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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DENNIS DUNNE, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, June 3, 2013
2:26 P.M

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

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4 DENNIS DUNNE,
 Chairman

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6 JOSEPH BELESI, (substituted by
 Vice Chairman Francis Becker)

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7 DENISE FORD

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8 MICHAEL VENDITTO

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9 JOSEPH SCANNELL,
 Ranking

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10 DAVID DENENBERG

11 WAYNE WINK

12 WILLIAM J. MULLER, III
 Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

EDWARD SHANK, attorney for
Nassau County Probation Department.....5

PAUL BRODERICK, Deputy Commissioner,
Nassau County
Department of Social Services.....9

CHRIS MISTRON, Nassau County Stop
DWI coordinator
Traffic Safety Board.....11

TARA COMISKEY, Detective Sergeant,
Nassau County Police Department.....13

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

5 I'm going to be the clerk and
6 call the roll. Legislator Wayne Wink?

7 LEGISLATOR WINK: Here.

8 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Dave
9 Denenberg?

10 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Here.

11 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Ranking Member
12 Legislator Joseph Scannell?

13 LEGISLATOR SCANNELL: Here.

14 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator
15 Michael Venditto?

16 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Here.

17 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator
18 Denise Ford?

19 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

20 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Standing in for
21 Vice Chairman Belesi is Legislator Fran
22 Becker?

23 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Present.

24 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: And I'm here, we
25 have a quorum. We're going to call five

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2 items together because they're all with
3 probation. Item Numbers 210-13, 211-13,
4 212-13, 222-13, and 223-13, they read, an
5 ordinance supplemental to the annual
6 appropriation ordinance in connection with
7 the department of probation with all those
8 numbers. May I have a motion, please?

9 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by
12 Legislator Becker, seconded by Legislator
13 Mike Venditto. Do we have somebody from
14 probation with us?

15 MR. MAY: Yes, we do, we have Mr.
16 Ed Shank from probation.

17 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Mr. Shank, would
18 you go over each and every one starting with
19 210?

20 MR. SHANK: Okay. 210, 212, and
21 222 are all related. They're all part of
22 the same grant which is the alternatives to
23 incarceration which is funded by the New
24 York State Division of Criminal Justice
25 Services.

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2 210 is for the pretrial services
3 provided by the Nassau County Probation
4 Department in the total of \$250,690. The
5 program screens all offenders prior to
6 arraignment to determine eligibility for
7 release under the release restrictive
8 conditions necessary to insure their return
9 to court.

10 212, again, is part of the
11 Alternatives to Incarceration Grant. It is
12 for the community services as part of their
13 sentence. The probation department
14 supervises that part of the program.

15 222-13 is for Defender Based
16 Advocacy Program which provides pretrial
17 release bail reports to the court
18 post-arraignment including recommendations
19 on release status and community-based
20 treatment plans and supervision.

21 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: My only question
22 about all three of these is, they're low
23 level crimes?

24 MR. SHANK: Yes. They're least
25 risk level and the state has a risk

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2 assessment module that we use to assess the
3 risk and it determines -- it looks at the
4 ability to return to court.

5 Any legislators have any
6 questions on these three?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Then the other two, 211 and 223.

9 MR. SHANK: 211 is the Juvenile
10 Accountability Block Grant and it's Juvenile
11 Risk Assessment Intervention Services
12 Coordination Program. This program
13 appropriates \$56,598 in funds from the New
14 York State Division of Criminal Justice
15 Services to improve outcomes from the
16 county's highest risk and needs of juvenile
17 delinquents of PINS. Nassau Probation is
18 now utilizing the juvenile risk intervention
19 services coordination model for those
20 probationers scoring 60 and above on the
21 youth assessment screening instrument at the
22 time of disposition and reclassification
23 combining community oriented incentives,
24 intensive supervision with evidence based
25 services to reduce the risk of recidivism.

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2 This grant funds partial salary and fringe
3 of two probation officers.

4 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Excellent, and
5 the last one, 223.

6 MR. SHANK: 223 is an item that
7 was -- this is to correct something that was
8 miscoded previously. It appropriates
9 \$49,633.48 from the New York State Office of
10 Children and Family Services seeking to
11 increase the number of juvenile delinquents
12 referred and successfully adjusted at
13 probation intake, reduce the number of
14 secure and nonsecure detention care days and
15 establish viable alternatives to residential
16 treatment.

