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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE WILL HOLD COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025 STARTING AT 1:00 PM AND WILL HOLD A FULL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025 STARTING AT 1:00 PM FOR PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT, AND AT 2:00 PM FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR IN THE PETER J. SCHMITT MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR, THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, 1550 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MINEOLA, NEW YORK 11501.

**FULL LEGISLATIVE SESSION.....1:00 PM**

<b>COMMITTEES</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>RULES</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT &amp; THE ENVIRONMENT</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>TOWNS, VILLAGES AND CITIES</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, LABOR AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND OPERATIONS</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>MINORITY AFFAIRS</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>VETERANS</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>SENIOR AFFAIRS</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>FINANCE</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>

**MICHAEL C. PULITZER**  
Clerk of the Legislature

**Dated: DECEMBER 30, 2024**  
**Mineola, NY**

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# NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

## 15<sup>th</sup> TERM MEETING AGENDA

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

JANUARY 6, 2025 1:00 PM

**Thomas McKevitt – Chairman**

**John Ferretti – Vice Chairman**

**James Kennedy**

**Rose Marie Walker**

**Carrié Solages – Ranking**

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# **NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

## **15th TERM MEETING AGENDA**

# **HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**JANUARY 6, 2025 1:00 PM**

**Rose Marie Walker – Chairwoman**

**Michael Giangregorio – Vice Chairman**

**Mazi Melesa Pilip**

**Samantha Goetz**

**Delia DeRiggi -Whitton – Ranking**

**Arnold W. Drucker**

**Seth I. Koslow**

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# **NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

## **15<sup>th</sup> TERM MEETING AGENDA**

# **RULES COMMITTEE**

**JANUARY 6, 2025 1:00 PM**

**Howard Kopel – Chairman**

**Thomas McKeivitt – Vice Chairman**

**John Ferretti**

**James Kennedy**

**Delia DeRiggi-Whitton– Ranking**

**Scott M. Davis**

**Arnold W. Drucker**

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<b>1-25</b>	<b>OMB</b>	<b>H,F,R</b>	<b><u>ORDINANCE NO. – 2025</u></b> AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. 1-25
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<b>4-25</b>	<b>CE</b>	<b>F,R</b>	<b><u>RESOLUTION NO. – 2025</u></b> A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO TAX EXEMPTION EXTENSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU (THE “COUNTY”) AND CENTRAL PARK ESTATES REDEVELOPMENT COMPANY OWNERS CORPORATION, A MUTUAL REDEVELOPMENT COMPANY (“CENTRAL PARK ESTATES”). 4-25
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<b>E-2-25</b>	<b>AT</b>	<b>R</b>	<b><u>RESOLUTION NO. – 2025</u></b> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND BEE READY FISHBEIN HATTER & DONOVAN LLP. E-2-25
<b>E-3-25</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>R</b>	<b><u>RESOLUTION NO. – 2025</u></b> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND GANNET FLEMING ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS, P.C. E-3-25
<b>E-4-25</b>	<b>HE</b>	<b>R</b>	<b><u>RESOLUTION NO. – 2025</u></b> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND JAMES MCGUINNESS & ASSOCIATES, INC. E-4-25
<b>E-5-25</b>	<b>IT</b>	<b>R</b>	<b><u>RESOLUTION NO. – 2025</u></b> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT AND IT, INC. E-5-25
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<b>E-7-25</b>	<b>BU</b>	<b>R</b>	<b><u>RESOLUTION NO. – 2025</u></b> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, AND THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK. E- 7-25
<b>E-8-25</b>	<b>BU</b>	<b>R</b>	<b><u>RESOLUTION NO. – 2025</u></b> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, AND THE NASSAU COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION ASSIGNED COUNSEL DEFENDER PLAN, INC. E-8-25
<b>E-9-25</b>	<b>TV</b>	<b>R</b>	<b><u>RESOLUTION NO. – 2025</u></b> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC & PARKING VIOLATIONS AGENCY AND TOP KEY COURT REPORTING, INC. E-9-25
<b>E-11-25</b>	<b>PK</b>	<b>R</b>	<b><u>RESOLUTION NO. – 2025</u></b> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH EGB HOSPITALITY LLC. E-11-25
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<b>E-13-25</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>R</b>	<b><u>RESOLUTION NO. – 2025</u></b> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND LOCKWOOD, KESSLER & BARTLETT, INC. E-13-25

<b>E-14-25</b>	<b>PD</b>	<b>R</b>	<p><b><u>RESOLUTION NO. – 2025</u></b>  A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND GALLS, LLC. E-14-25</p>
<b>E-15-25</b>	<b>PD</b>	<b>R</b>	<p><b><u>RESOLUTION NO. – 2025</u></b>  A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CENTRAL SQUARE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC.  E-15-25</p>

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEES MEETING

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HOWARD KOPEL  
PRESIDING OFFICER

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**PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE**

**SAMANTHA GOETZ  
CHAIRWOMAN**

Monday, January 6, 2025  
1:48 p.m.

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County Executive and Legislative Building  
1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, New York

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TAKEN BY: KAREN LORENZO, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

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A P P E A R A N C E S

CHAIRWOMAN SAMANTHA GOETZ

VICE CHAIRMAN THOMAS MCKEVITT

LEGISLATOR JOHN GIUFFRE

LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY

LEGISLATOR CARRIE A. SOLAGES      RANKING MEMBER

LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER

LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE

MICHAEL PULITZER      Clerk of the Legislature

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CHAIRWOMAN GOETZ: At this time, I will call the Planning, Development and Environmental Committee to order. I'll ask Mr. Pulitzer to call the roll.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, ma'am. Roll call. Ranking member Mr. Solages (no response). Is Carrie A. Here? Yes.

Arnold Drucker.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Ms. Mule?

LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Thomas McKevitt?

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: John Giuffre?

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: James Kennedy?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Chairwoman Samantha Goetz?

CHAIRWOMAN GOETZ: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you. We have a quorum.

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CHAIRWOMAN GOETZ: First, may I have a motion to suspend the Rules.

All in favor of suspending the Rules signify by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of Planning Committee respond in favor.)

CHAIRWOMAN GOETZ: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRWOMAN GOETZ: The Rules are suspended.

There is one item on the Agenda today, which is Clerk Item 17-25.

Clerk 17-25 is an ordinance making certain determinations pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and authorizing the County Executive of the County of Nassau to accept, on behalf of the County of Nassau, an offer of purchase from the Town of Oyster Bay of certain real property known as Stillwell Woods Preserve. Located in Woodbury, Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau, State of New York. Said real property known as

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Section 14, Block E, Lot 1010 on the Land and Tax Map of the County of Nassau, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a deed, contract of sale, and any and other pertinent documentation in connection therewith to consummate the sale.

May I have a motion? Moved by Legislator Drucker, seconded by Legislator Giuffre.

The item is before us.

MR. WALSH: Good afternoon, Legislators. Kevin Walsh from the Office of Real Estate Services. Happy New Year, everybody.

This item is an inter municipal agreement for the County to transfer a county owned Stillwell Park to the Town of Oyster Bay. It's a 297 acre park near Syosset High School and in Syosset and Woodbury, part of Syosset. This is a joint project between the County and the Town where the Town will be making significant improvements to the park to a



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total of 6 million, the County will be matching it, for athletic field improvements, lighting and the like.

