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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Will my
3 colleagues join me in the chamber.
4 Legislator Dunne, would you please lead us
5 in the Pledge of Allegiance.

6 (The Pledge of Allegiance was
7 recited.)

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now it's
9 time for the Rules Committee. I understand
10 there are a number of people here to speak.
11 However, I'm going to let you know that in
12 committees, when we have the committees,
13 public comment is only on the items that are
14 before us.

15 With all due respect to my
16 colleagues and, mostly to you, the public,
17 we're going to find a way today in which you
18 can speak on an item that is very very
19 important to you.

20 So I'm calling something out of
21 order, guess what, you'll be here till five
22 o'clock, or maybe later, so I don't think
23 that will be a good thing for you, and would
24 be a good thing for me, and certainly not
25 going to be a good thing for Legislator

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2 Solages.

3 So, Mr. Pultizer, please call the
4 roll for the Rules Committee. This is the
5 Rules Committee and not the entire Full
6 Legislature. Which will be on the 21st of
7 this month. Let's go.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: There are
9 folks here from the Nostrand Garden Civic
10 Association which they understand that the
11 item is not on the calendar today but you
12 had stated at the previous meeting that they
13 would have a response as to why a contract
14 for a Uniondale repaving street scape was
15 not going to be placed on the calendar.

16 I don't believe they heard from
17 you because I was with many of them on
18 Saturday. They're going to keep coming
19 until there is an answer that addresses why
20 this item is not on the calendar, which it
21 should be on the calendar because it would
22 be a Rules Committee contract.

23 But today is the appropriate day
24 that it would be on the calendar, I believe
25 the appropriate day when they came last time

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2 it was in the Full Legislature and we had
3 said that is not the appropriate day because
4 it is a Rules only contract. Today is a
5 Rules Committee meeting.

6 So they are here, one, to voice
7 their concern. Because it seems like
8 they'll just keep getting circles if they
9 come of the Full Legislative day, that's the
10 day they won't be heard because it's not on
11 the Rules calendar.

12 Then, if they come on the day for
13 the Rules calendar, they can't speak because
14 it's not on the agenda.

15 So, if they can just get a
16 response, I'm sure you will have a lot of
17 people who will leave here very happy if
18 they can just get a response when the item
19 will actually be on the calendar. Madam
20 Presiding Officer, do you have a response?

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I do have
22 a response. It may not be one that you want
23 to hear. Often times we put forth contracts
24 that impact on every district in Nassau
25 County.

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2 As has been customary, in the
3 past several months, most of those contracts
4 are not voted in the affirmative by the
5 minority.

6 As a result, many contracts that
7 impact on the various communities throughout
8 Nassau County sit in limbo.

9 I'm telling you right now, I
10 think capital projects are important to you
11 and Uniondale, they are also important to
12 people throughout Nassau County.

13 There is a problem here. The
14 problem is, if the procurement process is
15 good for some of the contracts, then it
16 should be good for all contracts.

17 So we're not calling the item
18 that you're here for today primarily because
19 we know that we do not have support for
20 other capital projects from the minority.
21 This has got to stop.

22 I'm not finished. I know how
23 important the street scape program is to
24 your district. Many of us in the past have
25 had street scape programs, but there are

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2 other projects that are important to many
3 other districts that are not considered in
4 the affirmative by the minority. You can't
5 have it both ways.

6 Either you vote yes on the
7 capital projects because the procurement
8 process is the same for you in Uniondale as
9 it is in any other district here in Nassau
10 County. That's where we're at.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So if I'm
12 assessing what you're saying --

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Go ahead.

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It sounds
15 like you're holding it up for your quid pro
16 quo. You're waiting for something from this
17 side in order to do something for your side.
18 I get it.

19 Let me make sure I understand
20 this correctly then. So when this was
21 negotiated to the capital plan maybe in
22 2013, this legislative body has to
23 renegotiate it again to get it onto the
24 calendar.

25 Because this was negotiated to

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2 get into the capital plan then, so you're
3 saying we have to do it again to get it on
4 the calendar. Look, the folks that come
5 down, they've been there already. The
6 County Executive has supported it. The
7 Supervisor of the Town of Hempstead has
8 supported it.

9 When he was a councilman,
10 Councilman Santito, he supported it.
11 Supervisor Murray, she supported it.
12 They're all are on board.

13 The only ones that are not on
14 board is yourself, Madam Presiding Officer.
15 Because the bottom line is, for these folks,
16 they have already been through all of this
17 since 2013.

18 In all of what you just said, for
19 the last two minutes, and I apologize for
20 jumping in, I thought you were done, you
21 didn't once describe why this contract has
22 not come before this committee when it has
23 been fully funded and has been submitted to
24 your attention five, six, seven, April,
25 seven months ago. It's been given to your

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2 attention.

3 You have not once described why
4 it's not being called other than there are
5 many items that need to happen in this
6 legislative body, and because we're not
7 getting our quid pro quo, the contract will
8 not go forward. That's the only thing I
9 head. Am I mishearing it?

10 MR. BECKER: If I may, Madam
11 Presiding Officer?

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Hold on.
13 You're not on the committee. I don't want
14 to be -- let me say something to you. I
15 don't want to --

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If I may
17 add, Madam Presiding Officer, then I'll let
18 you have the floor, not one contract has
19 been stopped. Not one.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Because we
21 all vote for it and you don't.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay, but
23 not one contract has been stopped. So to
24 give the insinuation that business has been
25 blocked and no contracts have gone through

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2 is totally absurd.

3 Every contract that you have put
4 forward has passed. Let's just call it for
5 what it is. It's exactly what it is. That
6 you and your caucus are using this position
7 to try to hurt, whether it's myself or our
8 legislative caucus, just because of
9 politics. Let's just call it for what it
10 is.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I just
12 want to clarify something.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Don't
14 insult their intelligence.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Don't talk
16 to me about quid pro quo because let me say
17 something to you. You have become masters
18 of quid pro quo.

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: How so?

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Oh, many
21 times. You have not, and I told you, I'm
22 not going to turn this into a --

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: What is our
24 quid pro quo? Describe it to me. I would
25 love to hear our quid pro quo.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm sorry,
3 but I'm not going to go there, all right?

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: There's
5 nothing to stand on.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes, there
7 is.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I think I
9 know what you're talking about, because we
10 won't bond because we want an independent
11 Inspector General. Why else do we need
12 that, folks? Do we need an independent
13 Inspector General to review contracts? I
14 wonder why we have been pushing for that.
15 Is there any reason that you can think of,
16 Madam Presiding Officer, why we would need
17 that?

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Hold on.
19 I'm not going to take their time but Deputy
20 Presiding Officer would like to speak.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I just
22 have a very simple point or question either
23 way.

24 For months, since April or before
25 that, the position of you, Legislator

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2 Minority Leader Abrahams, and the minority
3 has been that the procurement process is
4 tainted and that they don't want to vote on
5 any contracts because they're tainted, that
6 project.

7 I can understand the position
8 that you have. I don't agree with it but I
9 understand it.

10 So, for all those months you have
11 been abstaining on contracts which have been
12 passing by the votes in the majority.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Not all.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You have
15 made exceptions with respect to I think the
16 DA's Office, et cetera, but the vast
17 majority --

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If he's
19 going to speak, he has to speak accurately.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You have
21 to not interrupt.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The vast
23 majority of these contracts are contracts
24 that were planned for many years. The
25 finances have been approved. They have been

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2 in capital plans. They involve very
3 important issues for the county, and the
4 minority has been abstaining on each one of
5 them.

6 So, my question for you is this,
7 other than the fact that this project is in
8 your district, what's different about it
9 than all the other contracts that you were
10 abstaining on?

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: The bonding
12 is done, Rich.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: On many of
14 these items.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No, it's
16 not. We are about to entertain contracts
17 today and we're going to identify them.
18 Don't worry, I'm getting to that. We're
19 entertaining contracts that just got
20 approved with your eleventh hour bonding at
21 10:30 at night, the bonding was done for
22 this in 2013.

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Are you
24 trying to tell me that all of those
25 contracts that you have been abstaining on,

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2 not one of them the bonding has been done?

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Some of
4 them the bonding was done, yes.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: All right.
6 So what's different between this item --
7 other than the fact that it affects your
8 district? I understand why you fight for
9 your district. What is different in this
10 item than all the other items you abstained
11 on that had bonding in place that were
12 planned for many years? What's different,
13 other than the fact that it's in your
14 district that you've been abstaining on?

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes, we've
16 been abstaining on contracts because there's
17 no Inspector General in this county.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I
19 understand.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: To oversee
21 the process in this county.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I
23 understand that's your position. But tell
24 me with respect to this item, other than the
25 fact that it's in your district, what's

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2 different than the other items that you had
3 been abstaining on?

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We're
5 asking for an item to be called. I don't
6 understand what's your --

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: But you're
8 abstaining on items. Why would we call --

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Rich, you
10 have no idea how our caucus will vote on
11 this item. You haven't called it yet.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You have
13 an objection to the procurement process
14 except for projects in your district.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That's not
16 what I'm saying, Rich. What we are saying
17 is, the Presiding Officer hasn't even deemed
18 this necessary to be called.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You want
20 us to vote for it, will you abstain?

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Will you
22 call it?

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Will you
24 abstain?

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I have to

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2 tell you how I'm going to vote in order for
3 you to put it on the calendar? Where else
4 does it work like that in America?

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So your
6 position is --

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You're
8 going to tell people how they're going to
9 vote before they vote?

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Put this
11 on the calendar. I'm not going to tell you
12 how to vote for it.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You should
14 put it on the calendar for them.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: This is a
16 charade.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You got
18 that right.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We agree
20 with that.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: First of
22 all, it's not on the agenda today. And,
23 ladies, I know you are very passionate about
24 it and I can understand it, but there is no
25 public comment on this item because it's not

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2 before us today.

3 I'm sorry, if it were on the
4 agenda today, you would have a right to
5 speak, but not today. I'm sorry, this item
6 is not on the calendar. There is no public
7 comment. You're out of order.

8 Do the roll call.

9 CLERK PULITZER: Carrie Solages
10 substituting?

11 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

12 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Delia
13 DeRiggi-Whitton?

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
15 Here.

16 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
17 Kevan Abrahams?

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

19 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
20 Dennis Dunne?

21 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Here.

22 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman
23 Richard Nicoletto?

24 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

25 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.

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2 Chairwoman Norma Gonsalves?

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Present.

4 CLERK PULITZER: We have a
5 quorum, ma'am. Excuse me, C. William Gaylor
6 the III is substituting for Howard Kopel.

7 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: And I'm here.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.

9 As I said earlier, since there are people
10 here from the -- I believe it's the Valley
11 Stream community, I'm not too sure, it could
12 be from others, but there is an item,
13 Mr. Becker, please bring it outside, I would
14 like to move on.

15 Now I am going to call the item
16 out of order in all due respect for you who
17 have been sitting there for a while thinking
18 that this would be the opportunity for you
19 to speak regarding the Green Acres PILOT
20 program.

21 Now, we call the item. We have
22 someone to explain the item, and then I will
23 call for public comment after the
24 legislators have had an opportunity to
25 question the individual who will be talking

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2 in regard to this item.

3 The item is 540-16, a local law
4 to authorize a voluntary partial amnesty
5 program for income producing property owners
6 that are liable to pay fines pursuant to the
7 Nassau County Administrative Code.

8 A motion, please.

9 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR Second.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
12 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
13 Gaylor. Who is here to speak on this item?

14 MR. BECKER: Madam Chair, I was
15 caught a little off guard. This is
16 sponsored by the Legislature, correct, and
17 we should have someone here from the
18 assessment department?

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: That's
20 right and the County Attorney's Office.

21 What I'm going to do is, can we
22 get someone from Assessment, please?

23 MR. BECKER: Yes.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: At this
25 time then I'm going to give the public an

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2 opportunity to speak. Young lady, yes, you
3 may, I hope you have a slip in. What is
4 your name?

5 MS. STEIN: Barbara Stein.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Do you
7 have a slip in?

8 MS. STEIN: Yes.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You can
10 speak. I want you to put in a slip.

11 MS. STEIN: It was turned in.
12 These women have it. Anyway, Valley Stream
13 is a diverse community. We are very strong.
14 We have Muslims. We have Hispanics. We
15 have blacks, Chinese, White people. We all
16 pay our taxes and we are very concerned that
17 because of a committee that apparently went
18 out of bounds and did their actions not
19 transparently for the community, but now
20 they are jeopardizing our homes, our school
21 district, our children, and not even for
22 just one year but for a possibility of 15
23 years. All so that some stores can sell
24 goods to some other people who don't even
25 live in our community.

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2 So, I would address whoever needs
3 to be addressed, to see if they can rectify
4 this matter and not tear apart our community
5 and cause people to lose their homes, not
6 pay their mortgages, and children go by the
7 wayside.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank
9 you, Barbara. I have Jill Kaplan.

10 MS. KAPLAN: Good afternoon. I'm
11 here in person and I have emails and letters
12 from friends who were not able to be here
13 with me. I would like to speak about the
14 \$105 and extra fees on top of that for
15 moving violations.

16 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Jill Kaplan,
17 this is not the time to address that issue.
18 This is specifically regarding Section
19 540-16.

20 MS. KAPLAN: With all due
21 respect, a representative from Mr. Abrahams
22 told me that that was where I was supposed
23 to speak. Is there another time?

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: 540-16.

25 MS. KAPLAN: Yes. Thank you. We

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2 feel that this additional fee that is coming
3 out of nowhere is not only outrageous but is
4 offensive to people that live in these
5 communities.

6 If we are going to go to the
7 library with our kids and you end up staying
8 an extra five minutes, you come out and you
9 have a \$200 parking ticket to address. Are
10 you kidding me?

11 These fees, if there is a gap
12 that needs to be filled, and we do
13 understand that there are reasons why this
14 has happened, we do not accept them, but we
15 understand that they are there.

16 If you are concerned about
17 revenue and loss of revenue what happens
18 when stores close because people don't shop?
19 Personally I never go to Rockville Centre
20 because of those muni meters.

21 I live in Freeport, I have
22 neighbors who live in Baldwin who know how
23 great the Freeport Library is, but you guys
24 have those muni meters there, I don't go. I
25 would rather go to an inferior library in a

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2 neighboring community than have to pay for
3 those meters.

4 This is not about the meters, is
5 this what happens after the meters expire.
6 This happens when you go through one of
7 those red light money grabbing ticket
8 things. Now all of a sudden it's \$300 for
9 those.

10 Instead of all these things of
11 gotcha and trying to sneak up on people who
12 live here and make us want to leave and
13 frustrate us, there are alternatives. I'm
14 just curious if anybody on the Legislative
15 branch up there, if you guys know how many
16 households there are in Nassau County?
17 Could somebody tell me?

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: 400,000.

19 MS. KAPLAN: Correct. That was
20 what I got, 443. So if each one of those
21 households paid \$50, which is a lot less
22 than these crazy tickets that you are trying
23 to give out, it would come to \$23 million.
24 Which is not going to fill your budget gap
25 totally, but it shouldn't. It should not

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2 only be on our shoulders.

3 If there was some kind of
4 oversight where we started to discover how
5 much do people pay when they take people out
6 for lunch. What's your budget for that?
7 How many times do you have to refill your
8 staples and your Post-its because those are
9 disappearing? And what are you paying for
10 that?

11 CLERK PULITZER: Ma'am, your
12 three minutes have expired.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Wrap it up.

14 MS. KAPLAN: I'm wrapping it up
15 by saying, it's a community so it's a
16 community effort. So if we are willing to
17 go a little bit, not hundreds of dollars
18 every single time, and maybe you guys were
19 able to find little gaps in the budget
20 there, that maybe together we can find a
21 solution.

22 I would like to know where I'm
23 supposed to deliver these so they will be
24 part of the record as well.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Give it to

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2 the clerk.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Madam
4 Presiding Officer, may I respond to
5 Ms. Kaplan? How are you, Ms. Kaplan?

6 MS. KAPLAN: Good.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I wanted to
8 let you know, you may have missed our last
9 Legislative, meeting where the budget was
10 discussed on the 31st last week.

11 MS. KAPLAN: I did, sorry.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That's
13 okay. But at that time, as you well know,
14 the budget for the county passed. It passed
15 also with the revenue for the public safety
16 fee in it.

17 However, the revenue item did not
18 pass. The actual Public Safety fee did not
19 pass.

20 You may or may not know, our
21 side, Legislative Minority Democrats in the
22 Legislature have not supported the fee for
23 the same reasons you have highlighted today.

24 We have pushed our colleagues to
25 the right, the Legislative Majority, to at

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2 least call the vote because we would like to
3 see where they stand in regards to this
4 issue.

5 It is my fear that you will not
6 see that vote called today. You will not
7 see it until after Election Day because they
8 do not want to hurt their colleagues in
9 state and federal government over this
10 issue.

11 That being said, as I said before
12 during the budget meeting and before that,
13 we have to push my colleagues to the right
14 to call the vote. That's the only way this
15 goes away, folks. It doesn't go away on its
16 own.

17 There is revenue that's tied to
18 this item, 60 million plus dollars that's
19 tied to the budget that's already passed.
20 The only way we get them to remove the
21 revenue out of the budget is by calling the
22 public safety fee item today and we vote it
23 down today.

24 I can speak for our side. We
25 have votes that are ready to vote that fee

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2 down. I can't say that for their side but,
3 thank you, Ms. Kaplan, for coming down.

4 MS. KAPLAN: Can I just ask how
5 the process goes, how is it determined,
6 Ms. Gonsalves, how is it determined?

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: How is it
8 determined? When there's due diligence on
9 our part to find alternatives to the public
10 safety fee, that's exactly what we're doing
11 right now. Thank you very much.

12 MS. KAPLAN: Do you take things
13 like this into consideration?

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay.
15 Give them to the clerk.

16 MS. KAPLAN: Great. Thank you
17 very much for your time.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Theodora,
19 would you say your last name,

20 MS. EGBUCHULAM: Good afternoon
21 everyone. My name is Theodora Egbuchulam.
22 I'm an Administrative Law Judge in Brooklyn.
23 I took the day off today because of the
24 importance of the matter before us,
25 specifically, the sweetheart deal that was

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2 granted to Green Acres Mall on the behalf
3 and on the backs of the ordinary residents
4 of Millbrook.

5 Last Monday it is my
6 understanding that those of you who sit
7 before me did not approve to table the tax
8 rolls.

9 You have the power to reconsider
10 and amend the tax rolls that are inaccurate
11 based on a flawed Green Acres PILOT.

12 I understand that the flaw is as
13 a result of not adding the school district
14 and the resident taxes together.

15 The youngest victims are children
16 of the school districts, Valley Stream
17 Central High School District, District 13,
18 24 and 30.

19 The victims are also the senior
20 citizens, many of whom I met today, my
21 neighbors. Also are those families who have
22 moved into Millbrook because it was a place
23 to raise young children.

24 On the news today, we hear so
25 much about the national elections. It's

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2 been stated that New York Senate is going to
3 change rapidly, and leading that change is
4 Nassau County.

5 If you look around in this room
6 you will see people who never stood before
7 you before. You have awoken a sleeping
8 giant.

9 Voters like myself who have
10 always paid taxes, who have always done the
11 right thing, and always trusted that our
12 elected officials would do right by us.

13 When I heard from my
14 representative, Mr. Carrie Solages, that a
15 tax roll had been granted and a PILOT had
16 been given to Green Acres Mall, without my
17 having the opportunity to be heard, I was
18 appalled.

19 I stand before you today to let
20 you know that while we may have the voting
21 power, you also have the legal and the moral
22 authority to do the right thing.

23 So I'm not shouting. The time
24 for that will come. But, today, I'm humbly
25 requesting that you do the right thing.

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2 That you reconsider and reassess the tax
3 roll so that it's fair and equitable, not
4 only for the senior citizens, not only for
5 myself, but for the young people who are
6 just beginning their lives as American
7 citizens. Thank you very much in advance.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.

9 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Presiding
10 Officer, I will be brief.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
12 Solages.

13 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I would like
14 to first thank the Presiding Officer for
15 allowing us for this item to be advanced so
16 we can discuss this issue.

17 I thank the Presiding Officer and
18 thank my colleague who represents the other
19 half of Valley Stream, Mr. William Gaylor,
20 thank you very much.

21 Today we had a press conference
22 on the steps of this beautiful building in
23 which we asked respectfully that the
24 assessor start a petition to restore the
25 amended property, Green Acres Mall, back

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2 onto the tax roll, and also asking for the
3 Assessment Review Commission to recommend
4 the restoration of that property on the tax
5 roll, and finally the third step would be
6 for this legislative body to approve of
7 these efforts.

8 These are the legal efforts as
9 well as the IDA reversing its decision in
10 order to correct this issue.

11 I also have reached out to the
12 independent Office of Budget Review and that
13 office provided to me a report which I will
14 provide to my colleagues today that, in
15 essence, is a community impact study. This
16 is sort of the impact study that should have
17 been done in the first place before this
18 PILOT was granted.

19 If you read this report, it shows
20 that Green Acres Mall is not only paying \$6
21 million in taxes this year, but they're
22 going to do that for the next 15 years.
23 That adds to a grand total of \$59.9 million.

24 As a result, the class one
25 property classifications in Valley Stream,

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2 residential properties are now paying a 17
3 percent increase, as opposed to the class
4 four which are commercial properties that
5 are paying 19 percent less.

