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CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: I call the Finance Committee to order. I will call the roll.

Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton? She was here. Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton is here.

Legislator Bosworth?

LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Denenberg?

LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Venditto?

LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Walker?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Vice Chairman Muscarella?

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: And I'm here. We have a quorum.

First item is a resolution to -- it's Item 75-2013, a resolution to authorize the transfer of appropriations heretofore made within the budget for the year 2013.

2 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

3 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator
5 Walker, seconded by Legislator Muscarella.

6 Mr. May, is someone here to talk about
7 this?

8 MR. MAY: We have Mr. Tom Delaney from
9 the Office of Emergency Management to answer any
10 questions.

11 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Okay. Good
12 afternoon, Mr. Delaney.

13 MR. DELANEY: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Could you just
15 briefly explain what this is?

16 MR. DELANEY: This is just to take the
17 additional appropriations we had for Sandy under
18 our FEMA emergency funds and just re-appropriate
19 them from a BB, that is an equipment line, into a
20 DD, supply line, so we can pay our vendors.

21 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: These monies have
22 already been received?

23 MR. DELANEY: Money has always been
24 appropriated. It's a matter of just re-
25 categorizing sub-object, or the object on it.

2 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other
3 questions?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 Thank you, Mr. Delaney.

6 MR. DELANEY: Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any public comment?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Wait. Wait.

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Mr. Delaney.

11 Legislator Denenberg.

12 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: I apologize.

13 This is for -- this 350. Who are the
14 vendors on this?

15 MR. DELANEY: There's a lot of them.

16 OEM has turned into the dumping ground of I don't
17 want to pay this vendor, give it to OEM. So we
18 had a lot of stuff that just game out of the
19 woodwork.

20 Veolia Bus, \$94,200 for transportation of
21 evacuees during the storm. We didn't anticipate
22 that. It just came out of nowhere. I can go on
23 and on with a bunch of smaller ones too.

24 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Is this it? Is
25 this all of the expenditures that will need to

2 made through OEM?

3 MR. DELANEY: The majority of the stuff,
4 all that stuff that came through OEM that was
5 facilitated through office, that's right, sir.

6 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Have we been
7 reimbursed?

8 MR. DELANEY: We will be because it's a
9 reimbursement, that is we have to pay first and
10 then we get reimbursed.

11 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: We're going to
12 try to seek --

13 MR. DELANEY: Absolutely, sir.

14 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Well, we are
15 seeking FEMA funds to reimburse ourselves,
16 correct?

17 MR. DELANEY: Absolutely. To the
18 fullest extent that we can get reimbursed.

19 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Which will be
20 either the 75 percent level or the 90 percent?

21 MR. DELANEY: We'll keep our fingers
22 crossed, yep.

23 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Why though are we
24 taking the money out of the equipment line?

25 MR. DELANEY: I can answer that.

LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Great.

MR. DELANEY: This has been the first appropriation that we made when there was a lot of stuff that we didn't know what was going on. So I kind of like said, all right, I know a lot of generators are being bought by New York State on our behalf and I've got a feeling New York State is going to come back and ask us to pay for them. They didn't, though. So I'm not going to complain. Hopefully nobody from New York State is here. We're going to use this money to pay these other bills, like I said, that have been coming down our throats.

LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So we're not going to be short in the equipment line --

MR. DELANEY: No, sir.

LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: because we put this money in the equipment line after Sandy happened.

MR. DELANEY: We just never saw those bills come to us from the state. Apparently the state took that on. I wasn't sure what was going to be the case at the height of the storm, what was going on with that.

2 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: How did the money
3 -- I mean, was the money in the equipment line as
4 part of the 2012 budget?

5 MR. DELANEY: No. That was all FEMA.
6 That was round one of the requests that came to
7 us about the FEMA appropriations.

8 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Okay. So when we
9 set aside or appropriated money for FEMA, when it
10 went to OEM you allocated some for equipment. So
11 now in order to pay from lines that came in over
12 what we allocated, we're taking it from equipment
13 because that came in under what was allocated.

14 MR. DELANEY: That's correct.
15 Comptrollers won't pay a bill -- if I tried to
16 pay Veolia with an equipment line, a comptroller
17 is going to look at that and potentially reject
18 it back to us just saying that's not the
19 appropriate way to pay, it should be on a DD
20 line.

21 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Now that you said
22 it, you might have said too much. I'm joking.

23 Why Veolia? They're the bus company.
24 Why do we -- we have to pay them money?

25 MR. DELANEY: It was the first one I

2 looked at in my e-mails when I was sitting there
3 and it was for 94,000.

4 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Why do we owe
5 them 94? They charged us for using the buses
6 during the storm?

7 MR. DELANEY: Yeah. Yep.

8 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Really?

9 MR. DELANEY: Transportation.

10 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: But they're our
11 buses. Why would we pay 94,000 to Veolia for our
12 own buses?

13 MR. DELANEY: It was emergency
14 transportation. I guess above and beyond.
15 They've got to pay people overtime.

16 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: They had to pay
17 people overtime --

18 MR. DELANEY: I'm speculating.

19 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: But they're a
20 private operator. I don't understand why --
21 seriously, why would we owe a private operator
22 94,000? They run a bus. They have a schedule.
23 They charge people --

24 MR. DELANEY: It wasn't a schedule.

25 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: We have a

2 contract with them.

3 MR. DELANEY: Not a schedule. This was
4 to evacuate people out of Long Beach. This was
5 the whole evacuation procedure to Nassau
6 Community College and our other shelters that
7 were ongoing. Special runs. Nothing scheduled.

8 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: \$94,000 worth of
9 special runs?

10 MR. DELANEY: There was a lot going on.

11 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: We should have
12 kept the bus. I don't get it.

13 Is that a backup -- is that in our
14 backup?

15 How was the \$94,000 charge determined by
16 Veolia?

17 MR. DELANEY: Through their invoices
18 that we received from them.

19 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: How did they
20 invoice us? Like, how did they put on their
21 invoice I'm going to charge the county for this
22 special run? How do you put a price tag on a
23 special run?

24 MR. DELANEY: To be honest with you, I
25 haven't looked at the detailed invoices. I know

2 the full amount. They weren't handed directly to
3 me. I can only estimate that it's an hourly
4 rate, potentially fuel costs.

5 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: We have a
6 contract with them. I don't think that the
7 contract covers.

8 MR. DELANEY: Does the contract cover
9 emergency evacuations?

10 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: I don't know.
11 I'm asking you.

12 MR. DELANEY: I don't know.

13 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: You're asking me
14 to pay it.

15 MR. DELANEY: I don't know.

16 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Before we pay it,
17 it bothers me that we're paying 94,000 to Veolia,
18 which is a private contractor who is running our
19 buses for doing special runs from Long Beach.
20 Long Beach, maybe it needed special runs. Maybe
21 a lot of people evacuated on themselves. But
22 94,000 for a company that, you know, with a lot
23 of hoopla was privatized and was the greatest
24 thing since Wonder Bread and Swiss cheese. I
25 don't get why we're paying them 94,000 because

2 it's on an invoice, and I don't know how they're
3 invoicing us.