The Town has already separately from this project done a lot of recent improvements to the parking lot, repaving, restriping.

The Town is currently operating several permits. They're operating many athletic programs at the park, and they actually also maintain the storm basin.

So upon this transfer, which will take years because it will require state alienation legislation from the State -- because it's a park property could take a few years -- the County will be conveying it similar to how we've conveyed other parks to municipalities in the past.

I am also joined by deputy town attorney from Oyster Bay, Anthony Curcio. If you have questions for either one of us, we're happy to answer.

CHAIRWOMAN GOETZ: Legislator  
Drucker.

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LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Madam Chair,  
thank you.

Kevin, first of all, Happy New Year to you. And I just want to thank you personally because even though I'm going to ask you some questions, so we get it on the record today, you have been so kind and generous with your time and really going over every detail on this particular item, and I really appreciate it. It's something that's very important to me, and my district and my constituents have been clamoring for this agreement for at least five years going on six. And the fact that we're finally getting this IMA approved and done is really very, very gratifying. I thank you for imparting all of your vast knowledge and information on this.

But just for the record, the transfer of this property involves an alienation procedure associated with it, correct?

MR. WALSH: Correct.

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LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: And the alienation process involves the State of New York, and it generally takes about two years.

MR. WALSH: It can be at least two years. I think we built a little more time into this agreement. So we're going to have to keep doing extensions. I would say on average about two years has been my experience.

MR. WALSH: My understanding is that it has to go through 1 or 2 sessions of the State Legislature before it can be approved. But then I've heard some times where it actually can be done in one legislative session.

MR. WALSH: That's correct. I think the perpetual preservation law says twice, but I think the state parks processes allowed it to happen in once in prior scenario.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you.

You know, in 2019, this legislative body approved \$3 million in the capital

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plan for Stillwell. You remember that?

MR. WALSH: I wasn't involved, but I recall it and recall hearing it.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Yeah. So it was \$3 million was encumbered and allocated in the plan to be used for improvements to the park. And now as part of the IMA, the IMA indicates that it's going to be a total of \$6 million from the County and \$6 million from the Town of Oyster Bay; is that correct?

MR. WALSH: That's correct.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Okay. So we have to make sure that the additional \$3 million from the County side is going to be provided for in our capital plan in 2025; is that correct?

MR. WALSH: I can't honestly speak to the prior three. I'd have to confirm that. I was not involved in that.

MR. WALSH: No, I know, but it is confirmed that we have had \$3 million already put in the budget four years ago, but now it's been increased to \$6

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million, so it's an additional \$3 million. All I'm saying is that I think for clarity purposes, for our constituents, it should be clear that the additional \$3 million is now going to be allocated by the County.

MR. WALSH: I can't say that because I don't know it, but based on what you're saying --

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: You know, this particular park has about 12 to 15 different ball fields, aside from a beautiful, beautiful preserve that has, you know, trails on it. And it's used by thousands of kids and families every week throughout the course of the year. So it's really very important. And we're so in such dire need of improvements. So I'm hopeful that this money can be used as soon as possible, you know.

My biggest concern, though, Kevin, is if the process takes two years for the alienation, during that two year period the property is still owned by the County

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and Town of Oyster Bay on pursuant to their use and occupancy agreement is still obligated to maintain it; is that correct?

MR. WALSH: They have maintenance obligations in the permits, correct.

MR. WALSH: So during this gap period, though, will money be utilized from the County side to start being put towards that use?

MR. WALSH: The money specified in the agreement I think is anticipated later. I would have to speak to the Town to see what their intentions are with the permits they have in place now. I will add to this though, they're intending to honor all the current permits on the property.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: You're aware, Kevin, that OSPAC did not approve of this project, Nassau County Planning Commission did.

MR. WALSH: That's correct.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: And I think

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that, if I'm speaking correctly, OSPAC had some concerns about perhaps some possible intrusion into the preserve by the Town but or the County, but I don't think that's at all realistic, and that's why I think Planning Commission approved it.

Can we can we get the town attorney to come up?

MR. CURCIO: Anthony Curcio, Deputy Town Attorney.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Mr. Curcio, thank you so much for coming today.

MR. CURCIO: Sure.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I appreciate that. And I appreciate your office working earnestly to get this IMA done. It's really important, as you probably know, for the residents in this community.

Do you know, can you tell us what the Town's involvement is going to be during the time that we approve this IMA and the actual conveyance of the property

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takes place?

MR. CURCIO: It's going to be used as it's being used now. There's nothing that's going to be changing up until --

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Well, what about the money that being allocated? Is it going to be used and when will it be used?

MR. CURCIO: I'm not sure. I can't speak to that. I don't believe it will be. Like Mr. Walsh said, I think it's being held until conveyance.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So in the interim, though, until the actual conveyance takes place, you will be honoring the current use and occupancy agreement that the Town has.

MR. CURCIO: Correct.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Because, you know, I applaud the Town and they have undertaken some improvements to the parking lot, as Mr. Walsh indicated, lighting, etc. But the ball fields themselves need a lot of work. Are you



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aware of any intentions to do anything with the ball fields during this perhaps 1 to 2 year period?

MR. CURCIO: Not that I'm aware of.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So you think it's just going to remain status quo?

MR. CURCIO: It's going to be maintained in accordance with the permit that's been issued up until conveyance. And then at that point, I believe they'll go ahead and make improvements.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Well, yeah. And I respect that. I understand. But it's been the the practice over the past few years said the Town takes the position that the since the County still owns it, let them improve the fields. They had \$3 million allocated back in 2019, we'll just do the parking lots and the lighting and all that kind of stuff. But you don't know if the Town has any intentions to start renovating or improving the actual ball fields, do you?

MR. CURCIO: Not until we own it.

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No. I don't believe so.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Okay. Thank you for coming today. I have no further questions at this time. Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GOETZ: Any other questions or public comment?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRWOMAN GOETZ: All those in favor of passing this item, please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRWOMAN GOETZ: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRWOMAN GOETZ: The item passes unanimously.

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CHAIRWOMAN GOETZ: There is no other business in front of this Committee. May I have a motion to adjourn?

Moved by Legislator Drucker and seconded by Legislator Giuffre.

All those in favor?

(Whereupon, all members of the Planning, Development and Environmental Committee respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRWOMAN GOETZ: The Committee is now adjourned.

(Whereupon, the Planning Committee adjourned, 2:00 p.m.)

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I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public  
for and within the State of New York, do  
hereby certify:

That the above is a correct  
transcription of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
set my hand this 6th day of January, 2025.

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We'll start, as always, with the Pledge of Allegiance. Legislator Gaylor, will you lead us, please?

(Whereupon, the Pledge is said.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We start as usual with the Rules Committee. We'll go through some contracts. Following that, we will recess the Rules Committee, go through some other committees. The Rules Committee will reconvene following those other committees.

Just to repeat the rules for public comment, if any. Public comment, it will be on the items on the agenda. We'll call all of the contracts, for instance, together. Before we take a vote, you can, if you're so inclined, comment up to three minutes on one or many of these items, limited to three minutes.

Mr. Pulitzer, would you please call the roll for Rules Committee?

CLERK PULITZER: Yes, sir. Thank

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you. Rules Committee roll call.