17 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any legislators
18 have any questions on any of these items?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 There being none, is there any
21 public comment?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 There being none, all those in
24 favor indicate by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 Any against?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 So ordered. It gets passed on to
5 finance. The next item is 215-13, it's an
6 ordinance supplemental to the annual
7 appropriations ordinance in connection with
8 the Department of Social Services. May I
9 have a motion, please?

10 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by
13 Legislator Becker, seconded by Denise Ford.

14 MR. MAY: We have Mr. Paul
15 Broderick from DSS.

16 MR. BRODERICK: Good afternoon.
17 Paul Broderick, Deputy Commissioner,
18 Department of Social Services.

19 The item before you is a request
20 for a supplemental appropriation for
21 \$165,600. It is money from the New York
22 State Division of Criminal Justice Services
23 for the Steers Local Re-entry Task Force
24 Initiative. Monies over here are for people
25 who are leaving -- basically coming back

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2 into the community from various jails or
3 correctional institutions, and the purpose
4 of the grant is to assist those individuals
5 with re-entry into the community.

6 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any legislators
7 have any questions?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 Is there any public comment?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 There being none, all those in
12 favor indicate by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 Any against?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 So passes. It goes on to
17 finance. The next item is Item 225-13, an
18 ordinance supplemental to the annual
19 appropriations ordinance in connection with
20 the Traffic Safety Board. May I have a
21 motion, please?

22 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion from
25 Denise Ford, seconded by Legislator Becker.

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2 MR. MISTRON: Christopher
3 Mistron, Traffic Safety Board, Nassau County
4 Stop DWI coordinator. The appropriation
5 that is before you is to simply allocate
6 surplus from a prior year to be able to be
7 used in the 2013 year. It's various, for
8 both enforcement, prosecution and
9 administration costs for the program.

10 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Do you have a
11 program for BWI, for boating also?

12 MR. MISTRON: Well, we had
13 already passed the original supplemental
14 seven months back, but the basis of the 2013
15 budget was actually established with the
16 idea of bringing forward surplus money from
17 the prior year, so this is just to allocate
18 the surplus.

19 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: This is one for
20 driving while intoxicated, do we have one
21 for boating while intoxicated?

22 MR. MISTRON: There's no BWI.

23 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Is there any
24 possibility from any federal or state or
25 anywhere?

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2 MR. MISTRON: Well, anything for
3 a program like that we could investigate for
4 monies if that's available, but when it
5 comes to the DWI specifically, the funding
6 of the program is based upon the fines
7 collected for DWI. There is no similar law
8 in New York State statutes that calls for
9 any monies collected for BWI to be retained
10 by the county for similar purposes.

11 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator
12 Denenberg and I attended a program where
13 they had -- Budweiser was the sponsor C-Tow
14 was the sponsor and was giving monies for
15 lifejackets and education and I'm wondering
16 if there's any others that you can look
17 into.

18 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: It was
19 Anheiser-Busch, right?

20 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Yes.

21 MR. MISTRON: Typically, DWI does
22 not partner with the alcohol industry in
23 their programs though.

24 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any legislators
25 have any questions?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 Is there any public comment?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 There being none, all those in
6 favor indicate by saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 Any against?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 It passes on to Finance. The
11 final item for today is 226-13. It's an
12 ordinance supplemental to the annual
13 appropriations ordinance in connection with
14 the police department. May I have a motion,
15 please?

16 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

17 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: So moved by Fran
19 Becker, seconded by Denise Ford. Who is
20 here from the police department?

21 MR. MAY: We have Detective
22 Sergeant Tara Comiskey to answer any
23 questions on this item.

24 SERGEANT COMISKEY: Good
25 afternoon, Sergeant Tara Comiskey. Upon

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2 disposition of narcotic related arrests, the
3 defendants are ordered to pay restitution to
4 the police department to reimburse expenses
5 related to the case. We collected \$55,000
6 in satisfaction of court ordered restitution
7 and appropriation of these funds allow the
8 narcotics bureau to purchase contraband
9 during undercover operations.

10 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any legislators
11 have any questions?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Is there any public comment?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 There being none, all those in
16 favor indicate by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 Any against?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Passes on to the Finance

21 Committee. Motion to adjourn.

22 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Moved by

25 Legislator Becker, seconded by Legislator

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2 Mike Venditto. All those in favor indicate
3 by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Any against?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Health is next.

8 (Whereupon, the Public Safety
9 Committee adjourned at 2:34 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of June, 2013

FRANK GRAY