4 How many runs were there? Hi, Rob. How
5 are you?

6 DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE WALKER: How are
7 you?

8 The billing is based on the same hourly
9 rate that is charged in their normal contract.
10 So there's an MOU that is signed with Veolia for
11 emergency work. It's billed on the same hourly
12 rate they bill their normal bus operations. So
13 in this case they were called in to assist with
14 various areas for transport out of, unfortunately
15 those that did not have transportation out of
16 some of the barrier island that needed to be
17 transported. Those buses came in. Again, they
18 billed the same exact rate by which they bill
19 their normal contract.

20 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: How many runs did
21 they do?

22 DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE WALKER: I don't
23 have the number in front of me.

24 MR. DELANEY: A lot. Those are all
25 just other invoices.

2 DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE WALKER: It
3 actually is broken down, and we can get you a
4 copy of the invoice. It's literally by hour that
5 they traveled and in areas where they did.

6 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Was this just to
7 transport our residents out --

8 DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE WALKER: Yes.

9 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: or was this also
10 to transport emergency workers in?

11 DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE WALKER: In some
12 cases they may have been part and parcel in both.
13 It was to actually move Nassau County residents
14 out of areas by which -- again, Long Beach, we
15 had closures, residents were allowed in and out,
16 buses were moving people out of that area to
17 shelters. We had buses that were brought into
18 Nassau Community College, to transport people to
19 and from the shelters there. Moving people from
20 shelters. As people would come to, say, Nassau
21 Community College - that was one of the hubs -
22 and then not have additional -- not enough
23 resources there because it just outgrew, so those
24 people then moved to Farmingdale and other sites
25 throughout the county, other shelters throughout

2 the county. It was all to move residents of
3 Nassau County that obviously could not travel
4 because of the impact of the storm.

5 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Just, I guess two
6 questions. So you're saying all this movements
7 that Veolia had to do comes under their contract
8 and we pay an hourly rate?

9 DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE WALKER: Yes.
10 The contract, again, the Office of Emergency
11 Management has an MOU with them. It's not their
12 normal operation. Again, we asked them to bring
13 in additional resources, additional buses to, in
14 fact, move people back and forth.

15 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So this was a
16 separate contract that was done during the
17 exigent circumstance?

18 DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE WALKER: Yes.

19 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Did that ever
20 come to us?

21 DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE WALKER: Let me
22 just check. I don't know the exact date of when
23 that MOU was signed. It could have been in place
24 back in 2011. I don't know that answer for you.
25 Again, it's based upon the same hourly rate by

2 which they charge us today for their bus
3 operations. And again, it's work -- obviously,
4 all the bus routes don't work perfectly for where
5 you're moving people to and from.

6 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Let me ask you
7 this then. I'm sorry. I cut you off. I
8 apologize.

9 DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE WALKER: No. Go
10 ahead.

11 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So whatever the
12 MOU or contract is that they're operating under,
13 before this gets to Full, I know that this is
14 only 350 or \$400,000, that's a drop in the bucket
15 from all the expenditures. But with respect to
16 Long Island Bus, I would like to see what MOU
17 they were operating under before it goes to Full.

18 DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE WALKER: We will
19 be glad to get that to you.

20 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: And with respect
21 to the Sandy related expense, and this is only
22 from OEM, again, it's a drop in the bucket from
23 everything that we needed to allocate.

24 The vouchers, we should have vouchers
25 behind this expenditure.

2 DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE WALKER: I have
3 no issue with that. Obviously, this --

4 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Can we get that
5 before Full, is what I'm asking.

6 DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE WALKER: Sure.
7 Nobody's trying to hide anything here, so that's
8 not a problem.

9 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: In the past,
10 there's been a time when we were looking, like
11 for Looks Great, we were at least looking at some
12 of the vouchers, which gave concern that it
13 wasn't detailed enough. But I would assume that
14 this is probably pretty detailed. I'd like to
15 see it.

16 DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE WALKER: And I
17 would say even with the -- you can go over to the
18 comptroller's office or receive that once they
19 receive payment. The voucher for some of these
20 contracts are this thick. I'll be glad to get
21 you whatever you need.

22 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Thank you.
23 Legislator Bosworth.

24 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Actually, before
25 Legislator Bosworth -- I heard you use the words

2 we asked. So the county or the county OEM asked
3 -

4 DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE WALKER: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Veolia to use their
6 buses to assist our residents who were in need or
7 in jeopardy of their life, injury, etcetera.

8 DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE WALKER: One
9 hundred percent.

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: And then they used
11 their buses outside of the contract. These
12 aren't fixed routes or anything like that. They
13 used their buses, with their drives, I'm assuming
14 their fuel, and went down to transport people who
15 needed to get out of places where they shouldn't
16 have been.

17 DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE WALKER:
18 Exactly.

19 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: In doing so, they
20 incurred a cost which is approximately, at least
21 with respect to this item, \$94,000.

22 DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE WALKER:
23 Correct.

24 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: And once this is
25 actually paid out, it's likely to be reimbursed

2 at a rate of 75 or 90 percent.

3 DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE WALKER:

4 Correct. Or a hundred percent.

5 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you.

6 Legislator Bosworth.

7 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Good afternoon.

8 And we can still say good afternoon, so that's a
9 plus.

10 I just have a question actually about
11 where this 400,000 is coming from. I understand
12 you want to transfer. In the backup it says -
13 and I'm just going to read from the backup.

14 At this time, Nassau County OEM has not
15 been asked to pay the expense for generator
16 purchases that New York State OEM placed and OEM
17 anticipated \$350,000 would be charged to the
18 county. So my assumption is at some point,
19 although we haven't been billed for it yet, that
20 that's a charge that we will have to pay for.

21 MR. DELANEY: I didn't want to give us
22 everything I had in that one line. Again, we're
23 getting stuff in that we just didn't anticipate,
24 that's the problem. Bills are still coming in
25 from the center where we operated at; we're

2 getting bills from them. We knew they were
3 forthcoming but we didn't have the total impact.
4 It's an ongoing process.

5 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: And I understand
6 that. But we're transferring money from one line
7 to another and it's money that actually might
8 have to be spent for something else, that was
9 already spent for these generators.

10 MR. DELANEY: We're not going to take
11 the impact from those generators that I
12 anticipated. The state's not going to ask us for
13 that. If they were, they would have asked
14 already.

15 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: It's just in the
16 backup that's not what it says, so you can
17 understand why I'm asking questions about that.

18 Just to keep an eye on that, because I
19 expect that we're going to get a bill from the
20 state, but you seem to feel that we're not.

21 MR. DELANEY: I don't think we will. We
22 would've at this point. We would've gotten a
23 bill already.

24 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: There's nothing
25 more definitive other than you saying -- so

2 you're not anticipating that you're going to come
3 back to us for another 400,000 saying, whoops,
4 the bill came.