Legislator Arnold Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Scott Davis?

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member  
Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James  
Kennedy?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator John  
Ferretti?

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman  
Thomas McKevitt?

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Chairman Howard  
Kopel?

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,  
sir.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you.

I'm going to call some contracts

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E1 of 25; E2; E3; E4; E5; E6; E7;  
E8; E9; E12; E13; E14 and E15, and those  
are authorizing execution of personal  
services agreements or amendments, IMAs  
or grants between Nassau County and  
respectively Bee Ready Fishbein; Gannett  
Fleming Engineers and Architects; James  
McGuinness & Associates; IT, Inc.; Eric  
Zaidins; Legal Aid Society of Nassau  
County; Nassau County Bar Association  
Assigned Counsel Defender Plan; Top Key  
Reporting; Greenman-Pederson; Lockwood,  
Kessler, and Bartlett; Galls, LLC and  
Central Square Technologies.

Motion on those items by Deputy  
Presiding Officer McKevitt, seconded by  
Minority Leader DeRiggi-Whitton.

Now we have a motion to suspend the  
Rules. Motion by Deputy Presiding Officer  
McKevitt, seconded by Minority Leader  
DeRiggi-Whitton.

All those in favor of suspending the  
Rules say, "Aye".

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(Whereupon, all members  
respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Rules are  
suspended.

Now E11 is EGB Hospitality LLC.

Now a number of items on the  
addendum. One is a resolution to execute  
a personal services agreement between the  
County of Nassau and Lifeguard Training  
NY, LLC.

Motion on these two items by Deputy  
Presiding Officer McKevitt, seconded by  
Minority Leader DeRiggi-Whitton.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Now we'll start with  
Information Technology and that would be  
E5, IT.

MS. TORLA: Good afternoon, Rosemary  
Torla, Department Of Information  
Technology, project manager.

E5-25, this is a contract amendment  
to extend the contract end date one  
additional year from March 29th, 2025 to

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March 29th, 2026. The vendor, IT Solutions, Inc., provides specialized supplemental staffing services to the Department of Information Technology under this Personal Services agreement. At this time, there is one consulting doing coding, development and consulting services for Nassau County's Graphical Information Systems platform.

I'm happy to answer any questions.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Are you attempting to find someone that we can hire to replace that person?

MS. TORLA: There is a consultant already working on under this arrangement. And no, we would not be hiring any additional at this time.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So it's nothing we can do in-house; is what you're saying. There's nothing you can do in-house. We couldn't do this work in-house?

MS. TORLA: No, this is specialized consulting technology for the Graphic

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Information System platform.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Thank  
you.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That's it.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: TPVA. That would be Top Key Reporting. I don't think we need anyone to speak on that.

Any questions or discussion? That's the court reporter.

(Whereupon, no response.)

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: County Attorney's Office is next, E1 and E2 of 25.

Mr. Libert.

MR. LIBERT: Good afternoon, Legislators. Brian Libert from the County Attorney's Office.

E1-25 is an amendment to a contract called Newton against Nassau County. This involves an incident involving an inmate at the correctional facility.

If you have any questions, happy to answer the same.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Minority leader.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Hi. So I know that we just had this contract up less than a year ago. Correct? About a year ago, let's say, where we gave the amount of \$233,500, and I think we've only encumbered \$75,000. So I'm just wondering why you're back now when we haven't encumbered much?

MR. LIBERT: I can absolutely double check that, but I would say I would almost unequivocally say that is

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2 impossible. We spend down all of our  
3 contracts. There's no way that we have  
4 \$125,000 left. But I would be more than  
5 happy to double check that with our  
6 accountant. That seems to be a  
7 miscalculation.

8 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: It  
9 looks like it's being increased by  
10 \$156,000 right now, and you've only  
11 encumbered \$75,000. Well, now you're  
12 encumbering it. So basically, what is  
13 the reason that you have to increase this  
14 so much at this point when you were here  
15 less than a year ago.

16 MR. LIBERT: Yeah. So we certainly  
17 rely on the firm's expertise. The County  
18 as often discussed when I'm here, the  
19 Count Attorney vigorously defends the  
20 County. We hire firms and we do not  
21 completely rely on them. Of course, I  
22 read memos that they submit about their  
23 budget, but we rely on their expertise.  
24 If they explain, look, we've run out of  
25 money. This is what's happened. At that

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point, we cannot say to the firm, no matter what it is, "no, we can't pay you anymore", because their work still needs to be completed.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I know, but sometimes it feels that the contracts are presented to us at a lower amount, and then you're back like less than a year later with a good amount of an increase. So you know, I've seen it for a while now, and it just seems that it's something that -- we agree to the contract and then all of a sudden you're back a year later and it's a substantial amount more than what we originally agreed to. I understand things happen. I'm not saying that -- but it's just something that we should really keep an eye on because it happens a lot. We come in at a certain number and then you're back not even a year later for a substantial amount more. So it's not really a question. It's more just a statement that we should just try to keep

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2 an eye on this, because that's how  
3 numbers inch up. Would like to avoid  
4 that if possible. I'd rather have a  
5 better idea going into it, approximately  
6 what it's going to cost rather than grant  
7 a contract and then have you come back  
8 for more.

9 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Legislator Drucker.

10 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So I'll just go  
11 a little bit further. You mentioned that  
12 the County has an obligation to make sure  
13 that the outside firms that they use,  
14 they need this additional funding. So how  
15 vigorous is your questioning as to why? I  
16 mean, you're spending the County's money.  
17 I think it's incumbent upon the County  
18 Attorney's Office to inquire as to why  
19 it's going above what they originally  
20 sought. Can you tell us how exhaustive  
21 your inquiries are as to the reason?

22 MR. LIBERT: Very exhaustive.

23 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Yeah, really?  
24 Give me -- elaborate. Elaborate on  
25 exhausting.

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MR. LIBERT: I can't discuss what I discussed with counsel.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: No, no. But what type of inquiries do you make?

MR. LIBERT: Of course we ask, do you need this money? We go through it --

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: That's it? A first grader can ask, why do you need this money? But I would think that the County Attorney's Office would want to have a little bit more in-depth answer to the question; do you? Do you get a more in-depth answer than, "we need the money"?

MR. LIBERT: I'm sorry. I heard a lot of questions there.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Do you get more of a further answer other than, "we need more money"?

MR. LIBERT: Of course.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: What's the answer?

MR. LIBERT: We get a memorandum, Legislator.

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LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Can you summarize the memorandum without going into the specifics?

MR. LIBERT: That I cannot do.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: How about why they need more money? Because, why?

MR. LIBERT: I cannot speak to the substance of the litigation on the record.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Not the litigation. What exactly is their role that they didn't contemplate when they came before us a year and three months ago?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I'm not even sure I understand your question, Legislator.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Really? I don't think it was that difficult. What did you ask them to tell you? Why they needed more money than they asked for 15 months ago?

MR. LIBERT: I don't understand that question. I'm sorry.

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LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: You don't know?

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Specifically, what did you inquire of them as to why they need more money than what they asked for 15 months ago?

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MR. LIBERT: I wouldn't say. Again, I would argue that it was privilege. I would say to you that I am rigorous in my job, in asking. I do not take it lightly that we are spending the County's money. When someone asks me for money, I take that ask very seriously and I take it into deep consideration. That's the answer I think I'm comfortable giving you.

