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2 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Would you mind
3 calling the roll.

4 MR. PULITZER: Finance Committee
5 roll call. Legislator Joshua Lafazan.

6 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

7 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Arnold
8 Drucker.

9 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

10 MR. PULITZER: Thank you.
11 Ranking Member Ellen Birnbaum.

12 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

13 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Rose
14 Marie Walker.

15 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

16 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Thomas
17 McKevitt.

18 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

19 MR. PULITZER: Vice Chairman
20 Vincent Muscarella.

21 LEGISLATOR FORD: I am replacing
22 him on this committee.

23 MR. PULITZER: That would be Rose
24 Marie Walker.

25 MS. FORD: That would be Denise

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2 Ford.

3 MR. PULITZER: I'm so sorry Ms.

4 Ford. Please forgive me. And chairman Howard
5 Kopel.

6 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: I am here.

7 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum
8 sir.

9 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Since we have
10 a number of consent items and one of them is
11 on the addendum I'm going to call for a motion
12 before we start to suspend the rules. That is
13 made by Ms. Birnbaum and seconded by
14 Ms. Walker. All those in favor of suspending
15 the rules signify by saying aye. Any
16 opposed? The rules are suspended.

17 Now I am going to call the consent
18 items and that would be numbers 299, 300, 301,
19 302, 303, 304, 305, 309, 318, 319, 328, 329,
20 330, 331, 334, 338, 340, 341, 342 as well as
21 on the addendum number 346. Those items have
22 been -- I'm sorry. There's one more, two more
23 on the second addendum. Those would be
24 numbers 352 and 353.

25 All of those items have been

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2 discussed by the Majority and Minority and
3 there's been an agreement that there is no
4 further need for debate or discussion.
5 Therefore, all those in favor of those items
6 signify by saying aye. Are there any opposed
7 to those items?

8 I didn't have a motion. Motion on
9 those items made by Legislator Ford and
10 seconded by Legislator McKevitt. All those in
11 favor of all those items signify by saying
12 aye. Any opposed? All those items, consent
13 items, pass unanimously.

14 I'm going to call the first four
15 items last since they're going to require
16 executive session. So we'll start out with
17 number 295 which is a transfer of
18 appropriations. Motion by Legislator Walker.
19 Seconded by Legislator Birnbaum.

20 MR. PERSICH: Andy Persich,
21 Office of Management and Budget. Item 295
22 relates to the money received for the census
23 money that we originally put into the wrong
24 line item. We had to pull this with the
25 legislature and this was just reallocating the

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2 funds into the appropriate codes.

3 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Thank you
4 Andy. Any questions? All those in favor
5 of -- we're going to vote at the end so we'll
6 have a chance for public comment for those.

7 The next items I'm going to call
8 together are 320, 321, 322. Motion on those
9 items by Mr. Lafazan. Seconded by
10 Mr. McKevitt. Those are all items in
11 connection with the Office of Community
12 Development.

13 MR. CREAN: Kevin Crean, director
14 of Office of Community Development. These
15 three items are related to -- they're all
16 supplemental appropriations -- related to
17 federal grants administered by our office.
18 These are additional funds authorized under
19 the federal CARES Act. This is the second,
20 it's called the third round but the second
21 round of funding that Nassau County received
22 an allocation for. The first round of funding
23 of these appropriations was approved by this
24 body back in April. So this is a second
25 supplemental award received over the last

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2 couple of months.

3 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: There's no
4 matching funds, correct?

5 MR. CREAN: No matching funds.

6 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Thank you
7 sir. Yes, Legislator Birnbaum.

8 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: These are
9 going to be distributed to local governments
10 you said, right?

11 MR. CREAN: Not completely. Some
12 of these funds will be utilized in-house, some
13 distributed to local nonprofits. The
14 supplemental appropriations are -- the
15 emergency solutions grants program funding is
16 generally going to be with nonprofits, but
17 there will be some collaboration with the
18 Department of Social Services to carry out
19 some of those activities under the Community
20 Development Block Grant program. Which is
21 item 322-20. It's HIE-5. Those funds, the
22 majority of them are actually going to be
23 contracted with nonprofits to carry out some
24 activities that were not funded or that were
25 not addressed under the first round of

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2 funding. These are economic development
3 activities and rental assistance as well.

4 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: When you
5 said assists local government you didn't mean
6 government municipalities?

7 MR. CREAN: When I said local
8 government?

9 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: I thought
10 you said to assist local government.

