

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Clerk of the Legislature

LIST OF SPEAKERS

GREG MAY. 5
JOHN SARCONE. 5
MARY ELLEN LAURAIN. 7

2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I call the Health
3 Committee to order. I ask the Clerk to please
4 take the roll.

5 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Abrahams?
6 He's here.

7 Legislator Jacobs?

8 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Here.

9 CLERK MULLER: Ranking Member DeRiggi-
10 Whitton?

11 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

12 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Venditto?

13 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Here.

14 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Schaeffer?

15 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

16 CLERK MULLER: Vice Chairman Becker?

17 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Present.

18 CLERK MULLER: Chairwoman Walker?

19 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Here.

20 CLERK MULLER: We have a quorum.

21 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you.

22 There are six items on the agenda today.

23 The first item is Clerk Item 3-14, which is a

2 local law to establish a revolving fund for the
3 Nassau County Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

4 May I have a motion, please?

5 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

7 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by Legislator
8 Becker, seconded by Legislator Schaefer.

9 The item is before us.

10 Mr. May.

11 MR. MAY: We have Mr. John Sarcone from
12 the Office of Community Development to answer any
13 questions on this item.

14 MR. SARCONE: Good afternoon. The local
15 law in front of you is to establish a revolving
16 fund for the emergency solutions program.

17 The proposed local law would establish a
18 revolving fund that will allow the Office of
19 Housing and Community Development to disburse
20 grant funds from this program quickly in order to
21 provide timely assistance to those in need of
22 urgent housing and other precarious situations.

23 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Do any of the
24 legislators have any questions?

25 (No verbal response.)

2 Any public comment?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 Mr. Sarcone, I'd just like to thank you
5 and certainly your department. I know any time
6 I've reached out to you -- and I'm sure I speak
7 for the other legislators -- when we need your
8 help to address individuals that are in dire
9 straits, you are always on top of it right away.

10 MR. SARCONE: You're very kind,
11 Legislator Walker.

12 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: If there are no
13 other questions. All in favor?

14 (Aye.)

15 Any opposed?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Motion carries unanimously.

18 MR. SARCONE: Thank you.

19 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Item Number 43-14,
20 we actually have several items -- the following
21 items, the next five items are all health related
22 so I'll take them all at once.

23 Clerk Item 43-14 is an ordinance
24 supplemental to the annual appropriation
25 ordinance in connection with the Department of

2 Health.

3 49-14 is an ordinance supplemental to the
4 annual appropriation ordinance in connection with
5 the Department of Health.

6 50-14, an ordinance supplemental to the
7 annual appropriation ordinance in connection with
8 the Department of Health.

9 51-14, an ordinance supplemental to the
10 annual appropriation ordinance in connection with
11 the Department of Health.

12 52-14, an ordinance supplemental to the
13 annual appropriation ordinance in connection with
14 the Health Department.

15 May I have a motion, please?

16 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

17 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

18 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by Legislator
19 Becker, seconded by Legislator Schaefer.

20 The item is before us. We have Mary
21 Ellen Laurain.

22 MS. LAURAIN: Good afternoon. Mary
23 Ellen Laurain, Department of Health.

24 Item 43-14 is a supplemental
25 appropriation in the amount of \$245,633. This is

2 for the WIC Program. This is an additional COLA
3 award. After the award the grant is for
4 \$3,308,389. The WIC grant provides supplemental
5 food and nutrition to pregnant women and infants
6 and children.

7 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions from
8 the legislators?

9 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Just a
10 quick question. It just says that the revenue
11 will equal the expenditure; where is that coming
12 from.

13 MS. LAURAIN: This is federal money.
14 This is 100 percent federally funded. It's
15 federal pass through. It comes from the feds to
16 the New York State Department of Health.

17 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Okay.
18 Thanks.

19 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator Becker.

20 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Is the hospital
21 still managing that program?

22 MS. LAURAIN: The program is run through
23 the Department of Health. We have five sites.

24 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Is this different
25 than that?

MS. LAURAIN: There is a separate component. I think the funding is about 130-something-thousand for a breast feeding program, which is administered through Nassau University Medical Center.

LEGISLATOR BECKER: Okay. So everything is pretty much as-is with this program then?

MS. LAURAIN: Yes.

LEGISLATOR BECKER: Okay. Thank you.

MS. LAURAIN: This is just a cost of living increase.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: 49-14?

MS. LAURAIN: Item 49-14 is a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$32,173. This is for the community health worker program, and it's funded through New York State Department of Health. This is also an additional COLA award. This program provides case management for pregnant women in the Village of Hempstead and the community of Roosevelt.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions from the legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

2 (No verbal response.)

3 Item Number 50-14?

4 MS. LAURAIN: Item 50-14 is a
5 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
6 \$17,133. This is for the childhood lead
7 poisoning prevention grant. This is also an
8 additional COLA award. It is funded through New
9 York State Department of Health. Its mission is
10 to provide comprehensive services to children
11 with elevated blood levels.

12 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions or
13 comments from the legislators?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 Any public comment?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Item 51-14.

18 MS. LAURAIN: Item 51-14 is a
19 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
20 \$1,595. This is for the rabies program. This is
21 also funded through New York State Department of
22 Health and is mandated by Public Health Law. The
23 primary objective is to reduce the incidents of
24 rabies in the county.

25 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions or

2 comments from the legislators?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 Public comment?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Lastly, Item 52-14.

7 MS. LAURAIN: Item 52-14 is a
8 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
9 \$10,000. The National Center for Disaster
10 Preparedness at Columbia University School of
11 Public Health and Nassau County Department of
12 Health, in partnership, this is to evaluate our
13 response to Hurricane Sandy and look at lessons
14 learned and provide training for the staff.

15 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions or
16 comments from the legislators?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Any public comment?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Could you
21 just elaborate on what they're going to be
22 looking into with that?

23 MS. LAURAIN: Our staff is going to be
24 providing data explaining what we did during the
25 hurricane. We run special need shelters. We're

testing restaurants. So, basically it's to look at how we did and to make recommendations and to provide additional training should they need.

It's a good thing.

LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: I know. It would be interesting just to see what that report says. I would be interested in getting a copy.

MS. LAURAIN: Certainly.

LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Thank you.

MS. LAURAIN: It's going to take some time, but we can certainly provide that.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other comments?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

All in favor of Items 43-14, 49-14, 50-14, 51-14, 52-14 signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

They are unanimous.

There are no other items before us, can I have a motion to adjourn?

LEGISLATOR BECKER: Move to adjourn.

2 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by Legislator

4 Becker, seconded by Legislator Venditto.

5 All in favor?

6 (Aye.)

7 We are adjourned.

8 (Whereupon, the Health and Social

9 Services Committee adjourned at 3:45 p.m.)

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

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 24th day of February, 2014.

FRANK GRAY