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LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: What questions do you ask?

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Legislator Drucker, I think we're exhausting this --

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LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: No, because I don't -- I think --

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: You must have asked this same question six or seven times.

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LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: And he's never

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answered one.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: But asking it the same thing over and over again, expecting a different result --

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: We'll ask you in the executive session, Brian. Table it until then.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: E2, Brian.

MR. LIBERT: E2 is a new contract with Bee Ready Fishbein and Donovan for a matter known as Dell against Nassau County.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Questions?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you Brian.

(Whereupon, off record discussion.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: You can absolutely make a motion to do so.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I'll make a motion to table these two items until after executive session.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I'll



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second it.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor  
of tabling these two items, E1 and E2,  
please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members  
respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Those items  
are tabled.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Health Department.

MS. DESIMONE: Good afternoon, Ann DeSimone, Nassau County Department of Health.

E4-25 is a contract amendment to add funds to close out the 2024 contract. The amount is \$15,000.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Next would be E6.

MR. GUILIANO: Yes. Good afternoon. Members of the Legislature. Gerald Guiliano, Nassau county Department of Health.

This is a contract for an administrative hearing officer with the Department of Health, Eric Zaidins. This is the hearing officer. He's been before this Legislature before 4 or 5 times having his contract approved. These are public health environmental law experts who enforce your laws, the laws that you write on your books for restaurants and

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2 smoking and vaping, body piercing,  
3 tattooing camps, pools, things of that  
4 nature, either between the local laws  
5 that you pass here at this Legislature or  
6 through a public health ordinance which  
7 is authorized by this Legislature. So  
8 this is the hearing officer who hears  
9 these hearings and makes findings of  
10 fact, conclusions of law, and  
11 recommendations to the Board of Health  
12 for passage.

13 If there are any questions, I'm  
14 happy to answer them.

15 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Minority Leader.

16 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Hi.  
17 Nice to see you. I appreciate someone  
18 enforcing the laws. I think that's  
19 important. I was just curious how much of  
20 the \$200,000 did he encumber last year?

21 MR. GUILIANO: Since Covid, the  
22 numbers haven't lived up to the  
23 encumbrances. They've encumbered \$200,000  
24 this year because it was done before we  
25 had our budget numbers to actually put a

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2 hard number on it. Generally, hearing  
3 officers make anywhere between \$18-25,000  
4 a year. The work they do, they take in  
5 way more money in the fines and penalties  
6 that are levied. So the \$200,000 was  
7 encumbered. I don't think that will all  
8 be utilized. But it was just too early to  
9 know. There's a lot of catch up work that  
10 is still going on with these hearings.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: All  
12 right. And then we get reimbursed about  
13 36% from New York State for what they  
14 encumber or the \$200,000?

15 MR. GUILIANO: Yes, there is  
16 reimbursement for the work that they do  
17 at the state rate of 36%.

18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Okay.  
19 All right. Thank you.

20 MR. GUILIANO: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Next is Budget. On E7, Legal Aid Society. A motion to table.

Deputy Presiding Officer McKevitt makes that motion and a Legislator Ferretti tables it.

All those in favor of tabling E7 say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Rules Committee respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That item is tabled.

E8 is for the Nassau County Bar Association assigned counsel.

MR. PERSICH: Good afternoon, Andy Persich, Office of Management and Budget.

This is a five year contract with assigned counsel with the Bar Association in the amount of \$3,348,087. And the first year encumbrance will be approximately \$577,000. It's a renewal of

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the contracts we currently have, and it's just an ongoing five year thing that we do with them.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: And how much is the split between the County and State on the expense?

MR. PERSICH: This is directly County paid for, subsidized. They get grants. Now, as a result of this, no direct aid coming back in as a result of Hurrell-Harring. So the County bears the cost of this as a result of that.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: But it's mandated, right. Okay.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Howard, can I just ask a question about that?

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Sure.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Andy, do you keep track of how many people are assisted with this program and how much is actually -- did we encumber the full amount in the past years?

MR. PERSICH: Yes. This mostly is for the administrative side of what

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2 they're doing over there. It's not the  
3 attorneys of the day. That's what it's  
4 for. It's for the the 18 B counsel over.  
5 They had to handle the conflicts between  
6 Legal Aid and here. So that's what it is.

7 The servicing numbers, I can get  
8 that for you. We do keep track of it. We  
9 get vouchers and everything else,  
10 especially for the attorneys of the day  
11 program.

12 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Yeah,  
13 because sometimes I know we've referred  
14 people. I think they're in the basement  
15 of the Supreme Court building or  
16 something.

17 MR. PERSICH: Don't know the answer  
18 to that. I know they have multiple  
19 offices everywhere. Legal Aid is over  
20 here, right at the Bar Association. I'm  
21 sorry, 18 B is over here. Legal Aid is at  
22 40 Main Street. And they might have  
23 offices in the the respective courthouses  
24 that they're representing clients.

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seems like it's a little bit obscure to find out how this system works. At least I found that as a legislator. It's like every other Tuesday or something they meet in the basement. I'm just saying, I've tried to refer people. I don't know who -- do you know who runs it for us? Is there a name that we could contact?

MR. PERSICH: Who runs the Legal Aid Society, which is the other contractor waiting on is Scott Banks. And the other side of the equation is Bob Nigro.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Okay. Thank you.

MR. PERSICH: You got it.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you, Andy.

MR. PERSICH: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Parks. Darcy, how are you?

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Good afternoon. Happy New Year, everybody. Darcy Belyea, Parks Commissioner.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Let's start with the 10 and then 11.

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: 10-25 is a contract for services between the County and Lifeguard Training New York of Cedarhurst.

An RFP was issued on October 27th, 2024 for a contractor to provide lifeguard, first aid and water safety instruction services for the Nassau County Aquatic Center from January 1st to March 15th of each contract year. There was one respondent to the RFP. I believe this is due to the highly specialized services requested, as well as the required hours of operation and short period of time that these services are needed.

The contract term is for one year

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2 commencing on January 1st, 2025 and  
3 terminating on December 31st, 2025, with  
4 the Department's option to renew for five  
5 additional one year periods for a  
6 possible total term of six years.

7 The cost to the County in year one  
8 is not to exceed \$350,250. If all renewal  
9 options are exercised, the total cost to  
10 the County will not exceed \$2,559,000.  
11 Funding for this contract is out of the  
12 general fund.

13 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Legislator Drucker.

14 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you,  
15 Presiding officer. Hi, Darcy. Good  
16 afternoon. Happy New Year to you.

17 Do we still have a problem getting  
18 lifeguards in terms of volunteers and  
19 people who are applying, actually?

20 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Our numbers  
21 have increased over the last two years, I  
22 would say, but it's still a national  
23 problem. The problem here is that the  
24 large amount of our staff is seasonal.  
25 And as you know, seasonals can only work

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three consecutive seasons. So to be able to staff the aquatic center, we need to propose outside help. And that's what we did.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I'm all in favor of this, but are you seeing that there's been a greater need, pool of applicants?

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Inching forward, I will say. Inching forward, not taking giant leaps. We actually applied for a grant through New York State from New York Swims, to have somebody to help us with recruiting and also being able to offer more free training classes, which hopefully help our numbers.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Great. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: You're welcome.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Next is E11, EGB Hospitality.