6 As a result, on the third page of
7 this report, you will see several different
8 entities in Nassau County will now ask for
9 more in taxes.

10 For example, according to the
11 report, the school district, District 30,
12 the high school and the schools, will be
13 asking for a 17 percent increase. The Town
14 of Hempstead will be asking for a 1.9
15 percent increase. The library district
16 point three. The Town of Hempstead lighting
17 district, 3.6 percent increase, and Town of
18 Hempstead Park District will ask for a 3.8
19 increase.

20 So, by changing the base
21 proportional share of taxes due in Valley
22 Stream, this is going to have an aggregate
23 effect on all of the taxing districts.

24 We have only seen the beginning
25 of this financial storm. I will provide

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2 this report to my colleagues so that they
3 can review it in their consideration of
4 reviewing the tax roll. Thank you.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Raul
6 Gossen, I believe? He had to leave. Next,
7 Gloria Slavin.

8 MS. SLAVIN: My name is Gloria
9 Slavin. I'm a resident here for 50 years.

10 When I first moved in till today,
11 my taxes have been going up quite a bit.
12 The commercial base for the taxes of Valley
13 Stream have been eroded and the homeowners
14 have been asked to pick up the balance year
15 by year and it's getting to the point where
16 we're being drowned in taxes. Being able to
17 stay in my home is getting to be something
18 that I will have to consider the taxes for.

19 I do not understand why Green
20 Acres was given this PILOT program without
21 notification or an impact study or the
22 residents being allowed to voice their
23 opinion.

24 I feel that the tax base for
25 which this PILOT program is based on needs

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2 to be reviewed and the whole process of how
3 we assess taxes and the property, how that
4 whole process goes on, needs to be
5 reassessed.

6 So basically what I'm asking is
7 that you look into this again and see if you
8 can relieve some of the burden that these
9 homeowners are being forced to bear
10 unrepresented.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Marie
12 Antoinette Bernard.

13 DR. BERNARD: Good afternoon.
14 Thank you, Mrs. Chairman, for making the
15 opportunity for all of us to speak today and
16 we're very appreciative of that and you all
17 understand what I mean by that when I state
18 that I'm not from this country and I came to
19 this country because it was the founded on
20 the principle that we are the people make
21 this country regardless of the party line
22 that was in the discussion and seems to
23 generate.

24 Because especially after the
25 vote, regardless of what party you belong,

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2 you are in front of me, are here to
3 represent us.

4 I'm a physician and I apologize
5 for not using right now the jargon and the
6 language that you use, and I can promise you
7 that for a few months now I started reading
8 about it. I cannot speak like my colleague.
9 I don't have that background.

10 However, I can speak as a mother
11 who decided to have her children here in the
12 United States. I'm here today to represent
13 them because they can't come here and I'm
14 representing therefore my children, not only
15 my children, not only myself because I live
16 in Valley Stream, because of the kind of
17 neighborhood that is there.

18 As my predecessor stated, it's a
19 very diverse neighborhood. We are all
20 working. We are senior citizens. We have
21 people like me still working and I decided
22 today, even though I think that I, we, the
23 people voted for you, and therefore I should
24 be peacefully on my job taking care of my
25 patient, and you all represent me, but I had

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2 to take the time off and come to plead in
3 front of you.

4 That as any resident of my
5 neighborhood Valley Stream School District
6 13, 24, and my representative showed you,
7 all the district because of my passion and
8 my emotion, I may not be able to recite
9 here, Lynbrook, everybody affected.

10 I'm here to tell you we work to
11 pay taxes. We pay taxes on time. I want to
12 pay on time my taxes on time. However, I
13 want to pay my fair share of taxes.

14 I came here to work hard, to
15 raise my children to work hard and I want
16 children of character. I don't want to be
17 forgiving the taxes that I have to pay.

18 However, I refuse to pay taxes
19 simply to enrich a different kind of group
20 of people. Okay? I'm here to pay my fair
21 share on time. I'm here in front of all of
22 you to ask that you do the right thing.

23 I'm really puzzled that beside
24 Mr. Gaylor, sorry if I don't say the right
25 way, that somehow you needed the Democrats

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2 to raise that you need to be fair regardless
3 of what it is.

4 I can only relate in terms of me
5 as a physician. When my patient comes in
6 front of me, it doesn't matter to me whether
7 the patient is uninsured, has the best
8 insurance, it doesn't matter the gender,
9 ethnicity. It doesn't really matter; a
10 person is a person. A human is a human.
11 I'm fair to all of them the right way.

12 If I don't understand something,
13 I will tell them this is not my specialty.
14 I refer you to that one. But I respect
15 every single person that comes to me.

16 And we the people, we voted the
17 bottom line. So, therefore, I expect from
18 all of you that you are fair to me, to my
19 children, and to our community.

20 As I had mentioned before, maybe
21 you were not present, when I came to this
22 country, I was not a citizen of the United
23 States. But you do know when I decided to
24 be a citizen? The day I had a child. I
25 said, on the moment when my child is not

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2 there, I be there. That's why I'm here in
3 front of you.

4 I apologize if my passion and my
5 background I didn't use the words that I
6 need to use, but I hope that my point went
7 across. What it is that I'm pleading for
8 today let me repeat in summary.

9 I want to pay my fair share, my
10 neighbors want to pay their fair share. My
11 children, our children are in the school
12 district. We want the school district to
13 get good taxes to pay the teachers, et
14 cetera. You know what I mean?

15 But I do not want to enrich
16 somebody else. I did not come to the United
17 States to do that. Thank you.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
19 very much, Dr. Bernard. Legislator Gaylor.

20 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: I just wanted
21 to say to Dr. Bernard, thank you for your
22 comments, first of all, and you have no
23 problem communicating, so you don't have to
24 apologize that you're not communicating to
25 us. I hear you clearly and hear you loudly.

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2 As well as I hear all of our residents.

3 I had the opportunity to talk
4 with my colleagues about this matter at
5 great depth and whatnot. We are all of the
6 same position that the Town of Hempstead has
7 taken some necessary and proper steps first
8 by instituting a lawsuit against the town
9 IDA.

10 Second, the supervisor,
11 Mr. Santito, has called for the removal of
12 the entire Town of Hempstead IDA members.
13 That will come before the Town of Hempstead
14 council for a vote on November 15th at the
15 Town of Hempstead.

16 He's asked that a new board be
17 put in place to address this specific issue
18 and determine how this happened, what the
19 real facts are here and then how things can
20 be corrected.

21 So, we understand right now that
22 there is a challenge going on initiated by
23 the Town of Hempstead against the Town of
24 Hempstead IDA. That's a great first step.

25 If the challenge is successful,

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2 New York State law requires that any
3 adjustments to our tax levy, the increase
4 that you have experienced because of this
5 PILOT, would have to be reversed and you
6 would see a credit in the future on your tax
7 bill refunding the money that you might have
8 to pay today because the tax bills are out.

9 I know my colleagues on this side
10 as well as my colleagues on the other side
11 stand behind that. And we will do
12 everything within our power to pass
13 legislation at the county level that will
14 reflect those changes that may be
15 forthcoming.

16 So I don't think that you have to
17 worry about us not taking appropriate
18 action. I think that when those actions are
19 to be taken, we will take them. When we can
20 legally take them, we will take them. I
21 don't think we are quite there yet, but
22 we're moving in the right direction.

23 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: So, just to
24 be clear, Mr. Gaylor, is that a commitment
25 by yourself that you will reach out to your

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2 colleagues once there is a decision by the
3 IDA to reverse it, hopefully you will reach
4 out to your colleagues so that that the tax
5 rolls here in Nassau County can be
6 corrected?

7 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Yes. If
8 there is a correction to be made we are
9 required by law to make that correction.

10 That's my commitment. I stand
11 with the people and I have stood with them
12 from the beginning.

13 Dr. Bernard was very well spoken
14 when she was before the Town of Hempstead
15 IDA board two weeks ago or whenever it was,
16 as well as many of our residents. So I'm
17 committed. I stand with them.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Just to
19 set the record clear, if and when we and the
20 Town of Hempstead are successful as required
21 by New York State law, and listen to me
22 carefully, I'll say these words and I think
23 Legislator Gaylor said, this Legislature
24 stands ready to pass the legislation that
25 reflects that success. Is that a

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2 commitment?

3 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Yes.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Ms.

5 Mereday, you have a number of items which
6 include 540 so, if you would like, you can
7 speak on 540. I have Renee Rothblum.

8 MS. ROTHBLUM: I represent the
9 senior faculty. I'm very encouraged what I
10 heard so far.

11 Sherman, my husband and I, have
12 been residents for more than 60 years when
13 it was known as the Green Acres, not the
14 Millbrook, and there was no shopping center,
15 and when they wanted to build one they came
16 and they asked permission and we said all
17 right. In return we received a reduction in
18 taxes. Reduction.

19 Of course over the 60 years my
20 husband, who is a manufacturer and I, a
21 teacher, worked, and we raised our children.
22 We are now retired of course and we are
23 senior citizens living on a fixed income.

24 We ask you, please, it is most
25 difficult for us at this point and every

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2 increase means we have to sacrifice
3 something in the way that we have lived. We
4 are both in our '90s, and we would like to
5 remain in our house which is our home.

6 So, please, we would appreciate
7 any efforts that you can make to rectify
8 this mistake. Thank you.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.
10 I believe we have one other person who
11 wanted to speak on this item and it's Meta
12 Mereday, 540, and that's the item you are
13 going to speak on at this particular time.

14 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday,
15 Baldwin resident. Another one of the
16 oppressed, overtaxed, underserved
17 communities in Nassau County.

18 To keep it relevant, as I was
19 told by those that we elect, which I always
20 find interesting, I have questions with
21 regard to this program because of the nature
22 of the seriousness of the numerous
23 allegations and arrests and possible
24 convictions that impact elected officials in
25 Nassau County and those who represent the

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2 underserved overstressed taxpayers; those
3 who are fortunate in fighting valiantly to
4 stay in their homes even though we are
5 having increasing number of zombie homes,
6 but, that's right, there's a land grant that
7 supports the demolition of a home, but
8 really no programs to help keep residents in
9 their homes.

10 Oh, I'm sorry because we are
11 giving PILOTS to companies and organizations
12 and individuals but we can't provide street
13 scapes for residents in Uniondale who have
14 been suffering, and they are going to get
15 another little bonus when the Coliseum opens
16 and that group of stores, which is ten steps
17 away from Roosevelt Field, which is already
18 suffering from shopping, but then you give a
19 PILOT to Green Acres Mall, and you say now
20 you are going to fix the problem when last
21 week you were advised that you could table
22 the decision with regard to that issue.

23 You were advised that you could
24 table it. And it did come from the
25 representative from the County Executive.

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2 But the majority in this body chose not to
3 do that.

4 To my point, it's shame on you.
5 It is shame on you. You're going to have
6 this proposed law that's going to provide
7 amnesty, but who is monitoring that law?

8 Who is going to be in charge of
9 that program?

10 What is the tax benefit to
11 whoever's colleague, neighbor, friend or
12 relative who will gain from that?

13 What residents are listed in
14 terms of getting this amnesty from the fines
15 when you should have constructively dealt
16 with the issue?

17 Don't come to the table now in
18 November and say we are going to have a
19 solution to the problem. You should have
20 had a solution to the problem. You should
21 have had this impact study to begin with
22 before you pushed that overinflated property
23 tax scenario and the budget last week that
24 you slipped in without residents having the
25 benefit of comment or contribution.

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2 Now you're going to give somebody
3 a voluntary program that you're not even
4 spelling out who is going to be involved in
5 this amnesty? That makes no sense and you
6 all know it.

7 I encourage those that are here,
8 this place should be packed on a regular
9 basis just to find out how business is done
10 under the table, behind the scenes, and in
11 back rooms of Nassau County.

12 And if the residents don't speak
13 up, you might as well continue to meet them
14 who are running out of town. Why are we
15 paying money for empty houses when we have
16 residents here who are trying to fight to
17 stay in their house?

18 CLERK PULITZER: Your three
19 minutes have expired.

20 MS. MEREDAY: I get it. Why are
21 we paying money to tear down an empty house
22 and we are squeezing the life out of those
23 who are trying to maintain their homes?
24 Again, who is benefiting from this program
25 that has its own party connections?

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2 I know this is not question and
3 answer but at least my information is on the
4 record, as I encourage all of these
5 residents here to pick a form there, write
6 an issue that is on the ballot and I say
7 call to vote on the street scaping and any
8 other issue so that these residents can be
9 heard. They have to go back to their two or
10 three jobs or find another income even
11 though they're retired. I call for the
12 vote.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.
14 Those were the last slips I had for 540.
15 Hopefully, Legislator Solages, if you want
16 to wrap it up, you may. I'm expecting
17 someone from the Tax Assessor's Office and
18 from the County Attorney.

19 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I would like
20 to thank the Presiding Officer again for
21 being very fair here today in allowing these
22 individuals to speak. Thank you.

23 This issue, as was stated before,
24 is in the control of the Town of Hempstead
25 and Town of Hempstead IDA. I encourage you

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2 to please come to that meeting on November
3 15th. Between now and then I will reach out
4 to you just to update you on any changes
5 here but I thank the Presiding Officer for
6 her public commitment here today that if
7 this decision by the IDA is reversed, that
8 this body will take the necessary steps to
9 correct the tax roll and I thank you.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're
11 welcome. Mr. Becker, do we have anyone from
12 the Assessor's Office to speak on this item?

13 MR. BECKER: Madam Chair, I
14 understand that there's a person from the
15 County Attorney's on their way and that
16 individual is the one who is going to speak
17 on behalf of the Legislature in regards to
18 this. They're on their way.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: What does
20 that mean?

21 MR. BECKER: They're going to be
22 here any minute.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Hopefully
24 that person will be here soon so these
25 people can go home. I'm going to ask for a

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2 motion to table.

3 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
6 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
7 Nicolello.

8 MR. BECKER: I will let you know
9 as soon as that person arrives.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: That's
11 only because the speaker for this item is
12 not here yet and as soon as that person
13 comes, then we will go back and untable this
14 item. Is that okay? I believe it is.

15 All those in favor of tabling 540
16 signify by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 Any opposed?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 The item is tabled unanimously.

21 Now, we're going to go back to
22 the regular agenda. I hate to tell you
23 this, it's actually the contracts that we go
24 to. Primarily there are items on the Rules
25 Committee that need to go to other

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2 committees; such as Public Safety, Health
3 and Finance and Planning.

4 So we are now going to go to the
5 contracts in the Rules Committee. We are
6 now on contracts.

7 The first contract is A-28-16, a
8 resolution authorizing the director of
9 Nassau County Office of Purchasing to award
10 and execute a contract between the County of
11 Nassau acting on behalf of the Nassau County
12 Department of Public Works and Intercounty
13 Paving Associates L.L.C.

14 Motion, please.

15 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
18 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
19 Nicolello. Who is here to speak on this
20 item? I would like Mr. Arnold to speak on
21 the item.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I wasn't
23 going to speak on the item. I'm going to
24 speak on the practice.

25 No disrespect to Mr. Arnold or to

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2 any official in DPW.

3 However, though I believe the
4 County Executive is deserved his right for
5 his day in Court, and anyone is proven
6 innocent until proven guilty, however, this
7 county has a black cloud due to its
8 procurement process, the same black cloud
9 that my caucus and my colleagues have been
10 fighting for independent Inspector General
11 now for the last 18 months.

12 To me, it's unbelievable that we
13 are going to entertain a Rules contract now
14 knowing our worst fears have come true in
15 the arrest of the County Executive.

16 That being said, I'm going to
17 call on my Legislative colleagues again to
18 not go forward with approving contracts
19 under this cloud.

20 I think it's important that we
21 demonstrate transparency to the people of
22 this county by giving them an independent
23 Inspector General, the very same thing we
24 have been calling for for the last 18
25 months. We don't want our fears to be

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2 right. We didn't know whether we were going
3 to be right or wrong.

4 However, we take this arrest and
5 this indictment very seriously.

6 As I said before, the County
7 Executive is due his day in Court and
8 everyone is innocent until proven guilty.

9 At the same time, we have to
10 restore confidence to the people of Nassau
11 County. The way we do that is by ensuring
12 there is an independent authority reviewing
13 the procurement process here in this county.

14 To have a Rules Committee agenda
15 with dozens and dozens of Rules Committee
16 contracts just, to me, slaps people in the
17 face of what we just endured and seen this
18 county go through in the last two weeks.

19 Madam Presiding Officer, I
20 respectfully call for you to table these
21 contracts and not consider them until there
22 is an Independent Inspector General to
23 review the procurement process in this
24 county. Thank you.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.

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2 Let's go back to Item A-28-16 which was
3 already read into the record.

4 Mr. Arnold, I believe you are
5 here to speak on this item.

6 MR. ARNOLD: Good afternoon, Ken
7 Arnold, Public Works. This is a blanket
8 order for the rehabilitation of recharge
9 basins. It's a contract that the department
10 uses to take over grown vegetation, trees
11 and stumps out of the basin bottoms.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
13 questions? Legislator Nicoletto.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Actually
15 it's not a question for you, Mr. Arnold.

16 The Minority Leader has spoken
17 loudly and clearly and has articulated his
18 position well. He's demanding that we not
19 proceed with any of these contracts, and
20 about a half hour ago demanded that we
21 proceed with one contract from his district.
22 So I'm not sure what to take of it right
23 now.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And I'm
25 not going to have a debate.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We have to
3 have a debate.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No, no.
5 You raised the issue and he responded.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No, no.
7 Deputy Presiding Officer, why don't you just
8 call the contract? You haven't even gotten
9 to the point to call the contract. You were
10 able to bring up all of these contracts,
11 contracts for water basins, contracts for
12 electrical contracts, contracts for all this
13 other stuff. Just call the contract.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: But you
15 are demanding that all the other contracts
16 not be called except your contract, I don't
17 get it.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Call the
19 contract. Just call the contract.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You want
21 us to call that contract but demanded that
22 we not --

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We
24 understand why you're not calling the
25 contract, we get it, because the Presiding

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2 Officer hasn't given a response to these
3 people in seven months. We understand it
4 was petty and vindictive why you did it. We
5 get it. We understand. It was a quid pro
6 quo.

7 We didn't go along with the fact
8 that the bonding for the Legislature in
9 exchange for the Inspector General, we
10 understand your position. You don't want to
11 see an independent Inspector General.

12 Folks, their actions speak loud
13 and clear. We were fighting for an
14 independent Inspector General and we did not
15 want to bond until we got it. They did not
16 want to see an independent Inspector General
17 in this county. I wonder why.

18 But the bottom line is, our worst
19 fears have now come true. So you can say
20 we're not working with you in good faith,
21 look, folks, we all saw what happened in the
22 last two weeks. Take your head out of the
23 sand for Christ sakes. Please join us. We
24 need you to join us.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: My only

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2 point was that your position is
3 inconsistent.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Rich, it's
5 really not. Will you join us on an
6 Inspector General today?

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Still no.
9 You can't give us a reason because your
10 microphone is off.

11 I will tell you this, we need to
12 have the independent Inspector General and
13 you can't give me one reason in light of
14 everything that's happened in the last two
15 weeks. You can't give me one good reason
16 why we should not proceed with it.

17 Our position not to bond has been
18 validated because of your inaction. All you
19 had to do was support our measure for
20 independent Inspector General.

21 Look, I said before, the County
22 Executive is innocent until proven guilty
23 and he deserves his day to make his case.
24 This is not about accusations on his
25 innocence or guilt. But we have to restore

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2 faith.

3 I'm sure you are hearing from
4 Nassau County residents throughout the
5 county that their faith in county government
6 has been rocked.

7 The only way you can restore it
8 is by adding an independent authority. You
9 have to be hearing this. I'm hearing this
10 in my district no matter where I go. You
11 have to be hearing it.

12 But if you're going to ignore me
13 and just move on with the calendar, our
14 votes will continue to be abstained on all
15 contracts until we see a proper Inspector
16 General for this county.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
18 very much. Any other comments regarding
19 A-28?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 I don't believe I have a slip on
22 A-28. There being no public comment, all
23 those in favor of A-28 signify by saying
24 aye. I don't know if it's on there, Ms.
25 Mereday.

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2 MS. MEREDAY: If someone from the
3 public wants to address this issue, they do
4 have a right to go forward to get a form to
5 write A-28 and submit it and have public
6 comment. You can do that at any time while
7 you're in this room.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I have it
9 in front of me, okay, and I also see at
10 least ten others.

11 MS. MEREDAY: Exactly. As long
12 as I have a right to do that as a taxpayer.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Absolutely.
14 Nobody is denying you that right.

15 MS. MEREDAY: And a third
16 generation resident of this county.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Nobody is
18 denying you.

19 MS. MEREDAY: Whose family built
20 the foundation that we are sitting on as
21 slaves we didn't get paid for it, I have the
22 right to speak and be heard.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Stay on
24 the item.

25 MS. MEREDAY: I'm staying on the

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2 item because I'm in support of what the
3 Minority Leader has been saying for the last
4 year.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: It is not
6 on the item.

7 MS. MEREDAY: It is on the item
8 because these contracts are bogus,
9 B-O-G-U-S.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I can
11 spell bogus.

12 MS. MEREDAY: But it's bought on
13 graft and paid by us. So let's get it
14 straight. It's on my three minutes. I
15 don't get to interrupt you when you are
16 talking on and on and on. So I'm going to
17 say what I need to say in my three minutes
18 as it pertains to A-28-16.

