

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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2 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Public Safety Committee
3 members please find your seats. I'll act as
4 clerk.

5 Legislator Wayne Wink?

6 LEGISLATOR WINK: Here.

7 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Dave
8 Denenberg?

9 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Here.

10 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Joe
11 Scannell, ranking member?

12 LEGISLATOR SCANNELL: Here.

13 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Michael
14 Venditto?

15 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Here.

16 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Denise Ford?

17 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

18 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator and Vice
19 Chairman Joseph Belesi?

20 LEGISLATOR BELESI: Here.

21 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: And I am here. We have
22 a quorum.

23 The first item to come before us -- and I
24 think we're going to call them all while he's
25 here -- is Item 90-13, 91-13, 92-13, 93-13, 94-

2 13, 104-13, and 105-13. They were all ordinances
3 supplemental to the annual appropriation
4 ordinances in connection with the Traffic Safety
5 Board. Every one of these reads the same.

6 Who do we have from the Traffic Safety
7 Board?

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

9 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Thank you.

10 Can I have a motion on these items?

11 LEGISLATOR BELESI: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by Joe Belesi,
14 seconded by Mike Venditto.

15 Chris, would you give us one at a time,
16 of course.

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

20 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Okay.

21 MR. MISTRON: Christopher Mistron,
22 Traffic Safety, Stop DWI Coordinator, Traffic
23 Safety Board.

24 The first one, 90-13, Traffic Safety was
25 able to secure a Buckle-Up grant for enforcement

2 purposes in the amount of \$103,500 for the
3 enforcement of the primary Buckle-Up Law. The
4 money is being distributed to both the Nassau
5 County Police Department and the various police
6 agencies. The budget is actually on the last
7 page. The distribution was based on historic
8 enforcement rates that each of the departments
9 did. The program itself is actually targeting a
10 specific two week period of May 20 through June 2
11 of this year.

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

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

15 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Okay. 91.

16 MR. MISTRON: 91 happens to be a \$4,000
17 grant for child passenger safety. What it allows
18 is for the mobile use of the traffic safety
19 programs within the different legislative
20 districts and throughout the county for child
21 safety seat inspections.

22 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Okay. Terrific. 92-
23 13.

24 MR. MISTRON: 92 is revenues that are
25 actually received in 2012 that we're asking for a

2 supplemental to be able to be used for additional
3 expenses of a supervisor in the district
4 attorney's office, to be able to pay for that, as
5 well as to do billable hours for my department,
6 itself, in terms of providing services of DWI.

7 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: And that's additional
8 monies that we have; that's not additional taxes.

9 MR. MISTRON: That is correct.

10 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Okay. 93-13.

11 MR. MISTRON: I'm sorry. Please forgive
12 me. That was 93. 92 I didn't have on me. I am
13 sorry for that.

14 92 was the -- just bear with me. I'm
15 sorry. I went out of order. Forgive me.

16 92 was actually 35,000 for the
17 handicapped grant. What happens is that fine
18 money collected for handicapped, \$40 of it comes
19 to traffic safety for purposes of setting up
20 educational programs for handicapped education,
21 as well as we utilize the money for special needs
22 programs within vehicles. So that was 92.

23 93 was the Stop DWI Program for 91,000.
24 Forgive me for that.

25 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Okay. 94.

2 MR. MISTRON: 94, we were able to secure
3 grants, what called a STEP Grant, Selective
4 Traffic Enforcement Program, of \$140,850. This
5 particular money is used for enforcement agencies
6 throughout the county, including the County PD,
7 for purposes of enforcing aggressive driving or
8 high-risk behavior, such as speeding, failure to
9 yield right away, cell phone laws, and texting
10 laws.

11 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Very good. 104.

12 MR. MISTRON: 104 is actually the monies
13 for the Stop DWI Program for 2013. The monies
14 are monies that come in as fines from DWIs. It's
15 a self-funding program. We actually will be
16 having a starting off balance. Once we close out
17 2011 completely, we will be moving over \$480,000
18 to give start-up monies for the DWI. The budget
19 is such that it funds several things, including
20 enforcement, NCPD as well as local villages,
21 funds the prosecution through the district
22 attorney for funding several ADAs, jail programs,
23 rehabilitation, it funds the probation
24 department, as well as contractual services which
25 are for school programs, vendors, and vendors

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2 that will provide services for DWI, as I said,
3 primarily for school programs, which includes
4 Athletes Helping Athletes and the
5 Bellmore/Merrick program.

6 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Excellent. Final, 105.

