

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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PRESIDING OFFICER

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DENNIS DUNNE,
CHAIRMAN

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Mineola, New York

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A P P E A R A N C E S:

DENNIS DUNNE
Chair

DONALD MACKENZIE
Vice-Chair

VINCENT MUSCARELLA

DENISE FORD

LAURA CURRAN
Ranking

KEVAN ABRAHAMS

SIELA A. BYNOE

MICHAEL C. PULITZER,
Clerk of the Legislature

LIST OF SPEAKERS

JOE AVELLA.	5
BOB MCMANUS	6
ED SHANK.	8
GREG STEPHANOFF	10

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2 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Would the clerk please
3 call the roll?
4 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you. The Public
5 Safety Committee.
6 Legislator Siela Bynoe?
7 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.
8 CLERK PULITZER: Minority Leader Kevan
9 Abrahams?
10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.
11 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member Laura
12 Curran?
13 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.
14 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Denise Ford?
15 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.
16 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Vincent
17 Muscarella?
18 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.
19 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman Donald
20 MacKenzie?
21 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.
22 CLERK PULITZER: And Chairman Dennis
23 Dunne?
24 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Here.
25 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you. We have a

2 quorum.

3 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Thank you. The first
4 item to come before this committee is Item 152-
5 16, an ordinance supplemental to the annual
6 appropriation ordinance in connection with the
7 Department of Toxicology/Medical Examiner.

8 Motion by Vincent Muscarella, seconded by
9 Denise Ford.

10 Who do we have from the Medical
11 Examiner's Office? Please state your name and
12 title.

13 DR. AVELLA: Dr. Joe Avella. I'm the
14 director of the toxicology laboratory. This item
15 is a DCGS sponsored grant. It's a supplemental
16 grant, one time, that the toxicology lab applied
17 for.

18 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any questions from any
19 of the legislators?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Any public comment?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 There being none; all in favor indicate
24 by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

Any against?

(No verbal response.)

It passes on to the Finance Committee.

The next item coming before us is Item 164-16, an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the District Attorney's Office.

Also, 171 is a similar ordinance, an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the District Attorney's Office.

We will call 164 and 171. Motion by Legislator Denise Ford, seconded by Legislator Vincent Muscarella.

We have the district attorney's office coming up.

MR. MCMANUS: Bob McManus, district attorney's office.

Item 171 is a federal forfeiture award that we are seeking your approval for, the appropriation. This award resulted in our participation in cases involving federal law enforcement agencies. The money - we are required by law to use the money for the same

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2 purpose in the future after it is appropriated.
3 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: So you are asking for
4 the appropriation.
5 MR. MCMANUS: Yes, sir.
6 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any questions on 171
7 from any legislators?
8 (No verbal response.)
9 No public comment.
10 164.
11 MR. MCMANUS: 164 is also a supplemental
12 appropriation. This is a grant awarded by the
13 New York State Division of Criminal Justice
14 Services. It's the gun involved violence
15 elimination initiative. This grant money is
16 intended to help investigate and prosecute cases
17 where guns are involved in the County of Nassau.
18 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: That's legal and
19 illegal guns?
20 MR. MCMANUS: No, sir. Just illegal
21 guns.
22 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Illegal guns. I'm glad
23 we clarified that. Thank you.
24 MR. MCMANUS: If it's used to commit a
25 crime.

2 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Thank you. Thank you
3 so much.

4 Any questions on that?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Any public comment?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 There being none; all in favor indicate
9 by saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 Any against?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 They both move on to Finance.

14 Thank you, Mr. McManus.

15 MR. MCMANUS: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: The next item to come
17 before us is Item 170-16, an ordinance
18 supplemental to the annual appropriation
19 ordinance in connection with the Nassau County
20 Department of Probation.

21 MR. SHANK: Edward Shank, Nassau County
22 Probation Department.

23 This item appropriates \$316,245 as part
24 of the county's alternatives to incarceration
25 service plan. It's funded by the New York State

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2 Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of
3 Probation and Correctional Alternatives. It's
4 renewable annually. The service plan requires
5 counties to operate programs that divert
6 offenders from costly local incarceration,
7 especially at the pre-trial level. A release of
8 an offender provides the most substantial cost
9 savings, as the first several days of confinement
10 are typically the most expensive.

11 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Thank you, Mr. Shank.

12 It was moved by Legislator Muscarella,
13 and seconded by Denise Ford, Legislator Ford.

14 Are there any questions on this?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 It sounds like a good program.

17 Any public comment?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 There being none; all in favor indicate
20 by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 Any against?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 This moves on to Finance.

25 Thank you.

2 MR. SHANK: Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Can I entertain a
4 motion to suspend the rules? Made by Denise
5 Ford, seconded by Vincent Muscarella.

6 All in favor indicate by saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 Any against?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 Okay. We suspend the rules and go on to
11 the addendum.

12 The addendum is 186-16, an ordinance
13 supplemental to the annual appropriation
14 ordinance in connection with the Police
15 Department.

16 The motion was made by Denise Ford,
17 seconded by Vince Muscarella.

18 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Good afternoon.
19 Lieutenant Greg Stephanoff from the police
20 department.

21 This item appropriates \$404,500 in funds
22 from the New York State Division of Criminal
23 Justice to further the intelligence sharing,
24 gathering capabilities among the GIVE partnership
25 to provide overtime funding for equipment to

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2 enhance investigations and street level
3 enforcement. GIVE is Gun Involved Violence
4 Elimination. The money is going to be used for
5 street level enforcement, staffing for lead
6 development and intel analysts. There is some
7 money for the youth academy. There is also going
8 to be equipment purchased for intelligence
9 gathering as well.

10 This is a partnership with the DA's
11 office, the sheriff's and probation.

12 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Excellent. Excellent.
13 Are there any questions from any of the
14 legislators?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 There being none; any public comment?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 There being none; all in favor indicate
19 by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Any against?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 This passes and goes on to Finance also.

24 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: There being nothing

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2 else to come before this committee, motion by
3 Vincent Muscarella to adjourn, seconded by Denise
4 Ford.
5 All in favor indicating by saying aye.
6 (Aye.)
7 Any against?
8 (No verbal response.)
9 We are now adjourned.
10 (Whereupon, the Public Safety Committee
11 adjourned at 2:55 p.m.)
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
Notary Public in and for the State of New York,
do hereby state:

THAT I attended at the time and place above
mentioned and took stenographic record of the
proceedings in the above-entitled matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true and
accurate transcript of the same and the whole
thereof, according to the best of my ability and
belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
hand this 24th day of May, 2016.

FRANK GRAY