11 MR. CREAN: I'm not sure what
12 context I said that in, but the funding that
13 will be received Nassau County will be
14 administered by both local municipalities and
15 nonprofits. The first round of funding was
16 distributed to both. I think it was probably
17 a higher percentage for nonprofits just
18 because local municipalities don't have the
19 infrastructure to carry out service type
20 activities. The mental health appropriations,
21 the food bank, the emergency food
22 distribution, the economic development
23 programs that were carried out in the first
24 round were not generally provided by the
25 municipalities. They were provided by

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2 nonprofit organizations.

3 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Thank you.

4 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Anyone else?

5 The next group will be supplementals to the
6 Department of Parks and those are numbers 323
7 and 324. Motion by Mr. Drucker. Seconded by
8 Ms. Walker.

9 MS. KASO: Victoria Kaso,
10 Department of Parks. Both 323 and 324 are
11 supplemental appropriations having to do with
12 our hotel-motel tax. 323 is in the amount of
13 \$163,300 and 324 is in the amount of \$570,000.

14 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Are there any
15 questions? Any discussion? Thank you. The
16 next group will be numbers 325, 326 and 327.
17 Those are all transfers of appropriations.

18 MS. LAURAIN: Mary Ellen Laurain
19 Department of Health.

20 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: We don't have
21 a motion yet. Forgive me. That is moved by
22 Mr. Drucker once again and seconded by Mr.
23 Lafazan. Go on please.

24 MS. LAURAIN: Good afternoon.
25 Mary Ellen Laurain, Department of Health.

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2 Item 325 is a board transfer in the amount of
3 \$1,514. This does not have any impact on the
4 budget. It's to maximize one of our New York
5 State grant funded programs.

6 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Go ahead.

7 MS. LAURAIN: Item 326 is also a
8 board transfer in the amount of \$403. Again,
9 this has no impact on the budget. Just to
10 maximize state grant reimbursement.

11 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: You got one
12 more?

13 MS. LAURAIN: I don't have the
14 other one.

15 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Anyone here on
16 327?

17 MR. LANSMAN: Good afternoon
18 members. Doug Lansman, Nassau probation.
19 Item 327-20 involves a requested transfer from
20 our GIVE grant. We have excess travel due to
21 the COVID pandemic and we have excess
22 equipment that was not utilized. We would
23 like to transfer these monies back to our AA
24 salary line so we can maximize our grant.
25 There's no problem with the budget. It's net

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2 neutral.

3 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Thank you.

4 Any debate or discussion on those three
5 items? Thank you.

6 MR. LANSMAN: Thank you.

7 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: The next two
8 are 335 and 336 which are supplementals with
9 the Office of Management and Budget and that
10 motion is made by Legislator Ford and seconded
11 by Legislator Lafazan.

12 MR. PERSICH: Andy Persich,
13 Office of Management and Budget. 335 and 336
14 are the distributions from the New York State
15 ILS for distribution years two and three in
16 the amount of \$537,731. These are annual
17 recurring grants or distributions I should say
18 as a result of Harrell Laring Act that New
19 York State ILS distributes to Legal Aid
20 Society and 18B over at the bar association.

21 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: It's part of
22 our original budget?

23 MR. PERSICH: Yes. These are
24 part of the grant budget for ILS.

25 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: I meant this

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2 was part of our budget we anticipated?

3 MR. PERSICH: Yes. That's
4 correct.

5 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any debate or
6 discussion? Next is 343 which is, well, this
7 is with respect to authorizing a filing of a
8 plan for federal assistance with the federal
9 HUD. A motion is made by Ms. Walker and
10 seconded by Ms. Ford.

11 MR. CREAN: Kevin Crean, director
12 Office of Community Development. This item is
13 substantial amendment to Nassau County's
14 fiscal year 2019 action plan that was filed
15 with the US Department of Housing and Urban
16 Development. This amendment is a requirement
17 to receive the additional funding and
18 distribute additional funding received under
19 the CARES Act which we are under the
20 supplemental appropriations items that I just
21 spoke about.

22 This is an additional \$9.5 million
23 under the Community Development Block Grant
24 program COVID round three and \$10.6 million
25 under the Emergency Solutions Grant program

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2 COVID round three.