7 MR. MISTRON: 105, in doing research,
8 the New York State Stop DWI Coordinators
9 Association was offering grants to various
10 counties for purposes of targeted special date
11 enforcement. I was able to secure 39,400 for use
12 by both our County PD and village PD to set up
13 specific partnerships on specific days. So, for
14 instance, in the Great Neck area we have
15 Kensington, Kings Point, Great Neck Estates, and
16 the Third Precinct North. We are going to be
17 coordinating special enforcement between those
18 agencies to kind of create a Great Neck Peninsula
19 for DWI patrols. We're going to choose one of
20 the holidays, whether it be Memorial or July 4.

21 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Excellent. All seven
22 of these items, not one is additional taxes to
23 the public of Nassau County.

24 Are there any questions on 90-13, 91, 92,
25 93, 94, 104, and 105-13? Any questions for Mr.

2 Chris Mistron? Mr. Denenberg.

3 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Thank you.

4 Chris - Mr. Mistron, sorry, in each of
5 these cases we've been administering these
6 programs and the grant funds for the last several
7 years, correct?

8 MR. MISTRON: Some of these, in terms of
9 the enforcement grants, some of these actually go
10 back to 1982. In the cases of the Buckle Up,
11 that's 15 years; STEP is 10 years. So, yes, it's
12 been a number of years that Traffic Safety has
13 been administering these grants.

14 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: In terms of the
15 administration, aside from probably doing more
16 since we really understand how to stretch a
17 dollar, in terms of the administration and such.
18 All the grant money ends up going to the programs
19 themselves, right?

20 MR. MISTRON: That is correct.

21 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any other questions
23 from any other legislator?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Any public comment?

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2 (No verbal response.)

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

5 (Aye.)

6 Any against?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 All seven pass.

9 Thank you, Mr. Mistron.

10 The next item is 98-13, an ordinance
11 supplemental to the annual appropriation
12 ordinance in connection with the district
13 attorney's office.

14 Who do we have from the district
15 attorney's office?

16 MR. MAY: Mr. Bob McManus.

17 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Bob McManus.

18 LEGISLATOR BELESI: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion made by
21 Legislator Belesi, seconded by Denise Ford.

22 MR. MCMANUS: This item appropriates
23 \$121,600 in grant funds from the New York State
24 of Criminal Justice Services. This program is a
25 joint effort of the special victim's squad of the

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2 Nassau County Police Department, the North Shore
3 Long Island Jewish Health System, the Sexual
4 Assault Center of the Nassau County Coalition
5 against Domestic Violence, and the District
6 Attorney's office. The same unit at North Shore
7 University Hospital, separated from the main
8 emergency room of the hospital, provides a safe
9 and comfortable atmosphere for victims, and
10 trained staff at the center are not only trained
11 to treat victims but also to obtain physical
12 evidence to enhance the chances of prosecuting
13 and convicting those guilty of sexual abuse or
14 assault. This will be the fourteenth year this
15 program is in operation.

16 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Thank you for
17 continuing this program.

18 Are there any questions from any of the
19 legislators?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Any public comment?

22 (No verbal response.)

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

25 (Aye.)

2 Any against?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 It goes on to the Finance Committee.

5 The last item on this calendar is Item
6 101-13, an ordinance supplemental to the annual
7 appropriation ordinance in connection with the
8 Police Department.

9 Who do we have from the police
10 department?

11 MR. MAY: We have Sergeant Gregory
12 Stephanoff and we also have Tom Delaney from the
13 Office of Emergency Management.

14 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion made by Michael
15 Venditto, seconded by Joe Belesi.

16 MR. DELANEY: Good afternoon, everyone.
17 Tom Delaney, Nassau OEM. I'm just here speaking
18 about this because of our familiarity with the
19 homeland security grants.

20 This comes through a feds pass-thru New
21 York State, part of a buffer zone protection
22 grants. It's used to -- \$190,000 is going to be
23 used just to purchase equipment, to provide
24 infrastructure hardening.

25 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any questions on this

2 item? Legislator Denenberg.

3 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: You said
4 infrastructure hardening?

5 MR. DELANEY: That's right.

6 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: What do you mean
7 by that? Give us some examples.

8 MR. DELANEY: Well, I can give you an
9 example, maybe not specific to this one case.

10 If we were to take -- let's say buy
11 security equipment so that we would be able to --
12 the intent is for terrorism protection.

13 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Okay. Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any other questions
15 from any of the legislators?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Any public comment?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 There being none, all in favor indicate
20 by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 Any against?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 So moved. It goes on to Finance.

25 That concludes the calendar. May I have

2 a motion to adjourn?

3 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR BELESI: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion to adjourn made
6 by Mike Venditto, seconded by Joe Belesi.

7 All in favor?

8 (Aye.)

9 This committee is now adjourned.

10 (Whereupon, the Public Safety Committee
11 adjourned at 3:20 p.m.)

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FRANK GRAY