19 Again, how can you authorize the
20 Nassau County Office of Purchasing to award
21 and execute a contract between the County of
22 Nassau acting on behalf of the Nassau County
23 Department of Public Works and Intercounty
24 Paving without giving the public the right
25 to review the processes involved because

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2 there is a tainted system in place? How can
3 you do that?

4 Furthermore, the fact that you
5 put certain contracts on the agenda as you
6 willy nilly determine whose constituency is
7 going to be benefitted, it just seems to me
8 that the majority of us who live in the
9 constituencies that are governed by those on
10 the minority side get the shaft while those
11 on this side they get all the benefit.

12 As determined by how many more
13 events are you going to have in Old
14 Bethpage? There are no other facilities in
15 any other part of Nassau County? Everything
16 has to be in Bethpage? Hmm. I wonder whose
17 hometown is Bethpage. Let's start there.

18 So this paving company, what are
19 their credentials? I have questioned and
20 asked with regard to the minority and women
21 business program.

22 We won't even talk about the
23 veteran and service disabled program. It
24 does not exist.

25 I have sincere and clear

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2 questions with regard to the process for the
3 minority and women business component. What
4 is the certification process? What is the
5 recertification process? Is this not public
6 opportunity for review? Do I have to now,
7 in addition to the increased taxes --

8 CLERK PULITZER: Ma'am, your
9 three minutes have expired.

10 MS. MEREDAY: And "property
11 taxes" -- and I'm taking into consideration
12 that the Presiding Officer infringed upon my
13 time, and so I'm going to finish what I have
14 to say.

15 Where is the review? Call for
16 the vote. If the Deputy Majority Leader has
17 concerns about what this gentleman over here
18 has been asking for his constituency, and
19 these people here had to take time off of
20 their jobs having to pick up a spouse or a
21 child, they don't get the free parking
22 spaces. Some of us have to park two or
23 three blocks away to come here and speak our
24 voice.

25 Put it on the agenda the same way

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2 you have these and let all them who are
3 independent minded, let them make up their
4 own mind about it.

5 So, yes, I'm calling for the vote
6 and I support having somebody outside of
7 this party machine to make the decisions as
8 to where my tax dollars are going because I
9 was in front of this group the day before
10 the County Executive and his wife got
11 arrested for a total of 13 counts by the
12 federal government.

13 And, yes, I'm on the record again
14 in opposition. Thank you for my time that I
15 paid for.

16 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Madam chair,
17 it says right in the backup that this
18 solicitation was advertised in Newsday and
19 posted in Nassau County bid solicitation
20 board where 64 vendors were notified
21 electronically of the bid. Four which were
22 women-owned businesses and one which was a
23 veteran-owned business that can do this kind
24 of work. Out of that four bids were
25 received out of 64 sent out, only four bid

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2 on this that can do this kind of work.

3 There is nothing wrong with
4 setting out anywhere and everywhere to find
5 people that will come to us and do this kind
6 of work. So I don't see anything -- call it
7 what you want, but we did it properly. It
8 was done properly. Thank you.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
10 Nicoletto.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The only
12 point that I have to make is, this is a
13 blanket purchase order for cleaning and
14 debris removal of storm water basins.
15 Obviously that doesn't affect a particular
16 district. All of our districts have storm
17 water basins and this is for county wide.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You got
19 one minute.

20 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
21 Thank you. I appreciate my one minute.

22 Is there a reason, Mr. Arnold,
23 that we didn't award this contract to one of
24 these companies? I know we have the score
25 sheets and we also passed that law with

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2 Legislator Gaylor and Legislator Curran
3 saying we are going to try to whenever
4 possible to do that.

5 Here it sounds like we did get
6 four responses that would fit into that
7 category, aren't we try to offer it to them
8 first?

9 MR. ARNOLD: No. The lowest
10 responsible bidder.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: This
12 legislation says that if it was a veteran
13 slash --

14 MR. ARNOLD: I don't know if any
15 of the four bidders are veterans on that.
16 You have to ask the purchasing department.
17 There is one. It was sent to one. I can't
18 tell you based on the backup what bids were
19 received. I don't believe any were veteran
20 businesses.

21 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: We
22 the score sheets available. Do yo have the
23 score sheets?

24 MR. ARNOLD: There is no score
25 sheets. It's based on price. None of them

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2 are veteran-owned businesses.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. I
4 asked the question. Mr. Arnold. I asked
5 before and nobody volunteered.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Mr. Arnold,
7 from what we can see from the backup, it
8 appears that Intercounty Paving Associates
9 L.L.C., it breaks down the members that have
10 stock percentage in each of the firm or the
11 company, and one of the names, a couple of
12 the names, but one of the names that brought
13 some concern, and I wanted to ask you a
14 question about it is, Mr. Carl J. Lizza. It
15 says also in the disclosure that he's
16 affiliated with this firm.

17 I want to bring it up as a side
18 of caution. Obviously we know what is going
19 on here in Nassau. The Town of Oyster Bay
20 where the supervisor John Venditto presides
21 over, I believe, if I remember, the Eppolito
22 situation as well, which led to an arrest,
23 indictment and eventually a conviction. I
24 believe one of the things that he was cited
25 on was his relationship with Lizza, he

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2 worked for Lizza.

3 Is this the same Carl Lizza that
4 was tied into the situation with
5 Mr. Eppolito that could have led to the
6 arrest and indictment of Mr. John Venditto,
7 Supervisor Venditto.

8 MR. ARNOLD: I believe that was
9 the other Lizza company, which is Carlos
10 Lizza & Sons Paving. But don't quote me on
11 that. But I believe that's the firm that
12 Mr. Eppolito was working for.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So Carl
14 Lizza is not affiliated with that other
15 firm?

16 MR. ARNOLD: They are relatives o
17 of each other but not affiliated companies.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Is Carl
19 Lizza that's the managing partner on
20 Intercounty, is he affiliated with that
21 firm?

22 MR. ARNOLD: We have been told
23 they are not affiliated with each other.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: All those
25 in favor of A-28 signify by saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 Any opposed?

4 (Nay.)

5 The item passes four to three.

6 Moving on to the next one is which is
7 A-37-16, a resolution authorizing the
8 director of Nassau County Office of
9 Purchasing to award and execute a contract
10 between the County of Nassau acting on
11 behalf of the Nassau County District
12 Attorney's Office and Journal Technologies,
13 Inc.

14 A motion, please.

15 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
18 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
19 Nicolello. Who is here to speak on this
20 item?

21 MR. MCMANUS: Bob McManus,
22 District Attorney's Office.

23 In December 2014, the District
24 Attorney's Office implemented the Just Ware
25 Case Management System.

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2 The Just Ware provides a
3 technology capability to manage the life
4 cycle of a case more effectively while
5 providing interface ability with other law
6 enforcement agencies such as police and
7 probation.

8 Just Ware can track cases and
9 ensure that records are accurate and up to
10 date. Journal Technologies is the vendor
11 who designed and installed the proprietary
12 software used in conjunction with Just Ware
13 and is the only vendor capable of providing
14 the maintenance support necessary to run the
15 system and also upgrade when available.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
17 questions of Mr. McManus? Legislator
18 Solages.

19 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you
20 very much, Presiding Officer.

21 Good afternoon, sir. How are you
22 doing today?

23 MR. MCMANUS: Good.

24 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: And this is
25 a sole source purchase; is that correct?

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2 MR. MCMANUS: That's correct.

3 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Which means
4 that this is the only entity that provides
5 that and we don't have the option of going
6 with another bidder?

7 MR. MCMANUS: No. The original
8 system when it was first installed, there
9 was an RFP formally issued at that time.
10 Four vendors submitted bids.

11 Now that the system is up and
12 running, however, there is only one vendor
13 that can provide the necessary service and
14 maintenance.

15 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I appreciate
16 you explaining that but there was an
17 insinuation made before that we're only
18 voting for these contracts with the District
19 Attorney's Office because she is a Democrat
20 and that's not the reason. The reason that
21 I intend to vote for this is because it's a
22 sole source purchase, that's all.

23 MR. MCMANUS: Thank you.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
25 Dunne.

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2 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: This isn't a
3 purchase, this is a lease?

4 MR. MCMANUS: No. This is a
5 contract.

6 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: And it will be
7 updated upon new technology?

8 MR. MCMANUS: That's correct.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
10 questions from the legislators?

11

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Is there any public comment?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 There being none, all those in
16 favor of A-37-16 signify by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 Any opposed?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 The item passes unanimously.

21 MR. MCMANUS: Thank you.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: The next
23 item is A-38-16, a resolution authorizing
24 the director of the Nassau County Office of
25 Purchasing to award and execute a contract

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2 between the County of Nassau acting on
3 behalf of the Nassau County Correctional
4 Center and Cream-O-Land Dairies.

5 Motion, please.

6 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
9 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
10 Gaylor. Who is here to speak on this item?

11 MR. BECKER: Madam Chair, there
12 was nobody available today from purchasing
13 to speak on this particular item but it's
14 something that has been purchased in the
15 past and it's bid out when milk is needed.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: A motion
17 to table.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
21 Legislator Nicolello, seconded by Legislator
22 Dunne. All those in favor of tabling A-38
23 signify by saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 It's tabled unanimously.

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2 The next item is B-35, a
3 resolution authorizing the County Executive
4 to award and execute a contract between the
5 County of Nassau acting on behalf of the
6 Nassau County Department of Public Works and
7 Phillip Ross Industries, Inc.

8 Motion, please.

9 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
12 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
13 Nicolello. Here to speak on this is Mr.
14 Arnold. Talk to us about this item.

15 MR. ARNOLD: We're not doing B-34
16 today?

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: B-35.

18 MR. ARNOLD: B-35 is a
19 construction for the rehabilitation of two
20 pump stations in Lawrence, Desage Avenue,
21 and Lawrence pump stations. They were both
22 damaged by Sandy. These will make the pump
23 stations hardened for future storms. This
24 is being funded through the county's FEMA
25 program.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
3 questions of Mr. Arnold on this item?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 Any public comment?

6 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can
7 I ask a question.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Let's Ms
9 Mereday speak since I did call public
10 comment.

11 MS. MEREDAY: Well, her question
12 might be relevant to what I want to say.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Say what
14 you have to say.

15 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday.
16 Again, my concern has to do with the fact
17 that this is clearly tied to funds outside
18 the county. We say FEMA, that means
19 federal, and I continue to question the
20 integrity of this contracting process,
21 Operation Splash. Mr. Singh comes to mind.

22 So I would like to have more
23 detail since, those of who pay the taxes on
24 this side of the table, are not privy to the
25 deliberations and discussions as to how this

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2 Phillip Ross Industries was selected in
3 terms of this particular contract.

4 Again, what was the outreach?
5 Was it inclusive? I mean, beyond Newsday
6 and putting it on that site that most people
7 can't circumvent anyway.

8 You have to do a little better.
9 It's not just about putting it on the site.
10 Even the federal government is stepping up
11 the alleged best efforts. So we're not
12 doing the due diligence in Nassau County,
13 but we do wave those flags and participate
14 in those parades and give out the free
15 pancake breakfast.

16 But we can't seem to wonder why
17 our veterans are continuing to be
18 underserved and increasing in homelessness,
19 foreclosure rates, business failures,
20 unemployment and suicide.

21 So, my questions have to do
22 again, Phillip Ross Industries, who are the
23 principals? What was the outreach as it
24 pertained to this contract? What was the
25 bidding process as far as the minority,

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2 women and veteran participation? Thank you.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: There
4 being no other comments, all those in favor
5 of B-35 signify by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 Any opposed?

8 (Nay.)

9 The item passes four to three.

10 The next item is E-208, a
11 personal services agreement between the
12 County of Nassau acting on behalf of the
13 Nassau County District Attorney's Office and
14 the Safe Center LI, Inc.

15 Motion, please.

16 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
19 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
20 Nicolello. Mr. McManus.

21 MR. MCMANUS: Yes. Services to
22 be provided under this agreement shall
23 consist of conducting the adult victim
24 advocates program. This is a new program
25 adult victim advocates are an essential part

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2 of victim services.

3 They seek to ensure that
4 individuals impacted by interpersonal
5 violence can heal and receive justice
6 serving as a liaison to the District
7 Attorney's Office and other law enforcement
8 agencies.

9 This program will facilitate
10 communication among systemic partners and
11 provide victims with timely and accurate
12 information on the nature of the legal
13 process and status of their case as well as
14 providing referrals to social service
15 agencies, if necessary.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
17 questions of Mr. McManus? Legislator
18 Solages.

19 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you
20 very much. Again, just to be clear, the
21 procurement process here, did it involve Ed
22 Mangano here?

23 MR. MCMANUS: No, sir.

24 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: That's all,
25 thank you.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
3 questions from the legislators?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 Is there any public comment?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 There being none, all those in
8 favor of E-208 signify by saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 Any opposed?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 The item passes seven to zero.

13 The next item is E-212, a
14 personal services agreement between the
15 County of Nassau acting on behalf of the
16 Nassau County Traffic and Parking Violations
17 Agency and Alliance One Receivables
18 Management, Inc.

19 Motion, please.

20 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
23 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
24 Nicolello. Mr. Rich.

25 MR. RICH: Dave Rich, Assistant

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2 Deputy Director of Traffic and Parking
3 Violations Agency. And Judge Marks,
4 Executive Director of Traffic and Parking
5 Violations Agency.

6 This contract is an amendment,
7 and the amendment terms basically is to
8 reimburse the vendor for certified mailings
9 and also to define what photo enforcement
10 collections are including red light camera,
11 school speed zone camera violations, and
12 also to add three one year extensions.

13 This vendor has been a contractor
14 of ours since September of 2013 actually
15 with this current contract.

16 At the time we did the RFP there
17 were 18 other vendors that submitted
18 proposals. This vendor has actually been a
19 vendor of ours since 2008. The interface
20 with our photo enforcement vendor which is
21 American Traffic Solutions as well as
22 interface with our boot and tow vendor and
23 is no additional cost to the county for
24 those interfaces.

25 As far as the collection rates

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2 for the red light camera, they actually
3 collect well above the industry rate at
4 roughly 35 percent and as high as 39
5 percent. For parking, they collect 36
6 percent and in some they have actually been
7 as high as between 46 and 49 percent.

8 And for school speed zone camera
9 violations they have collected 21 percent.
10 In general, and the bottom line is, there is
11 no cost to the county for this vendor.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
13 questions of Mr. Rich? Minority Leader.

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I want to
15 make sure I understand, this contract is in
16 place for five years without legislative
17 approval?

18 MR. RICH: No. It was three
19 years and two one-year extensions.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: When would
21 this contract come back before this
22 committee?

23 MR. RICH: Now actually. It
24 should have been in September. But it's
25 been delayed trying to get through all --

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No, I mean,
3 assuming it gets approved today, when will
4 we see it again?

5 MR. RICH: It would be probably
6 next year because we are doing one year
7 extensions.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So we are
9 in year four of that extension?

10 MR. RICH: Yes. And adding
11 another four years total, adding three to
12 the original five. It's a total of eight
13 years. One year extensions, I'm sorry.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: How many
15 extensions, Mr. Rich, can they get?

16 MR. RICH: One year today we
17 will be back.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Then?

19 MR. RICH: Then the following
20 year if we approve it, and then one year if
21 we still recommend the same company, all the
22 way up to 2018. Each year we have to come
23 back.

24 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: I have a
25 question.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
3 Gaylor.

4 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Mr. Rich, so
5 this contract was initially passed in 2013;
6 is that correct?

7 MR. RICH: Correct.

8 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: And that was
9 a three year contract which is now up; is
10 that correct?

11 MR. RICH: It was a three year
12 contract with two one year extensions.

13 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So the three
14 years is up and you are here today asking
15 for a one-year extension?

16 MR. RICH: Yes.

17 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: And then you
18 still have one year left to come back and
19 ask for another extension; is that correct?

20 MR. RICH: On the original
21 contract, yes.

22 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: What happens
23 after that second one year extension next
24 year?

25 MR. RICH: If this is not

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2 approved as submitted today we would
3 actually have to do another RFP.

4 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So what are
5 you asking today that you want us to
6 approve?

7 MR. RICH: We are asking that we
8 approve the amendments which include three
9 one-year extensions. It was only a five
10 year contract and we're asking for three
11 additional years to be added to the
12 contract.

13 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Let me ask
14 the question again. This was initially a
15 three-year contract with two one-year
16 extensions, and you are asking today for
17 three additional one-year extensions?

18 MR. RICH: Yes.

19 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Okay. Now I
20 understand it.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Mr. Rich,
22 we're here for one year extensions, and then
23 after this one another year extension, and
24 then --

25 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Three more

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2 he's asking for. So he's asking that the
3 five year contract, if I may speak on his
4 behalf, I think I heard him say that the
5 original five year contract awarded in 2013
6 be extended out over eight years.

7 MR. RICH: Correct.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Why
9 wouldn't we do an RFP at some point along
10 that line? Sorry to cut you off, but why
11 wouldn't we?

12 MR. RICH: As I stated, number
13 one, is that they actually have interfaces
14 with two of our other companies. For us to
15 build new interfaces with other companies
16 we'll probably hired at least one year, and
17 in addition I have also cited their
18 collection rates. Their collection rates
19 are way above industry standard.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Can you
21 elaborate? You said interfaces with other
22 departments.

23 MR. RICH: One of the interfaces
24 they have is with our photo enforcement
25 company which is American Traffic Solutions.

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2 So what they do is, they receive a file
3 directly from them that says all right,
4 these are the balances due and these are the
5 cases open for collection.

6 At the same time, they'll send
7 the file back to the vendor that says this
8 is how much has been paid and what ever
9 because they are, as an agent of ours, they
10 are allowed to collect monies.

11 The same thing for the second
12 interface. They have interface with our
13 boat and tow company which allows for direct
14 up-to-date information for balances due.
15 Otherwise, we would have maybe probably a
16 two to three day out of sync where we may
17 end up booting someone that they did not
18 know the balance was paid two days prior.
19 So that's why we asked this vendor to
20 connect with those two other vendors so we
21 have really current information.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So in the
23 event we decide to end the contract of
24 services with any one of those vendors, does
25 it disrupt the other two and what they need

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2 to do?

3 MR. RICH: No, not at all, still
4 independent.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And the
6 software that it goes along with, that's
7 been provided by each of these vendors, it's
8 owned by the county or the vendors
9 themselves?

10 MR. RICH: The vendors themselves
11 own their own software.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So what
13 happens if they left if we did do an RFP?

14 MR. RICH: It would just delay us
15 in collecting it. The longer the debt is
16 out there the less likely they are going to
17 collect it. You're going to see a reduced
18 liquidation rate if it's going to take
19 longer to collect on the debt.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So it kind
21 of ties us together.

22 MR. RICH: It doesn't tie our
23 hands together. It's just a choice that
24 we're saying at this time, we're asking for
25 three additional one year extension. If we

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2 didn't do that, that's fine, we'll do an
3 RFP, but just be aware it's going to take us
4 at least six months to nine months to build
5 those interfaces and that relationship with
6 other vendors.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But what
8 I'm saying is, I guess that need to do that
9 infrastructure rebuild kind of ties us to
10 keep doing this contract over and over
11 because we don't want to go through the six
12 to nine months of doing that infrastructure
13 buildup.

14 MR. RICH: Well, if we find
15 another vendor in between -- we actually
16 have two other vendors, one is the Pay Lock
17 which is the boot and tow as well as we have
18 RTR, if they can somehow supplement those
19 interfaces as well, we have choices to use
20 other collection vendors.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
23 DeRiggi-Whitton.

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: You
25 said before somewhere around 35 percent of

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2 the tickets are collected through this, the
3 outstanding tickets are collected by this
4 company?

5 MR. RICH: Yes.

6 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
7 that means somewhere around 65 percent are
8 not collected?

9 MR. RICH: No. Basically just to
10 give you a quick outline, TPVA itself, for
11 example, using the parking ticket. A
12 parking ticket is left on somebody's
13 windshield.

14 If they don't respond to it, TPVA
15 sends out two collection letters saying you
16 owe this amount or you need to appear in
17 court.

18 After those two letters which is
19 roughly 90 days after the issue date, we
20 then assign it to one of our collection
21 vendors.

22 And for the parking side, we
23 actually send it to Alliance One and then 30
24 days after that we sent it to boot and tow
25 company as well for collection.

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2 So the collection companies, we
3 require them to make either a minimum of one
4 phone call or one collection letter -- they
5 previously used to do credit collection
6 reporting, but they're not allowed to do
7 that anymore.

8 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: That
9 was one of my questions. So, if you have an
10 outstanding red light camera, does that show
11 up on your credit report?

12 MR. RICH: Not at this time. It
13 will soon again.

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: When
15 did it stop?

16 MR. RICH: As of June last year,
17 the FDCPA said that any debt that you don't
18 sign for cannot be reported to a collection
19 reporting agency.

20 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: How
21 are you going to change that?

22 MR. RICH: We are going to have
23 default judgments filed which is a civil
24 lien that will be filed with the county
25 clerk.

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2 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
3 Alliance One, I know they've been the
4 subject of a number of enforcement actions
5 for unfair consumer practices.

6 Now is the county in any way held
7 responsible if something like that should
8 happen?

9 MR. RICH: I believe the standard
10 language in our contract is boilerplate.
11 It's standard language. I don't believe
12 that we have any.

13 MR. PODLESAK: There would be
14 boilerplate indemnification language in the
15 contract.

16 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
17 it's possible that the county could be held
18 into a lawsuit?

