20 of Parks decides where to spend the money
21 to itemize. You have the power to pass a
22 resolution itemizing money to be spent on
23 Brookside, to fix it, to make it safe.
24 What goes on in Brookside? Homeless
25 people sleep there, drugs are taken and

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2 all kinds of things happen. It's open
3 24/7. Garbage, bridge pathways, it's
4 falling apart, which this document will
5 describe in detail. Please read this
6 document from front and back and go on AI
7 and AI will give you more details on it.
8 Thank you very much.

9 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Bonnie Garone.

10 MS. GARON: My name is Bonnie Garon,
11 and I'm here to speak on item 111-26, the
12 sale of the 4H Camp property in
13 Riverhead. I have been involved with the
14 Dorothy P. Flint 4H Camp for more than 60
15 years from when I first went as a camper
16 when I was 10-years-old. I'm also one of
17 the founders of a nonprofit called Camp
18 DPF alumni, which was formed four years
19 ago to bring together the hundreds of
20 camp alumni who are still interested in,
21 and involved with the camp.

22 I can tell you that we're all
23 thrilled that these steps are being taken
24 to permanently preserve this amazing
25 property. We're also very happy that it's

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2 being spearheaded by the Peconic Land
3 Trust, and we know we couldn't have a
4 better partner. There are some issues,
5 though, that I'd like to address. And as
6 always, as they say, the devil is in the
7 details. There are two things I'd like to
8 talk about. One is the terms of the
9 proposed lease that is a part of this
10 property sale. It's in the package that
11 was presented to the legislature, and
12 also the fact that there is no
13 compensation in this deal for the
14 cooperative extension and specifically
15 the camp. As for the lease, the most
16 problematic thing is that it is for only
17 three years with an additional one year
18 periods possible. And with that length,
19 it would be impossible to have
20 significant fundraising or long term long
21 term planning. There are other issues,
22 but I want to move into the compensation
23 issue. We respectfully submit that some
24 of the proceeds of the sale should be
25 going to the camp, and I'll tell you

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2 three reasons why:

3 Number one, this property was put
4 together through seven separate property
5 purchases. All of them were presented to
6 the Board of Supervisors as being
7 purchased for the camp.

8 Second, for several of those
9 purchases, the money actually came from
10 Cooperative Extension or more
11 specifically, its predecessor, the Home
12 and Farm Bureau. And that's going back
13 many years. They paid for several of
14 those parcels.

15 Second (sic), they've managed and
16 maintained that property for almost a
17 hundred years. And most significantly,
18 excuse me, as an example, after hurricane
19 Sandy, the camp actually took care of all
20 the debris, the repairs the safety
21 inspections, and brought the property
22 back to where it should be.

23 Finally, they've also enhanced and
24 restored several buildings on the
25 property that today have significant

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2 value. This was done recently. And so the
3 statement in the property sale agreement
4 that all of the buildings need
5 significant repairs is not quite
6 accurate. Those buildings belong to the
7 camp and cooperative extension, as is
8 made clear in the proposed lease, and
9 there's no provision as to what will
10 happen to them. We respectfully ask that
11 you carve out some of the proceeds to go
12 to the camp. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you.

14 John Di Leonardo?

15 MR. DI LEONARDO: Hi. My name is John
16 Di Leonardo. I am an Anthrozoologist
17 licensed wildlife rehabilitator and the
18 executive director of Humane Long Island.
19 I live and operate our nonprofit Animal
20 Rescue at the Dorothy P. Flint 4H Camp in
21 Riverhead.

22 As a tenant of Cornell Cooperative
23 Extension of Nassau County. We strongly
24 support preserving this land from
25 development. But last week we learned

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2 that the portion of the property where
3 Humane Long Island operates is slated to
4 be transferred to Riverhead, and that we
5 may not be permitted to remain. For us,
6 this is not just a property issue. It is
7 about whether abused, neglected, and
8 abandoned animals will continue to have
9 somewhere safe to go. Humane Long Island
10 was originally founded in Hempstead,
11 where I lived most of my life.

12 For the past two years, we have
13 operated a transitional sanctuary on the
14 northeast portion of the 4H Camp
15 property, providing shelter and
16 rehabilitation for farmed and exotic
17 animals who most shelters cannot take.
18 Many arrived terrified, injured or seized
19 during criminal investigations. Our work
20 directly supports animal cruelty
21 enforcement in Nassau County. We work
22 closely with Chief investigator Matt
23 Roper of the Nassau County SPCA and
24 Animal Crime Unit, Chief Sherwin Saphir
25 of the Nassau County District Attorney's

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2 Office on cases involving wildlife
3 trafficking, hoarding, animal fighting
4 and ritual animal sacrifice. These cases
5 include the conviction of a veterinarian
6 hoarding animals in Woodbury, the rescue
7 of more than 100 animals, including a
8 South American ostrich in Bellmore, and
9 the citation of alleged wildlife
10 trafficker in Oyster Bay earlier this
11 year. But what I most want this
12 legislature to understand is this, Humane
13 Long Island is often the place law
14 enforcement calls when nobody else can
15 take these animals.

