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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DONALD MACKENZIE, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, November 13, 2017
3:10 P.M

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

DONALD MACKENZIE,
Chairman

STEVE RHOADS,
Vice Chairman

VINCENT MUSCARELLA

DENISE FORD

LAURA CURRAN,
Ranking

KEVAN ABRAHAMS

SIELA BYNOE

MICHAEL PULITZER
Clerk of the Legislature

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LIEUTENANT GREG STEPHANOFF	8
NARDA HALL	10
BOB MCMANUS	12
TIMOTHY HAHN	14

1 Public Safety Committee/11-13-17

2 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Calling the
3 members of the Public Safety Committee to
4 order. Will the clerk please call the roll.

5 CLERK PULITZER: Yes, sir.
6 Public Safety Committee. Legislator Siela
7 Bynoe?

8 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

9 CLERK PULITZER: Minority Leader
10 Kevan Abrahams?

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

12 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
13 Laura Curran?

14 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.

15 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
16 Denise Ford?

17 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

18 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
19 Vincent Muscarella?

20 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

21 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman
22 Steven Rhoads?

23 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Here.

24 CLERK PULITZER: Chairman Donald
25 MacKenzie?

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2 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Here.

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

5 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Thank you.
6 I'm going to take these out of order if
7 there is no objection.

8 I'm going to call the first item
9 on the calendar today, Clerk Item 391-17, an
10 ordinance supplemental to the annual
11 appropriation ordinance in connection with
12 the Probation Department;

13 And Item 431-17, an ordinance
14 supplemental to the annual appropriation
15 ordinance in connection with the Probation
16 Department.

17 May I have a motion, please?

18 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Motion by
21 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Denise Ford.

22 MR. LANDSMAN: Good afternoon,
23 legislator. Douglas Landsman, Probation.
24 Item 391, this is a renewal grant. It's in
25 its sixth year of operation. Supervision

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2 and treatment services, juvenile program.
3 We are requesting approval of this
4 supplemental appropriation for a one year
5 period beginning October 17th through
6 September 18 in the amount of \$216,140.
7 It's a 62 percent reimbursement rate, 38
8 percent local share.

9 The supervision and treatment
10 service program, also known as STIP, is a
11 unique opportunity to have a positive impact
12 on young Nassau County youth and to realign
13 resources for more thoughtful, efficient and
14 effective purposes.

15 The basic idea of the program is
16 to keep young children out of the system and
17 to reduce costs in the juvenile system.

18 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: I'm sorry,
19 Item 431 as well.

20 MR. LANDSMAN: Thank you for
21 doing both. I appreciate it. 431 is a
22 supplemental appropriation of \$235,000 from
23 the Traffic Safety Board. This is an annual
24 grant we have gotten for over 12 years. The
25 purpose of the grant is to enhance effective

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2 community management of the convicted driver
3 population.

4 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Thank you.
5 Are there any questions from any of the
6 legislators?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Is there any public comment?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 Hearing none, all those in favor
11 of Items 391 of '17 and 431 of '17 indicate
12 by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 Any opposed?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Those items pass unanimously.

17 Likewise, I'll call the next
18 three items in order. Item 415 of '17, 416
19 of '17 and 417 of '17. They're ordinances
20 supplemental to the annual appropriation
21 ordinance in connection with the police
22 department.

23 May I have a motion, please?

24 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

25 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

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2 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Motion by
3 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
4 Ford. Who is here to speak on this matter?

5 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Good
6 afternoon. Lieutenant Greg Stephanoff,
7 Nassau County Police Department.

8 Item 415 of '17 is a U.S.
9 Department of Transportation grant for
10 \$894,006. This grant is going to our
11 highway patrol motor carrier section. It's
12 going to be used to do commercial motor
13 vehicle check points. There's also money in
14 this grant to buy two vehicles that will be
15 dedicated to this operation. They will use
16 the vehicles to do these checks.

17 Item 416 of '17 is a state law
18 enforcement terrorist prevention program.
19 This is a repeat grant that we get for
20 terrorism prevention.

21 This grant is going to be used.
22 It's \$487,359. Some of it is going to be
23 used for exercise and training. There's
24 also equipment in there that's going to be
25 used for personal protection equipment for

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2 first responders. We're going to buy a
3 license plate reader to monitor areas for
4 that. And also a trauma response kit for
5 first responders.