5 MR. DELANEY: All I can tell you is if
6 we have complications that we do need to pay that
7 can't be by that BB line that we didn't regularly
8 anticipate, I can't tell you what may land in our
9 laps tomorrow. I can't be 100 percent certain
10 and say we're not. We're trying to do the best
11 we can.

12 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: And we appreciate
13 that. I just wanted to question that particular
14 line.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator DeRiggi-
17 Whitton.

18 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Is Mr.
19 Walker still here or did he leave? I don't know
20 if you would be the one to question.

21 Is there any steps we have to make to do
22 this type of transfer? Because this was money
23 that the federal government gave us for a
24 specific reason.

25 MR. DELANEY: They didn't give us this

2 yet. This is our money. We have to get
3 reimbursed.

4 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: So
5 basically what we're transferring is not really
6 FEMA money, it's our money that was put into
7 these accounts with the anticipation of being --
8 okay. That would be better than transferring
9 federal money.

10 MR. DELANEY: Yeah.

11 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Do you know
12 what the term polling means?

13 MR. DELANEY: Yes.

14 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Can you
15 explain that to me?

16 MR. DELANEY: It kind of like says that
17 I have to beg Greg to ask you guys to do us a big
18 favor because something just wasn't done in the
19 proper amount of time that it should have been.

20 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: What is the
21 urgency?

22 MR. DELANEY: So we can pay our vendors
23 and make them whole. We do not want to stretch
24 this out any longer than we have to for two
25 reasons: one, we want to get all our expenses

2 together for FEMA; two, we want to keep our
3 vendors happy. If -- not even if -- probably
4 when this happens again to us, when we ask a
5 vendor to do something for us, they're going to
6 be there and they're not going to be, like, hey,
7 you didn't pay me last time for six months, why
8 should I do anything for you?

9 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: This might
10 be the wrong question. Are these all the vendors
11 that we owe money to?

12 MR. DELANEY: I'm sorry. What?

13 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Are these
14 all the vendors that we owe money to, this
15 400,000?

16 MR. DELANEY: It's going to be the vast
17 majority of them, yes.

18 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: So the ones
19 that we're not paying now -- how did we choose
20 these vendors to pay?

21 MR. DELANEY: I'm sorry?

22 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: How did we
23 choose these?

24 MR. DELANEY: Choose these vendors?

25 Mish mosh of how it was actually done. Some of

2 the stuff fell under the county's emergency
3 procurement guidelines, some stuff fell under
4 normal procurement guidelines.

5 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Basically,
6 what the 400,000, in your opinion, the majority
7 of the people that we owe money are going to be
8 paid with that 400,000?

9 MR. DELANEY: The majority.

10 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: The
11 majority of the vendors.

12 MR. DELANEY: The majority, yes.

13 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Just to be
14 covered, can we just have a list just so we know
15 who has been paid also out of this 400. It would
16 make us feel better about the whole transfer just
17 to know exactly who we're paying.

18 MR. DELANEY: Sure. Definitely.

19 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: I
20 appreciate it. Thank you very much.

21 MR. DELANEY: You're welcome.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Again, anything
23 you're providing to the minority, provide to the
24 majority also.

25 MR. DELANEY: Anything I give is going

2 to go to Greg.

3 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Okay.

4 MR. DELANEY: And Greg can channel it
5 that way.

6 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Now we're in
7 trouble.

8 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other
9 questions?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Thank you, Mr. Delaney.

12 MR. DELANEY: You're sure this time?

13 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Longer than you
14 thought, huh?

15 Any public comment?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 All in favor signify by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 Those opposed?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 The item passes unanimously.

22 Items 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, and
23 84-2013 are ordinances supplemental to the annual
24 appropriation ordinances in connection with the
25 Health Department and the Office of Housing and

2 Community Development.

3 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator
6 Walker, seconded by Legislator Venditto.

7 Most of these items, except for 84-13,
8 went through the Health Committee a few moments
9 ago.

10 Are there any questions on Items 76 to
11 84-2013?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Any public comment?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Legislator

16 Nicolello, could we just incorporate the
17 discussion from health into these minutes?

18 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Right.

19 (Whereupon, the following is the minutes
20 of the March 4, 2013 Health Committee meeting
21 pertaining to Clerk Items 76-13, 77-13, 78-13,
22 79-13, 80-13, 81-13, 82-13, 83-13.)

23 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: There are nine items
24 on the agenda today, the first is Clerk Item 76-
25 13, which is an ordinance supplemental to the

2 annual appropriation ordinance in connection with
3 the Health Department.

4 May I have a motion, please?

5 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

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

9 The item is before us.

10 Mr. May.

11 MR. MAY: Good afternoon, Madame
12 Chairwoman. Would we be able to call all the
13 items together? Ms. Ana Sousa from the Health
14 Department will be here for all of them.

15 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: We certainly can. I
16 was going to do that. Usually it ends up that
17 she speaks about each one individually. But if
18 you'd rather us call them all together.

19 MR. MAY: However you'd like. Your
20 choice. Ms. Ana Sousa is here to answer all the
21 items.

22 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: We'll call them all
23 together.

24 The next is Clerk Item 77-13, which is an
25 ordinance supplemental to the annual

2 appropriation ordinance in connection with the
3 Health Department.

4 Clerk Item 78-13, an ordinance
5 supplemental to the annual appropriation
6 ordinance in connection with the Health
7 Department.

8 79-13 is an ordinance supplemental to the
9 annual appropriation ordinance in connection with
10 the Health Department.

11 80-13, an ordinance supplemental to the
12 annual appropriation ordinance in connection with
13 the Health Department.

14 81-13 is an ordinance supplemental to the
15 annual appropriation ordinance in connection with
16 the Health Department.

17 82-13, an ordinance supplemental to the
18 annual appropriation ordinance in connection with
19 the Health Department.

20 83-13, an ordinance supplemental to the
21 annual appropriation ordinance in connection with
22 the Health Department.

23 99-13, an ordinance supplemental to the
24 annual appropriation ordinance in connection with
25 the Health Department.

2 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

3 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Second.

4 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: So moved by
5 Legislator Becker, seconded by Legislator Becker.

6 MS. SOUSA: Hi. Good afternoon. I'm
7 Anna Sousa, Deputy Commissioner for
8 Administration.

9 With regards to Item 76-13, this is a
10 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
11 \$7,130. It's for the children with special care
12 needs grant. This is basically a cost of living
13 adjustment award that was recently granted by the
14 New York State Department of Health. It's just
15 to add onto the original funding. So, in total
16 now, we're going to have a total funding of
17 \$96,027 for this grant.

18 Any questions?

19 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions from
20 the legislators? Legislator Becker.

21 LEGISLATOR BECKER: For special needs
22 children?

23 MS. SOUSA: Yes.

24 LEGISLATOR BECKER: And what
25 specifically is that?

2 MS. SOUSA: Specifically what this grant
3 does -- or program, it provides information and
4 referral to families of children up to the age of
5 21 who have a medical diagnosis and who may have
6 special care needs. This program links the
7 families with these children to needed services
8 in the community and facilitates access to health
9 care coverage.