16 Not only do we support
17 investigations, but we provide secure
18 housing, rehabilitation, and long term
19 care for animals seized in cruelty and
20 criminal investigations. While cases move
21 through the courts. Without facilities
22 like ours, authorities would be left
23 without options for safely housing,
24 rescued animals and pursuing cruelty
25 prosecutions. The possible loss of this

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2 sanctuary places not only our
3 organization at risk, but a critical part
4 of Nassau County's animal cruelty
5 response system.

6 So today, I respectfully ask this
7 legislature to help ensure Humane Long
8 Island can remain on a modest portion of
9 this property, whether through
10 designation, lease, or purchase. So we
11 can continue protecting animals with
12 nowhere else to turn.

13 Thank you for your time, your
14 compassion, and your continued service to
15 Nassau County.

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. That
17 concludes public comment.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We will now move on
to the Rules Committee. And Mr. Pulitzer,
would you call the roll for the Rules
Committee? Thank you.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, Presiding
Officer. Rules committee.

Chairman Howard Kopel?

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chair Thomas
McKevitt?

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.
John Giuffre?

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James
Kennedy?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Minority Leader
Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, ranking member?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Arnold

Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Scott Davis?

LEGISLATOR MULE: Present.

CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you. What we'll do is we'll go through some contracts first. Then I will recess the committee for the other committees to consider various items, which will then come back to the Rules Committee again. I'm going to call all the contracts, and then we'll consider them individually.

A13, A25, A38, A31. And these are with Source Past Contemporary LLC and CNC Technologies, LLC.

E54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, which are respectively, with Tetra Tech; Berkman, Henoch, Peterson and Peddy; Vocational Education and Extension Board; Educational Bus Transportation, Inc.; Guardian Bus Company; L&M Bus Company; We Transport, Inc.; YMS

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2 Management Associates, Inc.; O'Connor
3 Davies; and VMG Holdings, LLC.

4 Motion on all of these by Deputy
5 Presiding Officer McKevitt, seconded by
6 Minority Leader DeRiggi-Whitton.

7 Let's start off with Information
8 Technology, which would be A13 and A31
9 SourcePass Contemporary.

10 MS. TALOR: Good afternoon,
11 Legislators. Rosemary Talor, Department
12 of Information Technology Project
13 Manager. There are two matters on the
14 agenda for SourcePass, it's A13 and A31.
15 One is a contract for hardware about \$1.1
16 million.

17 The second is a contract for support
18 and consulting services, approximately \$3
19 million. SourcePass is uniquely qualified
20 local vendor that previously worked with
21 Nassau County in maintaining and
22 supporting the County's mainframe
23 technology. Nassau County's core systems
24 and applications still reside on our
25 mainframes. It's becoming increasingly

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2 difficult to source equipment and skilled
3 technicians that can maintain this aging,
4 but critical mainframe system. Much of
5 the knowledge is environmental and
6 specific to us. SourcePass personnel
7 supporting Nassau County have acquired
8 significant knowledge of the County's
9 unique mainframe infrastructure and
10 framework.

11 I'm happy to answer any questions
12 about this.

13 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Hi. I
15 have a question. Is this like an on call
16 contract or are we paying 1.1 million up
17 front?

18 MS. TALOR: It's an on call basis.
19 And there are regularly scheduled
20 maintenance tasks that are performed as
21 well.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Do you
23 know approximately how much that's cost
24 in the past? Like have they come close to
25 the million dollars?

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2 MS. TALOR: I couldn't actually
3 answer that for you because I'm not
4 familiar with the services in the past on
5 this vendor. I could find out though.

6 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So it's
7 basically on call with what you have
8 anticipated.

9 MS. TALOR: It's on call, but support
10 is regularly available, so if we need
11 support, we can reach out to their
12 support clientele that supports our
13 county account specifically. And in the
14 event of an emergency, if the mainframe
15 went down or something. There are SLAs on
16 the contract that requiring them to
17 respond and potentially be on site within
18 a two hour time frame to change out a
19 server or whatever they might have to do.

20 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: And
21 just, I don't know why this isn't reading
22 correctly to me. So it's effective for
23 one year and then you have a four year
24 period where additional -- So it can go
25 to five years, correct?

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2 MS. TALOR: Yes. So what we typically
3 do is a short term contract and then a
4 renewal automatically or not
5 automatically. But we would request the
6 renewal at the end of each period. In
7 this case, it's the end of each year.
8 This allows us to judge the performance
9 and make sure that they're still working
10 well for us.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So you
12 would have to come before this body
13 before the renewal goes into effect,
14 correct?