19 MR. PODLESAK: No.

20 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: We
21 are indemnified?

22 MR. PODLESAK: Yes.

23 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just
24 to clarify, there is language for
25 indemnification or there is not?

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2 MR. RICH: There is. It's a
3 standard boilerplate contract.

4 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
5 just to go back one more time. I understand
6 that you send out the letters and all that.
7 Where did the 35 percent come in?

8 MR. RICH: Actually, I didn't
9 clarify that. Just so you know, what we do
10 is, for example parking tickets we roughly
11 collect 85 percent, resolve I should say 85
12 percent of our outstanding.

13 So we may collect somewhere 60,
14 70 percent. Then what is left in that pool,
15 then the debt, the collection agency is
16 collecting 35 percent of that remaining
17 pool. Parking violations, we actually
18 collect 95 percent and on the red light
19 camera we are up to 88, 89 percent of
20 liquidation collection rate.

21 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: And
22 that's people just paying what they owe?

23 MR. RICH: That's basically
24 resolving the ticket and closing it out. So
25 it's not unresolved anymore. So it's paying

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2 what they owe or just --

3 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
4 what you don't collect, therefore, goes to
5 this company?

6 MR. RICH: Correct.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
8 heard the Comptroller mention that there is
9 a substantial amount of uncollected fines.

10 MR. RICH: Yes.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: That
12 really is just consistent of -- it sounds
13 like what, about five percent, ten percent?

14 MR. RICH: Well, on the parking
15 side it would be less than five percent, and
16 then again, we kind of went through this
17 exercise internally of the traffic. Half of
18 that actually goes to the state.

19 So say there's \$80 million due in
20 traffic fines. Nassau County would only be
21 eligible for roughly 40 or \$45 million of
22 that. But out of that, we would only really
23 realistically see maybe 10 percent, 20
24 percent out of that.

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So,

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2 in your opinion, it's really only about \$4
3 million that the county doesn't get to see
4 just from following your math?

5 MR. RICH: No, no. For traffic
6 we said it's \$80 million roughly
7 outstanding.

8 Out of that, 40 or \$45 million, I
9 forgot what the exact number is, we could
10 come back with that number, of what we do in
11 Nassau County, and out of that, really
12 collectible, because it's aged, we might see
13 about \$8 million, \$7 million, but I can
14 provide that actual information for you.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Do
16 you have any ideas of how we can collect
17 that seven or \$8 million or you think this
18 is pretty much all we can do?

19 MR. RICH: I want to say, going
20 on the traffic side, what we do is, we send
21 out the collection letters. We have a
22 collection vendor that signs off on it. We
23 request suspensions on very every single
24 violation that is not resolved by the due
25 date, so their license gets suspended, but

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2 there is a decent majority of folks that are
3 driving around with suspended licenses, they
4 don't care. That's why we try to hit them
5 in the pocketbook.

6 There are some other entities out
7 there that don't even do collections, they
8 just rely on a suspension and, to us, I
9 don't think that's enough. We need to go
10 after the pocketbook and get the monies in
11 there.

12 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
13 when do you anticipate to have it back on
14 the credit list?

15 MR. RICH: I would say probably
16 within two months. That's what part of this
17 contract amendment is as well because it
18 allows the vendors to send out certified
19 mailings and get reimbursed for those
20 certified mailings.

21 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
24 Nicolello.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I just

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2 want to follow-up real quickly on Legislator
3 DeRiggi-Whitton's questions and the
4 comptroller brought this up, but some of
5 these tickets we are talking about, that are
6 technically outstanding, they go back
7 awhile, right?

8 MR. RICH: I want to say, I
9 believe the traffic tickets go back roughly
10 more than 20 years.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So in
12 terms of feasibility of actually getting
13 some of that money back is zero?

14 MR. RICH: I want to say that
15 every single one of those violations we have
16 attempted collection or a collection vendor
17 has. It's not that they've just been
18 sitting around and collecting dust.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I think
20 we've done amnesties, right, too?

21 MR. RICH: Yes, we've done three
22 amnesties, and this year was the first time
23 we did traffic amnesty, and the results,
24 they are not that well.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So this

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2 will make a statement that this \$100 million
3 out there that can fill the county's budget
4 is just -- there is no substantiation?

5 MR. RICH: It's a much smaller
6 number.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
8 questions? Legislator Gaylor.

9 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Thank you
10 again, Mr. Rich. Judge Marks, good to see
11 you.

12 You indicated that we are going
13 to be going back onto the credit reports and
14 civil judgements in the future.

15 Will the contractor be initiating
16 the civil judgments behind the lawsuits in
17 the court on behalf of the county?

18 MR. RICH: The way we're going to
19 do it, we expect the vendor to send the
20 certified mailing which is the 30 day
21 requirement. Once there's no response, we
22 will receive an update to find out who did
23 not respond.

24 We will then prepare the
25 paperwork in house and have it signed by a

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2 JHO and judge and one of our chief
3 prosecutors.

4 Then we will then send that file
5 to the Nassau County Clerk for filing.

6 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Thank you.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: There
8 being no other questions from the
9 legislators, Ms. Mereday, I believe you
10 would like to speak on this item, E-212?

11 MS. MEREDAY: Yes. Just writing
12 rapid notes. My concern has to do with, I
13 believe what I heard is that there's been a
14 relationship with this company initially
15 since 2008 and this contract was awarded in
16 2013. That was definitely prior to a lot of
17 the heat that is now facing this county with
18 regard to a number of its procurement
19 activities.

20 My concern also has to do with
21 the fact that there are a number of fees
22 that are associated with the budget that was
23 approved by this body that seem to benefit
24 TPVA and people are alluding to this fantasy
25 of \$100 million in outstanding fees and

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2 fines that might help the budget.

3 I think it's more hysterical that
4 the references in this budget that are going
5 to be on the backs of the taxpayers, that
6 these increases in fees are going to be the
7 golden halo that's going to fill in the
8 blanks, particularly when NIFA is requesting
9 more cuts.

10 According to this form here, we
11 have additional requests for personal
12 contracts for more people to work in the
13 County Attorney's Office than we already
14 have about 60 people who are working there.

15 So, my concern again has to do
16 with the fact that this company has a number
17 of consumer complaints against it but if
18 this body is more focused on the collection
19 rates that are not on these nefarious
20 characters who you envision or are actually
21 generating these tickets, but it's more so
22 taxpayers because I would beg to differ with
23 regard to the success rate of this type of
24 scenario when you have to look at the safety
25 versus the number of increased accidents

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2 from people who have to brake quickly
3 because that yellow light flashes between
4 the red and the green, and it has an
5 increase in the rear ending, and the number
6 of accidents in particular areas where we
7 have the red light cameras.

8 We won't talk about the whole
9 issue with the school district with the
10 school cameras that didn't work either.

11 So, if we're going to talk about
12 fantasy island, let's not do it on the backs
13 of taxpayers who have to continue to pay for
14 these increased fees that we seem to be
15 collecting at less than 40 percent on a
16 company that will have access to so much
17 information that we're not even giving
18 anyone else the opportunity to pursue.

19 So, in this era of technology, I
20 cannot believe that this is the only company
21 that can connect with maybe a tow truck
22 company or somebody else that can send out a
23 certified letter?

24 So I think more investigation is
25 involved with this. But I know I'm really

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2 just blowing in the wind because you're
3 going to do what you do anyway and the
4 numbers are going to still be the same.

5 I just want to make sure that I'm
6 on the record so when I read something else
7 in Newsday either about this company or
8 someone else who is on the rolls for the
9 county, when they get arrested, please don't
10 act like we didn't know and we're going to
11 try to fix the problem yet again. Thank
12 you.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: There being
14 no other comments, those in favor of
15 E-212-16 signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Any opposed?

18 (Nay.)

19 The item passes, it looks like
20 four to two.

21 The next item is E-231-16, a
22 personal services agreement between the
23 County of Nassau acting on behalf of the
24 Nassau County Department of Public Works and
25 Jacobs Project Management Company.

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2 Motion, please.

3 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by

6 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator

7 Gaylor. Mr. Arnold.

8 MR. ARNOLD: Ken Arnold, Public

9 Works. E-231 is a contract amendment for

10 time only for Jacobs Engineering. They are

11 our program manager for the non-Sandy

12 wastewater work that we are currently

13 undertaking in the department.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any

15 questions? Legislator Solages.

16 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I see a red

17 flag here. The contractor awarded -- I just

18 see that the Chief Deputy County Executive

19 Rob Walker signed the approval

20 interdepartmental memo from DPW to the

21 administration requesting a contract

22 extension for one year.

23 Please note that there is no date

24 next to the signature. I bring this up

25 because I read the indictment by which the

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2 County Executive was indicted in federal
3 court. There were certain signatures and
4 dates missing in some contracts. I don't
5 know if that's going to be a possible
6 defense that he uses in the trial, but that
7 shows me there's a pattern here among some
8 of these contracts. Some of them missing
9 signatures and dates.

10 Again, I don't want to be
11 associated with approving any contract
12 that's missing a signature or a date. So
13 I'm going to vote no against this. That's
14 all. Thank you.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
16 Gaylor. I'm trying to check that out.

17 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: I was going
18 to say, if Legislator Solages can direct me
19 to what he's referring to.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Mr.
21 Arnold, is there a date?

22 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: From what I
23 see, everything is signed and dated but I
24 can't find the specific page you are
25 referencing.

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2 I guess I have another question,
3 Madam Presiding Supervisor.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Go ahead.

5 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: The question
6 would be, it appears to me, and, again, I
7 don't normally sit on Rules and I'm just
8 honored to be here today, but this went
9 through NIFA as well, as part of the routing
10 process, and NIFA has had a look at this;
11 would that be correct? As well as the last
12 contract went through NIFA as well for their
13 approval?

14 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: One moment,
15 please.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
17 DeRiggi-Whitton.

18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Has
19 the county conducted any follow-up with the
20 contractors after they indicated that
21 they've been declared in a default action
22 from Akion Construction Service? It's noted
23 in the backup.

24 MR. ARNOLD: We follow up with
25 any possible positive response on

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2 disclosures and make sure that we're
3 comfortable with their answers.

4 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Were
5 you satisfied with their response?

6 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Do
8 you know what their response was?

9 MR. ARNOLD: I would have to talk
10 to the Chief Engineer, Joe Davenport, but I
11 know he followed up on it.

12 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: But
13 to be noted that there is some type of
14 concern.

15 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

16 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
17 think it would be good practice whenever
18 anything is filled out in the disclosure
19 that there is a problem that the Legislature
20 gets to see that it was either resolved or
21 addressed at least. Right now we don't have
22 anything to indicate that --

23 MR. ARNOLD: This is on the JPM
24 issue?

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Yes.

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2 MR. ARNOLD: Yes. There's
3 actually a response to question 7B,
4 response, received a letter dated January
5 13, 2016.

6 You mean, the follow-up for the
7 department you're looking for?

8 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just
9 to make sure that's been addressed and
10 something that you're comfortable with.
11 Because I'm not even sure what the default
12 pertained to.

13 MR. ARNOLD: We've been acting as
14 if we don't process it further, if we didn't
15 send it to you for review and approval, then
16 we would not be in favor of it.

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
18 know, but that's sort of like a blanket
19 answer yes. Once something is highlighted
20 here and it's brought to our attention it
21 just makes us have a little bit more
22 reassurance if it's addressed.

23 MR. ARNOLD: I will bring that up
24 in our procurement meetings about revising
25 that.

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2 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: You
3 want the copy?

4 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: It's March
5 15th and I'm down here towards the signature
6 line it lacks a signature. So I'm going to
7 provide that to Legislator Gaylor. It lacks
8 a date. The original is signed and dated,
9 11-30-11. The renewal is not dated.

10 MR. ARNOLD: The renewal letter?

11 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Yes. It's
12 not dated. I'm just concerned because,
13 again, I see a pattern that certain
14 contracts are not signed or dated and I
15 don't know if that's going to be used as
16 possible defenses in federal court, but I
17 just want to make sure that all these
18 documents that are here and going to approve
19 are signed and dated. Thank you.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm going
21 to move to table the item because it was
22 not, as indicated by Legislator Solages,
23 that it has not been duly dated. So a
24 motion to table, please.

25 Motion, please.

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2 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by

5 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator

6 Nicolello. All those in favor of tabling

7 231 signify by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 Any opposed?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 The item is tabled. Anything

12 that is tabled, there is no discussion.

13 Next item is E-232, a personal

14 services agreement between the County of

15 Nassau acting on behalf of the County

16 Department of Information Technology and

17 Locality Media, L.L.C.

18 Motion, please.

19 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by

22 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator

23 Nicolello.

24 COMMISSIONER EISENSTEIN: Good

25 afternoon, Ed Eisenstein.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Good
3 afternoon.

4 COMMISSIONER EISENSTEIN:
5 Commissioner of IT Department. The purpose
6 of this amendment is to extend the time for
7 additional two years for maintenance and
8 support for the services of the system built
9 for the Fire Marshal's Office.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
11 questions or comments for Mr. Eisenstein?

12 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Good
13 afternoon. Maintenance and services of what
14 systems?

15 COMMISSIONER EISENSTEIN: The
16 locality media of fire marshal collection
17 system.

18 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: What does
19 that do?

20 COMMISSIONER EISENSTEIN: A
21 number of things. I have to the assistant
22 to the Deputy Fire Marshal here who can
23 explain how it works and some of the
24 features.

25 ASSISTANT CHIEF PRIEST: Good

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2 afternoon. Assistant Chief Fire Marshal
3 John Priest. The system doesn't really have
4 a name. It was designed for the Fire
5 Marshal's Office and it manages all of our
6 business, permits, renewal letters,
7 finances.

8 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Got it. It's
9 a management information technology?

10 MR. PRIEST: That is correct.

11 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Thank you.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
13 questions or comments? Legislator
14 DeRiggi-Whitton.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Do
16 you know who handled the procurement for
17 this; was it done by the fire department or
18 was it the administration?

19 COMMISSIONER EISENSTEIN: It was
20 an IT contract based on software, it was an
21 RFP.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: It
23 came through the admin. Okay. Thank you.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
25 questions or comments from the legislators?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 Is there any public comment?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 There being none, all those in
6 favor of E-232 signify by saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 Any opposed?

9 (Nay.)

10 The item passes four to three.

11 The next item is E-233, a
12 personal services agreement between the
13 County of Nassau acting on behalf of the
14 Department of Public Works and the Nassau
15 County Attorney's Office and Albanese &
16 Albanese, L.L.P.

17 Motion, please.

18 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
21 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
22 Nicolello. Who is here to speak on this
23 item?

24 MS. HODAK: Good afternoon
25 legislators. Jane Hodak, attorney for the

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2 Nassau County Department of Public Works.

3 This is an amendment to their
4 existing contract. It's for time only. It
5 doesn't extend the value of the contract or
6 change the work that they're doing.

7 In the contract itself, it was a
8 two-year contract with a one-year renewal.
9 This is an exercise of the one year renewal.
10 This will allow us to pay Albanese for the
11 balance of the work that they have done
12 under the cap of the contract and that work
13 has concluded.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
15 DeRiggi-Whitton.

16 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Thank
17 you. Just as a housekeeping issue. This
18 contract was up in February 2016. Do you
19 know why it's just coming before us now?

20 MS. HODAK: It's my understanding
21 that this contract was processed for renewal
22 during a period of time in which there the
23 disclosure forms were involving, so each
24 time the forms were put together by the law
25 firm, submitted to the county, it hit at

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2 about the time that there were new forms or
3 changes to the existing forms. So there was
4 a continual processing of revised forms.

5 Luckily we are at a point now
6 where we seem to have gotten together some
7 really good forms and that probably won't
8 happen again.

9 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
10 mean, it's over six months, so I don't know.
11 Just one last question. How much has the
12 firm billed the county so far?

13 MS. HODAK: You said so far.
14 There won't be any more billing under this
15 contract. The contract is completed.

16 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: The
17 total amount?

18 MS. HODAK: I'm looking for that
19 in the contract. The contract itself was
20 for 250,000. We have not exceeded the
21 contract cap and I believe it's my
22 understanding that there is still about
23 29,000 even after we pay this left on the
24 contract. So it would be in the
25 neighborhood of \$220,000.

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2 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: All
3 right. Thank you.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
5 questions or comments from the legislators?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Is there any public comment?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 There being none, all those in
10 favor of E-233 signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 Any opposed?

13 (Nay.)

14 The item passes four to three.

15 Item E-234 is a personal services
16 agreement between the County of Nassau
17 acting on behalf of the Nassau County
18 Department of Public Works and Hardesty &
19 Hanover Construction Services, L.L.C.

20 Motion, please.

21 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
24 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
25 Nicolello. Who is here to speak on this

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2 item? Mr. Arnold again.

3 MR. ARNOLD: Ken Arnold, Public
4 Works. E-234 is a construction management
5 contract for the bridge painting project for
6 the two bridges in the Roosevelt Field area.
7 That is a construction contract that was
8 recently funded with the recent bond
9 ordinance approved and it's the construction
10 management that goes along with it.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
12 questions or comments for Mr. Arnold on this
13 item?

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I have a
15 question for Mr. Arnold.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Minority
17 Leader.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Mr. Arnold,
19 when was the bonding secured for this
20 particular contract?

21 MR. ARNOLD: A couple of weeks
22 ago.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Was this
24 the bonding that was done at 10:30 at night,
25 the late hour, where 50 something million

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2 was passed?

3 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay. It
5 doesn't feel right that that bonding passed
6 at that late hour and also passed days
7 before what happened with the County
8 Executive. It doesn't seem right. We're
9 going to vote no. No disrespect to you,
10 Mr. Arnold. Your presentation is always
11 good.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
13 Nicolello.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Just a
15 point of clarification. This didn't come to
16 us at 10:30 at night. Actually it had been
17 an item before us for months, maybe six
18 months, the bonding of this item. It was
19 voted on a number of different times.

20 There was no question of it being
21 done surreptitiously. Plus, the thing about
22 is, this is important for the stability of
23 the bridges. We have to maintain them. We
24 have to paint them. They rust. So it's an
25 important project.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I agree
3 with you, Deputy Presiding Officer
4 Nicolello. If it was so important then it
5 should have had the better -- should have
6 had greater respect than coming before this
7 Legislature by emergency at 10:30 at night
8 when no one was paying attention and no one
9 from the public was here. That's the
10 unfortunate circumstance about it. No one
11 even noticed.

12 If it was so important, it should
13 be here today when we have actually people
14 from the public to actually hear the item.
15 But it wasn't.

16 It came up at 10:30 at night when
17 we were trying to ram through some bonding
18 in the hopes of trying to be able to get
19 these contracts that are before us today.

20 Again, as I will say it again, I
21 understand the difficult situation that the
22 County Executive is in, but obviously a
23 bonding that happened 10:30 at night, now we
24 are seeing a contract for it and what is
25 being -- the accusation is tied to

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2 procurement in this county?

3 I don't understand for the life
4 of me why anyone would consider this item
5 that comes from that bonding which is
6 tainted.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: This is
8 not tainted.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It is.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The item
11 was duly noticed. The item went before
12 committees numerous times and was voted upon
13 by this Legislature numerous times again.
14 No secrets here, number one.

15 Number two, the fact of the
16 matter is, this is not controversial.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So let me
18 ask you this question.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Let me
20 finish.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Let him
22 finish.

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: It is not
24 a controversial item. We are proposing for
25 the bridge rehabilitation and painting at

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2 Glenn Curtis and Charles Lindbergh Boulevard
3 bridges. There is nothing controversial
4 here. This is important work of the county
5 and it has to go on.

6 You can have your positions and
7 in the minority you have the luxury of
8 making that position.

9 We have to make sure that the
10 county continues to operate under the
11 current circumstances and be responsible.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We want to
13 see the county operate but we need an
14 independent Inspector General and, you are
15 right, if we were in the Legislative
16 majority, we would have it already.

17 But, that being said, if I can
18 make sure I understand this correctly, so if
19 the bonding happened today, realizing what
20 has happened and transpired in the last two
21 weeks, you would go ahead and support
22 bonding in the tune of \$50 million at 10:30
23 at night today in light of what's happened
24 over the last two weeks? I want to make
25 sure you are okay with that practice.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Absolutely.
3 These items, again, have gone before the
4 committees. They were before the Full
5 Legislature. They were voted. They were
6 noticed. There's plenty of opportunity for
7 the public.

8 In order to break this logjam and
9 get things moving again, whatever the hour
10 of the night it takes to get this stuff
11 going so that we can continue to operate
12 this county, we will do it.

13 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Presiding
14 Officer?

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
16 Solages.

17 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I agree with
18 Legislator Nicoletto in the sense that the
19 intent for this bonding is a great intent.
20 It's a good intent to restore our bridges.

21 But the means by which we
22 achieved this are quite questionable. I was
23 there that day as well, 10:30 at night, and
24 I received notice for the first time only
25 after I saw an individual who was under

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2 federal investigation, walk into that back
3 room where you were, and then all of a
4 sudden we're voting on all of this bonding.
5 That's what I recall seeing that night.

6 The individual that is under
7 federal investigation entered that back room
8 and, all of a sudden, at 11:30 at night we
9 are voting on millions and millions and
10 millions of dollars of bonding. That's what
11 I recall. Thank you.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're
13 welcome. Any other comment regarding E-234?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 There being none, any public
16 comment? Let's go, Ms. Mereday.