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Yes. So this is presenting an amendment to the license

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agreement between the County and Trahanas Hospitality, formerly known as EGB Hospitality, LLC. You will know them as the operators of the Lanin in Eisenhower Park.

This amendment is addressing the expanded scope and expense of capital improvements on the County owned property.

Trahanas Hospitality was obligated to spend \$1.5 million in capital improvements, as per the original agreement approved by this Body in May of 2022. The scope of work required to bring the facility to a suitable operating level far exceeded what anyone would have known, resulting in capital expenditures in excess of \$7.5 million.

In recognition of this, this amendment will modify the licensing fee structure, replacing the fixed and variable fees in the agreement with one fee in the amount of 11.8% of gross receipts for all services performed on

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the property, including the golf concessions.

Additionally, the licensed premises shares the utility services with other public facilities in the park. This amendment adds a fixed annual fee of \$100,000, with periodic escalations to reimburse the County for gas, electric, and water costs. The term of the original agreement will remain unchanged, other than the commencement date, which is now September 1st, 2023.

In the original agreement, there was a preliminary term to allow for the improvements to be made, and the commencement date was originally to have been no later than January of 2024, but at the request of the County this vendor expedited not only the improvements, but the opening date of the business.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Questions?  
Okay, go for it.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Hi,  
Darcy. Hi. How are you?

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COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Good. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: We actually had some of our members, our staff, actually go to the to the venue today, and they were shown. Just for the record, most of the improvements were things like the boiler and electrical work. Do you want to expand on that a little? It's not as if it was just improvements to possibly improve their business as far as cosmetic type thing. Can you just go over for the record what were the improvements?

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: I have an exhaustive list I'd be happy to share.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: You don't have to say every single -- just for the record. I mean, I just want to make sure that people know. We've had instances in the past where some vendors have come in and made improvements that basically promoted their business or help their business, but this was really more

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fundamental improvements. But I would just put a few on the record.

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: I would compare it to peeling back an onion, and you didn't realize how much you had until you kept peeling and peeling:

They actually demolished the entire interior of the building to make way for modern upgrades;

They added a new covered patio and outdoor spaces;

Plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems, as well as water supply lines and sewer connections were replaced;

They upgraded the HVAC system, which was not even functioning in many parts of the building;

They enhanced the existing generator system to have dependable backup power;

They installed a fire alarm system where one had never been before. Amazing;

They also added surveillance cameras, access control systems, networking and AV systems;

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Replaced windows constructed;

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sidewalks and loading docks;

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building, including ramps, elevators, and

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also accessible restrooms;

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Floors, lighting, steps, bathroom,

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They added smart thermostats,

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prep area space in the basement that I

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viewed on October 1st of 2022. Where they

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were cooking. We have no idea. So all of

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And then obviously, if you've been

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there, new planting, sprinkler systems,

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landscapes and new fountains.

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LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I

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COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Understood.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. Deputy  
Presiding Officer.

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Commissioner,  
I just want to elaborate more regarding  
the utility situation of the premises. I  
mean, I was in the impression they had  
their own meters, works, but apparently  
it's commingling with other County  
facilities. And I know they used to be  
fully responsible for the utilities  
nearly 100,000. So if you can just  
elaborate more on how that arrangement  
will work now.

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: So there's  
only two water meters for the entire  
Eisenhower Park we have uncovered.  
Rather than them separate out and go  
through the expense of installing their  
own meters for electric and gas, we just  
did an analysis, with the help of DPW, to  
see the increases from when they began  
operating to what existed prior, and that  
estimated to be an average \$100,000. And

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then they'll escalate that by 2% every  
several years.

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: The number you  
came out with wasn't just a random. It  
was actually looking at the actuals of  
what the costs are. I'm just concerned  
the County's not out any money of pocket  
for the catering facility. That was my  
concern.

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: I don't think  
so. No.

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Anyone else?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. We're good.  
Thank you, Darcy.

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Next is Police.  
That is E14 and then E15.

MR. TODD: Good afternoon, Chris  
Todd for the Police Department.

What would you like to start with,  
Presiding officer?

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Well, E14, that's  
Galls and following that, E15, which is  
Central Square Technologies.

MR. TODD: E14 is an amendment to an  
existing contract with Galls, which is  
our uniform and equipment service  
provider.

The amendment is looking to increase  
the maximum pricing of the contract to  
include now the Fire Marshal's Office,  
who will be included under the contract.  
The amendment will also expand and  
increase the pricing set forth in the fee  
schedule for certain items of equipment  
and uniforms for the Department.

Happy to answer any questions.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

(Whereupon, no response.)

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay E15.

MR. TODD: E15 is a new contract with a new vendor to provide a new computer aided dispatch system for the Department, which will facilitate the department's emergency response to calls for service, including dispatching calls within the five village police departments.

The vendor will provide an initial 18 month period to get the system up live, and then we'll provide ten years of support and maintenance under the terms of the contract.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you.

MR. TODD: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Public Works.

We'll start off with E3, which is Gannett Fleming.

MS. HOUDEK: Good afternoon, Legislators Jane Houdek, Nassau County Department of Public Works.

This is a contract with Gannett Fleming Engineering to provide construction management services for the rehabilitation and restoration of certain hassocks and embankments in the marshlands of Hempstead Harbor (sic).

You last month approved the construction contract for this project. Like the construction contract, this contract is 100% funded by the New York State Department of Office of Resilient Homes and Communities.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay, Minority Leader.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Hi, Jane. You just said Hempstead Harbor.

MS. HOUDEK: Hempstead Bay. Sorry.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Okay.

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There's a difference of North Shore/South shore.

MS. HOUDEK: You're absolutely right. Wrong end.

MS. HOUDEK: No problem, I was thinking, that's a lot of money for Hempstead Harbor.

Okay, so can you just state on the record, the maximum amount of the contract is --

MS. HOUDEK: The maximum amount of the contract is \$1.8 or close to \$1.9 million. But again, it's all funded by the New York State Office of Resilient Homes.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I just wanted to get that on the record. All right. Thank you.

MS. HOUDEK: Okay.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. You have any others, Jane?

MS. HOUDEK: No.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you.

E12 is this Greenman Pederson.

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MR. GEORGE: Good afternoon. My name is Thomas George, Deputy Commissioner for DPW.

Item E12-25, Parking Field 14 and South Road Improvement CM Service.

The purpose of this contract is to procure a firm to provide construction management and inspection service for Parking Field 14 and South Road Improvement Project.

The service shall include providing resident engineers, office engineers, inspectors and schedulers for this project.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Any questions?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay.

E13 which is Lockwood Kessler.

MR. GEORGE: Item E13-25. Design roadway safety improvements on Grand Avenue, Baldwin.

The purpose of this contract is to procure a firm to perform engineering and

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design service for roadway safety  
improvements on Grand Avenue, Baldwin, in  
the Village of Hempstead.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

(Whereupon, no response.)

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Before we vote on all of these contracts, do we have any public comment on any one or all of these contracts?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Hearing none.

We will take a vote on E5; E9; E4, E6; E7; E8; E10; E11; E14; E15; E3; E12; E13.

All those in favor of these contracts, please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Rules Committee respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: These contracts pass unanimously.

We'll place the Rules Committee in recess. Planning is next.

