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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Presiding Officer

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RICHARD NICOLELLO, Chairman

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Mineola, New York

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

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4 RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Chairman5 VINCENT MUSCARELLA,
Vice Chairman

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ROSE MARIE WALKER

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DONALD MACKENZIE

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9 SIELA A. BYNOE,
Ranking

10 LAURA CURRAN

11 ELLEN BIRNBAUM

12 MICHAEL PULITZER,
Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Calling the
3 Finance Committee to order. I'll ask our
4 clerk, Mike, to call the roll, please.

5 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, Mr.
6 Chairman. Chairman Richard Nicoletto?

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Here.

8 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman
9 Vincent Muscarella?

10 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

11 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Rose
12 Marie Walker?

13 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

14 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
15 Donald MacKenzie?

16 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.

17 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
18 Siela Bynoe?

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

20 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura
21 Curran?

22 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.

23 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Ellen
24 Birnbaum?

25 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: We have a
3 quorum, sir.

4 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you.

5 Item 240 of 2017 is a resolution
6 amending Resolution 448 of 2001 as amended
7 entitled designating banks and trust
8 companies for the deposit of monies
9 received.

10 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
13 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
14 MacKenzie. This is pretty self explanatory.
15 Do we have any questions?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Is there any public comment?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 All those in favor signify by
20 saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 Those opposed?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Carries unanimously.

25 Item 241 is a local law to amend

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2 the Administrative Code of Nassau County
3 with respect to imposition of wireless
4 communication services surcharges pursuant
5 to the authority of tax law.

6 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
9 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
10 MacKenzie. Item is before the committee.
11 Is there anyone here to speak about this?
12 Mr. Podlesak.

13 MR. PODLESAK: I am. Gerald
14 Podlesak. This item is a result of changes
15 in the law by the State Legislature which
16 removed the individual authorization for
17 wireless surcharge for all the counties that
18 made a single provision in the law, in the
19 tax law. It also provides for an additional
20 three percent to be assessed against prepaid
21 services.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Other than
23 with respect to prepaid services, this would
24 not be a new surcharge, it would simply be a
25 different mechanism for doing the same

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2 thing?

3 MR. PODLESAK: Right. And the
4 language is actually meant to be uniform
5 between all the different counties. It was
6 adopted by the New York State Association of
7 counties and it was drafted to reflect that.

8 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other
9 questions for Mr. Podlesak? Legislator
10 Curran.

11 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Will there be
12 some kind of way to find out that the county
13 has received all the revenue it's entitled
14 to from the change?

15 MR. PODLESAK: I don't know that.
16 It's going to be administered by the state.
17 I would assume that the Comptroller will be
18 responsible for reporting to the various
19 counties of the state.

20 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: So it would
21 be the State Comptroller's responsibility to
22 make sure?

23 MR. PODLESAK: I would assume so,
24 yes.

25 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Via an audit

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2 or something like that?

3 MR. PODLESAK: I would assume so,
4 yes.

5 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
6 Birnbaum.

7 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: I just want
8 some clarification about prepaid wireless
9 communication sellers. In the past, was it
10 just wireless and why didn't it cover
11 prepaid wireless?

12 MR. PODLESAK: Because it was
13 attached to the normal service with a cell
14 phone. This is to cover both cell phones
15 that are purchased with a certain amount of
16 time on them and also for cell service
17 that's dialed in. You buy a card. It would
18 also cover that.

19 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: So just
20 make it more inclusive, that's the idea?

21 MR. PODLESAK: Correct.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
23 Bynoe.

24 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So I'm going
25 to be voting no on this and that's because I

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2 believe that the individuals who are buying
3 prepaid services are those that are
4 indigent. Those that can't afford a
5 cellular plan.

6 I think that this fee will
7 negatively impact them. I think the county
8 should seriously look at what they're doing
9 here.

10 These are elderly people, people
11 on fixed incomes because they're disabled in
12 many cases or just those that find it hard
13 to have ends meet and therefore have
14 attempted to have cellular service but in a
15 way that would be economically feasible for
16 them. So for them to incur an additional
17 fee now, I think is a disservice. So I'm
18 voting no.

19 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO:

20 Mr. Podlesak, is this authority for the
21 prepaid plans within the state legislation
22 or no?

23 MR. PODLESAK: Yes, it is.

24 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Does it come
25 as a package or can they be broken out?