10 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Do we have one
11 vendor or one organization that we would
12 appropriate that money to to do that or that to
13 help supplement the county itself?

14 MS. SOUSA: This particular grant is to
15 cover for salaries of early intervention service
16 coordinators that meet with the families --

17 LEGISLATOR BECKER: And who work for the
18 county, I gather?

19 MS. SOUSA: Yes.

20 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Thank you very much.

21 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other
22 legislators?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Any public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

2 Item 77-13.

3 MS. SOUSA: This item is a supplemental
4 appropriation in the amount of \$146,133 for the
5 comprehensive Prenatal/Peri-Natal Services
6 network. The mission of this network is to
7 improve birth outcomes and reduce infant
8 mortality in Nassau County. This is a network of
9 over 40 agencies who work together to improve
10 birth outcomes. It's accomplished through
11 outreach, needs assessment, advocacy, education,
12 and coordinating delivery of services. It serves
13 all of Nassau County, but specifically focuses on
14 Roosevelt, Hempstead Village, Uniondale, Inwood,
15 Freeport, and Westbury/New Cassel.

16 It's an amendment for an additional nine
17 months; we've been extended. It will take us
18 through September 30, 2013. It basically covers
19 for staff of two and a half FTEs.

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Have we seen
21 positive outcomes from this?

22 MS. SOUSA: Yes, we have. The goal is
23 to have positive birth outcomes, and the reports
24 based on the outreach, yes, we are seeing
25 improvement.

2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay. Thank you.

3 Any other questions or comments from the
4 legislators?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Any public comment?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 LEGISLATOR TROIANO: I'm sorry.

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator Troiano.

10 LEGISLATOR TROIANO: Thank you for
11 mentioning that. I think you said most of the
12 money or much of the money is distributed to some
13 of the minority communities in Nassau County. Do
14 you know how much of the 149,000 goes to those
15 communities, 146,000?

16 MS. SOUSA: Actually, it goes to cover
17 the salaries of the health employees that
18 participated in network and make sure there is
19 outreach, education, and dissemination to these
20 communities. So it's really to cover for
21 salaries, it's not to disseminate to the
22 communities.

23 LEGISLATOR TROIANO: Apparently you've
24 done some tracking to determine that those
25 numbers in the network I guess are based in those

2 communities.

3 MS. SOUSA: Yes. Yes. I don't have it
4 with me, but if it's something that you would
5 like to get more information on, I would be more
6 than happy to supply it.

7 LEGISLATOR TROIANO: I would like to see
8 that. Thank you.

9 MS. SOUSA: Okay.

10 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you very much.
11 If you could get back to the committee, as a
12 whole.

13 MS. SOUSA: Okay.

14 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: No other questions
15 or comments on 77-13?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 78-13.

18 MS. SOUSA: 78-13 is a supplemental
19 appropriation in the amount of \$19,894 for our
20 rabies programs. This is a program that is run
21 by New York State Department of Health, and it is
22 mandated by New York State Public Health Law.
23 The primary objective is to protect the residents
24 of Nassau County from rabies. And the funding
25 provides rabies post-exposure treatment and

2 preparation and shipment of animal specimens to
3 New York State facilities. It is one year of a
4 five year renewal.

5 Just to let you know, fortunately we have
6 had -- in 2012 we had 162 specimens sent to the
7 state and 82 residents were recommended for post-
8 exposure.

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you.

10 Any questions? Legislator Bosworth.

11 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Thank you. Hi.
12 Good afternoon.

13 Just a question about the expenditures
14 covered in the grant. In the backup it shows
15 that the county will be using the grant to cover
16 salaries and fringes. So I just was curious if
17 salaries and fringes are considered
18 administrative expenses, because I know in some
19 grants administrative expenses are disallowed.
20 So I just wanted to know how that pertains to
21 this grant.

22 MS. SOUSA: Just let me look at the
23 details.

24 It is my understanding that it is for
25 salary and fringe, the salaries for the

2 individuals that do take care of the specimens,
3 in preparing them for upstate. With regards to
4 the other expenses, I believe it's to cover for
5 the supplies with regards to dealing with the
6 specimens - shipping the specimens upstate and
7 also the waste management of having to haul out
8 the rest of the body, the animal bodies.

9 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: If I could just
10 ask for when we get to Full Leg if I could just
11 have more information about where it says in the
12 grant that salaries and fringes are disallowed or
13 if it doesn't say that.

14 MS. SOUSA: Okay.

15 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: If you could just
16 check, more specifically.

17 MS. SOUSA: Okay.

18 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: I appreciate that.

19 MS. SOUSA: Sure. No problem.

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other questions
21 or comments? Legislator Troiano.

22 LEGISLATOR TROIANO: Thank you.

23 Have we received an awards letter at this
24 point?

25 MS. SOUSA: For this particular grant, I

2 believe we have. It says that we have -- it's
3 not so much an award letter, but it's an award e-
4 mail that we did receive.

5 LEGISLATOR TROIANO: And it specifies
6 the final amount?

7 MS. SOUSA: It specifies an annual
8 amount of \$19,893.48. It also specifies the
9 total for five years. This is part of a five
10 year award that we've received of \$99,467.40.

11 LEGISLATOR TROIANO: Thank you.

12 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any public comment?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 Item 79-13.

15 MS. SOUSA: Item 79-13 is in regards to
16 a supplemental appropriation in the amount of
17 \$535,000 for the Tuberculosis prevention and
18 control program. This is 100 percent grant
19 funded through the New York State Department of
20 Health.

21 The TB program provides comprehensive
22 services to protect the public from the spread of
23 TB. Services include surveillance, case
24 management, directly observed therapy and
25 education to ensure patient compliance with

2 medication therapy.

3 Last year we served, in terms of clients,
4 we made 4,000 visits. We had approximately 33
5 cases identified in the county last year.

6 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thirty-three you
7 said?

8 MS. SOUSA: Yes, 33.

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions?
10 Legislator Bosworth.

11 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Just really an
12 informational question. Is 33 cases more or less
13 than usual or pretty much what you usually see?

14 MS. SOUSA: It's similar to 2011. It's
15 on the downtick from 2010 where we had 43 cases.
16 So we had 43 in 2010, 29 in 2011, and 33 in 2012.

17 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Thank you.

18 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Do we know how many
19 we've had to this point this year?

20 MS. SOUSA: No. I don't have that
21 information, but I can certainly get it for you.

22 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you.

23 Any other questions or concerns?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Any public comment?

2 (No verbal response.)

3 Item 80-13.

4 MS. SOUSA: 80-13 is in regards to a
5 supplemental appropriation for \$8,489,985. This
6 is funds that we are receiving from the federal
7 government for the Ryan White Part A Program.
8 The government provides these funds for the
9 comprehensive health and social services for
10 people living with HIV and AIDS in Nassau and
11 Suffolk Counties.