17 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday,
18 Baldwin resident. I remember this
19 discussion and how it was addressed. I'm
20 sorry, Deputy Presiding Officer Nicoletto, I
21 just need to ask you, not that you're going
22 to answer, but I have to put it out there,
23 that plenty of opportunities for the public
24 and public comment? How?

25 Secondly, looking over this

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2 company, again, if we're talking that level,
3 and, again, the contracting and the outreach
4 that is so piss poor here and to realize
5 that people are going into, like I said
6 earlier, those back rooms and the corners of
7 restaurants around here that are owned by
8 politically connected restauranteurs where
9 other companies can't seem to cut a break.

10 We've got state officials who
11 have already been convicted and indicted on
12 that \$12 million Operation Splash that came
13 through this body.

14 So, again, you continue to
15 believe that the taxpayers of this county,
16 even though they are not seated here because
17 they have to work the two and three jobs,
18 those that have not packed up and run and
19 left their homes zombied, that you had to
20 get federal funds to address that, as
21 opposed to helping them keep them in their
22 homes, that you will continue to just
23 support these kinds of endeavors.

24 You have these residents who are
25 sitting here. You will not and you refuse

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2 to be a representative of their interests to
3 even call to the vote an issue that pertains
4 to them and their overall Public Safety.

5 So, again, it is appalling to me
6 that we can continue to go around this
7 circle, and we've got a significant election
8 taking place tomorrow, and I believe the
9 majority of you are up for re-election next
10 year, again, if a Newsday indictment doesn't
11 beat you to the punch, then we have got to
12 address this issue.

13 We have got to get more residents
14 here either to phone you -- and the audacity
15 that you can think that a meeting at one
16 o'clock on a Friday afternoon, or a last
17 minute call to vote at 10:30 at night
18 provides public residents with opportunities
19 to offer their opinions, or their opposition
20 for the wasteful spending and arrogance in
21 regard to that wasteful spending of our hard
22 earned money that many of us are losing as
23 we are standing here.

24 You have staff people, about 200
25 attorneys between the consultant fees and

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2 the ones in the County Attorney's Office,
3 but it's wasteful spending and you continue
4 to do so, and try to look us in the eye and
5 say that you're representing our best
6 interests. That is appalling to me.

7 I wanted to make sure in this
8 instance that I used my time effectively to
9 speak because I have to sit here and hear
10 this nonsense on a regular basis.

11 We need more residents to come
12 here to speak to these issues, to be
13 representative of the things that you're
14 doing that is dragging us through the dirt
15 and bleeding us dry.

16 When is enough going to be
17 enough? Plenty of opportunities for the
18 public. You've got to be kidding me.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
20 very much. All those in favor of E-234?

21 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: I believe
22 Charles Lindbergh is in Uniondale. Again,
23 it's Uniondale we're taking care of, the
24 painting of the bridges and overpasses.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Fine.

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2 Let's go. All those in favor of E-234
3 signify by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Any opposed?

6 (Nay.)

7 The item passes four to three.

8 The next one is E-235, a personal
9 services agreement between the County of
10 Nassau acting on behalf of the Nassau County
11 Department County Traffic Safety and
12 Community Parent Center.

13 Motion, please.

14 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
17 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
18 Gaylor. Who is here to speak on this item?

19 MR. MISTRON: Christopher
20 Mistron, Director of Nassau County Traffic
21 Safety.

22 The contract before you is for
23 the Community Parent Association.

24 They actually do educational
25 programs on behalf of the DWI program in

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2 some 50 schools throughout Nassau County
3 within many of the districts represented by
4 the legislators here.

5 They have also done a series of
6 programs with another organization
7 dedicated, which many people have worked
8 with, with Marge Lee, to do in-school
9 education as well as demonstrations with
10 vehicles and other educational programs.

11 It is fully funded from New York
12 State through grant monies. So no county
13 money is used.

14 I might as well also add that
15 like a number of the other contracts that
16 have come through this body, part of the
17 delay in the contract was due to state
18 paperwork going back and forth. State
19 awards were late and, as a result, I
20 couldn't submit the contract until the state
21 award was actually received.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
23 questions or comments for Mr. Mistrion?

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
25 that would explain why the term of the

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2 contract goes from 1-1-16 to 12-31-16 and it
3 was signed on 2-29-16 and we're getting it
4 November 7th?

5 MR. MISTRON: Well, part of it
6 was that while the contract itself, I had
7 prepared the contract at the beginning of
8 the year, the contract itself, however, was
9 not approved or we didn't receive the money
10 from the state. The money is actually on
11 hand, but we didn't get the approval from
12 the state DMV for our program or from the
13 DWI program until some time in May, and then
14 by that time when we started with the
15 paperwork, that's when all the new
16 legislative forms went into effect, and back
17 and forth with those added to add to the
18 final contract being abled to be processed
19 in mid September. But, again, all this
20 money is reimbursable and is actually on
21 hand.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
23 don't know who would do this, if it's
24 Mr. Fran Becker, or who, but it seems as
25 though this is the second time so far today

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2 that contracts have been six months since
3 even that time, May. So total it's been
4 about ten months since the contract was
5 signed before it's coming before the leg.

6 I mean, the contract is almost
7 up. It's going to be up in six weeks. So
8 we really have to try to get this to the
9 Legislature prior to this much time.

10 Can I ask you, how was this
11 contractor selected?

12 MR. MISTRON: This particular
13 contractor has been working with the county
14 for about 20 years now. It's an ongoing
15 program within the schools.

16 As a matter of fact, the
17 districts, some 20 odd school of the school
18 districts require parents to attend this
19 program before their kids could actually get
20 permission to park on campus, attend proms
21 and so on.

22 So there's functions in here that
23 a number of the school districts had
24 required this particular program for the DWI
25 component for kids to even be able to attend

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2 the dances.

3 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: This
4 is not considered a sole source though; is
5 that correct?

6 MR. MISTRON: In other words, as
7 far as the educational programs, there is
8 really only three main programs out there.
9 One is from MADD, who we also contract with.
10 The program offered by the
11 District Attorney's Office who is also in
12 the schools, and then community parents is
13 one that, 20 years ago we first contracted
14 with them and they were in two school
15 districts, and they just expanded on to
16 everybody else at MADD and gave us a handle.
17 Like I said, it's in close to 40 to 50 of
18 the districts.

19 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
20 want to tell that this is something that
21 we're all very much in favor of obviously
22 and I do think you are going to have our
23 support.

24 Fran, I don't know who could
25 coordinate this, but it's just too late to

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2 bring it to the Legislature, ten months into
3 it.

4 Even if, I think it would be
5 better even -- well, hopefully the forms
6 won't be the excuse anymore, but before we
7 enter into a contract, or before it's
8 signed, or right when it's signed, it should
9 really come to the Legislature.

10 MR. MISTRON: If I can also add,
11 is that these particular programs,
12 especially with the monies that go through
13 the DWI funds, require state approval
14 through the plan that is submitted from my
15 office.

16 So basically these monies and the
17 reason why we had the cash reimbursed from
18 the state, or on hand already, is because
19 the state approves the spending of the money
20 and provides money. So they actually
21 receive the plan and did the initial
22 approval.

23 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
24 get it. Again, I support it completely. It
25 makes us look bad that it's 80 percent done

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2 when the County Legislature is looking at it
3 for the first time. I would like to avoid
4 that in the future. Thank you.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
6 comments for the legislators?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Is there any public comment?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 There being none, all those in
11 favor of E-235 signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 Any opposed?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 It's unanimous.

16 Next is E-236, a personal service
17 agreement between the County of Nassau
18 acting on behalf of the Nassau County
19 Department of Public Works and John Goess
20 Realty Appraisal, Inc.

21 Motion, please.

22 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
25 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator

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2 Nicolello. Who is here to speak on this
3 item?

4 MR. WALSH: Good afternoon.

5 Kevin Walsh from the Office of Real Estate
6 Services. This is a one year extension to
7 our existing on call appraisal contracts of
8 which we have four for John Goess Realty.

9 These contracts are each for
10 \$30,000 per calendar year. The initial
11 contract was a two year which included the
12 options of two one-year renewals. This is
13 just exercising one of the one year renewal
14 options. Any questions?

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
16 questions? Legislator Solages.

17 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you.
18 I just see herein the disclosure documents
19 that in 2015, the contractor donated to The
20 Friends of Ed Mangano.

21 Since there is an indictment, I
22 don't know if the indictment was read into
23 the record, that's what I would do, but
24 since there is an indictment of the County
25 Executive, I do not want to approve any

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2 contracts in which there might be a
3 potential for some kickbacks. Thank you.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
5 Gaylor.

6 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: I'm flipping
7 through some of the backup on here. I see
8 there's a NIFA routing slip, NIFA has signed
9 off on October 12, 2016 affirming that the
10 contract approval and any additional
11 information with requests to this is true
12 and accurate and all expenditures will be
13 made in reliance on blah, blah, blah, and
14 there's no conflict as indicated by NIFA.
15 Who is this Roseann person at NIFA that is
16 signing off on these things?

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: That's
18 OMB.

19 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Even though
20 it's on a NIFA form? The title of the form
21 says NIFA contract approval request form.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I think
23 it's a request form from NIFA. It's what
24 NIFA requires as part of the request
25 process, but, Roseann, I saw her earlier and

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2 she may be able to --

3 MR. WALSH: We believe it's
4 Roseann D'Alleva from OMB who signs off.

5 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Thank you.

6 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you,
7 Mr. Gaylor, for pointing that out, but I
8 don't believe NIFA has an independent
9 Inspector General that might be able to weed
10 out any potential -- and in addition --
11 nothing more. Thank you.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
13 comments?

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can
15 I, Norma, just clarify something?

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
17 DeRiggi-Whitton.

18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
19 Legislator Gaylor, it's my understanding
20 that it only goes to NIFA after we approve
21 it. So anything you're seeing, you can't
22 take that as a NIFA approval, that's just a
23 request for them to look at it.

24 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Thank you.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you

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2 for that information. Any public comment?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 There being none, all those in
5 favor of E-236 signify by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 Any opposed?

8 (Nay.)

9 The item passes four to three.

10 Next item is E-237-16, a personal
11 services agreement between the County of
12 Nassau acting on behalf of the Department of
13 Public Works and Haks Engineers, Architects
14 and Land Surveyors, P.C.

15 Motion, please.

16 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
19 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
20 Nicolello. Who is here to speak on this
21 item? Mr. Arnold.

22 MR. ARNOLD: Item 237-16 is a
23 construction management contract for West
24 Shore Road. The final phase of work.
25 Looking at the backup, I notice the

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2 authorization memo on this is also not
3 signed by the Chief Deputy County Executive,
4 so I ask that it be tabled.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No
6 problem. A motion to table.

7 Motion, please.

8 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
11 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
12 Nicolello. All those in favor of tabling
13 Item E-237 signify by saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Any opposed.

16 (No verbal response.)

17 E-137 is now tabled.

18 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Because it
19 didn't have a signature?

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes, or
21 whatever. It wasn't dated, wasn't --

22 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Really?
23 That same pattern?

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Whatever
25 you want to call it.

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2 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I just want
3 to note that one of the principals of Haks
4 is Homsa Ahmed, who contributed \$5,000 to
5 The Friends of Ed Mangano in May or June of
6 2016.

7 Again, that to me sounds very
8 similar to Singh and, again, it's under
9 investigation so I want to make sure we are
10 not considering this. Thank you.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: The next
12 item is E-238, a personal services agreement
13 between the County of Nassau acting on
14 behalf of the Nassau County Department of
15 Parks, Recreation & Museums, and Dover
16 Gourmet Corporation.

17 Motion, please.

18 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
21 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
22 Nicolello. Ms. Krieb.

23 MS. KRIEB: Eileen Krieb,
24 Department of Parks.

25 Both E-238 and 239 were heard

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2 before this committee of June 6th of past
3 and then went through the process of
4 reaching the Comptroller's Office to the
5 legal department.

6 The business form was then
7 questioned and as a result, we are
8 recirculating the same contract with more
9 detailed information in response to the
10 questions 13 and 17 in the business form.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Then it
12 would be okay for me to call E-239 at the
13 same time?

14 A motion for that one.

15 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
18 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
19 Nicolello. Questions regarding E-238 or
20 E-239? Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

21 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So,
22 again, I understand what you're saying, but
23 both of these contracts run from May 1st,
24 2016 to December 31st, 2016.

25 Again, it's coming before us at

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2 like 80 percent through the contract and I
3 just think it's poor practice and I
4 understand there might be issues with these
5 forms but we've got to stop --

6 MS. KRIEB: It was approved by
7 your committee on June 6th, so it was
8 somewhat timely but then it got delayed
9 because of this new requirement for
10 clarification.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: All
12 right. Again, it looks bad when the dates
13 are this far off.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
15 comments or any public comment? Ms.
16 Mereday.

17 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday,
18 Baldwin. Yes, I am concerned again. The
19 public does not get the value of the
20 documentation that all of you have, and I
21 feel that it would be in our best interests
22 since it is coming out of our pockets,
23 that's now getting filled with more lint
24 than cash, if we could get the information
25 at least relating to the values of these

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2 contracts. As opposed to these little
3 footnotes, resolution authorizing a personal
4 services agreement in the amount of what?

5 I don't see where I'm asking too
6 much to have that incorporated into the
7 scarcity of this documentation. You can
8 save paper, at least ink on the other
9 committees that that come out every two
10 weeks, and have nothing to report, like
11 veteran services or whatever. There hasn't
12 been anything listed on the Veterans
13 Services Committee in almost a year, I know,
14 I come, I collect. So you can save that ink,
15 and at least insert a dollar value.

16 As it pertains to this one, I'm
17 concerned about what were the questions from
18 the comptroller's office, and the fact that
19 we have to have the comptroller's office or
20 NIFA or Newsday or something other than
21 either the administration that is under
22 investigation, or the legislators that have
23 staff that run around here every other week
24 to get the details straight before it comes
25 up to a vote that impacts millions of

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2 dollars and thousands of lives in this
3 county. This is appalling. Even small
4 businesses don't operate this way let alone
5 major corporations. This is our money here.
6 Our blood money here.

7 So we need to step it up because
8 the stakeholders are getting tired of the
9 drama that we have to see on News 12 or in
10 Newsday and you sit before us and you claim
11 you are operating in our best interests on
12 information that's coming from someone who
13 is under indictment, not on one or two
14 counts, but 13.

15 Let's keep it real. Put the
16 numbers on here so we know exactly what we
17 have to work with for those of us who are
18 trying to save our communities, keep our
19 veterans in their homes, keep our seniors
20 with some heat, and at least give us that
21 satisfaction and respect as a stakeholder.
22 This doesn't hold up for me.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: There
24 being no further comment, all those in favor
25 of E-238 and E-239 signify by saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 Any opposed?

4 MS. MEREDAY: Can I please know
5 the value of these two contracts? I did ask
6 the question. What is the value of these
7 contracts? How much is this company
8 getting?

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The
10 contract for 238 is for \$100,000; the
11 contract for 239 is \$40,000.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: All those
13 in favor signify by saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Any opposed?

16 (Nay.)

17 The items pass four to three.

18 The next item is Item E-240, an
19 amendment to a personal services agreement
20 between the County of Nassau acting on
21 behalf of the County Sheriff's Department
22 and Community Oriented Correctional Health
23 Services.

24 Motion, please.

25 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
4 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
5 Nicolello. Who is here to speak on this
6 item, Mr. Becker?

7 MR. BECKER: Madam Chair, the
8 Sheriff's Department has some absences,
9 vacation and illnesses. DCA Martha Krisell
10 is on vacation, Captain Golio is in Brooklyn
11 on a PERB hearing, Commissioner of
12 Corrections Charles Campizzi is ill.

13 So I'm going to speak on this
14 item and I believe I can answer any
15 questions that you may have.

16 First of all, this contract was
17 originally a six month contract and it was
18 requested that it be \$45,000 just to
19 clarify.

20 This is with Community Oriented
21 Health Services which was hired to monitor
22 Armor at the jail and then at some point,
23 when a new contractor was chosen, to help
24 that new contractor transition into the jail
25 and to monitor them as well. The \$45,000 in

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2 the beginning was basically a guesstimate by
3 those who drafted the contract, not knowing
4 fully the complete scope of the work that
5 was needed to be done.

6 At this particular point, now
7 they have a much clearer idea and they're
8 asking and requesting that the contract be
9 increased by \$100,000 by amendment.

10 This was, by the way, written
11 into the contract with the understanding
12 that the first period of the contract would
13 be six months, and then to be -- an
14 additional six months could be added on by
15 an amendment.

16 What had happened, they are
17 monitoring Armor as was planned from the
18 beginning. What happened in the interim,
19 very quickly, the County Executive and his
20 staff have chosen a new contractor.

21 Now they are vigorously at this
22 point working on a new contract and trying
23 to get that contract before the Legislature
24 as soon as possible. But there is a great
25 deal of due diligence that's required.

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2 So, they've kind they're doing
3 both now, the COCHS, which is the Community
4 Oriented Correctional Health Services.

5 They are doing both right now.
6 They are not only monitoring the jail at
7 present, Armor, and in the process also of
8 negotiating the new contract doing due
9 diligence with the new vendor that's on
10 board.

11 I would like to give you an
12 example of some of the work that they are
13 doing at this particular point. At this
14 particular point, we reviewed the
15 methodology for scoring the performance
16 indicators, that's with Armor validating
17 personnel records to contractual staffing
18 requirements, reviewing grievance logs to
19 measure inmate satisfaction, the legitimacy
20 of inmate complaints and Armor's compliance
21 with the related contractual performance.
22 Working with the staff to standardize a
23 mutually satisfactory methodology for
24 measuring performance by Armor.

25 They're also at this particular

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2 point reviewing the RFP from the new
3 contractor and the bids and drafting a
4 contract and working to draft that contract.
5 They are also of course involved in heavy
6 negotiations. Also, the important part of
7 providing language to the county for the new
8 contract.

9 So the Community Oriented
10 Correctional Health Services, I know of at
11 least four individuals that have been in and
12 out of the jail since they were originally
13 hired. They are working very hard.

14 At this particular point the
15 County Executive and staff is very satisfied
16 with the work product they are providing.

17 And of course, most importantly
18 of all, they are preparing and negotiating a
19 contract for the new vendor so, when they
20 come on board, hopefully January 1st, that's
21 the plan, they can hit the ground running.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Mr. Becker,
23 I thank you for trying to fill the void with
24 the absence of the personnel from the
25 correctional facility.

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2 But I'm going to ask for a motion
3 to table.

4 Motion, please.

5 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
8 Legislator Gaylor, seconded by Legislator
9 Dunne. All those in favor of tabling E-240
10 signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 Any opposed?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I'm joining
15 the tabling of this, but can we ask that the
16 sheriff be present when this is for
17 reconsideration because this involves the
18 management of not just one entity, but two.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: It's done.
20 This is what happens when it's tabled.
21 Okay?

22 Item E-242, a personal services
23 agreement between the County of Nassau
24 acting on behalf of the Nassau County
25 Department of Parks, Recreation, and Museums

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2 and Party Up Productions.

3 Motion, please.

4 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
7 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
8 Nicolello.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Madam
10 Presiding Officer, before Ms. Krieb speaks,
11 just to go to Mr. Becker, Legislator Bynoe
12 had written a letter to the County Executive
13 -- to the sheriff, I'm sorry, asking that
14 the benchmarks in regards to selecting the
15 next vendor be taken a look at and have a
16 group of medical providers and correctional
17 people and so on and so forth. It appears,
18 based on what we're seeing here, that that's
19 not being taken under consideration.

20 MR. BECKER: Legislator Bynoe,
21 would you provide me with a copy of that
22 letter and I will follow-up on it, okay?

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now we are
25 on E-242.

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2 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Are we doing
3 E-241? Why not? It's not because of the Ed
4 Mangano contribution?

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No.

6 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I'm actually
7 happy. You're making me smile, Norma.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Go ahead,
9 Ms. Krieb.

10 MS. KRIEB: Eileen Krieb,
11 Department of Parks.

12 This is a special service
13 agreement with Party Up Productions in the
14 amount of \$50,000. The term is from
15 September 16 to August 31, 2017. This is
16 funded by hotel-motel grant money. It was
17 awarded through an RFP process.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
19 questions regarding the item of Ms. Krieb?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Any public comment?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 There being none, all those in
24 favor of E-242 signify by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 Any opposed?

3 (Nay.)

4 The item passes four to three.

5 Next is Item E-243, an amendment
6 to a personal services agreement between the
7 County of Nassau acting on behalf of the
8 Nassau County Department of Social Services
9 and Family & Children's Association.

10 Motion, please.

11 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
14 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
15 Nicolello. I believe I saw Mr. Broderick
16 here.

17 MR. BRODERICK: Paul Broderick,
18 Deputy Commissioner, Department of Social
19 Services.

20 The contract before you is an
21 agreement between Family and Children
22 Association and the Department of Social
23 Services. Essentially we are looking to
24 increase the value of the contract to
25 provide additional hours of homemaking

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2 services for those families who are in need.
3 Do you have any questions?

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
5 questions of Mr. Broderick? You may ask
6 your question, Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Is
8 this considered a sole source type of
9 situation with this provider?

10 MR. BRODERICK: I would probably
11 say yes. It's a specialized service, it's
12 homemaking services, dealing with families
13 and families in distress. It's very
14 specialized I would say.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
16 was kind of wondering what a homemaker
17 program was. So it's more of like a crisis
18 type of situation?