15 MS. TALOR: I don't know about that.
16 I think the renewals can be done in
17 writing with the County Attorney's
18 assistance.

19 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So if
20 you're asking for five years and this is
21 only for one year, are you asking for 5
22 million or is that still falling under
23 the one million?

24 MS. TALOR: It's \$1 million.

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Okay.

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MS. TALOR: On the hardware contract.
Anything else?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you,
Presiding Officer. We have one last
question.

So this seems like it's a desirable
contract. And you had 46 vendors who
viewed it and only two bid on it. Does
that sound strange to you.

MS. TALOR: No.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Why is that?

MS. TALOR: Because mainframe
technology is like an abacus. Nobody
services it anymore, and it's very
difficult to get skilled technicians. And
so this vendor provided the best proposal
with the what appropriate costs in line.
And because they're familiar with our
infrastructure.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Just seems like
something that strikes me is that maybe
there's something wrong with the bidding,
the solicitation process, the procurement
process is that you put it out there and

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2 only two vendors want to bid on it?

3 MS. TALOR: I'm not surprised by
4 that. I didn't really look into the
5 specifics of the proposal process before
6 it came up, but I'm not surprised by
7 that. I've had that happen on other
8 proposals and RFPs.

9 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: It surprises me
10 because I'd like to see our bids out
11 there that are a little bit more
12 attractive to vendors and fair and
13 interesting and attract that they'd be
14 wanting to bid on it, I think, too. And
15 it sounds like to me like maybe there's
16 something wrong with the whole
17 procurement there.

18 MS. TALOR: I couldn't really speak
19 to it specifically because I didn't
20 manage this process. But I'm not, again,
21 I'm not surprised because the technology
22 is pretty old and aging. The technology
23 is sunseting in two years, which is one
24 of the reasons we're looking to get all
25 of our applications off of mainframe.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Is sunseting
but there's still during those two years,
you know, things are profitable.

MS. TALOR: Likely to need servicing.
Yes, I know.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you.

MS. TALOR: Okay.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Emergency Management
3 and that would be E54 Tetra Tech.

4 MR. BUTLER: Good afternoon. John
5 Butler, Accounting Executive for the
6 Office of Emergency Management.

7 Our office issued an RFP on 10/27/25
8 seeking a qualified vendor to assist with
9 updating the County's multi
10 jurisdictional all Hazard Mitigation
11 Plan. Total of seven proposals were
12 received and scored by a selection
13 committee, and Tetra Tech scored highest
14 unanimously by all evaluators on our
15 committee. 100% of this consultant
16 expense will be covered by the County's
17 Bricks grant, an award which is the
18 building resilient infrastructure and
19 communities award at no cost to the
20 county or the general fund itself. And
21 Tetra Tech was selected by Suffolk County
22 several months prior to assist them in
23 updating their multi-jurisdictional
24 hazard mitigation plan as well.

25 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Questions? Okay.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: County Attorney
E55, Berkman, Henoch, Peterson and Peddy.

Mr. Soleymanzadeh?

MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Good afternoon,
Legislators.

E55-26 is an amendment to the
Berkman County contract. It's adding an
additional \$120,000 to the maximum
amount, raising it to \$273,000 and
change. I believe this matter has been
settled, and this is an amendment to
cover the closeout of the file.

Any questions?

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Yes. Legislator
Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you,
Presiding Officer.

Good morning. How are you?

MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Surprise,
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LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Well, you're
going to be surprised today because you
know why? I think this is an eminently
fair contract. How do you like that?

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MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: I had a feeling
that that might be the direction.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I think everyone
was saying, oh, wait for the other shoe
to drop. But no, this one I looked at and
I said, all right. Finally, we got one
that's fair and reasonable. So applause.
Thank you.

MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: So is it true
that you're not running for reelection in
November? Because I'm going to miss the
interactions that we have.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Legislator Drucker,
I think we all need to go home and rest
now after this.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Fire Commission E56
with contract with Vocational Education
and Extension Board.

ASSISTANT CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL: Good
afternoon, Bo Pilczak Assistant Chief
Fire Marshal from the Nassau County Fire
Commission. The item before you E56-26 is
an amendment for one year to continue the
current contract with the Vocational
Education and Extension Board, otherwise
known as VHB, which does all the training
at the Fire Service Academy. I'll be
happy to take any questions about it.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you. I
guess there are none.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Health Department.

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We've got several contracts. You've got

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the bus contracts with 57, 58, 59, and

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MS. ZOHRABIAN: Yes. Good afternoon.

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Alyssa Zohrabian for Nassau County

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Department of Health.