6 Item 417 of '17 is an
7 appropriation for New York State DCJS. This
8 is for a live scan grant. We electronically
9 fingerprint people now. This is going to
10 give us -- we're going to buy a machine for
11 \$17,632 from the grant and there is an
12 in-kind match that we're going to buy
13 another machine. This will help us keep our
14 electronic fingerprinting updated for the
15 department.

16 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Thank you
17 very much. Any questions?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 Any public comment?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 All those in favor of Items 415
22 of '17, 416 of '17 and 417 of '17 signify by
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Any opposed?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 They pass unanimously. Thank
4 you very much.

5 Next I will call Item 418 of '17
6 and 422 of '17 together; ordinances
7 supplemental to the annual appropriation
8 ordinance in connection with the correction
9 center.

10 Is there someone to speak on
11 these two items?

12 May I have a motion, please?

13 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Motion by
16 Legislator Muscarella, second by Legislator
17 Rhoads. Is there someone to speak on those?

18 MS. HALL: Narda Hall,
19 Correctional Center. Item 418-17 is a
20 request for a supplemental appropriation for
21 \$30,5000 for the gun involved violence, the
22 GIVE program for the correctional center.
23 Funding received from the New York State
24 Division of Criminal Justice Services. The
25 grant focuses on reducing violent crimes

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2 through coordination with the Federal State
3 and Local criminal justice agencies.

4 The fund will be used for
5 overtime, training, investigations,
6 information sharing, and meetings for the
7 gang intelligence unit. This is for the
8 period of July 1st, 2017 through June 30,
9 2018.

10 Item number 422-17 is a
11 supplemental appropriation request for
12 \$613,353 from the Federal Drug Enforcement
13 Agency as part of the Federal Drug
14 Forfeiture.

15 The amount and timing for receipt
16 of funds is dependent upon the amount of
17 seizure as well as completion of pending
18 investigations and ultimate convictions. It
19 is to be used for law enforcement equipment
20 and training and not to supplant the budget.

21 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: There are
22 any questions from any the legislators?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Is there any public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

1 Public Safety Committee/11-13-17
2 Hearing none, all those in favor
3 of Items 418 of '17 and 422 of '17 indicate
4 by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Any opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Those two items pass unanimously.
9 Thank you very much.

10 The next item 419 of '17, a
11 resolution authorizing the County Executive
12 to execute a grant agreement between the
13 County of Nassau acting on behalf of the
14 District Attorney's Office and the Cedarmore
15 Corporation.

16 May I have a motion, please?

17 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

18 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Motion by
20 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Vincent
21 Muscarella. Someone here to the speak on
22 this item?

23 MR. MCMANUS: Bob McManus,
24 District Attorney's Office. The District
25 Attorney's Office is providing a grant to

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2 the Cedarmore Corporation of Freeport to
3 conduct training conferences for at-risk
4 youth and their parents or guardians to
5 teach life skill training to reduce gang
6 involvement and enhance opportunities for
7 participants, many of whom face the
8 challenges of poverty.

9 The curriculum includes skills
10 essential to success including developing
11 self esteem, health education, financial
12 literacy and academic preparedness.

13 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Thank you.
14 Are there any legislators who have any
15 questions?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Is there any public comment?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 Hearing none, all those in favor
20 of Item 419 of '17 please signify by saying
21 aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 Any opposed?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 That passes unanimously.

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2 Now, last on the calendar for the
3 Public Safety Committee today is Item 437 of
4 '17, an ordinance supplemental to the annual
5 appropriation ordinance in connection with
6 the Medical Examiner, Division of Forensic
7 Science and Toxicology.

8 May I have a motion, please?

9 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Motion by
12 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Vincent
13 Muscarella. Someone to speak on the item?

14 MR. HAHN: Timothy Hahn from the
15 Medical Examiner's Office. This is a
16 federal grant. A laboratory improvement
17 grant in the amount of \$23,275. It is used
18 to maintain the laboratories New York State
19 accreditation and to reduce the case backlog
20 in the toxicology laboratory.

21 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Do we have
22 any questions on this item?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Is there any public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 Hearing none, all those in favor
3 of Item 437 of '17 signify by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Those opposed?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 The item passes unanimously.

8 Motion to adjourn?

9 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Motion by
12 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
13 Muscarella.

14 All those in favor of adjourning,
15 signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Public Safety Committee is
18 adjourned. Next is Planning and
19 Development.

20 (Whereupon, the Public Safety
21 Committee adjourned at 3:19 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 30th day of November, 2017.

FRANK GRAY