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2 MR. PODLESAK: It comes as a
3 package.

4 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Do we have
5 any further questions?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Is there any public comment?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 All those in favor signify by
10 saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 Those opposed?

13 (Nay.)

14 The item passes by a vote of four
15 to three.

16 242 is a resolution to authorize
17 the transfer of appropriations heretofore
18 made within the budget for the year 2017.

19 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

20 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
22 Legislator MacKenzie, seconded by Legislator
23 Walker.

24 MR. SCHLERNOFF: Michael
25 Schlernoff, director of purchasing. Spec

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2 Bid is our consultant on the bid board.

3 We've had the contract with them for several
4 years. We budget normally from December
5 through to November.

6 In 2017, the IT department is
7 taking over the paying but we still have to
8 pay the December 2016 payment and this is a
9 transfer to make that payment.

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Do we have
11 any questions on this item?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Is there any public comment?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 All those in favor signify by
16 saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 Those opposed?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 The item carries unanimously.

21 Item 244 of 2017 is an ordinance
22 supplemental to the annual appropriation
23 ordinance in connection with the District
24 Attorney's Office.

25 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

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2 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
4 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
5 Muscarella. It went through committees. I
6 ask that all the minutes from the prior
7 committee be incorporated by reference.

8 (Whereupon, please refer to the
9 minutes of the Public Safety Committee dated
10 6-26-17 pertaining to Clerk Item 244, pages
11 5-8.)

12 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any
13 questions on this item? Legislator Bynoe.

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Good
15 afternoon. I just have a quick questions.
16 I asked some questions about this grant
17 earlier in the year. But I would just like
18 to know, does COTA receive part of this
19 money in a way to assist those that may had
20 gun and felony charges in the past to ensure
21 that they don't re-offend?

22 MS. CORDOVA: The bulk of the
23 funding we get through the GIVE award is
24 from COTA.

25 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Great. Thank

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2 you.

3 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Do we have
4 any further questions on this item?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Is there any public comment?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 All those in favor signify by
9 saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 Those opposed?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Carries unanimously.

14 Item 246 is a resolution to
15 authorize the transfer of appropriations
16 heretofore made within the budget for year
17 2017.

18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
21 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
22 MacKenzie. This is a \$3,000 transfer within
23 the Health Department. Do we have any
24 discussion?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 Is there any public comment?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 All those in favor signify by
5 saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 Those opposed?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 That item carries unanimously.

10 Item 248 is a resolution
11 authorizing the County Executive to execute
12 a grant agreement between the County of
13 Nassau acting on behalf of the District
14 Attorney's Office and Jack and Jill of
15 America.

16 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

17 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
19 Legislator MacKenzie, seconded by Legislator
20 Muscarella.

21 MS. CORDOVA: First I want to
22 state that this is a grant agreement in
23 arrears. The District Attorney's Office is
24 providing funding for transportation and
25 supplies for 150 to 200 high school students

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2 from Nassau attending the annual Jack and
3 Jill team leadership summits, which is a day
4 long symposium consisting of workshops
5 covering topics such as preparing for
6 college, career exploration, time
7 management, etiquette, and money management.

8 The team leadership summit
9 provides parent workshops covering topics
10 such as financial resources for college,
11 communications with your teens, choosing a
12 college and others.

13 The days event ends with
14 networking sessions with prominent community
15 leaders including local officials,
16 executives, county legislators, chapter
17 members.

18 Criminal justice personnel to
19 help force the positive decision making to
20 help avoid gang involvement and entry into
21 the criminal justice system will have an
22 integral role in the program. This is a
23 \$9,000 grant to cover the annual events for
24 2016 and '17.

25 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: I believe

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2 from the backup that the events may have
3 already been held?

4 MS. CORDOVA: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Obviously
6 we're not going to begrudge this money for
7 this worthy program, but as the rest of the
8 county departments have been going through
9 their contract procedures, has the District
10 Attorney been doing something similar?

11 MS. CORDOVA: We are, except for
12 one more little hiccup, we are pretty much
13 up to date on everything.

14 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Do we have
15 any further questions on this item?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Is there any public comment?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 All those in favor signify by
20 saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 Those opposed?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 The item carries unanimously.

25 Item 249 is a resolution

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2 authorizing the County Executive to execute
3 a grant agreement between the County of
4 Nassau acting on behalf of the Department of
5 Parks, Recreation and Museums and the
6 Agricultural Society of Queens, Nassau and
7 Suffolk.