12 Nassau County, through an inter-
13 governmental agreement with Suffolk, is the
14 designated grantee. This award includes \$433,336
15 of funds for the minority AIDS initiative. And
16 the purpose of these funds is to evaluate and
17 address the disproportionate impact on HIV/AIDS
18 and the disparities in access, treatment, care,
19 and outcomes for the racial and ethnic
20 minorities.

21 In total, we have 4,700 clients were
22 served in the 2012/2013 grant year, and it is
23 expected to be the same amount served for this
24 ongoing grant year.

25 The grant also allows for five percent

2 administration cost, and we use that fund to
3 cover part of the staff salary that administers
4 this grant.

5 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Carrie.

6 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Good afternoon.

7 MS. SOUSA: Hi.

8 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Nice to see you.
9 Thank you for being here today.

10 The first question I have for you is,
11 first, have we received an actual award letter
12 from the federal government on this program?

13 MS. SOUSA: With regards to this one, we
14 have not received an actual awards letter, it's
15 forthcoming. We are putting through the
16 appropriation in order to continue services to
17 the existing HIV/AIDS clients. But it is
18 forthcoming. We are expecting it. This is a
19 program that we had for multiple years, so we
20 don't foresee that there be a turndown of the
21 award.

22 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Do we know if we're
23 being funded at the highest level, that is the
24 eligible metropolitan area, or the lower level,
25 the transitional grant area?

2 MS. SOUSA: That I don't know. I would
3 have to get back to you.

4 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Okay. So when your
5 office does receive the award letter, if you
6 could please provide to the minority caucus and
7 also my legislative office a copy of the award
8 letter and specific information as to which
9 level, that would be very, very, very helpful.

10 Do we know the full level - excuse me -
11 the full amount of the grant?

12 MS. SOUSA: I believe this is the full
13 amount. This is the annual award.

14 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: And of that amount,
15 which percentage or what number can we say is
16 being dedicated to Districts 1, that is the
17 district represented by Kevan Abrahams, my
18 colleague, District 2, Legislator Robert Troiano,
19 and District 3, yours truly. What percentage or
20 what number of the funding is going to those
21 areas?

22 MS. SOUSA: Unfortunately, I don't have
23 those details, but I will be more than happy to
24 share it with out, along with the award letter
25 and the information that you asked for.

2 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you. As a
3 point of order, my legislative office, on
4 February 14, was able to have a very successful
5 AIDS forum. I have a copy of the press release,
6 which also has a link to the YouTube footage of
7 the entire forum. I would also like to provide a
8 copy to yourself and to your office. I think
9 it's very important to realize that the minority
10 community has never left crisis mode when it has
11 come to this issue, although the CDC has had a
12 change in the classification of HIV/AIDS from
13 chronic -- excuse me -- from life threatening now
14 to a chronic disease. It's very important that
15 we continue to raise awareness and continue to
16 raise resources for prevention methods. I would
17 like to share that with your office. And if you
18 could please advise which other agencies or
19 offices we could share that with as well, that
20 would be great and helpful. And if you could
21 please send information to my office.

22 And I would also like to thank Legislator
23 Delia DeRiggi-Whitton for allowing me the time.
24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: If I could just ask

2 you to provide that information to the entire
3 committee.

4 MS. SOUSA: Okay. No problem.

5 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Is there any public
6 comment?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Item Number 81-13.

9 MS. SOUSA: 81-13 is a supplemental
10 appropriation for the HIV surveillance and
11 partner notification program, in the amount of
12 \$287,255. This program is funded through a grant
13 from the New York State Department of Health.
14 New York State Law mandates laboratories and
15 health care providers to report all individuals
16 with HIV infection to the Health Department.

17 The law requires health departments to
18 notify partners and contacts of their exposure to
19 HIV. Other components of the program include
20 risk reduction counseling, testing, and linkage
21 to medical evaluation and care, as well as social
22 mental health referrals, as needed. Services
23 also include health education to at-risk
24 populations, and no cost confidential counseling
25 and testing, as well as linking those individuals

2 to the full range of medical and support
3 services.

4 In 2012, we had 91 new cases, as well as
5 99 partner notification assignments.

6 This particular funding is for the first
7 year of a five-year grant program that just was
8 awarded on a competitive basis. So that was good
9 news for us, that we were able to get it.

10 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator Bosworth.

11 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: I think Carrie
12 made the compelling point that unfortunately AIDS
13 is alive and well --

14 MS. SOUSA: Yes.

15 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: in our county as
16 well as in so many other places.

17 This grant, does this program obligate
18 the county to provide testing services for
19 HIV/AIDS?

20 MS. SOUSA: What we do is we refer them
21 to the clinics for testing services. If, in the
22 event that they are not able to get quick
23 testing, we will be able to draw the blood in and
24 send it up to New York State or Wodsworth
25 (phonetic) Laboratory.

2 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Our clinical
3 health lab, that's still closed, isn't it?

4 MS. SOUSA: Yes. Anything that is
5 drawn, we refer it up to New York State. We also
6 refer them to the NUMC clinics in order to be
7 able to get that service there.

8 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Is there any sense
9 of when our clinical health lab might be
10 reopening?

11 MS. SOUSA: Not at this point.

12 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Thank you.

13 MS. SOUSA: You're welcome.

14 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Other legislators?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Any public comment?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Item 82-13.

19 MS. SOSUA: 82-13 is a supplemental
20 appropriation in the amount of \$154,733 for the
21 community health worker program. Again, this is
22 funded through a New York State Department of
23 Health grant. This program provides case
24 management and advocacy services for at-risk
25 pregnant women and their families in the Village

2 of Hempstead and the community of Roosevelt.
3 Outreach to pregnant women includes visiting
4 churches, local agencies, and street outreach.
5 The home based case management service is well
6 structured and comprehensive. Clients receive
7 information and referral assistance, coordination
8 of services, education, advocacy, and crisis or
9 emergency intervention.

10 We track our client's attendance to
11 scheduled prenatal care appointments. We make
12 sure that they keep all of their appointments.
13 The goal is to ensure that babies born to mothers
14 go to full term and are at least a minimum of
15 five and a half pounds birth weight.

16 We, right now, have an annual caseload of
17 170 clients. This grant is actually a nine month
18 extension, which will take us to September 30.

19 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any comments from
20 the legislators?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Any comment on 81-13?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I'm just going to
25 backup because someone did have a question about

2 80-13.

3 MS. DIAMOND: I have a comment on all
4 the grants that we're talking about.

5 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay.

6 MS. DIAMOND: Tina Diamond, Farmingdale,
7 New York.

8 I just want to know that these grants are
9 not affected by the sequester that's in place and
10 they will be forthcoming from the government
11 agencies that are giving us these grants.

12 MS. SOUSA: We haven't received -- this
13 one is from New York State so it's not coming
14 from the federal. It's not a pass-thru. It's
15 from New York State. And we have not received
16 notification this was going to be impacted.

17 MS. DIAMOND: Okay. Thank you.

18 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you. And I
19 apologize I didn't see your hand raised before.