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So if I can present them all at

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once, they're very similar. E57, 58, 59,

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and 60-26. Our request to award and

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execute contracts for transportation of

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Nassau County children with special needs

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orders for these programs, but at the

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2 advisement of purchasing, we are moving
3 away from using purchase orders. Hence
4 the contracts that are before you. All of
5 these are three year contracts effective
6 August 1st, with the option to extend an
7 additional two years. The preschool
8 program is reimbursed by New York State
9 DOH at 59.5%, and the program is
10 reimbursed at 49% from New York State
11 Department of Health.

12 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Questions? Yes.

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Hi. Just
14 two quick questions on 59-26. I know it's
15 probably a large company, but are you
16 familiar with some of the occurrences
17 that they had issues with?

18 MS. ZOHRABIAN: Any one specific? And
19 I know that there was some things that
20 went through the IG's office, but
21 everything was cleared.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: There
23 were some issues just with someone
24 possibly getting a DWI and things like
25 that. Have you taken any time to make

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2 sure that their ranking is good?

3 MS. ZOHRABIAN: From what I
4 understand, their ranking is good and
5 everything has been cleared by IG's
6 Office.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: And then
8 on 58, why is this contract 27 million
9 compared to the other ones, which were
10 less?

11 MS. ZOHRABIAN: So they are all
12 differing amounts because they're all for
13 different routes and with different
14 number of children. So you're going to
15 see differing amounts for all four
16 contracts.

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Thank
18 you. That's what I wanted to get on the
19 record because there is a discrepancy and
20 the state reimburses approximately 59%
21 you said?

22 MS. ZOHRABIAN: So the state
23 Department of Education reimburses 59.5%
24 for the children in the preschool special
25 education program and the New York State

Department of Health reimburses for the
children in the EI program at 49%.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Okay. So
the county is paying about about half.

MS. ZOHRABIAN: Yeah.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: All
right. Thank you for the clarification.

MS. ZOHRABIAN: Sure thing.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Treasurer E62, PFK
O'Connor Davies.

MR. CONKLIN: Steve Conklin from the
Office of Management and Budget. This is
a one year amendment with PKF O'Connor
Davies to prepare the annual financial
statements of the Sewer Authority. We're
doing the amendment while we work on a
new RFP. The maximum amount to be paid
for the one year amendment is \$26,850.
Any questions?

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Guess none.
Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: And Comptroller,
3 Charlie? E63, VMG Holdings?

4 MR. CASOLARO: Thank you. On behalf
5 of the Comptroller, Charlie Casolaro, as
6 her counsel.

7 This is an amendment to a contract
8 between VMG Holdings and Nassau County.
9 VMG runs and administers the Smart
10 Savings Program. That's when two Nassau
11 County employees are married, one of the
12 employees has to forego the family health
13 plan, although they're both entitled to
14 it. But pursuant to a resolution from
15 this board, from this body, in 2006, one
16 of the employees has to forego that. We
17 pay them an amount to forego it, \$2,000
18 for ordinance employees, \$4,000 per union
19 employee, and VMG Holdings administers
20 that.

21 In addition, if somebody has out of
22 pocket expenses that that second policy
23 that was forwent would have covered. VMG
24 Holdings also does the administering of
25 that to determine if those expenses are

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2 reimbursable by the county. So we're
3 extending this contract for three years
4 at a total amount of \$50,000. It's
5 necessary and needed, and I would ask
6 that it be approved.

7 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Questions?

8 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you,
9 Presiding Officer. Good afternoon.

10 MR. CASOLARO: Good afternoon.

11 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Does this apply
12 or how does it apply to a county employee
13 and a spouse who's a VSIP recipient. Like
14 my wife's a retired New York State
15 teacher. So she's on NYSIP through the
16 county. Was that in the reimbursement
17 kick in with that?

18 MR. CASOLARO: It may because she's
19 not a county employee. This is for county
20 employees. So if two employees were
21 married one of them has to forego the
22 family health plan. And under your
23 scenario, she wouldn't be covered under
24 this. She would be entitled; if I
25 understand your question correctly.

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LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Sorry,
Howard.

So you have a husband/wife? One
forgoes one's policy, covers something
that the other doesn't, yet it's already
been given up. There's a process where
you can challenge whether or not the
policy that was given up would have
covered?

MR. CASOLARO: Correct. So if you
have two policies and one of them is
forgone because you're married, if
there's out of pocket expenses that that
second policy would have covered, you are
entitled to submit that to the county to
see if it's reimbursable by the county.
We allow for that. And that's what this
program is called, the Smart Savings
Program. And VMG Holdings administers
that. We don't have a lot of that. We
have more of just paying the individuals
who are ordinance and union the amount of
money not to take that second policy.

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LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So if someone was taking a free policy and the other policy had a cost to it, and the other policy covered more, they would still be entitled to the other?

MR. CASOLARO: That depends on extraordinary -- good question. But under extraordinary circumstances, perhaps.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Anyone else? Okay, good. Thank you, Charlie.