8 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
11 Legislator MacKenzie, seconded by Legislator
12 Walker. Item is before the committee.

13 MS. KRIEB: Eileen Krieb,
14 Department of Parks. This is a grant for
15 the 175th Long Island Fair that we will be
16 celebrating this year and we partner with
17 the Society of Queens, Nassau and Suffolk
18 County which makes it a sanctioned event
19 recognized by New York State and the grant
20 is for the amount of \$76,650 funded through
21 Hotel Motel.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Do we have
23 any questions on this item?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Is there any public comment?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 All those in favor signify by
4 saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Those opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 It carries unanimously.

9 The next three I will call
10 together, 255, 256, 257; they are
11 resolutions authorizing the county to
12 participate in a federal aid transportation
13 project providing for variable message signs
14 for the expansion of the county's existing
15 fiber network association with traffic
16 signals and capital projects, and for the
17 expansion of the county's traffic signal
18 Phase 3 capital project.

19 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

20 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
22 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by
23 Legislator Walker. These three items are
24 before the committee and went through Public
25 Works a few moments ago.

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2 I see Mr. Arnold approaching. Do
3 we have any questions on these items?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 Hearing none, is there any public
6 comments?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 All those in favor signify by
9 saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 Those opposed?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Carries unanimously.

14 Item 260 is an ordinance
15 supplemental to the annual appropriations
16 ordinance in connection with the Police
17 Department.

18 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
21 Donald MacKenzie, seconded by Legislator
22 MacKenzie. And this went through Public
23 Safety a while ago. Any questions?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Any public comments?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 All in favor signify by saying

4 aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Those opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Carries unanimously.

9 Item 261 is a resolution to
10 authorize the transfer of appropriations
11 heretofore made within the budget for the
12 year 2017.

13 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
16 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
17 Muscarella. This is a transfer. Do we have
18 any questions on this item?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Is there any public comment?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 All those in favor signify by
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Those opposed?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 Carries unanimously.

4 The next several items, 262, 263,
5 264, 265, 266 of 2017, these are ordinances
6 supplemental to the annual appropriation in
7 connection with the Health Department and
8 the Police Department.

9 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
12 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
13 Muscarella. Do we have any questions on
14 this item?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Is there any public comment?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 All those in favor signify by
19 saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Those opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Carries unanimously.

24 Item 267 is a resolution
25 authorizing the County of Nassau to file an

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2 application for federal assistance with the
3 Department of Housing and Urban Development.

4 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

5 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
7 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
8 Muscarella.

9 MR. SARCONI: Good afternoon.
10 John Sarcone, Housing. This is to file a
11 federal application to Housing and Urban
12 Development for the three grants
13 administered in housing, it's CDBG, Home,
14 and the ESG program.

15 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: How do the
16 numbers relate to last year; about the same,
17 different?

18 MR. SARCONI: It's a slight
19 difference. I actually have the numbers in
20 front of me. It's a slight reduction in the
21 CDBG and home and increase in the ESG
22 program.

23 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any
24 questions of Mr. Sarcone? Legislator Bynoe.

25 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Hi,

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2 Mr. Sarcone, how are you?

3 MR. SARCONE: Good.

4 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So we are
5 looking at a potential cut of the CDBG
6 program altogether based on information
7 coming from Washington. So we're looking at
8 a potential \$18 million hole nationally. So
9 regionally this looks like a huge hole.

10 So he states that, or the
11 president states that he's looking to cut
12 these programs because they are not well
13 targeted to the poorest.

14 So I would like to know how our
15 county expenditures, or I should say grants,
16 were actually disbursed in its last round.
17 I don't expect that you have that off the
18 top of your head but I would hope that you
19 could in some way shed some light as to who
20 would be the most vulnerable populations
21 based on last year's funding if there were
22 to be a cut in 2018?

23 MR. SARCONE: Well, you are
24 correct, the continuing resolution that was
25 passed by Congress does give level funding

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2 for this current year.

3 The budget proposal for next year
4 is the entire elimination of all three of
5 these grants and they would effectuate our
6 Section 8 participants that get rental
7 subsidies, as well as our consortium members
8 which entail the three towns, two cities,
9 and the villages and hamlets that administer
10 these funds. We do some advocacy through
11 NY-SED organization that lobby congress to
12 vote against these de-funding of federal
13 dollars to the county.

