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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DENNIS DUNNE, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, January 9, 2017
2:26 P.M

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

DENNIS DUNNE,
Chairman

DONALD MACKENZIE,
Vice Chairman

VINCENT MUSCARELLA

DENISE FORD

LAURA CURRAN,
Ranking

KEVAN ABRAHAMS

SIELA BYNOE

MICHAEL PULITZER
Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

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4 THOMAS DELANEY 5

5 FRANCIS BECKER 5

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2 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Will the members
3 of the Public Safety Committee please take
4 their seats? Will the clerk please call the
5 roll?

6 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.
7 Public Safety Committee roll call.
8 Legislator Siela Bynoe?

9 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

10 CLERK PULITZER: Minority Leader
11 Kevan Abrahams?

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

13 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
14 Laura Curran?

15 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.

16 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
17 Denise Ford?

18 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

19 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
20 Vincent Muscarella?

21 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

22 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman
23 Donald MacKenzie?

24 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.

25 CLERK PULITZER: Chairman Dennis

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2 Dunne?

3 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Here.

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

6 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Thank you, Mr.
7 Clerk. The first item to come before this
8 committee is 608-16, an ordinance
9 supplemental to the annual appropriation
10 ordinance in connection with the Office of
11 Management and Budget. We have with us?

12 MR. DELANEY: Thomas Delaney,
13 Office of Emergency Management.

14 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by
17 Vincent Muscarella, seconded by Denise Ford.
18 Now the item is with the Office of
19 Management and Budget.

20 MR. BECKER: Mr. Chairman, you
21 might want to call all three items together.
22 You want to do all three separate?

23 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: We will do it.

24 MR. BECKER: They're all kind of
25 interrelated. You might want to discuss

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2 them.

3 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Good idea, Mr.
4 Becker. We will also call Item 609-16, an
5 ordinance supplemental to the annual
6 appropriations ordinance in connection with
7 Emergency Management, Public Works, Health
8 and Medical Examiner.

9 And Item 610-16, an ordinance
10 supplemental to the annual appropriations
11 ordinance in connection with the Office of
12 Emergency Management. Motion on those.

13 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Again, the
16 motion is by Legislator Muscarella and is
17 seconded by Denise Ford.

18 MR. DELANEY: I was going to
19 suggest that also because there is such a
20 similarity between these three you could
21 just save time.

22 These are three grants that
23 Nassau County does not apply for, per se,
24 they are not competitive is what I mean.

25 They are risked based grants.

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2 The Department of Homeland Security, through
3 FEMA, issues these grants. They are passed
4 through New York State Department of
5 Homeland Security.

6 To describe them all, they are
7 all there so that we can prevent, prepare
8 for, respond to, and recover from acts of
9 terrorism. That is the main purpose of
10 these grants is for terrorism.

11 They also have an all hazard
12 nature to them too, which we said during
13 Sandy, we are not immune from all hazard
14 events, but terrorism is the main purpose of
15 these grants.

16 The first one, 608-16, that's our
17 UASI or Urban Area Security Initiative
18 Grant. We receive that because of our
19 proximity to New York City.

20 There are I believe about 30 UASI
21 cities in the country. New York City
22 receiving the large majority of funding like
23 double -- I would say even triple of the
24 next city down.

25 New York City has the highest

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2 threat level. Being a contingent to New
3 York City, we get some of the money, a very
4 small portion of it, but we're very happy to
5 get anything.

6 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: So that's
7 \$2,647,000 for the urban area security
8 initiative. 609 is?

9 MR. DELANEY: That is our State
10 Homeland Security Grant Program. That's
11 awarded to every county in the state from
12 New York State, again, based on risk. So we
13 stand alone in our risk profiling in
14 receiving that.

15 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: That's \$1.4
16 million and change.

17 MR. DELANEY: Correct.

18 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: And 610?

19 MR. DELANEY: The last one, 610
20 is our Emergency Management Performance
21 Grant. That allows us to maintain and
22 sustain our emergency operations center. We
23 use it for staffing expenses. It is a match
24 grant. The other two grants are no match.
25 The MPG has a 50 percent cost match

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2 associated with it. We use it primarily for
3 salary fringe, and a small portion of it is
4 used for travel expenses for OEM staff to
5 attend approved training.

6 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: That's half a
7 million dollars of a grant that we're
8 receiving. Okay. Now are there any
9 questions from any legislators about any of
10 these three items?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Is there any public comment?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 There being none, all those in
15 favor of all three of these items indicate
16 by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 Any against?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 LEGISLATOR FORD: Motion to
21 adjourn.

22 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: There being no
24 further business coming before this
25 committee, Legislator Ford makes a motion to

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2 adjourn and seconded by Legislator

3 Muscarella. All those in favor indicate by
4 saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Any opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 We are so closed. Planning,
9 Development and the Environmental Committee
10 is next.

11 (Whereupon, the Public Safety
12 Committee adjourned at 2:31 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this 24th day of January, 2017.

FRANK GRAY