MR. CASOLARO: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Police Department. Before we do that, we have a motion to table 31 American Traffic Solutions and E43 National Medical Services.

Motion by Deputy Presiding Officer McKevitt, seconded by Minority Leader DeRiggi-Whitton.

All those in favor of tabling these two items say Aye.

(Whereupon, all in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those items are tabled.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Now, we have somebody here in the Police Department, A25. We'll start off with CNC Technologies. Good afternoon.

MS. PALAZZOLO: Good afternoon, Deputy Chief Janine Palazzolo of the Nassau County Police Department.

Item number A25-2026. This is to authorize an award, a blanket purchase order for annual maintenance and repair of the cameras and mission suites by CNC Technologies, LLC, on three Police Department owned Bell aircrafts. The maximum amount authorized under this blanket purchase order shall be \$453,249.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Questions? Do you have the other ones as well?

MS. PALAZZOLO: Yes.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. American Traffic Solutions.

MS. PALAZZOLO: Not 31. I have 38.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: I'm sorry?

MS. PALAZZOLO: 38 I have.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We're not doing 38

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2 today.

3 MS. PALAZZOLO: Okay.

4 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We're not doing 38.
5 We have 31 and 43.

6 MS. PALAZZOLO: I don't have 31. I do
7 have 43 though.

8 E43-26. This is an amendment to an
9 existing contract with National Medical
10 Services to provide laboratory testing
11 services for the Nassau County Police
12 Department. This amendment extends the
13 term of the contract by one additional
14 year.

15 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thanks.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Do we have someone
3 here for 31, American Traffic Solutions?

4 MR. RICH: Good afternoon. David Rich
5 from Traffic and Parking Violations
6 Agency.

7 Amendment number two previously
8 expired. The contract has been operating
9 under a continuity agreement. This
10 amendment number three is for all labor,
11 material and services required in order
12 to furnish, install, operate, and
13 maintain the red light camera program in
14 Nassau County as approved by the state
15 and county legislators.

16 This safety program has proven
17 annual reductions in crashes based upon
18 data collected prior to installing the
19 equipment at locations against the data
20 collected after the installation of said
21 program at the same locations. This
22 amendment benefits the County by reducing
23 some of the contractual costs.

24 TPVA anticipates over \$1 million in
25 savings in the life of this amendment.

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2 The County will be issuing a new RFP
3 within the next six months for similar
4 services prior to the expiration of this
5 amendment. Any questions?

6 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Questions?

7 (Whereupon, no response.)

8 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We're good. Thank
9 you.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Finally, we have
3 Social Services, E61 YMS Management
4 Associates.

5 MS. OWAIS: Hi. Good afternoon.
6 Joanne Owais, Deputy County Attorney on
7 behalf of the Department of Social
8 Services.

9 Item E61-26 is a one year extension
10 of our agreement with YMS Management
11 Associates, and it also increases the
12 maximum amount for that one year period
13 by 144,000.

14 This vendor assists DSS Child
15 Support Unit with the enforcement and
16 processing of child support orders and
17 ensuring that they're entered in the New
18 York state automated system that monitors
19 and tracks such orders.

20 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Questions?

21 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you,
22 Presiding Officer. Can you just describe
23 what account maintenance means in terms
24 of child support and the support
25 enforcement unit?

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2 MS. OWAIS: Sure. So from my
3 understanding is from the unit is, is
4 this agency makes sure that all the child
5 support orders and any modifications get
6 entered into the New York State System,
7 which monitors and tracks and enforces
8 these orders.

9 And it also does the mathematical
10 calculations and makes sure that the
11 payments that are made are on track and
12 mathematically correct.

13 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: They don't do it
14 for enforcement though, right?

15 MS. OWAIS: It goes hand in hand
16 because it makes sure it basically tracks
17 the amounts basically.

18 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Where does it go
19 from your office. From where they're
20 identifying the problems to getting it
21 enforced. Where does it go? What's the
22 chain there?

23 MS. OWAIS: So I'll give you my
24 understanding. And I don't know if this
25 will answer your question, but the unit

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2 has explained to me that the orders get
3 entered into, it's called the New York
4 State Automated Child Support Management
5 System. And that system basically tracks
6 the person and tracks the orders and
7 mushes them together so they can find the
8 person, find the money and track any
9 payments that come in and payments that
10 go out. So the appropriate amounts get
11 paid out to the eligible parent.

12 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Is there data
13 that shows how successful it's doing?

14 MS. OWAIS: I don't have an answer to
15 that, but the system is in New York State
16 System. That is not a county system that
17 these orders get tracked in.

18 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Okay. I mean, I
19 just want to make sure that it's working
20 at optimum capacity here because that's
21 really very important. And identifying
22 the so-called deadbeats.