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So, I guess my
15 question now, the ESG program, we obviously
16 know that would be devastating to us because
17 not only are Section 8 participants
18 benefitting from the ESG program, we have
19 families who are not able to be part of the
20 Section 8 program who really rely heavily on
21 this ESG program, but specifically for the
22 CDBG, can you give me an example of one of
23 the organizations that are funded at this
24 time that now will be impacted in home as
25 well? How is that money used in particular

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2 last year?

3 MR. SARCONE: Well, in regards to
4 the public services that they fund, it could
5 be an after school program or a senior
6 program that are throughout the county.

7 I know there's talk to supplement
8 those funds in other federal dollars but at
9 this point I'm not sure how we would make up
10 that big void.

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So has this
12 county administration created an impact
13 study or started to undertake the
14 development of an impact study so that this
15 body could be aware of the impacts and the
16 devastation that it would cause, and also
17 kind of in a make ready type of situation
18 start to develop some plans that could in
19 some way supplement, or in some way fund
20 these programs absent of federal assistance?

21 MR. SARCONE: I would definitely
22 take that under advisement. Just to note,
23 the funding sources that they're looking to
24 eliminate is for the next years round.

25 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I'm aware of

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2 that.

3 MR. SARCONE: So by taking your
4 suggestion would be a good time to get that
5 together.

6 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So it's
7 definitely a request of mine that we develop
8 an impact study so that we can start looking
9 to create some kind of plans for moving
10 forward and maybe even more importantly a
11 plan to stop those efforts to move these
12 funds from the federal budget. So I think
13 we need that information.

14 MR. SARCONE: In terms of
15 advocacy, I would join you in your efforts.
16 Like I was stating earlier, there are
17 organizations that the county is a part of
18 that are making those requests to Washington
19 lobbyists on our behalf.

20 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I think we
21 have to have some collective effort as well.
22 And looking forward to getting that report
23 from you relatively soon so that we can
24 start our efforts.

25 MR. SARCONE: I will work with

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2 your office to set that up.

3 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you. I
4 appreciate it greatly.

5 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Could you
6 also let us know what organizations that are
7 referring to that you're advocating on
8 behalf of?

9 MR. SARCONI: The one in
10 particular is the NY-SED organization where
11 we have current employees of housing from
12 the county that sits on those boards in
13 Washington. They do advocacy on our behalf
14 pertaining to these federal dollars.

15 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: The majority
16 would request that you provide whatever
17 information that you are getting on this
18 issue as we go forward, and I'm sure the
19 minority wants the same thing.

20 MR. SARCONI: That's not a
21 problem.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other
23 questions? Thank you, Mr. Sarcone.

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Is there any public comment?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 All those in favor signify by
4 saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Those opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 The item carries unanimously.

9 Item 268 is a resolution to
10 authorize the transfer of appropriations
11 heretofore made within the budget for the
12 year 2017.

13 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
16 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by
17 Legislator Walker.

18 MS. D'ALLEVA: Roseann D'Alleva
19 from the Office of Management and Budget.
20 It's a required budget transfer for an
21 anticipated contract for NHCC for inmate
22 health care services.

23 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: So this
24 amount that's being transferred would be the
25 anticipated extra cost for the balance of

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2 this year?

3 MS. D'ALLEVA: Correct.

4 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Is the \$5.1
5 million solely for the anticipated increase
6 in costs for this program or does it also
7 include -- I know we boosted the payments
8 going to Armor, or is that something that's
9 completely separate?

10 MS. D'ALLEVA: It's actually,
11 it's whole and in part. It includes the
12 Armor required increase and also includes
13 the NHCC proposed increase.

14 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other
15 questions? Legislator Bynoe.

16 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Could you tell
17 me how much is actually allocated towards
18 the Armor portion of this, Roseann?

19 MS. D'ALLEVA: I believe the
20 anticipated shortfall relative to the
21 current contract that Armor had, the
22 extension included I think \$1.9 million of
23 an increase for the three month extension
24 for Armor. I believe it's 3.2, \$3.3 million
25 for the remainder of the year for the four

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2 months for NHCC.

3 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So I kind of
4 feel like we have the cart before the horse
5 here because we haven't even looked at the
6 contract.