3 The county received allocations
4 under these two programs under the first round
5 of CARES Act funding that was approved by this
6 legislature back in the spring. Those funds
7 are the -- the bulk of them are allocated
8 already. This second round of funding is
9 requested now. This amendment will go forward
10 to HUD so that those funds can be allocated to
11 meet additional needs.

12 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any
13 legislators have any questions or discussion?
14 Thank you. 344 is authorizing a grant
15 agreement with parks, recreation and Cornell
16 Cooperative. Motion on that is made by
17 Ms. Ford and seconded by Mr. McKeivitt.

18 MS. KASO: Victoria Caso,
19 Department of Parks. This is a hotel-motel
20 grant agreement in the amount of \$40,000 for
21 Cornell Cooperative Extension in Nassau County
22 for ongoing programing at East Meadow Park.

23 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any questions,
24 debate or discussion? Thank you.

25 The next one is on the addendum and

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2 that would be number 347, which is authorizing
3 additional pay for certain officers and
4 employees of the Office of Housing. Motion is
5 made by Mr. Drucker and seconded by
6 Mr. Lafazan.

7 MS. PETTUS: Kenetha Pettus,
8 director of housing.

9 MS. ZIGLER: Zoila Zigler, finance
10 from housing.

11 MS. PETTUS: These funds are 100
12 percent reimbursable. These funds do not
13 impact the county's budget. These funds will
14 be used and must be spent by 12-31 from the
15 state from the CARES Act. And part of the
16 money, the \$130,000, will be used for a
17 contract to scan all our files which we have
18 almost 5,000 files in our office. And the
19 \$23,000 will be used for the software from
20 IT. And then the other money, the \$6,009 and
21 \$3,000, \$9,000 will be used to reimburse or to
22 pay for overtime.

23 Nassau County Office of Housing has
24 acquired the Town of Hempstead's Section 8
25 vouchers. We received those vouchers in

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2 August. We had to get them into the system.
3 That's our system that's connected to New York
4 State and we had to do it off hours because we
5 had to do our regular work and we were not
6 allowed to hire anyone. So we had to use the
7 staff that we had and work overtime. And the
8 state paid for the overtime.

9 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Do you have
10 anything more? Either of you? I meant I
11 don't want to interrupt you. Are you done?

12 MS. PETTUS: Yes.

13 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Explain, if
14 you would, in terms of this grant -- first of
15 all, let me ask you this. The people who are
16 to get overtime here what kind of employees
17 are they? Which employees are they?

18 MS. PETTUS: These are certified
19 housing specialists.

20 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Is that
21 essentially pretty much all of the -- are
22 these management, are these union?

23 MS. PETTUS: These are all
24 ordinance employees.

25 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Do you have

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2 union employees as well?

3 MS. PETTUS: No.

4 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Are there any
5 people who worked overtime beyond the ones who
6 are scheduled to receive this payment?

7 MS. PETTUS: No.

8 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Essentially
9 everyone who worked overtime for this program
10 would be covered under this?

11 MS. PETTUS: Yes.

12 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Fine. I
13 understand. Yes Ms. Birnbaum.

14 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Would you
15 say the amount you will be receiving from
16 CARES is sufficient for your needs?

17 MS. PETTUS: Yes, it is.

18 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Thank you.

19 MS. ZIGLER: Just the amount that
20 we have received. We're not going to go over
21 or exceed any amount.

22 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any others?
23 Ms. Walker.

24 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So the amount
25 of overtime worked out to be exactly the

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2 amount of money you got?

3 MS. ZIGLER: I would like to say
4 that it's precisely, maybe less, but not to
5 the exact penny. But we're not going to go
6 over that.

7 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Is this job
8 normally only done by the housing specialists
9 who are all ordinance employees? None of them
10 are union employees?

11 MS. PETTUS: No.

12 LEGISLATOR WALKER: I know
13 Legislator Kopel did ask but none of our other
14 employees anywhere across the board had to
15 work overtime and were not compensated?

16 MS. PETTUS: No.

17 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you.

18 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Anyone else?
19 Ms. Ford.

20 LEGISLATOR FORD: You'll just be
21 getting pay, you're not accruing any time to
22 be used towards any days off? Strictly a
23 monetary overtime?

24 MS. PETTUS: Yes.

25 LEGISLATOR FORD: As you

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2 indicated that this work this had to be
3 completed by a certain date. Where are we
4 with work? Is it completed or is this going
5 to --

6 MS. PETTUS: We have already
7 uploaded and entered all the files that we
8 received from the Town of Hempstead into our
9 system. We have now just about 5,000
10 applications of wait list that we have to
11 enter into our system. But it's not going to
12 exceed the amount that's allocated here.