20 Item Number 82-13.

21 MS. SOUSA: We just went over 82-13.

22 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I'm sorry. I
23 apologize.

24 83-13.

25 MS. SOUSA: 83-13 is a supplemental

2 appropriation in the amount of \$53,277 for the
3 child, family and safety grant. This is 100
4 percent grant funded through the New York State
5 Office of Children and Family Services.

6 The child fatality review team reviews
7 all deaths of children who reside and die in
8 Nassau County and whose death is unexplained for
9 or unexpected. The review is done in order to
10 better understand the causes of childhood deaths
11 in the county and then to make recommendations
12 based on the findings to reduce future
13 preventable child fatalities.

14 The grant was initially awarded in 2007.
15 This particular appropriation and funding is to
16 tag on another six month extension to the grant
17 that will take us through July 31, 2013.

18 Just the last point to add. In 2012
19 there were 12 child fatality cases that were
20 reviewed.

21 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: That was 2012?

22 MS. SOUSA: 2012. It was a decrease
23 over the past four years. So we started off with
24 18 in 2009 and in 2012 it was 12 cases.

25 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Certainly 12 too

2 many.

3 MS. SOUSA: Absolutely.

4 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other
5 legislators?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Any public comment?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 (Whereupon, the following is the
10 continuation of the minutes of the March 4, 2013
11 Finance Committee meeting.)

12 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any questions?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 Any public comment?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 All in favor signify by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 Those opposed?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Those items carry unanimously.

21 Items 85-2013, 86, 87, 88-2013, are all
22 resolutions to authorize transfer of
23 appropriations heretofore made within the budget
24 for the year 2013, relating to health, emergency
25 management, asset forfeiture, and the medical

2 examiner's office.

3 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator
6 Muscarella, seconded by Legislator Walker.

7 Any questions on these four items?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 Any public comment?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 Those items carry unanimously.

14 Item 89-2013 is a resolution authorizing
15 the county executive to execute a grant agreement
16 between the County of Nassau, acting on behalf of
17 the Parks Department, and the Long Island
18 Children's Museum.

19 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: So moved.

20 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator
22 Venditto, seconded by Legislator Walker.

23 Any questions on 89-13?

24 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: I do.

25 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator

2 Denenberg.

3 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: The backup says
4 that this is for the -- this is hotel/motel tax
5 money, correct?

6 MR. MAY: That is correct.

7 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: And it goes to
8 the Children's Museum for early childhood public
9 programming, framed and related public
10 programming, family performance programming. Are
11 we using this money because it benefits all
12 residents of Nassau County, all children, or is
13 this for like an early childhood program just for
14 people that pay to use it as well? What made us
15 choose this as an effective use of hotel/motel
16 tax?

17 MS. KREIB: Eileen Kreib, Parks
18 Department. Annually, we give a stipend to the
19 Long Island Children's Museum for their
20 programming, and this is the program that they've
21 proposed this year. It's actually used to
22 provide materials, as such, for their
23 programming. So they're not using it actually as
24 a tuition type thing, it's really for the
25 materials and bringing in the guests for the

2 programming. That's what the program is.

3 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: And we're
4 satisfied that they let everyone know that this
5 is what's available?

6 MS. KREIB: They advertise their
7 programs, yes.

8 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: My only concern
9 is that I think, if I'm not mistaken, to access
10 this you sort of -- you have to pay to go into
11 the Children's Museum itself. Although it's a
12 great museum and a lot of people pay to use it --

13 MS. KREIB: A lot of their programs are
14 used by their members, correct.

15 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: some people, at
16 least in my district, can't really afford the
17 price of admission.

18 MS. KREIB: But they do offer
19 scholarships to the children who aren't able to
20 pay their funds. So they have another program
21 that would allow that application to be
22 considered.

23 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Do we fund that
24 program too?

25 MS. KREIB: Yes.

2 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: And that's just
3 not in this grant?

4 MS. KREIB: No. Our grant is only
5 covering what you see listed on here for
6 \$100,000. It doesn't buy a lot for the
7 programming that they offer to the public.

8 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Okay. Maybe you
9 could show me at some other point what that other
10 grant is.

11 MS. KREIB: What their other grants are?

12 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Well, the one
13 that would allow people to use these services if
14 they can't afford it.

15 MS. KREIB: I can talk to Suzanne
16 LeBlanc, and I will get that for you. She's the
17 director of the Children's Museum.

18 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: I don't know if
19 you've checked out the price lately but it's not
20 cheap to go into the Children's Museum.

21 Thanks.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other
23 questions?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Any public comment?

2 (No verbal response.)

3 Thank you, Ms. Kreib.

4 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Those opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 It carries unanimously.

9 Items 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95-2013, are
10 ordinances supplemental to the annual
11 appropriation ordinance in connection with the
12 Traffic Safety Board at Nassau Community College.

13 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator
16 Muscarella, seconded by Legislator Walker.

17 These items went through the Public
18 Safety and Government Services Committee a few
19 moments ago.

20 Items 90 to 95, are there any questions?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Hearing no questions, is there any public
23 comment on these items?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

2 (Aye.)

3 Carries unanimously.

4 Item 96 and 97-2013 are ordinances
5 supplemental to the annual appropriation
6 ordinance in connection with the Department of
7 Parks, Recreation and Museums.

8 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator
11 Walker, seconded by Legislator Muscarella.

12 Mr. May is anyone here to speak about
13 these items?

14 MR. MAY: Yes. We have Ms. Eileen Kreib
15 from the Parks Department.

16 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: 96 and 97, Ms.
17 Kreib, can you just briefly explain what these
18 items are?

19 MS. KREIB: Yes. Eileen Kreib from the
20 Parks Department.

21 These two items that are before you are
22 for the 2012 funds that we've received through
23 the Hotel/Motel Tax Law. They're presently been
24 received and being re-categorized to the Parks
25 Department. The two appropriations are dividing

2 them, per the law, into historic structures and
3 the other larger portion, 75 percent of the total
4 100 percent that's received that goes to the
5 Parks Department.

6 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: What type of
7 programs does the one relating to the Parks
8 Department fund?

9 MS. KREIB: It promotes cultural
10 advancement of Nassau County and the
11 marketability to enhance tourism. So a lot of
12 the concerts and different events that take place
13 at Lakeside Theater is an example of those type
14 of cultural activities.

15 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: I saw that in the
16 backup, the concerts. Anything else? This seems
17 like a lot of money.

18 MS. KREIB: We supplement a lot of the
19 programs that are offered at different museums,
20 mostly in the entertainment area, film industry,
21 that type of thing. We enhance any type of a
22 program. Small amounts to a lot of different
23 groups in different parts of Nassau County.

24 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: This was from the
25 monies collected in 2012?

2 MS. KREIB: 2012, yes.

3 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: And is has this
4 traditionally been something that we've done with
5 our hotel/motel tax money?