7 MS. D'ALLEVA: Well, the contract
8 has to be encumbered. It was filed. I
9 believe with the Clerk of the Leg but in
10 order to route the contract, the funds have
11 to be encumbered, therefore, the actual --
12 the budget transfer has to actually come
13 first.

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So it's in the
15 correct order then. I have to say that I
16 would be -- I'm not totally comfortable with
17 the idea of this 1.9 additional money going
18 to Armor. I believe that we have been
19 placed in a bad position by the
20 administration not moving quickly when they
21 knew that Armor was not providing the proper
22 level of care to the inmates.

23 And we put ourselves in a tight
24 situation and that's why we're being in
25 essence extorted for this additional 1.9.

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2 So I would have been inclined to
3 vote against this based on the fact that I
4 believe a large portion of this is money
5 that I don't support spending.

6 But, because it is wrapped in the
7 other item, I'm going to go ahead and
8 support it. But I felt that my sentiments
9 needed to be on the record.

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other
11 comments? Legislator Curran.

12 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: How is it
13 that we \$2.6 million more than necessary
14 budgeted for utilities?

15 MS. D'ALLEVA: Well, year to year
16 we don't know where oil prices are going to
17 go, so we basically budget depending on
18 forecasts and the future's market.

19 So at this point in time we feel
20 relatively comfortable that gas prices and
21 oil prices will be remain low.

22 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Okay. How
23 about the same question budgeted for
24 fringes, we found some money there as well.

25 MS. D'ALLEVA: Well, there are

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2 attrition savings that we are projecting for
3 year end that we believe will still come to
4 fruition. Right now we are a little over a
5 million and a half in savings and we feel
6 that will achieve the 2.6 by the year end.

7 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: So do you
8 think that the trend will continue sort of
9 as it is now, we're half way there through
10 the year and through this 2.5 number?

11 MS. D'ALLEVA: Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
13 Birnbaum.

14 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Yes. In
15 looking at these numbers, 2.6 million from
16 miscellaneous fringe benefits and 2.5 from
17 Public Works, and when we were trying to
18 find money, for instance, for NICE Bus,
19 could we have found it then and used some of
20 this money?

21 MS. D'ALLEVA: We did. We
22 transferred 1.2 million of -- actually \$1.5
23 million of county funding for NICE Bus and
24 we took that from attrition savings in terms
25 of vacancies that were not filled or people

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2 that actually left county service.

3 We have been working towards --
4 but from the beginning of the year to the
5 end of the year you don't know where the
6 surpluses and shortfalls will land.

7 Just like we didn't know that --
8 I mean we did know that we would be
9 replacing the Armor contract, but we didn't
10 know what the cost impact would be.

11 On a full year basis, that cost
12 impact will be \$10 million.

13 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: But
14 considering we are in June, do we really
15 know how much extra we are going to have
16 now?

17 MS. D'ALLEVA: That's why we do
18 our monthly projections. Every month we
19 review the expenditures and the trends and
20 we forecast for the end of the year. They
21 are available online every month.

22 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other
24 questions or comments from the legislators?
25 Thank you, Ms. D'Alleva.

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2 (No verbal response.)
3 Is there any public comment?
4 (No verbal response.)
5 All those in favor signify by
6 saying aye.
7 (Aye.)
8 Those opposed?
9 (No verbal response.)
10 Carries unanimously.
11 Motion to suspend.
12 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.
13 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.
14 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
15 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
16 MacKenzie. All those in favor of suspending
17 the rules signify by saying aye.
18 (Aye.)
19 Those opposed?
20 (No verbal response.)
21 We have one addendum item, it's
22 254, a resolution to authorize the county to
23 participate in a federal aid transportation
24 project providing for Merrick Road over
25 Milburn Creek Bridge rehabilitation.

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2 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

3 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by

5 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator

6 Muscarella. Item is before the committee.

7 It went through Public Works a little while

8 ago. Any questions on this item?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 Is there any public comment?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 All those in favor signify by

13 saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Those opposed?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 The item carries unanimously.

18 Motion to adjourn.

19 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

20 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by

22 Legislator MacKenzie, seconded by Legislator

23 Walker. All those in favor of adjourning

24 signify by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 Opposed?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 We are adjourned and Rules are

5 next.

6 (Whereupon, the Finance Committee

7 adjourned at 2:46 p.m.)

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
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THAT I attended at the time and place
above mentioned and took stenographic record
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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 10th day of June, 2017.

FRANK GRAY