13 LEGISLATOR FORD: Considering
14 that you're getting more work, you have a lot
15 more that's going to be on your plate.

16 MS. PETTUS: We are overworked in
17 housing.

18 LEGISLATOR FORD: Are there
19 enough employees to be able to handle this
20 once all this data is inputted and going into
21 2021?

22 MS. PETTUS: That's a good
23 question. The housing specialists, we have
24 five, and they have a heavy caseload, more
25 than any other local administrator in the

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2 state of New York but we're making it happen
3 until we're able to hire another housing
4 specialist and a clerk.

5 LEGISLATOR FORD: I think it's
6 something that we need to look into only
7 because the people that you're working with
8 and you're serving happen to be a lot of our
9 poor, many of them quite possibly be
10 uneducated whatever and look to you for
11 guidance. It's not just a matter of a click
12 on a keyboard and done with them. I'm sure it
13 takes a lot of conversations.

14 MS. PETTUS: We get a lot of
15 calls from the constituents in the LD
16 regarding Section 8 and lot of them now are
17 calling they transferred from the Town of
18 Hempstead to our system which is totally
19 different from the way they were doing things
20 in the Town of Hempstead. We are governed by
21 the state of New York administrative plan and
22 it's a little bit more detailed and we have
23 strict rules to follow. So, we acquired a
24 hundred and some odd vouchers. 243 active
25 vouchers. They also have an extensive wait

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2 list and we did not get the employees to go
3 along with those vouchers.

4 LEGISLATOR FORD: It's a big
5 undertaking. It really and truly is. I'm
6 sure that a lot of your calls may be from
7 people who have been transferred. They're so
8 afraid that heaven forbid their voucher gets
9 lost and I can understand. I think that this
10 is something that we have to look at as a
11 legislature to see what this department, that
12 this is something that really poses to be an
13 emergency in my mind because we cannot let
14 anybody fall through the cracks. Housing is
15 so important to them.

16 MS. PETTUS: In addition, from
17 the state we did receive money -- we came
18 before you before -- for security deposit
19 money to help people move and a lot of them
20 are coming over from the Town of Hempstead.
21 They had to move and we have a shortage of
22 housing as it is here in Nassau County who
23 accept Section 8. So we have a lot of people
24 with vouchers and no place to live.

25 LEGISLATOR FORD: Do you also

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2 then also handle the complaints like because I
3 know by law if somebody has an apartment for
4 rent and the person goes and they say I would
5 like have that apartment -- you correct me if
6 I'm wrong, I could be wrong. I have an
7 apartment and you come to me and I'm like
8 okay, you can have it. The rent is going to
9 be \$2,000 a month. And then you say I have a
10 Section 8 voucher which is going to pay 1300.
11 I'll pay you the additional 700. Isn't by law
12 that the landlord must still accept you even
13 with the Section 8 voucher?

14 MS. PETTUS: They're supposed to
15 accept it, yes.

16 LEGISLATOR FORD: Is it your
17 department that follows up on that or is that
18 another department?

19 MS. PETTUS: It's another
20 department only because we're not housing
21 locators. We just administer the Section 8
22 voucher and it's up to the voucher holder to
23 find the housing.

24 Our department we have the housing
25 inspectors who will inspect the unit and then

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2 we also have payment standards set by the
3 state. The amount of money that we will pay
4 for certain unit size. If it's a two bedroom
5 it's probably \$1,800. I don't have the exact
6 numbers. But we cannot exceed that amount and
7 we will not allow the tenant to pay the
8 difference on the side. Because if they can
9 pay the difference where are they getting that
10 income from?

11 LEGISLATOR FORD: They have to
12 justify it.

13 MS. PETTUS: They have to
14 justify. We have so many issue with housing.
15 As soon as we are able to get approved for our
16 work number we have to verify employment for
17 all the participants over 18 if they're
18 employed. There's a system that when we put
19 in the social security numbers we can
20 determine if they're working if they're not
21 reporting the income. All that's considered.
22 So there's a lot that goes into it before we
23 give out a Section 8 voucher.

24 LEGISLATOR FORD: I know the
25 undertaking. It's a lot. I have to commend

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2 you really because we're always working with
3 your office because I have had people with
4 Section 8 and I know the housing inspectors
5 they have to go out. When somebody wants an
6 apartment you have to make sure it's good.
7 And if the landlord didn't do the right thing
8 they got to fix it, they got to go back.