19 MR. BRODERICK: Exactly, working
20 with the family and the children who develop
21 more social skills I guess.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just
23 for the record, the fact that it's run from
24 January 1st and we're just getting it now,
25 do you know why that happened?

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2 MR. BRODERICK: This happened
3 probably in June or July we had discussed
4 operational needs with FCA. We had a
5 contract in place. This is just updating
6 what we previously had.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: But
8 this contract ends December 2016 and it ran
9 all year.

10 MR. BRODERICK: We had. There
11 was a previous agreement. This is
12 subsequent to that.

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
14 think you have our support but this is,
15 again, this is poor practice for a contract
16 to run from January 1st, 2016 to December
17 31st, 2016 and to come before the
18 Legislature November 7, 2016.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Are there
20 any other comments or questions from the
21 legislators?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Is there any public comment?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 There being none, all those in

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2 favor of E-243 signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 Any opposed?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 The vote is unanimous.

7 The next item is E-244, an
8 amendment to a personal services agreement
9 between the County of Nassau acting on
10 behalf of the Nassau County District
11 Attorney's Office and Family & Children's
12 Association.

13 Motion, please.

14 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
17 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
18 Nicolello.

19 MR. MCMANUS: Bob McManus,
20 District Attorney's Office. This is a one
21 year extension of an existing agreement with
22 the Family & Children's Association to
23 provide services to previously incarcerated
24 individuals to improve their chance of
25 successfully rebuilding their lives as

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2 members of the community. The program also
3 engages at risk youth in constructive
4 activities to reduce gang involvement.

5 Among the services provided are
6 reentry coordination, mentoring, employment
7 counseling, outreach, internships, sports
8 programs and educational programs.

9 This program is fully funded by
10 state grant funds and forfeiture funds
11 awarded to the District Attorney's Office.
12 There is no cost to the county.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
14 DeRiggi-Whitton.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Did
16 the DA handle the procurement of the
17 contract?

18 MR. MCMANUS: Yes, ma'am.

19 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Thank
20 you very much.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Are there
22 any other comments or questions from the
23 legislators?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Is there any public comment?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 There being none, all those in
4 favor of E-244 signify by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Any opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 The vote is unanimous.

9 The next item is E-245, an
10 amendment to a personal services agreement
11 between the County of Nassau acting on
12 behalf of the Department of Public Works and
13 Lockwood, Kessler & Bartlett, Inc.

14 Motion, please.

15 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
18 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
19 Gaylor. Who is here to speak on this item?

20 MR. ARNOLD: Ken Arnold, Public
21 Works. E-245 is a contract amendment for
22 LKB, Inc., which is the design engineer for
23 the West Shore Road project.

24 This amendment is for money that
25 allows them to support the engineering

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2 services during the construction services on
3 the design end.

4 Like our other items previously,
5 the memo is not signed, however, I do have
6 signed memos for all my items including this
7 one.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
9 DeRiggi-Whitton.

10 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
11 would request a minute to review --

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Let me ask
13 you something. We're talking about Item
14 237, correct?

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: 245.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: He said he
17 had it for all the items that we tabled.

18 MR. ARNOLD: I have it for 231,
19 237 and also 251 is not signed and I have
20 that one also.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: 237. I'm
22 just going to leave this.

23 MR. ARNOLD: These memos were
24 signed by the Chief Deputy County Executive.
25 Were not dated. I had them resigned by

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2 Edward Ward, Deputy County Executive and
3 dated.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm sorry,
5 I think I'm going to continue to table.

6 A motion to table 245, and thank
7 you for your efforts. I think we need time
8 to go over these items that were tabled.

9 E-245, a motion to table.

10 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
13 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
14 Nicolello. All those in favor of tabling
15 E-245 signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Any opposed?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 It's unanimous to table.

20 Item 247, an amendment to a
21 personal services agreement between the
22 County of Nassau acting on behalf of the
23 Office of the Nassau County Attorney and
24 Rebore, Thorpe & Pisarello, P.C.

25 Motion, please.

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2 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
5 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
6 Nicolello. Who is here to speak on this
7 item?

8 MR. LITTMAN: Good afternoon.
9 Sam Littman from the County Attorney's
10 Office.

11 This is an amendment to a
12 contract which will allow Rebore Thorpe to
13 handle a case where we have a conflict.

14 The District Attorney's Office
15 prosecuted one of the police officers. The
16 police officer was acquitted, but we feel we
17 have a conflict of interest. So it's going
18 to special counsel, Rebore Thorpe. Any
19 questions?

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
21 questions? No one has any questions?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Is there any public comment?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 There being none, all those in

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2 favor of E-247 signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 Any opposed?

5 (Nay.)

6 The item passes four to three.

7 The next item is E-248, a
8 personal services agreement between the
9 County of Nassau acting on behalf of the
10 Nassau County Police Department and
11 Shotspotter, Inc.

12 Motion, please.

13 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
16 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
17 Gaylor.

18 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Good
19 afternoon, Lieutenant Greg Stephanoff from
20 the Police Department. Item E-248 of '16 is
21 to amend the contract for services with
22 Shotspotter to extend the term to three
23 years to upgrade the maintenance of gun shot
24 detection and location system.

25 Shotspotter is a gunshot location

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2 and detection system that will triangulate a
3 gunshot and send the location back to our
4 communications bureau so that we can
5 dispatch a car. Shotspotter will, within
6 three to five seconds, triangulate the
7 location and send it back to our
8 communications bureau.

9 This item, the Shotspotter
10 agreement includes an upgrade from the
11 hardware system to the flex system.
12 Therefore, it is not just a standard
13 maintenance term extension but also includes
14 an upgrade at no additional cost to the
15 county to the system itself.

16 As a result, the contract was
17 delayed due to a series of technical issues
18 related to installing the upgrade being
19 provided to the system. The flex upgrade
20 will be a transition from hardware to a
21 cloud based system. Shotspotter will
22 maintain the system and will continue to
23 maintain the current technology during the
24 transition and provide the computer aided
25 dispatch interface and technical support for

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2 the cloud-based system.

3 It is important to know that the
4 new system sold by Shotspotter are on the
5 flex system so this upgrade will enable the
6 option of interoperability as well.

7 This upgrade will give us the
8 second generation of Shotspotter which is
9 the current generation sold. Since its
10 implementation, from 2010 so '11,
11 Shotspotter reduced shootings by 77 percent
12 in the area that it monitors.

13 From 2011 to current, today, we
14 maintain a 35 percent reduction year after
15 year. We've been maintaining 35 percent
16 reduction of shootings after the first year
17 of implementation. The total cost is
18 \$194,486. That will give us maintenance to
19 August 18, 2018.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I have a
21 question I think it was posed by the
22 Minority Leader. What are the plans to
23 expand the program in the very near future?

24 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: The
25 commissioner has plans to expand Shotspotter

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2 to different areas. I'm not directly
3 involved in it, but I was told that once all
4 the funds are in place, the preliminary work
5 has been done with the company and we will
6 move forward. Also the software upgrade in
7 the current system will allow
8 interoperability with the new system.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Minority
10 Leader.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Just a
12 point of clarity. We had submitted the CRP
13 for -- first, let me start by saying
14 Shotspotter has been in the Roosevelt,
15 Uniondale area for quite some time. It's in
16 Hempstead. It covers even parts of
17 Freeport.

18 I feel my residents that I
19 represented value it from that standpoint.
20 So I think from our standpoint, it's a good
21 measure to support.

22 However, it seems like the Elmont
23 area, which you mentioned funding, the
24 Elmont area, has been looking for this
25 program as well. People will look for the

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2 benefit of it as well. It seems like, to
3 me, even though we have submitted the CRP,
4 Legislator Solages can speak to it a little
5 more, submitted the CRP a while ago, it
6 seems like the funding is there. It's just
7 a matter of that we would have liked to have
8 seen this contract include Elmont as well.

9 I guess I will let Legislator
10 Solages speak to it as well, if that's all
11 right, Madam Presiding Officer.

12 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you.
13 Yes. Lieutenant, if you can just please
14 speak with the commissioner, I know he cares
15 about law and order and safety just as the
16 great residents of Elmont do.

17 Unfortunately, our request for
18 something that would protect our community
19 is now being not considered because of
20 politics.

21 We want Shotspotter. We have
22 been waiting for it diligently.
23 Unfortunately now, we see all those other
24 CRP projects for mats for wrestling at high
25 schools being passed, and other things that

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2 I think are, respectfully, not as important
3 as our public safety.

4 So, respectfully, I ask you
5 Lieutenant, to reach out to the commissioner
6 and ask him to please come before this body
7 to join with the great residents of Elmont
8 are asking for, which is a great program
9 that can make our community safer. Thank
10 you.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
12 comments or questions?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 Is there any public comment?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 There being none, all those in
17 favor of E-248 signify by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 Any opposed?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We are
22 going to support it because of the public
23 safety aspect to it.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:

25 Absolutely. It's unanimous.

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2 Next is E-149, an amendment to a
3 personal services agreement between the
4 County of Nassau acting on behalf of the
5 Nassau County Attorney's Office and Pannone,
6 Lopes, Devereux & West, L.L.C.

7 Motion, please.

8 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
11 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
12 Nicolello. Who is here to speak on this
13 item?

14 MR. MEYER: Good afternoon,
15 legislators. Josh Meyer from Pannone, Lopes
16 Devereaux & West, 81 Main Street, Suite 510,
17 White Plains, New York.

18 I'm here today to provide a quick
19 summary of the services we're providing
20 under this matter.

21 We're assisting the county with
22 ongoing Coliseum matters especially as NEC
23 wraps heads up their -- heads towards
24 wrapping up their construction which is
25 approximately March of 2017.

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2 We are also working on the
3 Memorial Sloan Kettering closing on the five
4 acre parcel at that site. We hope to have
5 that done within the next few weeks
6 actually. That would be great for the
7 county to take care of that.

8 We're also assisting the county
9 with the evaluation of proposals received
10 for the Trigen Energy facility which is just
11 across the street from the Coliseum site.
12 That provides hot-chilled water for the
13 facilities in that area.

14 Then we are also assisting the
15 county with the state grant for the parking
16 structures, for the two parking structures
17 on-site there. We are reviewing any lease
18 issues associated with that parking grant.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
20 comments or questions for Mr. Meyer?

21 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can
22 you let the record reflect Minority Leader
23 Abrahams recused himself.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.
25 Do you have any questions or comments for

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2 Mr. Meyer?

3 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Yes.

4 How are you? Just to clarify then, the

5 total so far for this contract is

6 \$2,755,000; is that correct?

7 MR. MEYER: That's correct.

8 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: And

9 you're asking for an additional \$450,000, is

10 that on top of the 2.7 or is that included

11 in the 2.7?

12 MR. MEYER: I'm not sure if

13 that's the way it reads right now, whether

14 it's on top of that. I think it brings it

15 to that amount, but I would have to reread

16 that aspect of it.

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I'm

18 not sure either if we're going up to 3.2 or

19 staying at 2.7.

20 MR. MEYER: I believe it brings

21 it to that number.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Isn't the

25 maximum amount \$2,755,000; is that the

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2 maximum amount?

3 MR. MEYER: Yes.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: So that
5 450 increase would bring it to what we're
6 asking for today?

7 MR. MEYER: That's my
8 understanding, yes.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.
10 Legislator Solages.

11 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Just one
12 quick note. I know your firm is responsible
13 for doing a lot with Sloan Kettering and the
14 new Coliseum and that's great.

15 But one of the references you
16 pointed out to is, again, it's my
17 understanding it's under federal
18 investigation.

19 Again, the County Attorney's
20 Office might be out of touch with reality
21 but you're a private firm.

22 So I'm asking you respectfully to
23 please check who you are using as references
24 in your projects. That's all. Thank you.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other

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2 comment or questions?

3 MR. PODLESAK: Presiding Officer,
4 there is a second contract involving this
5 firm. 253. It might be more efficient to
6 handle both of them at the same time.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: The
8 Minority Leader had to recuse for 249. So
9 we should really vote on that item first.
10 We didn't vote on E-249. All those in favor
11 of E-249 signify by saying aye. Signify by
12 saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We have an
15 individual who needs to make a public
16 comment.

17 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday,
18 Baldwin resident. And I'm so glad that
19 residents from Uniondale are here because
20 this definitely impacts them directly.

21 My concern again has to do with
22 truly the lack of inclusion and diversity
23 even in the professional services arena.
24 Believe it or not, there are minority women
25 and veterans who can also assist with these

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2 types of projects if the county had an
3 aggressive and comprehensive program that
4 did outreach let alone inclusion.

5 I'm also concerned with regard to
6 the state grant project and the Trigen
7 energy facility project and wondering if
8 there is any outreach by this firm to the
9 residents in the Uniondale community with
10 regard to what their needs are as it
11 pertains to this development and what
12 happens once all of these facilities are up
13 and running.

14 Because, the impact, as many of
15 them have outlined to this body, as well as
16 the Town of Hempstead, which largely went
17 unheeded, which is kind of the business of
18 the day as it pertains to the Town of
19 Hempstead and Nassau County. But, again, I
20 would urge all the residents, but
21 particularly those in the Uniondale
22 community who continue like the rest of us
23 in unincorporated hamlets in Nassau County
24 to be underrepresented and poorly served to
25 ask the questions now because the budget for

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2 the most part has already been approved.

3 These details have already been
4 cut. They're requesting additional
5 amendments on funding that they're going to
6 get paid.

7 Many of you lost that \$10 million
8 CBA agreement, but, again, these taxes are
9 going to go up. I'm sorry. It's not going
10 to be called a property tax. I'm sorry.
11 We're going to get increased fees, fines,
12 surcharges, duties, tariffs, et cetera.

13 So I am concerned with regard to
14 how this particular process has been
15 undertaken with so many aspects from the
16 Coliseum, Sloan Kettering site, Trigen and
17 the state grant for parking which I have not
18 seen any interaction or intervention as it
19 pertains to inclusion of veteran-owned
20 businesses, veteran employment and This
21 Legislative body continues to refuse to ask
22 those questions.

23 And then when Newsday asks what
24 happened and how did these certain contracts
25 or things take place, that are found to be

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2 illegal and we have all of this legal
3 representation, you continue to refuse to be
4 able to answer the question, you have to
5 look into it, and we have to pay for it.

6 So, again, I'm just asking more
7 people to let residents know otherwise
8 you're going to continue to look out your
9 windows and there's going to be more zombie
10 houses that we also have to pay to have
11 demolished and have the increased taxes, and
12 school taxes and local town taxes, because
13 this county still wants to promote that it
14 doesn't increase property taxes. It just
15 cuts your services and calls everything else
16 is fee or a surcharge or a tariff. Thank
17 you.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Is it on
19 this topic? What is your name.

20 MS. SANFT: My name is Heidi
21 Sanft and I'm the Vice President of Nostrand
22 Garden Civic Association in Uniondale.

23 My comment is as follows: I
24 understand that the law firm is doing work
25 and getting paid by Nassau County for all

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2 these projects that are going up north, on
3 the north side of Hempstead Turnpike
4 including Sloan Kettering and the Nassau
5 County Coliseum. And that's all well and
6 good. Nassau County is going to pay this
7 law firm.

8 What I would like to amend to
9 that is that Uniondale Avenue is the Gateway
10 to the Nassau Coliseum and, for that reason,
11 we would like Nassau to pass the contract
12 that we have waiting, and we are all sitting
13 here waiting for you to put on your agenda.

14 Again, Uniondale Avenue is the
15 Gateway to the Nassau County Coliseum
16 project. Mr. Dunne, you said something
17 earlier about Charles Lindbergh Boulevard,
18 that area, again, that's the bridges being
19 Uniondale. Again, that's the north side of
20 Hempstead Turnpike.

21 There is such an imbalance of
22 funds to being poured in to support
23 Uniondale. There is a dividing line north
24 of Hempstead Turnpike that is getting all
25 the funding. South of Hempstead Turnpike,

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2 which is where we are looking for the street
3 scaping to be done on Uniondale Avenue, is
4 being ignored months after months after
5 months. Thank you.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: What is
7 your name? You need to put in a slip so we
8 have it for the record.

9 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: North of the
10 turnpike is still paying Uniondale school
11 taxes which goes to your schools.

12 MS. SANFT: Can you repeat that?

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm not
14 going to start this, okay?

15 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Can I? It's
16 on the topic.

17 MS. SANFT: Just understand there
18 is one Uniondale, and, as I said, of course
19 Nassau Coliseum has to pay the law firm for
20 what's going on. Nassau County has to pay
21 the law firm, for Sloan Kettering, and
22 Nassau Coliseum, we're not saying that's
23 bad.

24 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Heidi, I
25 have a question for you. I appreciate you

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2 coming here today and I understand your
3 concerns.

4 Is your concern is that by
5 improving north of the turnpike and not
6 south of the turnpike, as a result, it ends
7 up looking like two different communities?

8 MS. SANFT: Yes.

9 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: And the tale
10 of two cities basically?

11 MS. SANFT: Yes.

12 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: And your
13 concern basically is that if we're going to
14 improve one side of the turnpike we need to
15 improve the other side of the turnpike?

16 MS. SANFT: Exactly. You got it
17 right.

18 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Just fill
20 out a slip, Heidi, so we have it for the
21 record.

22 MS. SANFT: Will do.

23 MS. JACOBS: It's for the item.
24 My name is Pearl Jacobs. I'm president of
25 the Nostrand Garden Civic Association in

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2 Uniondale.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Go ahead.

4 MS. JACOBS: So given the issue
5 with the attorney fees and the development
6 north of Hempstead Turnpike, I do concur
7 with my vice president Heidi Sanft that
8 there appears to be a divisiveness,
9 deinvestment, and the -- and south of
10 Uniondale.

11 We do understand that there's a
12 lot of money, a lot of development that is
13 occurring north of Hempstead Turnpike, and
14 with the revitalization of the Marriott and
15 the Coliseum and Memorial Sloan Kettering,
16 that whole area, but it is the opinion of
17 the residents of Uniondale, as president of
18 Nostrand Garden Civic Association, it has
19 resonated that there is an orchestrated
20 attempt to disenfranchise this investment
21 and ghettoization of the south side in the
22 residential neighborhoods of Uniondale.

23 Now, getting back to the issue of
24 when you were debating the painting of the
25 bridges over Charles Lindbergh Boulevard,

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2 that, to me, is orchestrated development of
3 the north side of Uniondale.

4 All of the investments, all of
5 the beautification, all of the monies are
6 going and being allocated to the north side
7 of Uniondale as opposed to investment in the
8 south side of Hempstead Turnpike.

9 And we do not recognize a
10 north-south Uniondale as one Uniondale. As
11 Heidi said, Uniondale Avenue is the Gateway
12 to the new, as the sign is saying, the new
13 Long Island, the HUB.

14 So we want to be a part and
15 included in this new vision for Long Island.
16 Anything other than that would purely equate
17 to discrimination.

18 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I have a
19 question for the President of the Nostrand
20 Civic Association. You said this is -- you
21 described it a number of ways.

22 My question you to is, would this
23 be considered environmental racism?

24 MS. JACOBS: I would say yes.
25 That would be my opinion, yes, and the

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2 opinions of the residents of Uniondale as
3 well.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: All those
5 in favor of E-249 signify by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 Any opposed?

8 (Nay.)

9 The item passes four to two.

10 Mr. Abrahams can return.

11 I'm now going to call E-253 out
12 of order, which is an amendment to a
13 personal services agreement between the
14 County of Nassau acting on behalf of the
15 Nassau County Attorney's Office and Pannone
16 Lopes Devereaux & West, LLC.

17 Motion, please.

18 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
21 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
22 Nicolello.

23 MR. MEYER: Just a quick summary
24 on this and the services we provide on this.
25 This is related to the sewer system. It's

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2 ongoing contract administration matters.

3 As you can imagine with the
4 contract of this size, there are a number of
5 issues that we deal with and there's a
6 significant number of ongoing issues that we
7 deal with.

8 We are also assisting the county
9 with an ongoing litigation matter associated
10 with the sewer system as well.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
12 questions or comments for Mr. Meyer?

13 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Just give me
14 two minutes, one minute.

15 The question again, one of the
16 references you submitted, to my
17 understanding, is under federal
18 investigation. I'm asking you please to
19 make an amendment or send a waiver because
20 in order for me to really feel comfortable
21 with this contract, I just want to make sure
22 there are no connections whatsoever to any
23 ongoing federal investigation or an
24 indictment. Do you understand that, sir?

25 MR. MEYER: Yes, I understand.

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2 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: All those
4 in favor of E-253 signify by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Any opposed?

7 (Nay.)

8 The item passes four to three.

9 Let's go back to E-250, an
10 amendment to a personal services agreement
11 between the County of Nassau acting on
12 behalf of the Nassau County Attorney's
13 Office and Montfort, Healy, McGuire &
14 Salley, LLP.

15 Motion, please.

16 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
19 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
20 Nicolello.

21 MR. LITTMAN: Good afternoon.

22 Sam Littman again from the County Attorney's
23 Office.

24 This is an extension of an
25 existing contract for \$25,000 with Montfort

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2 Healy. It extends the time only, the case
3 is over, settled. We just need an extension
4 of time to pay the bill which is still under
5 the amount of \$25,000. Any questions?

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
7 DeRiggi-Whitton.

8 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: The
9 contract original term was expired on
10 2-19-15.

11 MR. LITTMAN: The original
12 contract date that I have was enacted in
13 March of 2014.

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
15 Right. And it went to 2-19-15, correct?