(Whereupon, recess 1:48 p.m.-3:17 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. I'm going to call the Rules Committee back into

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session. Now we have a consent calendar. These are items which have gone through previous committees and for which the majority and minority have agreed. We need no further discussion.

And those items are:

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The motion on that is made by Deputy Presiding Officer McKeivitt and seconded by Minority Leader DeRiggi-Whitton.

All those in favor of those items, please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Rules Committee respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those items pass unanimously.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: 392 is a resolution appointing a Republican commissioner of elections for the County of Nassau.

Motion is made by Deputy Presiding Officer McKevitt, seconded by Legislator Ferretti.

Any debate or discussion?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor, please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Rules committee respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That item passes unanimously.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Item number three, authorizing the County Executive to execute an inter municipal license agreement with the Town of Oyster Bay for the installation and maintenance of 20 license plate readers in various locations in the Town of Oyster Bay.

Motion is made by Legislator Drucker and I'll second it.

Any debate or discussion on that?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That's number 3-25. All those in favor of Item 3, please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Rules Committee respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. That item is unanimous.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Now we have a motion to untable items. Item E1, E2 and E7.

Motion by Deputy Presiding Deputy Presiding Officer McKevitt. Seconded by Minority Leader DeRiggi-Whitton.

All those in favor of untabling those three say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay, now, the vote on those items once again E1, E2, and E7.

A motion by Deputy Presiding Officer McKevitt, seconded by Minority Leader DeRiggi-Whitton.

All those in favor of those three items say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Rules Committee respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Those items  
pass unanimously.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Now we have a number of IMAs for various locales. All right. I'll call them together. Numbers ten, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16.

Motion by Deputy Presiding Officer McKevitt, seconded by Minority Leader DeRigg-Whitton.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Before we vote, may I have an opportunity to make a record, please?

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: By all means, go ahead, Legislator Davis.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: So I think it's important that we make a record of the trend from last year, going into this year with regard to CRPs. I think it's important that the public understands what happens here, and that there's transparency.

This Legislature is composed to represent all of Nassau County. And how it's now configured, we have 19 districts. Last year, the minority side put forth nearly 30 requests for CRPs and

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we were not given any; zero. Our colleagues on the majority side had nearly 20 requests and they were all granted.

This record on the comment that I'm making is not directed toward my colleagues. I am very confident that if something makes it through to Rules through committees to the Full Ledge, they would support it. And we support all of their requests as well.

But it's important to understand that right now, all of Nassau County is not being fairly represented. All of Nassau County has fire districts. All of Nassau County deserves, in those fire districts, deserves to have radios and headsets like the ones that are being provided to the Majority districts. All of the fire districts should get virtual reality simulators if they're necessary for the safety of the public. All of the villages should be able to have a pavilion or bunker gear or handicap



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2 access, ADA compliant bathrooms with  
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4 should have them. And right now, that's  
5 not what's happening. What's happening is  
6 only part of the county is getting access  
7 to the resources for those things.

8 Today we have requests from the  
9 Majority -- and again, I don't begrudge  
10 that to the Majority. They're doing their  
11 job as well they should -- for seven  
12 requests for CRP and total of \$430,000.  
13 We will support that.

14 Meanwhile, all of the CRPs for the  
15 same fire district, for the same  
16 villages, for the same frontline,  
17 essential services for the safety of the  
18 public are languishing and we have not  
19 been granted any. I would only hope that  
20 this is the last time that we're in a  
21 place like this, where we are making a  
22 request to address the concerns of our  
23 constituents, part of Nassau County, part  
24 of the taxpayers and their needs are not  
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careful eye on this, and I can only hope going forward that this is a change that needs to be made and it will. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Yes. Legislator Davis, I will confirm, as you said, that once your items do make it down here, I can speak on behalf of my colleagues, I am confident that we will all vote in favor of them as well.

Legislator Ferretti.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you, Presiding Officer.

Just want to bring us back less than a month ago -- and Legislator Davis, I understand your position and the position of the Minority. First off, there are outstanding CRPs on our side that were still working with the Administration for. So we have not processed all the CRPs that have been requested. But that being said, the notion that all 19 districts encompass Nassau County, I agree with that. But it was less than a month ago that the Majority and the

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2 Comptroller needed one vote from the  
3 Minority for integral computer software  
4 to keep the Comptroller's Office within  
5 the 21st century, which the software is  
6 not. And the Comptroller services all of  
7 Nassau County; your residents, our  
8 residents. And we could not and the  
9 Comptroller could not get -- despite the  
10 fact that the Minority acknowledged this  
11 was needed software for the betterment of  
12 all Nassau residents -- we could not get  
13 one vote. So while I understand your  
14 position and we will support anything  
15 that comes to us, if your CRPs come in  
16 front of us, I'll be happy to vote for  
17 it. I would ask that your side takes  
18 their own advice and provides the  
19 Comptroller with that one vote that she  
20 needs in order to get the much needed  
21 software. Thank you.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: John,  
23 we did vote for that. We gave her \$12  
24 million less than a year ago. And that  
25 money hasn't been spent, not even any of

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it. And I've spoken with her. We do support the idea, but she can start with that money and that's why we did it. She came back for another \$12 million, which is not needed right now.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Well, that's that's your contention, not hers.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I did speak with her and it's on the record. I have a good relationship with her.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I'm sure you do.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: She was one of my mayors. And again, I agree with you, that's why we didn't vote no the first time. We voted to start the project with \$12 million. Just just to be fair.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Understood. But at the same time --

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Well, she couldn't prove that they needed the money right now, nothing has been shown. They have not spent the \$12 million they have. They talked about if a capital plan

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2 doesn't go through. If we don't have we  
3 don't have an agreement by 2028, they  
4 could be in trouble. But right now they  
5 have enough money to start. And I can  
6 tell you, of course, they'd love to give  
7 the full \$25 million. But that's not a  
8 fair comparison because we did vote for  
9 it for that reason, which I agree with  
10 you, that we do want her to have that  
11 program, and she does service all of  
12 Nassau County. And that's why we took the  
13 high road and we voted for the \$12  
14 million, even though we wanted to say no  
15 bonding, which has happened in the past,  
16 because we want to have a capital plan,  
17 which is now five years late.

18 Listen, I've been here today, starts  
19 14 years, okay. Honestly, I've never  
20 seen anything as partisan as this. We  
21 always had CRPs. Did the side that had  
22 the County Executive office maybe get  
23 exactly the same amount? No. But we got  
24 some and that's all that we're asking  
25 for. As Legislator Davis presented, which

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I think he did a great job as first day on Rules, was that, I know I myself have a number of CRPs. I mean, it's for turnout gear and things that my fire department desperately needs. I mean, they've offered to come down here. Do I want to have them come down and see this. No. I'm trying to tell them, I think we'll get it soon. But they really they need these things. They are desperate for them. And we all have them. And this has never been this bad. Like it has never been zero. I don't expect to get the same amount you do, I get it. But it has never. Not under Mangano, not under Curran has it ever been zero for either side for this long.