6 MS. KREIB: Yes. It's not more than
7 what we've done, it's what the legislation
8 dictates. The legislation is very clear on how
9 the money is divided and spent, and that's how we
10 approve different contracts.

11 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Okay.

12 Are there any other questions?

13 Legislator Denenberg.

14 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Thank you. The
15 item states that 400,000 of this 2.9 million will
16 be used towards salaries and about 2.4 to 2.5
17 million is for contractual details -- I mean
18 contractual services. The 400-plus thousand, can
19 you give me a detail of what salaries -- whose
20 salary is being covered by this?

21 MS. KREIB: The salaries that are
22 covered are salaries that are allocated to the
23 event that happening. If Nassau County Parks
24 Department staff is overseeing the event, say, at
25 Lakeside for a concern that is happening on a

2 Saturday night, that salary is being placed
3 through the hotel/motel.

4 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Who does the
5 allocation? Is there some backup?

6 MS. KREIB: It's based on the person's
7 salary rate that they normally would get. It's
8 funded from hotel/motel as opposed from
9 operating. Because it's additional hours.

10 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Okay. I gotcha.
11 But I'll repeat my question. Who does the
12 allocation?

13 MS. KREIB: The payroll department.

14 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: The payroll
15 department does this allocation?

16 MS. KREIB: At the Parks Department,
17 yeah. It's the funding source that they use --

18 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: How much -- now
19 the contractual services then we pay to whatever
20 entity or organization is providing the program
21 or the service?

22 MS. KREIB: Correct.

23 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So it could be to
24 the band performing a concern, the theater doing
25 a show.

2 MS. KREIB: Correct.

3 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Can we get that
4 broken down?

5 MS. KREIB: The salaries? Yes.

6 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: I want the
7 salaries broken down. I would like the
8 contractual services broken down. So we must
9 enter into contracts with whatever band performed
10 the concert, whatever theater performed a show.

11 MS. KREIB: Correct.

12 We'll be coming to you soon for the
13 summer theater, which I've been here before,
14 where it's a few hundred thousand dollars for the
15 entertainment at Lakeside Theater, for example.

16 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: What I'm asking
17 for for this appropriation, this 2.9 million, I'd
18 like to see what salaries are being covered and
19 what services are getting this money. It's 2.4
20 to \$2.5 million worth of services; as Legislator
21 Nicolello mentioned, it's a lot LEGISLATOR FORD:
22 money. I just want to see how much is being
23 allocated to whom and for what event.

24 MS. KREIB: For today, the \$100,000 to
25 the Child's Museum is part of that 2.9. The

2 Cradle are partners. We pay a lot of the
3 hotel/motel services to stipend those museums.
4 So, for example, today, the one that was just
5 passed for the 100,000 is out of that amount.
6 I've been before you with the Museums at Mitchel;
7 that comes from that amount.

8 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Okay.

9 MS. KREIB: So it adds up pretty
10 quickly.

11 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So it should be
12 no problem to give me, on this item before it
13 goes to Full, a breakdown of how much money is
14 being allocated to which contract, to which
15 service provider, and to which salary.

16 MS. KREIB: Yeah. They're pretty large
17 ticket items, so we can show you.

18 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: How much, if any,
19 is going to the Friends of Nassau Recreation?

20 MS. KREIB: None that I know of.

21 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: None that you
22 know of?

23 MS. KREIB: Yeah.

24 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: This would come -
25 - I think Full is March 25, right? March 18. I

2 would have missed it. You blew it. You blew it.
3 Now that I've ruined Legislator Nicoletto's day.

4 I would definitely want -- I'm sorry. I
5 definitely would like to see how that 400,000 in
6 salaries are broken down and just as important,
7 if not more, the allocation of which service
8 provider is getting the 2.5 million for which
9 event.

10 MS. KREIB: Fine.

11 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: I want it
12 sometime before the 18th.

13 MS. KREIB: Okay.

14 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Thanks.

15 MS. KREIB: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
17 Bosworth.

18 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: I don't recall
19 seeing this large a number come before us in a
20 very, very long time. It brings to mind again
21 the questions that we've asked about the advisory
22 committee. At one point there was an advisory
23 committee for the hotel/motel tax that met and
24 every project that was awarded, in a bipartisan
25 way, because there were members from both sides

2 of the aisle on this committee and they weighed
3 in on where this money should go and for what
4 projects.

5 I know that the county attorney has
6 opined that it's not necessary for these projects
7 to go before an advisory committee and the only
8 projects that need to go before it are for
9 Bethpage. So my question is, and we're going to
10 ask for this again, for a legal opinion about
11 this advisory committee, whether it really is,
12 according to the Hotel/Motel Law, saying that
13 these things need to go before an advisory
14 committee.

15 The other thing I'd like to ask is since
16 his initial response was that only things having
17 to do with the Old Bethpage project have to go
18 before this advisory committee, has the advisory
19 committee even met in the last two years?

20 MS. KREIB: No, they have not met. The
21 money that was allocated for Bethpage Village had
22 been approved and it's been spent prior to that,
23 and since then we haven't done any new projects
24 there.

25 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: So it seems

2 problematic to me that there's an advisory
3 committee that doesn't meet and we're dealing
4 with such large amounts of money. So I would
5 again, you know, request for a legal opinion
6 about this.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: I'm being told that
8 there was already a legal opinion on this and
9 that the county attorney's opinion was that the
10 advisory committee was only authorized to meet
11 with respect to Old Bethpage. We can look for it
12 between now and --

13 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: If you would, I
14 would appreciate it.

15 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Okay.

16 Any other questions?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Any public comment?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Thank you, Ms. Kreib.

21 MS. KREIB: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: All those in favor
23 signify by saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Those opposed?

2 (No verbal response.)

3 Carries unanimously.

4 Item 98-13, 99-13, 100-13, 101-13, are
5 all ordinances supplemental to the annual
6 appropriation in connection with the district
7 attorney's office, Department of Health, Office
8 of Housing and Community Development, and police
9 department.

10 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator
13 Walker, seconded by Legislator Venditto.

14 Are there any questions about these four
15 items?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Hearing none, is there any public
18 comment?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 Those four carry unanimously.

23 I'm going to call the next three -- 102,
24 104, and 105, these include resolutions to
25 authorize the transfer of appropriations

2 heretofore made within the budget for the year
3 2013, and ordinances supplemental to the annual
4 appropriation ordinance in connection with the
5 Traffic Safety Board. The Traffic Safety Board
6 supplemental appropriations went through the
7 Public Safety Committee earlier on. We ask that
8 those committee minutes be incorporated by
9 reference.

10 (Whereupon, the following is the minutes
11 of the March 4, 2013 Public Safety Committee
12 meeting pertaining to Clerk Items 104-13 and 105-
13 13.)

14 The first item to come before us -- and I
15 think we're going to call them all while he's
16 here -- is Item 90-13, 91-13, 92-13, 93-13, 94-
17 13, 104-13, and 105-13. They were all ordinances
18 supplemental to the annual appropriation
19 ordinances in connection with the Traffic Safety
20 Board. Every one of these reads the same.