16 MR. LITTMAN: Correct. To 2015.

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
18 January of 2015?

19 MR. LITTMAN: Right.

20 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
21 how much longer did the work go on for?

22 MR. LITTMAN: We are extending
23 the time so we can pay them. What happened
24 is, the plaintiff is incarcerated in this
25 case.

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2 They had to get certain documents
3 signed, "they," meaning the plaintiff's
4 attorneys had to get certain documents
5 signed. It took them time to do that. Once
6 they got it signed and submitted, the case
7 is over, now we just have to pay Montfort
8 Healy for the services that they rendered
9 for the county. That's why we need an
10 extension of time to pay the bill to them.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

12 Okay. But the work was concluded in 2015?

13 MR. LITTMAN: The case was over
14 in May of 2015.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
18 comments or questions?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Is there any public comment?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 There being none, all those in
23 favor of E-250 signify by saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Any opposed?

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2 (Nay.)

3 The item passes four to three.

4 The next item is E-251, a
5 personal services agreement between the
6 County of Nassau acting on behalf of the
7 Nassau County Department of Public Works and
8 Lockwood Kessler & Bartlett, Inc.

9 Motion, please.

10 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
13 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
14 Gaylor. Who is here to speak on this item?

15 MR. ARNOLD: Ken Arnold, Public
16 Works. E-251 is a construction management
17 contract associated with pump station
18 improvements for instrumentation control.
19 LKB was the highest technical ranked firm.
20 Unfortunately this was another contract that
21 didn't have the dated memo and we are hoping
22 that they all get addressed at the same
23 time.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:
25 Unfortunately, or fortunately I guess, I

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2 don't know which way, this one also didn't
3 have a date and, since we tabled the others
4 I'm going to table this one.

5 Motion, please.

6 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
9 Legislator Gaylor, seconded by Legislator
10 Dunne. All those in favor of tabling Item
11 E-251 signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 Any opposed.

14 (No verbal response.)

15 The item is tabled.

16 I'm going to do something, go
17 back to Item E-240 which was tabled and now
18 I need a motion to untable E-240.

19 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
22 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
23 Nicolello. All those in favor of untabling
24 E-240 signify by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 Any opposed?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 There is someone here to speak on
5 it and that's why it is being untabled. Who
6 do we have?

7 MR. BECKER: Captain Golio is
8 here.

9 CAPTAIN GOLIO: Michael Golio,
10 G-O-L-I-O.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: What can
12 you tell us about E-240?

13 CAPTAIN GOLIO: This is an
14 amendment to the contract for the consulting
15 firm that we have operating at the jail
16 COCHS, and they are assisting us with both
17 monitoring the activity of Armor, and they
18 will be assisting us in the negotiation of
19 the contract for the new vendor at the
20 facility.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Who has
22 questions on this one?

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes. I
24 just want to mention the letter that
25 Legislator Bynoe wrote to Sheriff Sposato

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2 dated November 4th. I want it included into
3 the record.

4 I don't know if you had a chance
5 to review it, but one of the things that
6 Legislator Bynoe recommends, which we are
7 looking for a response, in the second
8 sentence of her letter is that she strongly
9 recommended and she's speaking for the
10 caucus, that a multidisciplinary committee
11 be established to evaluate the revised
12 performance benchmarks for the new inmate
13 health care contract at the correctional
14 center.

15 As she had indicated in the
16 committee, it should be comprised of medical
17 professionals and public health officials,
18 so on and so forth. Just concerned if the
19 sheriff has had a chance to read the letter.

20 Obviously from what we are seeing
21 today, it doesn't seem like this is being
22 considered or maybe it is in some other
23 form.

24 CAPTAIN GOLIO: I haven't seen
25 the letter prior to just now. I do see it.

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2 I can tell you that the company,
3 COCHS, does have a multidisciplinary panel.
4 They are involved in it. We have people
5 involved from the Department of Health and
6 the selection panel for the new vendor also
7 involved people from several county
8 agencies. So those people will be involved
9 going forward as we progress through the
10 contract negotiation process.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Is it
12 possible that you can provide us -- you
13 mentioned that the vendor that's before us
14 today had many of the professionals that
15 Legislator Bynoe is looking for, can you
16 provide us with the names and background and
17 maybe their CVs so we can see them?

18 CAPTAIN GOLIO: Sure. I can ask
19 COCHS to provide that. Sure.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: When do you
21 think you could get that to us?

22 CAPTAIN GOLIO: I honestly
23 couldn't say.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Also from
25 the Department of Health as well.

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2 CAPTAIN GOLIO: Okay.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Are we also
4 reviewing the actual benchmarks that will be
5 in the contract as well?

6 CAPTAIN GOLIO: Absolutely.
7 That's part of the entire process.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Where are
9 we in that review?

10 CAPTAIN GOLIO: We have had
11 several email exchanges with the proposed
12 vendor and also with COCHS. We had a formal
13 sit down meeting last week and another one
14 scheduled for next week. So all of those
15 issues are part of the discussion.

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm just
17 conferring with Legislator Bynoe. She would
18 like to as well as my office, if schedules
19 allow, to be part of those meetings as well.

20 CAPTAIN GOLIO: I mean, we would
21 have to talk to the County Attorney's
22 Office. That would be up to someone from
23 that office.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Mr. Becker,
25 would that be a problem for us to attend?

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2 MR. BECKER: I think that it's
3 under advisement. I would have to go
4 through the County Attorney's Office. I'm
5 sure they'll get back to you on that.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Conal or
7 Gerry?

8 MR. DENION: I think as Fran
9 said, I think we're going to look at that
10 question and get back.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: All right.
12 So you got to bring it up. Okay.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Mr. Golio,
14 I would say to the County Attorney's Office,
15 if that request is granted, then I believe
16 that Legislator Dunne would also like to be
17 part of that committee. At least to be
18 there to see what's going on.

19 Since the facility is in his
20 district, he would like to be apprised of
21 what's going on, and a chairman of Public
22 Safety. Okay, Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

23 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: This
24 is a very specific request, but when we had
25 the breakdown of the issues, there was --

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2 one of the issues was someone with a chronic
3 condition, like how long it takes for them
4 to meet with an administrator, and what
5 percentage we were hitting.

6 I think the requirement was the
7 first seven days, I have it on my desk
8 upstairs, and we're only hitting like 24
9 percent or 27 percent.

10 Can you guarantee us that that is
11 being looked at and hopefully we will have
12 much better numbers going forward?

13 CAPTAIN GOLIO: What you are
14 referring to is an analysis that was done by
15 Armor, a snapshot with a sample size. I
16 don't know what the sample size was. I
17 don't know what their findings were.

18 I can tell you that the
19 benchmarks and all the indicators and all
20 the things we discussed will be included in
21 the contract and are part of the
22 discussions. They're based on NCCHC
23 guidelines and standards as well as the
24 professional opinions of all of these
25 professionals that we have involved in this

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2 process.

3 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
4 appreciate it. As a mother of someone with
5 a chronic condition, I know that their
6 medication has to be monitored from day one.
7 Three days without insulin and you're going
8 to have some of the problems possibly that
9 we've seen.

10 CAPTAIN GOLIO: Right. And,
11 again, I think I stated the last time I was
12 here, I'm not sure that the way that that
13 document is being interpreted is accurate
14 but I understand your concern.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
18 Solages.

19 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Let me ask
20 you a question. In the last year, at your
21 jail, at the facility that you work at,
22 you've had over 200 injuries of correctional
23 officers and, in addition, you've had almost
24 11 deaths with Armor. What makes you think
25 that you could supervise properly another

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2 health care provider when all that happened
3 with you dealing with just one?

4 CAPTAIN GOLIO: Are we discussing
5 the COCHS contract? The COCHS contract are
6 the consultants that are assisting us moving
7 forward. They are helping with Armor and
8 they are also going to also help with the
9 negotiation of the new contract.

10 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: What makes
11 you think they're actually going to help the
12 situation?

13 CAPTAIN GOLIO: This is their
14 area of expertise. They were recommended to
15 us for this purpose, and we are utilizing
16 their professional services.

17 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Isn't that
18 the area of expertise also for Armor? To
19 provide health care services and obviously
20 that didn't work out.

21 CAPTAIN GOLIO: The purpose of
22 COCHS is to provide consulting services to
23 assist Armor while they're still at the
24 facility and to assist us in negotiating the
25 new contract.

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2 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
4 comments from the legislators?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Any public comment?

7 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday.

8 Thank you, Legislator Solages for asking the
9 questions. Those of us that, even though
10 these seats may be empty, there are many
11 residents who their heads just continue to
12 shake, and there was a concern that I
13 believe was brought up with regard to maybe
14 not this particular contract but maybe in
15 connection with that KPMG contract that had
16 certain terms and requirements and phases, I
17 believe the word was, without having any
18 type of checkpoints as to, okay, if they get
19 finished with phase one and still be a part
20 of phase two and phase three.

21 I'm concerned that we have a
22 number of agreements that have amendments
23 when, from my understanding of a budget, you
24 have an allotment of funding for a certain
25 period of time.

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2 So I'm curious as to how many of
3 these amendments signify additional money
4 that has not been allocated in the previous
5 budget, what the impact would be on the
6 current budget.

7 I realize that I'm just waxing
8 poetic and that for the most part I'm not
9 going to get an answer from the majority
10 because that's pretty much been the case,
11 but I'm open for surprise that I might
12 actually get an answer to any of my
13 questions as it pertains to this.

14 My concern is that we have a
15 monitor for a company that has so many
16 egregious challenges against it, deaths,
17 misappropriations and things of that nature,
18 and we are still paying that company. And
19 we have another company monitoring that
20 company and is going to be monitoring the
21 new company that's going to be coming in to
22 provide the services to those in the
23 correctional facility. And we still haven't
24 addressed the issues that still exist at the
25 correctional facility.

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2 Again, since we pay and I pay my
3 taxes on a regular basis, even though I do
4 feel they are exorbitant for the lack of
5 services I receive, so I feel I deserve the
6 right to stand here and speak this because,
7 as I said, I'm not going to get any answers
8 to the questions. I'm just going to get
9 more questions and more confused.

10 But I definitely wanted to put it
11 out there and put it on the record that
12 should I be the only one concerned that we
13 have an overpaid supplier/vendor whose
14 principals should be in jail for the
15 activities that they exhibited towards those
16 within the correctional facility.

17 We're paying someone to monitor
18 that company that we're still paying and
19 still looking for someone else to monitor
20 the new company and then we have staff at
21 the correctional facility that I'm confused
22 as to who actually is taking care of those
23 who are in the correctional facility besides
24 all of these consultants? If we got all
25 these consultants --

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Your three
3 minutes have expired.

4 MS. MEREDAY: I think I'm done.
5 But if someone could give me an answer to
6 that maybe then I could understand the
7 convoluted process of this county and still
8 try to wonder why I'm trying to protect my
9 neighborhood when I should be telling
10 everyone in my neighborhood to run.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
12 comments? Minority Leader.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Just really
14 quick. Obviously we understand the position
15 that we are in. We had hesitation when we
16 saw the Armor contract in the past, and we
17 will scrutinize the new vendor extensively
18 as well.

19 In light of the fact that
20 monitoring is the way to go considering
21 where we are with Armor, and we supported
22 the contract in the past.

23 To be consistent, we plan to vote
24 for the contract today providing that the
25 transparency is continued to be provided and

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2 the remarks in regard to today in making
3 sure that the Legislature or at least our
4 side, if not the majority, are included in
5 the process in regard to reviewing those
6 benchmarks and those professionals to see
7 their CVs and have that information as well,
8 we plan to vote in the affirmative.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
10 very much.

11 All those in favor of E-240
12 signify by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 Any opposed?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 The item passes unanimously.

17 Moving on to Contract E-252, an
18 amendment to a personal services agreement
19 between the County of Nassau acting on
20 behalf of the Nassau County Attorney's
21 Office and Quatela Hargraves & Chimeri PLLC.
22 Motion, please.

23 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by

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2 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
3 Nicolello. Who do we have?

4 MR. PODLESAK: Gerry Podlesak.
5 This is an extension of a contract. It
6 arises out of a conflict that comes in the
7 racism matter. At this time it would be
8 increasing the maximum amount of the
9 contract by \$450,000 but only encumbering
10 \$75,000 and, to date, the firm has only
11 billed approximately \$8,200.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
13 questions of Mr. Podlesak?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 Is there any public comment?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 There being none, all those in
18 favor of E-252 signify by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 Any opposed?

21 (Nay.)

22 The item passes four to three.

23 The next contract is E-254, a
24 personal services agreement between the
25 County of Nassau acting on behalf of the

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2 Nassau County Department of Public Works and
3 Aecom, USA, Inc.

4 Motion, please.

5 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
8 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
9 Gaylor. Mr. Arnold.

10 MR. ARNOLD: E-254 is a personal
11 services agreement with Aecom to do the
12 evaluation of the aqueduct that runs between
13 Cedar Creek and the Bay Park Sewage
14 Treatment Plant. This aqueduct evaluation
15 will be part of looking towards moving the
16 treated effluent utilizing the Cedar Creek
17 outfall which is our ocean outfall unlike
18 the Bay Park outfall which goes to the bay.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
20 questions of Mr. Arnold? Yes, you may,
21 Minority Leader.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: This is for
23 a study, you said, right?

24 MR. ARNOLD: This is to evaluate
25 the condition of the existing conduit that's

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2 used to run the New York City water supply
3 under Sunrise Highway.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: This would
5 divert the sewage from Bay Park to Cedar
6 Creek?

7 MR. ARNOLD: Yes. Divert the
8 treated effluent. After treated at Bay Park
9 will be treated effluent. This will be
10 treated water that will be relocated to
11 Cedar Creek outfall, will not run through
12 the Cedar Creek Plant.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But it's
14 still going to go to Bay Park and then from
15 there diverted to Cedar Creek?

16 MR. ARNOLD: That is correct.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
18 other questions from the legislators?

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It's
20 treated. If I may, just really quick. I'm
21 sorry, Mr. Arnold.

22 So the situations that we saw in
23 Baldwin and Hempstead with the flooding,
24 Barnes Avenue, a lot of that was attributed
25 to that Bay Park couldn't handle the level

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2 of sewage. I remember that coming up during
3 2012 during Sandy. This wouldn't address
4 that because this is going to be after the
5 fact.

6 MR. ARNOLD: It's not that the
7 Bay Park Plant couldn't handle the Barnes
8 Avenue issue, it was the collection system
9 infrastructure during peak rain events and
10 tidal events could not handle the water.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We had
12 heard complaints from residents in Baldwin
13 that had said that they were seeing the
14 sewage come up in their properties, you're
15 saying that is from the collection, not from
16 the Bay Park --

17 MR. ARNOLD: The piping that gets
18 to Bay Park, during certain rain storm
19 events, when infiltration was occurring and
20 inflow was causing a backup. Also when the
21 tidal areas went over the bulk heading and
22 flooded the sewer pipes, we also had the
23 same condition. The Hempstead pump station
24 project that is ongoing now, we are
25 diverting sewage from the Village of

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2 Hempstead to Cedar Creek, we'll be
3 addressing that situation by lessening the
4 impact of the amount of sewage that is
5 running in the interceptor that runs along
6 the Barnes Avenue community.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: This is my
8 last question, Madam Presiding Officer.
9 So the areas that were devastated by Sandy
10 such as East Rockaway, Bay Park, these are
11 areas that you believe the county has done
12 what they need to do in terms of upgrade for
13 Bay Park and we should see those things
14 happen again in the event of a drastic event
15 such as Super Storm Sandy?

16 MR. ARNOLD: There's a couple of
17 different things you're talking about.
18 Specifically Barnes Avenue, they are
19 diverting 5 million gallons of sewage away
20 from Bay Park interceptor and we will lessen
21 the likelihood of a severe storm impacting
22 that community.

23 The other areas of East Rockaway,
24 you had many things going on with Sandy
25 where you had tidal flooding, the fact that

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2 the plant was not operating. All the -- the
3 plant with the redundancy being built into
4 the plant today, we should not have a
5 situation where the plant shuts down that
6 can cause the backflow of sewage, that's the
7 berm project that's elevating generators
8 that's hardening the infrastructure that
9 does the pumping.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I
11 understand. Thank you, Mr. Arnold.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Deputy
13 Presiding Officer Nicolello.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: To my
15 understanding, Mr. Arnold, the treated
16 effluent, that is to see if this aqueduct
17 will be sufficient to allow this treated
18 effluent to go from Bay Park to Cedar Creek
19 for the purpose of accessing the outflow
20 pipe, right?

21 MR. ARNOLD: That's correct.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: It's still
23 going to be extremely expensive but it's
24 something that may be viable as opposed to
25 all these years we talked about an outfall

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2 pipe at Bay Park?

3 MR. ARNOLD: That is correct.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: For public
6 comment, I have Adrienne Esposito who put in
7 a slip. Welcome, Adrienne.

8 MS. ESPOSITO: Good afternoon,
9 Legislators. My name is Adrienne Esposito.
10 I'm Executive Director At Citizens Campaign
11 for the Environment.

12 While I know there are a number
13 of concerns, and I can only imagine a great
14 deal of success, dealing with contracts
15 right now, we are going to ask you to please
16 vote yes for this one.

17 We have been, along with many
18 other environmental groups and communities
19 and several of the legislators, and other
20 levels of government working for over a
21 decade to fix the issue of Bay Park sewage
22 treatment plant which generates between 50
23 and 58 million gallons of treated sewage
24 going into the western bays.

25 This viaduct, if it is in good

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2 integrity, that's what this contract will
3 do. They will actually get into the
4 viaduct. It was built in 1908. It's steel.
5 It's six foot in diameter. They need to
6 walk through it and investigate it to see if
7 there's crack or breakages or if it's in
8 good shape.

9 If there are some imperfections
10 in it, which you would expect since it's 100
11 years old, can it still be sleeved and lined
12 to act as the conduit.

13 The question from Legislator
14 Abrahams was, you know, will it take treated
15 sewage. The Bay Park Treatment Facility is
16 being upgraded as we speak.

17 They are adding two levels of
18 denitrofication which is great news. It
19 will take it down from 35 parts per million
20 to 17 parts per million of nitrogen. So the
21 treated sewage will be diverted to the Cedar
22 Creek ocean outfall pipe, not to the plant.
23 And not only will it be cheaper, which by
24 itself will be great, it will save time.

25 So it will save about \$200

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2 million and we've been told that if the
3 viaduct is in good shape we can do this in
4 18 months. So we won't need another EIS on
5 a new ocean outfall pipe, you won't need a
6 new ocean outfall pipe, and you can save
7 time and money.

8 I think there aren't many things
9 that we can consider that saves time, saves
10 money, and saves the environment.

11 We predict, according to the
12 experts and scientists that have had a look
13 at it, that those back bays, the western
14 bays, can actually begin a restoration
15 effort in as little as one year after the
16 sewage gets diverted.

17 We know that that Bay Park sewage
18 treatment pipe is putting in 85 percent of
19 all of the dead nitrogen loading into the
20 western bays. It's causing those wetlands
21 to be very weak and fragile causing Fin Fish
22 to almost zilch. Shell Fish beds have
23 closed. You name it.

24 We can restore the bay, save
25 money, save time, if this is a viable

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2 option. We hope it is. We don't know, but
3 we at least need to investigate it. Thank
4 you for listening.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
6 so much, Adrienne. Legislator Abrahams.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Adrienne, I
8 want to thank you for coming down. And we
9 agree, my colleagues and I were talking, we
10 agree with everything that you said and the
11 sentiments that you said, and obviously it
12 would go a long way towards saving money for
13 the county if you're able to have the
14 treated effluent go out through this
15 aqueduct viaduct and eventually go out
16 through Cedar Creek.

17 However, I'm sure as you know,
18 and you mentioned in your comments, the
19 procurement. We plan to vote no. But it's
20 not because we don't believe the project to
21 be worthy nor is it because we don't believe
22 the project doesn't make sense.

23 We are voting no because we don't
24 know of the procurement process and whether
25 they can pass the Inspector General and I

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2 think that most Nassau County residents
3 would agree that we strongly need in this
4 county. So I wanted to let you know before
5 we actually take the vote.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I will say
7 to you, Adrienne, and I have known you for a
8 number of years, you have never lost your
9 enthusiasm and your commitment to the
10 environment and today is truly evident and
11 I'm sure that this project is going to go
12 through.

13 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Madam Chair?

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
15 Dunne.

16 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: I just want to
17 thank you also. My in-laws live on Reynolds
18 Channel where you used to be able to swim
19 off the docks, go fishing and water skiing
20 and all that. You're not able to anymore.
21 This may clean that area up. It's going to
22 take a while for it to flush out and all but
23 this is a great step in the right direction.
24 The people of South Shore, the entire South
25 Shore needs this.

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2 Cedar Creek takes in 70 million
3 gallons a day of sewage. It can take up to
4 120. There's plenty of space for it to do
5 its job and this isn't going to interfere
6 with it because we already have Jones Beach
7 feeding into the outflow pipe also.

8 So it's a good deal. It's a good
9 thing. We don't have to worry about Senator
10 Schumer getting us money or whomever getting
11 us money to do a big pipe. It's a win. We
12 are going to vote for it. Thank you for
13 your support.

14 MS. ESPOSITO: Thank you.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: There
16 being no other comments, all those -- I'm
17 sorry, Ms. Mereday, you may come before us
18 again.