So I think the example you brought up was a good example of bipartisan working together. We gave her a good amount of money, a huge amount of money for a computer program, with the intent of good faith that this is needed. And let let's get started. Again, if you look

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2 at NIPS, it's not been spent at all. I  
3 think what you brought up, maybe  
4 unintentionally, is it a good example of  
5 us not being political. And that's what  
6 we really need from you guys. My CRPs are  
7 in the county executive's control. He  
8 will not even sign off on the first step  
9 of it. I've been told a number of  
10 reasons why. They'll acknowledge it,  
11 that they're holding it up in that  
12 office. And the fire departments all know  
13 that and the Sands Point Police  
14 Department knows it. I have a district  
15 that has a lot of Republicans in it and  
16 they're aware of who's holding up their  
17 money.

18 But the bottom line, even if you  
19 just move them forward, it still has to  
20 go to the Comptroller. I know the clerk.  
21 I know how it works. But he's  
22 intentionally holding them up. He's doing  
23 it for our whole side. And that has never  
24 happened.

25 Again, I just had to put that in. In

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2 14 years, it has never been this bad. And  
3 I appreciate what you guys are saying,  
4 which is that if it does make its way  
5 down, that you will call it and support  
6 it. And that's why we're going to take  
7 the high road again, like we did with the  
8 Comptroller's Contract and vote for this.

9 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: With all due  
10 respect, you're rewriting the narrative.  
11 We were here a month ago and you went  
12 right down the line. Each one saying that  
13 you wouldn't vote for the Comptrollers'  
14 borrowing. Not because of what you're  
15 saying, Minority Leader, but because of  
16 CRPs and capital projects and other  
17 things you were still working on in  
18 negotiations. So that was the reason that  
19 was given.

20 Now, you did mention -- I did hear  
21 you mention the \$12 million a month ago.  
22 I remember you saying that. But there's  
23 seven of you and we need one vote to get  
24 that borrowing and the other  
25 justifications that were given was that



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you weren't getting the capital projects, you were in negotiations or whatever that was. You might have had off the line discussions with Elaine, I don't question that. But the person who was here testifying said they needed that money to start the project. That's what they said. So you had an opportunity to do something that would have benefited the entire county. We didn't get the vote.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: John, I respect that when you make a point, but I think you're off on this point. You're totally off. We supported her and we believe her intention is good and she's going to support the County. We even met with Maurice and he is good with the project. And we gave her \$12 million within the last year. They have not used that money. And on the record -- I forget the gentleman's name -- drawing a blank. Charlie. Charlie basically told us that he has that money and he can start with that. So would they like the full \$25

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million? Absolutely. But again, I would agree 100% with what you're saying, if we didn't give them any money, but we gave them \$12 million, 50% of the total cost of the contract.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So would your position have been we not given them anything, you would have voted for it?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: We did vote for it.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: No, no. By the way, not five years ago; 2023. Is it your position that if we had not given the 12 already that a month ago, you would have given the money, despite the fact that you're in negotiations for the capital plan, you would have voted yes.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: We did. I already did, John. I respect you and I respect the way you think, but this is completely wrong. We gave it to them. We gave them \$12 million. And that was within the past year. So obviously my CRPs have pending for a long time. But

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we did take the high road and we did negotiate in good faith, and we did give the Comptroller a good amount that she can get started on.

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Listen, if she was down to -- she hasn't spent the money that we gave them. So to come back and ask for more was a little strange. But other than that, we support the program, but at this point, we didn't want to bond any further. Again, we're not going to do it in piecemeal. We want to see a capital plan. I don't know if the unions are contacting you guys there. They're asking us where it is. These are a lot of jobs that are held up. These are a lot of roads that need to be paved. These are a lot of potholes that need to be filled.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Ms. Minority Leader, I'm happy to hear that your side is open to providing us with a vote to bond going forward.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Not that. We're going to start to negotiate

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a capital plan. We haven't even seen a capital plan. You would never --

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I'm happy to hear that your side is now willing to provide us with a vote to bond going forward.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: That's not what we said. What we said is we'd like to see a capital plan, John. Nobody ever --

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So the capital plan was involved in a month ago?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: No. Now. I'm saying we need to see a capital plan, which we want to see. I mean, the unions are very upset that there's no capital plan, and I'm hearing from them. I don't know if you are. But the bottom line, it's the second year that this Administration hasn't provided one. We're looking forward to reviewing a capital plan. We gave them some recommendations. We haven't heard anything back.

John, you know how this works. We

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2 want to see the capital plan. We want to  
3 negotiate it. Then we want to see the  
4 bonding, and then we will determine what  
5 we're going to do. And that is very  
6 clear. That is how it happens every year.  
7 Again, 14 year anniversary today. I mean,  
8 I'm not a newbie. And this is how it  
9 always works. And of course, I will  
10 promise you one thing. We're definitely  
11 willing to negotiate in good faith. And  
12 that's what I hope comes from the  
13 Administration and then from you guys.  
14 It's how it always happens. It's nothing  
15 new. The only thing that's new is it's  
16 overtly partisan now because it was never  
17 zero for CRPs and whatever your final  
18 number, I think you're up to 27 or almost  
19 30.

20 So again, we're going to support.  
21 As we supported the Comptroller's  
22 contract, we're going to support your  
23 CRPs and we wish you a Happy New Year.  
24 But I hope that you also continue to  
25 agree to support ours when they come

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down.

And again, let's get this capital plan moving. I want to meet with them. We've sent them numerous emails. We're ready to sit down. We've been negotiating some of our projects, but we'd like to continue to do so. We want to move forward.

And again, I'm sorry to our unions that are upset that they're not getting their jobs and they're funding in place. So let's hope that we can address that soon.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Can we vote?  
All set. Okay.

All those in favor of those items?

(Whereupon, all members of the Rules Committee respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those items passed unanimously.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: One final item is 18, which is a resolution to appoint Dr. Robert A. Matarazzo as a member of the board of directors of the national Nassau Regional Off Track Betting Corporation. Motion by Deputy Presiding Officer Tom McKevitt and seconded by Minority Leader DeRiggi-Whitton.

Any debate or discussion?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor, please say, "Aye".

Yes, Minority Leader? Please.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: We're not going to support this at this point because we just got it. Literally while we were in executive session. I have no idea who this is or what, and I haven't even started to look at it. So let's table it now. Let's table it until we at least can have some idea who this person is.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: This goes to the Full Ledge. So that's fine.

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LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: It's just a bad example. We're not going to tee it up.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We'll tee it up.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Again, these are a lot of last minute things lately. All right. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: It is what it is. All right.

All those in favor please say, "Aye".

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: "Aye".

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: "Aye".

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: "Aye".

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: "Aye".

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Nay.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Nay.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Nay.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That passes 4 to 3.

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And we have a motion to adjourn by Legislator Ferretti and seconded by



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Legislator Davis.

All those in favor of adjourning  
Rules please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of  
the Rules Committee respond in  
favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal  
response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We are adjourned.

(Whereupon, Rules Committee  
adjourns, 3:40 p.m.)

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEES MEETING

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HOWARD KOPEL  
PRESIDING OFFICER

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**THOMAS MCKEVITT**

**CHAIRMAN**

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County Executive and Legislative Building  
1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, New York

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Monday, January 6, 2025

2:02 p.m.

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A P P E A R A N C E S

CHAIRMAN THOMAS MCKEVITT

VICE CHAIRMAN JOHN FERRETTI

LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY

LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER

LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES RANKING MEM.