21 Who do we have from the Traffic Safety
22 Board?

23 MR. MAY: We have Mr. Chris Mistron.

24 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Thank you.

25 Can I have a motion on these items?

2 LEGISLATOR BELESI: So moved.

3 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by Joe Belesi,
5 seconded by Mike Venditto.

6 Chris, would you give us one at a time,
7 of course.

8 MR. MISTRON: It's been a while since
9 I've been before the board, but I think we'll
10 more than make up for that today.

11 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Okay.

12 MR. MISTRON: Christopher Mistron,
13 Traffic Safety, Stop DWI Coordinator, Traffic
14 Safety Board.

15 The first one, 90-13, Traffic Safety was
16 able to secure a Buckle-Up grant for enforcement
17 purposes in the amount of \$103,500 for the
18 enforcement of the primary Buckle-Up Law. The
19 money is being distributed to both the Nassau
20 County Police Department and the various police
21 agencies. The budget is actually on the last
22 page. The distribution was based on historic
23 enforcement rates that each of the departments
24 did. The program itself is actually targeting a
25 specific two week period of May 20 through June 2

2 of this year.

3 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: That's pass-thru money.

4 MR. MISTRON: That's all pass-thru
5 money, everything we're doing is.

6 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Okay. 91.

7 MR. MISTRON: 91 happens to be a \$4,000
8 grant for child passenger safety. What it allows
9 is for the mobile use of the traffic safety
10 programs within the different legislative
11 districts and throughout the county for child
12 safety seat inspections.

13 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Okay. Terrific. 92-
14 13.

15 MR. MISTRON: 92 is revenues that are
16 actually received in 2012 that we're asking for a
17 supplemental to be able to be used for additional
18 expenses of a supervisor in the district
19 attorney's office, to be able to pay for that, as
20 well as to do billable hours for my department,
21 itself, in terms of providing services of DWI.

22 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: And that's additional
23 monies that we have; that's not additional taxes.

24 MR. MISTRON: That is correct.

25 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Okay. 93-13.

2 MR. MISTRON: I'm sorry. Please forgive
3 me. That was 93. 92 I didn't have on me. I am
4 sorry for that.

5 92 was the -- just bear with me. I'm
6 sorry. I went out of order. Forgive me.

7 92 was actually 35,000 for the
8 handicapped grant. What happens is that fine
9 money collected for handicapped, \$40 of it comes
10 to traffic safety for purposes of setting up
11 educational programs for handicapped education,
12 as well as we utilize the money for special needs
13 programs within vehicles. So that was 92.

14 93 was the Stop DWI Program for 91,000.
15 Forgive me for that.

16 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Okay. 94.

17 MR. MISTRON: 94, we were able to secure
18 grants, what called a STEP Grant, Selective
19 Traffic Enforcement Program, of \$140,850. This
20 particular money is used for enforcement agencies
21 throughout the county, including the County PD,
22 for purposes of enforcing aggressive driving or
23 high-risk behavior, such as speeding, failure to
24 yield right away, cell phone laws, and texting
25 laws.

2 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Very good. 104.

3 MR. MISTRON: 104 is actually the monies
4 for the Stop DWI Program for 2013. The monies
5 are monies that come in as fines from DWIs. It's
6 a self-funding program. We actually will be
7 having a starting off balance. Once we close out
8 2011 completely, we will be moving over \$480,000
9 to give start-up monies for the DWI. The budget
10 is such that it funds several things, including
11 enforcement, NCPD as well as local villages,
12 funds the prosecution through the district
13 attorney for funding several ADAs, jail programs,
14 rehabilitation, it funds the probation
15 department, as well as contractual services which
16 are for school programs, vendors, and vendors
17 that will provide services for DWI, as I said,
18 primarily for school programs, which includes
19 Athletes Helping Athletes and the
20 Bellmore/Merrick program.

21 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Excellent. Final, 105.

22 MR. MISTRON: 105, in doing research,
23 the New York State Stop DWI Coordinators
24 Association was offering grants to various
25 counties for purposes of targeted special date

2 enforcement. I was able to secure 39,400 for use
3 by both our County PD and village PD to set up
4 specific partnerships on specific days. So, for
5 instance, in the Great Neck area we have
6 Kensington, Kings Point, Great Neck Estates, and
7 the Third Precinct North. We are going to be
8 coordinating special enforcement between those
9 agencies to kind of create a Great Neck Peninsula
10 for DWI patrols. We're going to choose one of
11 the holidays, whether it be Memorial or July 4.

12 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Excellent. All seven
13 of these items, not one is additional taxes to
14 the public of Nassau County.

15 Are there any questions on 90-13, 91, 92,
16 93, 94, 104, and 105-13? Any questions for Mr.
17 Chris Mistrion? Mr. Denenberg.

18 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Thank you.

19 Chris - Mr. Mistrion, sorry, in each of
20 these cases we've been administering these
21 programs and the grant funds for the last several
22 years, correct?

23 MR. MISTRION: Some of these, in terms of
24 the enforcement grants, some of these actually go
25 back to 1982. In the cases of the Buckle Up,

2 that's 15 years; STEP is 10 years. So, yes, it's
3 been a number of years that Traffic Safety has
4 been administering these grants.

5 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: In terms of the
6 administration, aside from probably doing more
7 since we really understand how to stretch a
8 dollar, in terms of the administration and such.
9 All the grant money ends up going to the programs
10 themselves, right?

11 MR. MISTRON: That is correct.

12 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any other questions
14 from any other legislator?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Any public comment?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 There being none, all in favor of all
19 seven of these items indicate by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Any against?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 All seven pass.

24 (Whereupon, the following is the
25 continuation of the minutes of the March 4, 2013

2 Finance Committee meeting.)

3 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Are there any
4 questions about these items?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Any public comment?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 Those opposed?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Carries unanimously.

13 Moved by Legislator Walker, seconded by
14 Legislator Venditto.

15 All in favor signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Those opposed?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 Carries unanimously.

20 Items 111, 112, and 113-2013 are
21 resolutions to authorize the county assessor of
22 Nassau County and/or the county treasurer and/or
23 the receiver of taxes of the Town of Hempstead
24 and North Hempstead to partially exempt from real
25 property taxation certain real properties located

2 in various school districts.

3 113 doesn't really fit but we will call
4 it also. 113 is a resolution making certain
5 determinations pursuant to SEQRA and authorizing
6 the county executive on behalf of the County of
7 Nassau to acquire certain premises located in
8 Uniondale.

9 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator
12 Walker, seconded by Legislator Venditto.

13 Item 113-2013 went through Planning
14 before and the other two are new.

15 Any questions about these three items?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Any public comment?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 All in favor signify by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Those opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Those items carry unanimously.

24 Motion to adjourn by Legislator

25 Muscarella, seconded by Legislator Walker.

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2 All in favor signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 The motion carries.

5 (Whereupon, the Finance Committee

6 adjourned at 4:48 p.m.)

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