23 Okay. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. We've done all
25 the contracts. I'll now call for votes.

We'll start with 31, and that's American Traffic Solutions. All those in favor, say 'Aye'.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Aye.

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Aye.

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Aye.

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Nay.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Nay.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Nay.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL:

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. That one passes 4 to 3.

Now A13, A31, A25; E43, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63.

All those in favor say Aye.

(Whereupon, all members respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: I'm now going to

put this committee in recess and Public Safety will follow next.

(Whereupon, recess 2:02 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay, I'm calling the Rules committee back into session. We have, first of all, a number of consent items. And these are items that have gone through previous committees. Other committees and concerning which the majority minority have agreed. No further debate or discussion is required. Now these are numbers 89, 91, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, and 105.

All those in favor of these items, please say Aye.

(Whereupon, all members respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those items are unanimous.

Now, number 95, which is an ordinance to authorize the adoption of Blitz.

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All those in favor of this item, say
Aye.

(Whereupon, all members respond in
favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?
(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That was unanimous,
too.

I think we're finished on the
regular Calendar.

Now we go to the Addendum. I have a
bunch of addendums, 106, 107, 108, 109,
110, 111, 112 -- No, not 111, sorry --
110, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120,
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And Legislator Davis would like to
make a statement before we vote on those.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Yes. Thank you. If
you don't mind, could I have Mr. Leimone
come up to the podium, please?

MR. LEIMONE: Chris Leimone from the
Administration.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Good afternoon,
Mr. Leimone.

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2 MR. LEIMONE: Hi, legislator.

3 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: So we've spoken on
4 this issue a number of times. And as you
5 are no doubt aware, since 2024, when I
6 came to the Legislature, I have made it
7 my business to keep a tally of the CRPs
8 that have made it through the process and
9 into our respective communities in the
10 Legislature.

11 MR. LEIMONE: Yes.

12 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: As of today, there
13 are 13 items on the Calendar today. Those
14 would all be CRPs for Republicans; is
15 that correct?

16 MR. LEIMONE: Yes, that is correct.

17 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And would it be
18 fair to say that since 2024, more or
19 less, there have been approximately 70
20 CRPs granted for the Republicans and two
21 granted for the Democrats, more or less.

22 MR. LEIMONE: Respectfully, I don't
23 necessarily agree with that number. I
24 don't have an exact breakdown of the
25 numbers side by side.

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LEGISLATOR DAVIS: What point do you disagree?

MR. LEIMONE: The two, I would say the two. I think it's more I think it's more around 16 maybe. That's my understanding.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Let me clarify. So there were 14 CRPs that we had, as Democrats, that were rolled into the Capital Plan, right?

MR. LEIMONE: That's correct.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And that's part of the 16 you're referring to, right?

MR. LEIMONE: That's correct.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: So let's take those aside, because that was part of a bargaining with the County Executive For the Capital Plan. I'm talking about you -- and you clearly know what a CRP is right?

MR. LEIMONE: I do, Legislator; yes.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: So if I go into my community and there are needs that need to be met, I would like to be able to say

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2 with confidence that I could deliver
3 them. So of the now eight legislators
4 here since 2024, there's been two of
5 those specific requests that have been
6 delivered, notwithstanding the 14 in the
7 Capital Plan deal. Two, right?

8 MR. LEIMONE: Again, I'm not sure
9 about the two number, but again, I don't
10 have a specific breakdown.

11 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: It's actually not
12 a question, it's actually a statement.
13 And with regard to that two, whether it's
14 two or you could say three or four. One
15 thing we do know that in terms of the
16 numbers that the Republican Legislators
17 have since 2024, it's been easily 70.
18 Would that be a fair number?

19 MR. LEIMONE: Again, I don't know
20 that number.

21 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Okay. I'm telling
22 you that that's the number if you include
23 today.

24 And so let's just start with today.
25 So today we have 13 CRPs being submitted

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2 by the Republican Legislators; is that
3 correct?

4 MR. LEIMONE: Yes. There are 13 CRPs
5 that are on the Agenda today.

6 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And that is a
7 total of \$965,000 more or less; is that
8 right?

9 MR. LEIMONE: I did not do the math,
10 so I take you at your word.

11 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Thank you. How
12 many CRPs are there for the Democrats?

13 MR. LEIMONE: On today's Agenda?

14 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Yes.

15 MR. LEIMONE: There are none.

16 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Are you aware that
17 there are over 30 pending CRPs since 2024
18 for the Democrats?

19 MR. LEIMONE: Again, I don't know the
20 exact number as I've said in the past,
21 there are a lot of these CRP requests
22 that come in. They come in continuously
23 from both sides and we get them
24 constantly. We try to process them. We
25 try to move them on a rolling basis as

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2 the best we can. But no, I don't have the
3 exact number that's pending on the
4 minority caucus side, nor do I have the
5 exact number that's pending on the
6 majority side.