9 MS. PETTUS: They get 20 days to
10 correct it.

11 LEGISLATOR FORD: I've been
12 there. I have not walked a mile in your
13 shoes. But I know that your response has
14 always been very good and I thank you. So
15 that's why I think it's very important that we
16 listen to what you're saying right now knowing
17 that your workload is getting higher and the
18 need for additional personnel because we're
19 these people are not rich. They're
20 frightened. They're scared. Housing,
21 everything. And I think we need to do the
22 best we can for them. I hope my fellow
23 legislators if we need to increase the numbers
24 we could all join together.

25 MS. PETTUS: The increase came

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2 from receiving the Town of Hempstead,
3 acquiring their vouchers. Thank you.

4 LEGISLATOR FORD: I know you can
5 handle it.

6 MS. PETTUS: Thank you so much.

7 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Legislator
8 Walker.

9 LEGISLATOR WALKER: I just want
10 to say I agree with Legislator Ford. I think
11 you were overloaded before and now you're
12 really, really overloaded. Trying to make
13 sure you get everyone into the system and
14 certainly that nobody gets lost in the
15 shuffle, which can happen. Especially when
16 you're trying to get files and put them to
17 you, whatever.

18 I just have another question only
19 because we get bombarded with calls although
20 it's really not up to us it's really up to the
21 local municipalities. Do you like make sure
22 like these are legal apartments? I just
23 always feel bad when someone moves into a
24 place and the finally get settled, especially
25 if they have children involved or whatever and

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2 finally located someplace and all of a sudden
3 there's complaints and complaints and
4 complaints because they moved into an
5 apartment in a home that isn't really supposed
6 to have an apartment.

7 MS. PETTUS: Our inspection
8 department works closely with the local
9 building departments in the local villages as
10 well as in the town. So, if there is a
11 basement apartment, which is not allowed, we
12 won't approve a basement apartment. If it's
13 not illegal, if it's not an apartment that was
14 grandfathered in we work along with the
15 building department just to make sure it's a
16 legal basement apartment. Those are usually
17 the apartments that are illegal that we find.
18 Basements or certain attics without egress.

19 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Right because
20 you worry too for the safety of those people
21 that move in that God forbid if there was a
22 fire or God forbid there was an emergency they
23 couldn't even escape.

24 MS. PETTUS: Sometimes the
25 participants don't understand that when we

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2 have to deny that apartment, that unit,
3 because it's not legal or certain means of
4 egress is not appropriate and they get upset
5 with us because they were searching for a unit
6 for months we allow them to get an extension
7 but they're already at their wits end and they
8 go and take anything but we can't approve it.
9 Then they will call their legislators.

10 LEGISLATOR WALKER: And then
11 we're caught in the middle too because then
12 you have the other resident are saying they
13 can't be there. Your heart is aching. We
14 really don't have enough housing. We don't.
15 It's sad.

16 MS. PETTUS: I'm sorry to say, I
17 know I have received calls from some of your
18 offices. If there is a complaint against a
19 house on your block because that's a Section 8
20 because the landlord is absent, lives
21 somewhere else, that's a landlord-tenant
22 issue, that's not a Section 8 Nassau County
23 Office of Housing issue. Only the unit
24 itself. Unless you can prove that there's
25 occupants in the house that's not listed as

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2 part of the household composition then they
3 are in violation. But other things that
4 happen -- because they're allowed to have
5 visitors and if the other activities happen
6 unfortunately we can't address that. It's
7 actually a landlord-tenant matter.

8 LEGISLATOR WALKER: I know it's
9 difficult because I did have homes in my
10 district where it was a Section 8 home and
11 then the people in that home that were Section
12 8 they kind of had other people coming in who
13 didn't even realize it was Section 8 and those
14 people are paying, the Section 8 people are
15 coming but now in that same room there's all
16 these people in one house. And again, I'm
17 sure that doesn't -- that's not the norm. But
18 when it does happen that's an added extra
19 problem within the --

20 MS. PETTUS: If you think it's
21 outside of the normal mother, father or
22 children you can report that to us because we
23 will send out an investigator to check the
24 house to make sure that the occupants listed
25 on the lease are the actual occupants living

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2 in the house.