19 MS. MEREDAY: Thank you. Meta
20 Mereday, Baldwin. This is going to be
21 interesting.

22 Again, I agree with the Minority
23 Leader Abrahams that the procurement process
24 continues to challenge any consideration
25 because the lack of integrity just continues

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2 to permeate through the process.

3 But, as a Baldwin resident, I
4 would generally support a study because our
5 residents are hurting, particularly those in
6 the Baldwin Harbor area who continue to be
7 impacted by the remnants of the sewage oil
8 as well as rain water that is still damaging
9 most of their homes that we still pay the
10 taxes, penalties and fees.

11 So, Mr. Nicolello, I'm sure you
12 would probably be shocked that this is one
13 of those issues that we would probably agree
14 of all things being considered. That's the
15 beauty of being in America. We can agree to
16 disagree and keeping moving.

17 But, having said that, my concern
18 is there's a lot of what ifs as it pertains
19 to that and I do know having interacted with
20 a number of the residents who live near
21 Cedar Creek, as well as those who live near
22 Bay Park, the concern is always with regard
23 to the environmental safety of the
24 residents. Don't know what a Fin Fish looks
25 like. I guess it has rights too.

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2 But my focus is really on those
3 residents that live in those communities
4 that continue to have these projects that
5 get approved. It's kind of similar to
6 Brentwood when you have all that illegal
7 dumping or the ones along South Oyster Bay
8 Road and trees and just got stuff cut down.

9 So, I'm asking again, if the
10 majority is going to decide to do what
11 they're going to do anyway, I would normally
12 support this study because it is information
13 that we do need, but it's not going to
14 address the fact that neighborhoods in the
15 north Baldwin area as well as the south
16 Baldwin area, we get one nor'easter and we
17 don't have to wait for another Sandy and we
18 have flooding and we have backflow because
19 we have old chambers, old water tanks that
20 cannot hold the water in those areas.

21 Usually our fight is having to
22 convince the County Executive's Office or
23 the Town of Hempstead that it is a town road
24 or a county road before we can even get
25 somebody out to consider what to do with the

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2 road.

3 As a matter of fact, I had to
4 fight the town myself when we had to get our
5 gas lines replaced because most of our
6 houses are upwards of 50 years old and the
7 county had funding and the town had funding
8 to fix the roads, and I said you need to fix
9 the gas lines first.

10 Unfortunately some streets in
11 Baldwin, they did not have people who
12 advocated for them so their road was dug up
13 three times. Fortunately my road was only
14 dug up twice.

15 So, the vigilance, again, I would
16 commend Mr. Abrahams for that, and I would
17 hope that we would come together --

18 CLERK PULITZER: Ma'am, your
19 three minutes have expired.

20 MS. MEREDAY: So that the
21 residents can be properly serviced and that
22 the flooding issue overall, as well as the
23 sewage issue, and the inclusion of the
24 diverse suppliers, particularly in Bay Park
25 and Cedar Park, which still is nonexistent

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2 occurs. Thank you.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're
4 welcome.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm sorry,
6 if I can just have Mr. Conal Denion come up.
7 Conal, real quick.

8 Has the EFC council reviewed
9 whether the county has the proper bonding
10 authorization to use EFC funds for the
11 Sunrise Highway aqueduct?

12 MR. DENION: I mean, they have
13 been informed that the County Legislature
14 has passed the bond ordinance and all the
15 materials have been provided to them, that's
16 my understanding, yes.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So they
18 have been informed you said?

19 MR. DENION: Sure. Certainly.
20 Whenever we do a financing with them, they
21 ask to see everything.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Counsel has
23 advised me that there was a dispute on
24 whether or not EFC authorization has been
25 presented and there was a dispute, NIFA had

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2 indicated that EFC counsel should review or
3 take a look at the actual bonding again.

4 MR. DENION: As far as I know,
5 it's been through the EFC board. I believe
6 so.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You're
8 looking for Ken?

9 MR. DENION: Yes.

10 MR. ARNOLD: Based on my
11 conversation with Joe Davenport, our chief
12 engineer, EFC is totally aware of all the
13 items we're working on including the
14 bonding.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you,
16 Mr. Arnold.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: The item
18 before us, all those in favor of E-254
19 signify by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Any opposed?

22 (Nay.)

23 The item passes four to three.

24 Now, we have several U contracts.
25 I'm going to begin with U-68, a personal

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2 services agreement between the County of
3 Nassau acting on behalf of the Nassau County
4 Health Department and Gustavo Graciano
5 Mendez.

6 Motion, please.

7 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
10 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
11 Nicolello.

12 MS. LORRAINE: Good afternoon,
13 MaryEllen Lorraine, Department of Health.
14 Item U-68-16 is a contract in the amount of
15 \$11,740. This is with Gustavo Graciano
16 Mendez. He provides our food management
17 training bilingual and Spanish. This food
18 management class is mandated by the Nassau
19 County public health ordinance. It's a ten
20 hour class.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
22 questions or comments regarding U-68?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Is there any public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 There being none, all those in
3 favor of U-68 signify by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Any opposed?

6 (Nay.)

7 The item passes four to three.

8 There are several U contracts or
9 personal service agreements that are all
10 part of the traffic safety; U-72, U-73,
11 U-74, U-75, U-77, U-78, U-79, U-80.

12 Motion, please.

13 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
16 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
17 Nicolello. Mr. Mistron is here to speak.

18 MR. MISTRON: Christopher
19 Mistron, Director of Nassau County Traffic
20 Safety. These items are for special
21 enforcement programs and periods ranging
22 from the police traffic safety grant which
23 is the Buckle Up enforcement, as well as
24 Aggressive Driving. They also represent the
25 stop DWI grant for both holiday enforcement

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2 and for special enforcement periods for DWI.
3 They are for the villages that are listed
4 and that's pretty much the breakdown.
5 Again, all these are pass-through monies.
6 There's no expense.

7 And, again, as before, in many
8 cases the monies have already been received
9 from the state for the purpose of the grant.
10 And also, as before, they were delayed due
11 to a lot of between the paperwork and the
12 other things mentioned prior.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
14 DeRiggi-Whitton.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Is
16 it correct that each village will handle the
17 procurement themselves or does the county
18 handle the procurement?

19 MR. MISTRON: Procurement, there
20 is nothing to purchase. These are
21 enforcement periods. So, in other words,
22 what happens is, like for the Buckle Up
23 portions, they have a specific week that
24 they did enforcement. Traffic safety is
25 responsible for monitoring and making sure

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2 that the programs were maintained and done
3 during those weeks. Gather the data and
4 then report back to the state.

5 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
6 the programs are done in-house with the
7 police?

8 MR. MISTRON: Right. Exactly,
9 yes.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Minority
11 Leader.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Chris, this
13 seems more like an IMA, like an
14 intermunicipal agreement.

15 MR. MISTRON: It's directly, the
16 way we have always done these, at least for
17 the last 30 years that I have been here, is
18 that we receive the monies from the state
19 and then for specific enforcement periods,
20 whether it be Buckle Up or holiday
21 enforcement or so on, traffic safety always
22 went back and contracted with the villages
23 for those particular enforcement weeks to do
24 the enforcements. I've just been doing it
25 the way it's been done for all those years.

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2 Starting next year, however, what
3 is happening is with the exception of the
4 Stop DWI programs, specifically, the traffic
5 safety will actually be just administering
6 the grant but the monies will be contracted
7 and going straight through to the villages
8 with the state. So we are not going to be
9 the middleman anymore that way.

10 Our responsibility will be just
11 to make sure that the enforcement periods
12 are being kept and monitored.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Nothing
14 else.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No other
16 comments from the legislators?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Is there any public comment?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 There being none, all those in
21 favor of U-72, U-73, U-74, U-75, U-77, U-78,
22 U-79 and U-80 signify by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 Any opposed?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 It is unanimous for all of those.

3 Now I'm going to go back to B-34

4 which is contract between the County of

5 Nassau acting on behalf of the Nassau County

6 Department of Public Works and Welsbach

7 Electric Corp. of Long Island.

8 Motion, please.

9 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR Second.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by

12 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator

13 Gaylor. Mr. Arnold.

14 MR. ARNOLD: B-34 is a Public

15 Works bid contract for our traffic signal

16 maintenance program. This contractor

17 maintains all our traffic signals in

18 response to emergencies and defends the

19 county's liability on the operation of the

20 signals. This contract was publically bid.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any

22 comments or questions from the legislators?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Is there any public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 There being none, all those in
3 favor of B-34 signify by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Any opposed?

6 (Nay.)

7 Four to three.

8 Before I recess Rules, I'm going
9 to untable Item 540, which is the income
10 amnesty program.

11 Motion to untable, please.

12 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
15 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
16 Nicolello. All those in favor of untabling
17 540-16 signify by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 Any opposed?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 The item is untabled.

22 Now, I believe the County
23 Attorney is here to assist in our
24 understanding of the law as proposed,
25 assessment is also here. So if there's any

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2 questions on assessment, obviously, we
3 expect that statistical data is requested,
4 they may need to provide that information
5 between now and the Full Legislature.

6 And also Budget Review for
7 analysis. We understand that they are now
8 working with assessment to provide us with
9 any potential budgetary impact this program
10 may provide.

11 Now, I ask the County Attorney to
12 please briefly describe the contents of this
13 law.

14 MR. ARCURI: Good afternoon. I'm
15 Anthony Arcuri from Assessment. My
16 colleague John Bonini.

17 In 2013, the Incoming Expense Law
18 was passed by the Legislature requiring all
19 Class 4 incoming producing properties to
20 file and IME statement with the Department
21 of Assessment.

22 The law provided that properties
23 that failed to file would be subject to a
24 monetary penalty.

25 These filings were somewhat

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2 impacted by a temporary restraining order
3 which has since been lifted.

4 The present law before you allows
5 commercial property non-filers due process,
6 entitles them to hearings and to participate
7 in an amnesty program.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: That's
9 from the Assessor's Office. Do we have the
10 County Attorney's Office?

11 MR. DENION: Conal Denion from
12 the County Attorney's Office.

13 As Tony said, it's a local law
14 that provides for voluntary partial amnesty
15 from the imposition of fines under Section
16 6-30 of the Administrative Code and the
17 process would be that if taxpayers who were
18 delinquent signed up for the program they
19 would pay 75 percent of the amounts due for
20 the three years currently in effect under
21 the law. The Department would send out a
22 notice with the schedule of the penalty and
23 they would have 60 days to sign up for the
24 program.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any

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2 questions or comments from the legislators?

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Just a
4 comment.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Go ahead,
6 Minority Leader.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you,
8 Madam Presiding Officer. We had a chance to
9 review amnesty and we think there is some
10 merit for trying to get some of the folks
11 that are out there in terms of the
12 commercial tax businesses to be able to pay
13 this liability.

14 But, at the same time, we cannot
15 support the use of, or the potential use of
16 using this measure to try to fill a budget
17 gap.

18 None of you are here to speak on
19 that, but if we're thinking that this is
20 going to be the silver bullet that helps us
21 get through the county's finances and
22 possibly look to fill holes in next year's
23 budget, we cannot support it for that
24 reason.

25 But if the county feels that it

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2 can get money from this amnesty program,
3 then we are in support of it. I want to
4 make sure we are clear. We are not
5 supporting this mechanism as a one shot of
6 revenue that will be an infusion for the
7 county one time and then it's gone forever.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
9 comments from the legislators?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Any public comment? I should
12 know, Ms. Mereday.

13 MS. MEREDAY: Sometimes the
14 element of surprise might fool you.

15 Again, my concern with regard to
16 this, what are the numbers? Because again
17 we don't have this information in terms of
18 those who would be considered in this Class
19 4, I believe I heard, the amount of the
20 outstanding tax.

21 Who determined the level of the
22 partiality? What were some of the causes
23 that led these individuals or owners to in
24 fact get to this point?

25 And what does this mean as far as

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2 the long term?

3 I definitely agree with the
4 Minority Leader that these various and
5 sundry ideas that keep popping up and it's,
6 like, okay, we anticipate getting X dollar
7 from opening these retail stores that no one
8 is going to be able to afford to shop in,
9 and the minimum wage jobs that they are
10 going to provide are not going to pay
11 anyone's bills in anyone's homes living in
12 Nassau County.

13 But this is just another one of
14 those, yes, we are going to get this amount
15 of money and it's going to fill in the hole,
16 and, at the end of the day, six months
17 later, you're still going to be back
18 amending something else, adding another
19 surcharge, increasing another fee, or
20 cutting another service.

21 So, I would hope that since I
22 can't get any answers to my questions, as a
23 taxpayer and a concerned citizen, that
24 somebody's ear along there is kind of taking
25 what I am saying into consideration, so I

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2 have not been wasting my words all
3 afternoon.

4 But I just have to continue to
5 put it out there because maybe somewhere
6 someone might be listening and hear it and
7 think that maybe this is an idea that we
8 need to either work on or it might be viable
9 or let's see what we can do, as opposed to
10 putting another twist in the struggling
11 business owners, as well as homeowners, in
12 Nassau County, work with them so they are
13 more inclined to do the right thing as
14 opposed to trying to not pay taxes into a
15 system that seems to be so tainted and
16 lacking in integrity. Thank you.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I want you
18 to know that your comments do not fall on
19 deaf ears. We are listening. Thank you.
20 Deputy Presiding Officer.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Just a few
22 comments. This has been referred to the
23 Independent Budget Office. We'll be looking
24 for a report, their analysis within the next
25 couple of weeks in terms of the parameters

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2 of what's at issue.

3 Part of this is that, after the
4 Increment and Expense Law has passed, there
5 are some large entities, commercial entities
6 that probably would rather pay fines than
7 disclose their income and expense statements
8 because they may have information that they
9 put out to mortgage companies, et cetera,
10 that they don't want anything that conflicts
11 if they present to the county.

12 So, this may -- this will be a
13 recurring revenue. It may not be to the
14 same extent because you have three years
15 worth of delinquents, for want of a better
16 word, out there, and going forward you will
17 an annual basis, number one.

18 Number two, after we pass the
19 Increment and Expense Law, the compliance
20 rate has skyrocketed so my understanding is
21 now that we are getting something in the
22 area of the 70 percent range of people
23 actually complying and just, on the
24 Increment and Expense Law, the way it helps
25 the county is the county is able to get

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2 information about the profitability of these
3 entities that are challenging their taxes or
4 their assessment.

5 By getting that information,
6 we're able to make corrections so that going
7 forward we reduce our exposure. So, in a
8 nutshell, that's what this is all about.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: All right.
10 There being no other comments, all those in
11 favor of Item 540 --

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Ms.
13 LoCurto, were you up on this? It was Conal?
14 Conal, real quick, are we retaining counsel
15 to oversee this program for us?

16 MR. DENION: Just the litigation.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Who is the
18 counsel we are seeking on the litigation?

19 MR. DENION: Rivkin Radler.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You guys
21 know where we're I'm going to go.

22 MR. DENION: Since 2013 -- 2014
23 when the case was filed.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you,
25 Conal.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: All those
3 in favor of item 540 signify by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Any opposed?

6 (Nay.)

7 The item passes four to three.

8 The Rules Committee is now in
9 recess. The next committee is Public
10 Safety. Let me tell you something. I think
11 I've been sitting here almost four hours and
12 we need to stretch. The public Safety is up
13 next. We will be back after all of the
14 committees are vetted and the rest of the
15 Rules Committee will continue.

16 (Whereupon, the Rules Committee
17 recessed at 4:52 p.m. and reconvened at 6:44
18 p.m.)

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: With the
20 consent of the majority, we are going to
21 block a number of items. Then we will go to
22 those items which are not part of the
23 consent calendar.

24 Before we do, I need a motion to
25 suspend the rules.

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2 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
5 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
6 Nicolello. All those in favor of suspending
7 the rules signify by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 Any opposed?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 The rules are now suspended.

12 I'm going to call all the items
13 that are part of the consent calendar, and
14 we incorporate by reference to the
15 committees. I have to remember to say that.

16 We begin with Item 497-16, 498,
17 503, 504, 505, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512,
18 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 520, 521, 522,
19 524, 525, they're all '16, 526, 527, 528,
20 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539;

21 And on the addendum we have
22 238-16, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 548, 549,
23 550, and 551.

24 (Whereupon, please refer to the
25 Committee minutes dated 11-7-16 pertaining

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2 to above referenced clerk items.)

3 A motion, please.

4 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
7 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
8 Nicolello. Since these are part of the
9 consent calendar. I'm asking for a vote,
10 all those in favor of the items that were
11 just called signify by saying aye.

12 MR. BECKER: Madam Chair, I
13 apologize for interrupting, but 529, did you
14 skip over 529? We can't hear it any further
15 to speak on it? Okay. All right. Thank
16 you very much.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Motion was
18 made by Legislator Dunne, seconded by
19 Legislator Nicolello. All those in favor
20 signify by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 Any opposed?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Those items pass unanimously.

25 Now, we have three items that are

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2 not part of the consent calendar.

3 And I'm going to begin with the
4 first one which is 42-16, which is an
5 ordinance with respect to establishing a
6 comprehensive plan for water conservation
7 and regulation of water throughout Nassau
8 County including provisions for enforcement
9 thereof pursuant to Article 12 of the County
10 Government Law of Nassau County.

11 Motion, please.

12 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

13 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
15 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
16 Gaylor. I believe you are going to speak on
17 this item.

18 MR. PODLESACK: Good evening.
19 Gerald Podlesak again. The County Attorney
20 has asked that I speak to this item.

21 This is an item to amend an
22 ordinance involving the comprehensive Water
23 Conservation and Regulation Program.

24 It involves requiring various
25 devices connected with automatic irrigation

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2 systems in order to prevent the systems to
3 operate when there is sufficient moisture
4 present.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
6 questions or comments from the legislators?
7 Legislator Solages.

8 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you
9 very much, Madam Chair. Are homeowners
10 going to be responsible for paying any fines
11 regarding the enforcement of this law?

12 MR. PODLESACK: This is entirely
13 upon the commercial providers, not upon the
14 individual homeowners.

15 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: How will
16 this law, if enacted be enforced?

17 MR. PODLESACK: It's enforced by
18 the Office of Consumer Affairs.

19 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: How will
20 they actually fine people who have their
21 sprinklers on when it's raining?

22 MR. PODLESACK: I'm assuming that
23 they'll be able to take care of that by
24 passing appropriation regulations.

25 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: How will

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2 they know if each of the systems conforms to
3 the provisions of this ordinance and to the
4 rules and regulations of the local water
5 provider that supplies water to the location
6 of the automatic landscape irrigation
7 system?

8 MR. PODLESAK: My assumption is
9 that will be addressed in regulations of the
10 Office of Consumer Affairs.

11 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
13 Nicolello.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I just
15 wanted to note for the record that we
16 received a letter in support of this
17 ordinance by the Long Island Water
18 Conference and we will give to clerk and
19 have it as part of the record.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Are there
21 any other comments?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Is there any public comment?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 There being none, all those in

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2 favor of Item 42 signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 Any opposed?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 The item passes unanimously.

7 The next item is Item 506, an
8 ordinance authorizing the Board of Elections
9 of the County of Nassau to dispose of
10 obsolete lever voting machines.

11 Motion, please.

12 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
15 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
16 Nicolello. Who is speaking on this item?

17 MR. PODLESACK: I can speak to it.
18 There are a number of voting machines, the
19 old mechanical lever machines that are still
20 owned by the Board of Elections.

21 This is a methodology to allow
22 them to be disposed of at whatever price
23 that they can get for them.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
25 Dunne.

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2 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: They were
3 great machines. There was never a problem
4 with them. I can't stand that we don't use
5 them anymore.

6 MR. PODLESACK: I hear you,
7 legislator, I agree.

8 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: The schools
9 and the fire departments always borrow them
10 from us. Are we going to --

11 MR. PODLESACK: Many of them have
12 already been sold and this is to get rid the
13 ones that are still in the county
14 possession.

15 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: And they're
16 taking up a lot of space that can actually
17 be used. I hate doing this. This is really
18 a piece of legislation that I don't want to
19 do. I think we are going to go back to
20 them. I don't like the paper stuff.

21 MR. PODLESACK: I agree with you.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other?
23 Legislator Solages.

24 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: God forbid
25 there is like a Russian hacking problem and

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2 now we need to rely on the old machines,
3 where are we going to get some if we need
4 some? And how much are we getting and how
5 are they being donated to?

6 MR. PODLESACK: It's going to be
7 on a negotiated basis so I can't tell you.
8 It's more to get rid of them at this point.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
10 comments?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Is there any public comment?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 There being none, all those in
15 favor of 506 signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Any opposed?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 The item passes unanimously.

20 We have one more item which is on
21 the addendum. It's 541, a resolution to
22 accept a gift offered by a donor to the
23 Department of Information Technology.

24 Motion, please.

25 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
4 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
5 Nicolello.

6 COMMISSIONER EISENSTEIN: Good
7 afternoon. Ed Eisenstein, IT Department.
8 This is for us to do training. It was in
9 the Microsoft Enterprise license. They're
10 giving us the training with the license that
11 we bought.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Are there
13 any questions of Mr. Eisenstein regarding
14 this item? It's a gift.

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Is there any public comment?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 There being none, all those in
19 favor of 541 signify by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Any opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Item passes unanimously. Safe
24 home everybody. Motion to adjourn.

25 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by

4 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator

5 Nicolello. All those in favor signify by

6 saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 Any opposed?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 We are adjourned.

11 (Whereupon, the Rules Committee

12 adjourned at 6:54 p.m.)

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
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