7 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Well, again, that
8 was a rhetorical question. It's a fact.
9 The fact is that there are over 35
10 pending CRPs by the Democrats and since
11 2024. And it really I'm just trying to
12 figure out with the number of 70 CRPs for
13 the Republicans and only two granted for
14 the Democrats. I'm just trying to figure
15 out like where the problem lies because
16 clearly there's a problem.

17 I'll give you an example: Let's
18 just look at 2025. In 2025, there were
19 nearly \$5 million allocated through the
20 CRP program. Of that, \$4.1 million of
21 that 5 million were allocated toward
22 Republican led districts. We were able to
23 get two in a total of about \$776,000, a
24 difference of 84% to 16%. That is an
25 abysmal representation of good

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2 government.

3 Now we're in 2026, and we're gearing
4 up toward the middle of 2026, and we
5 still have a big fat zero. And now we're
6 shepherding in 13 more CRPs totaling at
7 this point, nearly \$1 million. We all
8 want to do our job right. And I need some
9 guidance here with these numbers. And
10 just as disparity of these numbers,
11 what's the problem? So that we can get
12 our CRPs delivered to our community. Can
13 you identify any particular issue that is
14 preventing this from happening?

15 MR. LEIMONE: No, I can't. Like I
16 said we get a lot of these requests.
17 There's a process when they come in, they
18 get reviewed, there's eligibility
19 determinations that are reviewed by DPW.
20 There's, the agreements have to be
21 drafted and reviewed by the County
22 Attorney's Office, the IMA's. So I can't
23 give you a specific reason as to why one
24 CRP is advanced versus another.

25 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: But clearly if

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2 there were something not to form in a
3 submission that we would make, then it
4 would be rejected because it's not in the
5 right form; is that right?

6 MR. LEIMONE: If it's not eligible,
7 yes, it would be rejected.

8 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Right. And of the
9 35 that we have submitted, they have not
10 been rejected. So if they haven't been
11 rejected, they have been submitted.
12 They've been pending since 2024. What
13 else could it be?

14 MR. LEIMONE: Again, I don't know the
15 specific reason. I could certainly follow
16 up and try to find out for you on all of
17 them. Again, it's a big universe of CRPs
18 that are out there for both sides.

19 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: I appreciate the
20 universe, but the problem is not the
21 universe of the CRPs. The problem is how
22 they get implemented and funded and 70 to
23 2, there's something wrong there. And if
24 you could provide some assistance so that
25 we can get our fair share of these

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2 resources to our community, I would
3 really appreciate that. Thank you very
4 much.

5 MR. LEIMONE: Sure. No problem. And
6 just for the record, I know there have
7 been requests and I believe we're trying
8 to set up a meeting. I know your caucus
9 has asked for a meeting about the Capital
10 Plan, and I think these types of projects
11 would be part of that meeting. So I know
12 we're trying to set that up for some time
13 in the next week. So perhaps that could
14 provide some clarity.

15 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: I really do
16 appreciate your effort. Thank you.

17 MR. LEIMONE: You're welcome.

18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Before
19 you go. Sorry, but you're earning your
20 money today. You are a gentleman, Chris,
21 and I appreciate that. And I know you're
22 in an awkward position, but to add to
23 that, which has also been in our
24 correspondence regarding the capital plan
25 meeting, which we do have set up for the

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2 18th. I spoke with the Comptroller for
3 about a half hour in person, and there
4 are many claims that have not been paid,
5 including those 14 that were incorporated
6 into the last Capital Plan. And we really
7 took everyone's word, and we trusted you
8 all, and we bonded based on that trust.
9 However, the ambulance for the Rockville
10 Centre, all the fire departments in my
11 district, they were given these big fake
12 checks, but they do not have the cash.
13 And it is such a terrible look for her
14 and for the County and as a legislator,
15 they all know what's going on. But it is
16 a horrible look to our first responders
17 to not be paying them. And honestly,
18 whether -- we clearly know it's a
19 Democrat Republican District issue;
20 however, the Democratic districts pay
21 just as much, you know, in taxes and
22 property taxes. They're entitled to this
23 funding the taxpayers. And if you ever
24 want to see work bipartisan, this is the
25 perfect example of a bipartisan

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2 administration with the way this is
3 working, and I've already made it clear
4 we put it in writing.