LEGISLATOR SCOTT DAVIS

LEGISLATOR SETH KOSLOW

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MICHAEL PULITZER Clerk of the Legislature

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CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: We're going to  
now call the Finance Committee to order.  
I'd ask that the Clerk please call the  
roll for the Finance Committee.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Seth  
Koslow?

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Debra  
Mule?

LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member  
Carrie A. Solages?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Rose  
Marie Walker?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James  
Kenney?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman John  
Ferretti?

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Chairman Thomas

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McKevitt?

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: I'm here.

CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum.

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Thank you.

We do have an Addendum. So the first or business I'm going to do is make a motion to suspend the Rules. That is made by Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Solages.

All those in favor of the suspending the Rules, please signify by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of Finance Committee respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: All opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Passed unanimously, 7 to 0.

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CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Okay, so I'm going to first make a motion on the following items:

1-25; 2-25; 4-25; 5-25, and on the addendum we have 17-25.

Now item 1-25, that was the matter we just discussed in the health committee. And that committee had previously discussed. And 17-25 was actually already held in the Planning Committee, and that was the transfer of Stillwell Woods from Nassau County to the Town of Oyster Bay.

Is there any discussion among the legislators on those two items?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: If not, we will then go to Item 2-25, which is a transfer appropriation to the budget for the year 2025.

MS. DeSIMONE: Good afternoon. Ann DeSimone, Health Department.

Item 2-25 contains three board

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transfers to maximize grant funding. The first in the amount of \$7500 for the Early Intervention Administration grant.

The second in the amount of \$18,100 from the State Homeland Security program.

And the third is also from the State Homeland Security program in the amount of \$17,275.

These will all maximize grant funding and will have no impact on the budget.

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any questions from the Legislators?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: If not, thank you very much.

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CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Now jointly numbers 4-25 and 5-25. They're both execution of amendments to tax exemption agreements. One is with the Central Parks Estate Redevelopment Company, and that's 4-25; 5-25 is for the Bethpage Redevelopment Company Owners Corporation.

MR. HOMMEL: Good afternoon, Ted Hommel, County Attorney's Office for the Administration.

Both items are amendments to tax extension agreements that were approved by the Legislature about a year ago. In August of 2024, the State Legislature amended the law to actually make it more favorable to the shareholder owners of the respective co-ops, by allowing the legislature to maintain the same rate of exemption that existed in the last year of the previously expired exemption agreement. Both Central Park Estates and Sunny Land of Bethpage, the shareholders would benefit by the approval of this amendment by this Body. I have

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representatives from the Assessor's  
Office here, if you have any questions.

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any questions?  
Yes, Legislator Koslow.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Thank you.  
Chair.

Good afternoon, Hommel and happy new  
year.

So I see here we have an extensive  
list of location sites on here and it  
goes on to another page. Do we have any  
idea or the Administration have any idea  
when these other agreements will be  
brought before the Legislature for us to  
do the same thing we're doing today?

MR. HOMMEL: Within the past year,  
there were five extension agreements that  
were approved by this Body for senior  
affordable co-ops whose initial  
exemptions were expiring. These are the  
first two that we're amending. There are  
three others that are outstanding; all of  
those are in the Town of Hempstead. I've  
not received signed agreements back from

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two of those three or the disclosures that are required from any of the three. So hopefully those will be coming in and we'll be presenting similar amendments for those three.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: And it looks like there's about 20 or so that are not accounted for here today, including those three more you're talking about. So there's still about 15 to 17 more. Are you waiting on more information? Do you need something from the particular neighborhood? What do you need to make this, or what does the Administration need to make this go forward?

MR. HOMMEL: Well, typically, we're contacted by the attorneys representing the co-ops requesting an extension. And because those have not been extended yet, we'd be able to provide the relief granted by this amendment to those as their exemptions expire.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any further

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questions from the Legislators on this matter?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Mr. Hommel, thank you very much.

MR. HOMMEL: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any public comment?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: If not, we will then be voting on 1-25; 2-25; 4-25; 5-25 and 17-25.

All in favor signify by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Finance Committee respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Passes unanimously, 7 to 0.

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CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: On the addendum we have four litigation settlements:

Items 6-25; 7-25; 8-25; 9-25.

Motion made by Legislator Ferretti, second by Legislator Koslow.

These matters are traditionally held in executive session as they involve litigation strategy.

Based upon a motion of Legislator Kennedy, seconded by Legislator Walker.

I'll take a motion to going to executive session. All in favor of going to executive session, signify by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Finance Committee respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: All those opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Both the Finance and Rules Committee are going to go into executive session on these matters.

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(Whereupon, Executive  
Session 2:10-3:09 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: We have  
completed our executive session and the  
Finance committee is now back in order.

And I'm first going to take a motion  
on 8-25, which is Linares versus County  
of Nassau.

I have a motion to table from  
Legislator Ferretti. Second by Legislator  
Davis.

All in favor signify by saying,  
"Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of  
the Finance Committee respond  
in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: 8-25 is tabled.

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CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: We'll now go on to 6-25; 7-25; 925, which is DeFazio, Grady and Carlucci. Assuming there's no discussion among the legislators and if there's no public comment, all in favor signify by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Finance Committee respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Passed unanimously.

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CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: I'll now take a motion to adjourn from Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Solages.

All in favor of adjourning, please signify by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Finance Committee respond in favor with, "Aye".)

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Those opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: We are adjourned.

(Whereupon, the Finance Committee meeting is adjourned, 3:09 p.m.)



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I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public  
for and within the State of New York, do  
hereby certify:

That the above is a correct  
transcription of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
set my hand this 6th day of January, 2025.

Karen Lorenzo

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Wednesday, January 6, 2025

4:00 p.m.

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CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I'd like to call the Health and Social Services Committee to order and ask the Clerk to call the roll.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, Madam. Health and Social Service roll call. Legislator Seth Koslow?

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Arnold Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Samantha Goetz?

LEGISLATOR GOETZ: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Mazi Pilip?

LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman Michael Giangregorio.

LEGISLATOR GIANGREGORIO: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Chairwoman Rose

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Marie Walker?

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you.

There is one item on the Agenda today. It is Clerk Item 1-25. It is an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Health Department.

Can I have a motion, please, by Legislator Samantha Goetz and seconded by Legislator Drucker.

How are you and Happy New Year.

MS. DESIMONE: Good afternoon. Happy New Year to you all as well.

Ann DeSimone, Health Department.

Item 1-25 is a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$552,296.00 for the Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program. This is grant funded through the New York State Department of Health, and provides comprehensive services to protect the public from the spread of tuberculosis.

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We provide education, surveillance, case management, directly observed therapy, and education to ensure patient compliance with medication therapy.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you. Any questions from the Legislators? Any public comment?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Hearing none. All in favor of Clerk Item 1-25, signify by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Health and SS Committee respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: This will pass and move on to Finance.

Thank you, Ann. Happy New Year to you and everyone in the Department.

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CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: There is no other business in front of this committee. Motion to adjourn by legislator Giangregorio, seconded by Legislator Koslow.

All in favor of adjourning, signify by saying "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Health and SS Committee respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: We are adjourned. Move on now to Finance.

(Whereupon, above matter concludes, 2:02 P.M.)

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I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public  
for and within the State of New York, do  
hereby certify:

That the above is a correct  
transcription of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
set my hand this 6th day of January, 2025.

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