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LIST OF SPEAKERS

GREG MAY. 5
ELIZABETH LOCONSOLO 5
JOHN JARONCZYK. 6

2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: The Rules
3 Committee is now in session. Please call the
4 roll.

5 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Wink?

6 LEGISLATOR WINK: Here.

7 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Jacobs?

8 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Here.

9 CLERK MULLER: Ranking Member Abrahams?

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

11 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Walker?

12 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

13 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Dunne?

14 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Here.

15 CLERK MULLER: Vice Chairman Kopel?

16 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

17 CLERK MULLER: Chairwoman Gonsalves?

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Present.

19 CLERK MULLER: We have a quorum.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you very
21 much.

22 We have one item for the Rules Committee,
23 and that's Contract E-149-13 with the Sheriff's
24 Department and Armor Correctional Health Services
25 of New York, Inc.

2 Motion, please?

3 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
6 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator Kopel.

7 Who do we have here? I know Ms.
8 Loconsolo has been here also all day.

9 MR. MAY: We have counsel to the county
10 executive, Ms. Elizabeth Loconsolo, to answer any
11 questions on this item.

12 MS. LOCONSOLO: Good evening.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Good evening,
14 Elizabeth.

15 MS. LOCONSOLO: With me is Captain
16 Michael Golio (phonetic) from the Nassau County
17 Sheriff's Department.

18 This is an amendment to the original
19 contract with Armor Correctional Health Services
20 of New York, which was executed initially in
21 2011. The contract, as passed by the
22 legislature, allowed for an additional two years.
23 This is the amendment to renew their services for
24 an additional two years.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any questions for

Ms. Loconsolo?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment? Yes. We have the President of ShOA, John Jaronczyk, and the Vice President, Rich Clarke. I forgot - COBA.

MR. JARONCZYK: President of COBA.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I know, John.

MR. JARONCZYK: Good evening, everyone. My last intention is to try to delay this proceeding any longer. I know it's been a very long, trying day for everyone.

This contract is for inmate healthcare. I'm the president of the Correctional Officers Union. Inmate healthcare is not really in my purview; that's something between the legislature and the county executive and the sheriff.

My only concern is that my people work inside that jail and there are also other CSEA employees that work inside that jail. And when there is an emergency medical condition in there, I just want some assurance that they will be taken care of.

I have been here before and I have stressed some problems that happened early last

1 year. Now, to Armor's credit and to the
2 sheriff's credit, there hasn't been any problems
3 for quite some time, and I'm hoping that's
4 because the problems were fixed. I'm just not
5 hoping that it's that we haven't had any issues.
6 I'm hoping those problems are corrected, and I
7 believe they are.

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9 I am not here to oppose this thing. I
10 just want to get some assurances that my officers
11 are going to be protected.

12 There are a lot of infectious diseases in
13 there. It does appear that the infection control
14 nurse, there is no budgeted line item for that.
15 I don't know if someone else is going to be doing
16 those duties. Last year alone, 2012, we had
17 three correctional officers come down with M-R-S-
18 A, MRSA, that they contracted inside the jail and
19 brought home to their families. They need to be
20 protected.

21 And there is an amendment in here where
22 Armor will be providing vaccinations for
23 infectious diseases that the county provides.
24 They will just be administering them. That's a
25 good thing. That wasn't in the original

contract.

So I'm not here opposing the contract. I just want assurances that my men and women that work inside that jail are going to be protected.

That's really all I have, unless anybody has any questions.

But the issue with the infectious control nurse, I think we should look into that to make sure someone is doing those duties, because that's a very important job inside a jail. Obviously a jail is a dirty place, and once someone gets a disease, they need to be quarantined and the officers and the people that surround that inmate have to be protected and they have to be notified.

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Through the Chair. As Chair of the Public Safety Committee, I will check into that tomorrow with the Sheriff.

MR. JARONCZYK: Okay.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Ms. Loconsolo, would you like to comment on it?

Thank you, John.

MS. LOCONSOLO: Yes. The infection control duties do remain. What has changed from

2 the original contract to this amendment is simply
3 that under the original contract a sick call
4 nurse was also responsible for infection control.
5 In this contract it's the nurse educator whose
6 additional duties are infection control. So
7 there was never an infection control nurse, under
8 either the original contract with Armor or the
9 amendment. So those duties to remain and we
10 recognize the importance, as does Armor, of
11 having somebody responsible for infection control
12 at the jail, and this amendment does have that.

13 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Is that acceptable?

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: John, is that
15 okay?

16 MR. JARONCZYK: As long as the
17 department -- as long as the staff members know
18 who they can go to whenever there's an issue.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Extremely
20 important, John.

21 MR. JARONCZYK: There's no problem with
22 that. And just that the staff needs to be
23 notified when there are conditions inside that
24 jail where they can bring home infectious
25 diseases.

2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Right. Extremely
3 important, John.

4 Any public comment?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 There being no other comments, I would
7 like to ask for a vote to accept the contract as
8 presented.

9 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 Any opposed?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 The contract passes unanimously.

14 Again, John, Rich, thank you for being so
15 patient, and Elizabeth, and I forgot the
16 gentleman's name. It was a long day for all of
17 us. It ended on a good note, I think.

18 Again, thanks to all who stayed and
19 those, of course, who had to stay.

20 Motion to adjourn the Rules Committee,
21 signify by saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 Any opposed?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 The Rules Committee is adjourned. Thank

2 you. Have a good night.

3 (Whereupon, the Rules Committee adjourned
4 at 9:21 p.m.)

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