5 And, Chris, again, you're just the
6 messenger, and I'm not addressing this
7 directly towards you. But if you're going
8 to go back, you can just mention that
9 there are a lot of things in those
10 correspondences that we did forward,
11 including maybe paying our first
12 responders the actual money rather than
13 just the fake checks and getting the
14 IMAs. I sent in a correspondence to the
15 County Attorney demanding them. He works
16 for us. If he's holding up the IMAs, then
17 then shame on him. He should be moving
18 those forward. The whole --
19 unfortunately, everyone points in one
20 direction and that's upstairs, and I
21 believe that. I believe it from the
22 Comptroller and I believe it from other
23 sources. And I don't know how the heck he
24 can be running on a bipartisan platform
25 if this is the way he thinks he's going

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2 to go on. I don't even know what to do.
3 Because if we're going to agree to bond,
4 how do we agree to bond? If you didn't
5 pay our first responders when we agreed
6 to bond, how do we know anything is going
7 to come of it this time? Like how do we
8 agree to anything? There's no trust. So
9 he's got to really come up a lot of
10 steps, in my opinion. And I hope he does.
11 And we will meet with him on the 18th.
12 But again, I don't even know how to go
13 about considering bonding with this lack
14 of trust.

15 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay.

16 MR. LEIMONE: Thank you. I just want
17 to clarify a couple things there with
18 respect to claim vouchers. Just to
19 clarify the record, there are numerous
20 vouchers for Minority CRPs that were
21 recently signed, and they're now ready to
22 be processed and paid. The total for
23 these claim vouchers is \$852,955. That's
24 separate CRP vouchers.

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: The

first responders?

MR. LEIMONE: Those are not for the first responders.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: The first responders still don't have their money.

MR. LEIMONE: Well, hold on for a second, please. I'm going to get onto that. Those are for other CRPs that were not part of the 14 --

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Those were for CRPs that have already been passed and have not been paid for over a year.

MR. LEIMONE: These are CRPs. I don't know the exact timeframe.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: It's been a while.

MR. LEIMONE: These are CRPs that are ready to be paid, the claim vouchers have been signed. They're fully processed. They're ready for invoices to be submitted. I can give you the list of --

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Yeah, we

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2 need the list. And I'm glad. The
3 Comptroller did mention that she was
4 going to push to get that. We would like
5 the list. I mean, how are we going to
6 even know if no one communicates with us?

7 MR. LEIMONE: The claim vouchers were
8 sent.

9 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Right.
10 No, I do know that there are a couple
11 that -- but I think those -- 1 or 2. Send
12 me your list because I know of 1 or 2
13 that I think one that might be with the
14 first responder. I want to get the first
15 responders their money. I'm sorry. It's
16 so embarrassing. Every time I go to any
17 event at a fire department or anything
18 else. It's so embarrassing for the
19 County.

20 MR. LEIMONE: Just with respect to
21 the list, the \$855,000 in claims that
22 were recently authorized to be paid, and
23 they're ready to be paid. That's not the
24 Public Safety CRPs. There are eight of
25 those that are now ready for bills to be

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2 submitted, and that I can give you that
3 list, too. There's eight of those of the
4 14 that are ready to be submitted and
5 paid. We need to get the invoices. And
6 that includes the Public Safety project
7 that you mentioned for Rockville Centre.
8 That's ready, that's been ready for a few
9 weeks now. It's ready to be submitted and
10 be paid.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Yes, it
12 just came down last week.

13 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Everyone, everyone,
14 listen, take this offline.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Give me
16 the list. And we will look at it. But
17 again, this is what the big checks were
18 given before the election. So October. So
19 now we're in May. It's been seven months
20 of delay of paying from the capital plan.
21 So it's just hard for us to trust going
22 forward. I mean, I'm hopeful that we'll
23 come up with some solution, but it's
24 really a terrible precedent.

25 MR. LEIMONE: Again, I don't remember

any big check for Rockville Centre, but.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Oh,
yeah. We have pictures. I'll show you.
I'll send you the picture.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: This is really a
bookkeeping discussion. Take it offline,
please. That's really all it is at this
point.

Once again, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110,
114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121.

All those in favor say Aye.

(Whereupon, all members respond in
favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. All that's
unanimous.

Now three more consent items 111,
112, 113.

All those in favor say Aye.

(Whereupon, all members respond in
favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those are unanimous.

On 122 I understand that you might want to make a statement; is that correct?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: We passed it. But and I am glad that the opioid money was returned. I have a copy of it if anyone needs to see it. But what I'm concerned about is we got all the other transfer information on Friday, I believe late afternoon. So my attorneys are going to be reviewing that. And if there's any questions, we might want to have that tabled for full ledge.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. All those in favor of 122, please say Aye.

(Whereupon, all members respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That is unanimous.

Motion to adjourn made by Deputy Presiding Officer McKevitt, Minority Leader DeRiggi-Whitton, seconds.

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2 All in favor of adjourning Rules say
3 Aye.

4 (Whereupon, all members
5 respond in favor.)

6 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

7 (Whereupon, no response.)

8 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We are adjourned.

9 (Whereupon, meeting is adjourned,
10 3:30 p.m.)
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I, ALEXA 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 May, 2026.

Alexa Lorenzo

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