3 LEGISLATOR WALKER: You were
4 extremely helpful -- I don't know if it was
5 you -- you were extremely helpful for us and
6 finally that house now could no longer be a
7 Section 8 home because the landlord of that
8 home was really not doing the work. He wasn't
9 doing the right thing nor were the original
10 Section 8 people living there.

11 MS. PETTUS: Legislator Walker, I
12 know this is beyond what I'm supposed to be
13 doing do at Section 8 but we send a letter out
14 to the landlord making them aware that there's
15 been some allegations. A lot of times they
16 get nervous and they correct the problem.
17 That's what I do when I get a call or
18 constituent affairs call. I send out a letter
19 and hopefully that will correct it. But
20 that's the extent of what I can do in a
21 situation like that.

22 LEGISLATOR WALKER: I thank you
23 for all you're doing. As I said, I totally
24 agree that your work load has been heavy
25 enough. We have to address the fact that you

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2 need additional staff there.

3 MS. PETTUS: Thank you so much.

4 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you.

5 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Thank you.

6 Anyone else? Did I miss anyone? Thank you.

7 Number 348 and that is a resolution
8 amending the boundary description of the
9 collection and disposal zone of assessment to
10 include real property in the Village of
11 Lawrence.

12 That is moved by Ms. Walker and is
13 seconded by Mr. Drucker. Have we anyone here
14 for this? I imagine this is part of our
15 settlement.

16 MR. ARNOLD: Ken Arnold. This
17 item is the follow-up to the recently passed
18 IAM and settlement where we now are required
19 to put the people within the Village of
20 Lawrence into the -- it's under the assessment
21 sector collection and disposal. That's what
22 this ordinance will do.

23 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: What about
24 Cedarhurst?

25 MR. ARNOLD: Cedarhurst they had

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2 a different arrangement. They don't get
3 entered into the district until their debt is
4 paid.

5 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Got it. Any
6 questions, debate or comment legislators?
7 Thank you Ken.

8 Back on the main calendar. We will
9 do number 306 and that motion is made by
10 Mr. McKevitt and seconded by Mr. Lafazan.
11 That is directing the treasurers to pay to
12 supervisors certain funds. Go ahead please.

13 MS. CALLEY: Diedre Calley,
14 legislative budget review. The resolution
15 before you contains the mortgage recording tax
16 collection from October 1, 2019 through
17 September 30, 2020 as well as the July 1, 2020
18 through September 30, 2020 quarterly
19 allocation.

20 Today 31.9 million is being
21 distributed to the towns, villages and cities
22 located in Nassau County. That's up 26.8
23 million from the same quarter last year. Thus
24 the quarterly collections have increased 18.9
25 percent or roughly 5.1 million.

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2 On a year-to-date basis collections
3 have raised 19.5 percent inclusive of all
4 quarterly and reserve payments. I'm available
5 for any questions you may have.

6 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any
7 questions? Any comments? Thank you.

8 Now I'm going to call four items
9 together, the last four items, and then we
10 will have a motion for executive session.
11 Number 282 is McCarthy against the county.
12 283 is Hayes versus the county. 284 is
13 Gleeson versus the county. And 285 is Behr
14 versus the county.

15 That motion is made by Ms. Walker.
16 Seconded by Ms. Birnbaum.

17 Motion for executive session by
18 Mr. McKevitt. Seconded by Mr. Drucker. All
19 those in favor of executive session signify by
20 saying aye. Any opposed? Members of the Rules
21 Committee are invited as well.

22 (Committee recessed to executive
23 session at 3:52 p.m.)

24 (Committee reconvened at 4:57 p.m.)

25 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: I just want to

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2 ask the clerk's office I think we voted on all
3 the other items besides those four. Did we?
4 We didn't. Okay. Fine.

5 On 282 of '20 which is the McCarthy
6 versus the county case, Mr. McKevitt makes a
7 motion to table. Seconded by Mr. Drucker.
8 All those in favor of tabling that item say
9 aye. Any opposed? That item is tabled.

10 On the rest of the items that we
11 called is there any public comment? Hearing
12 none, I'm going to ask for a vote on all those
13 items. All those in favor of those items
14 please signify by saying aye. Any opposed?

15 Mr. Lafazan makes a motion to
16 adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Walker. All those
17 in favor of adjourning? Any opposed?

18 (Committee adjourned at 5:03 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATION

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

THAT the foregoing is a true and
accurate transcript of my stenographic
notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand this 13th day of
November 2020

FRANK GRAY