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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DENNIS DUNNE, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

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

DENNIS DUNNE ,
Chairman

JOSEPH BELESI ,
Vice Chairman

DENISE FORD

MICHAEL VENDITTO

JOSEPH SCANNELL ,
Ranking

DAVID DENENBERG

WAYNE WINK

WILLIAM J. MULLER , III
Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

GREG STEPHANOFF, Sergeant,
 Nassau County Police Department.....5

BOB MCMANUS, Nassau County
 District Attorney's Office.....9

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2 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Will the members
3 of the Public Safety Committee please come
4 to order? I will act as the clerk and call
5 the roll. Legislator Wayne Wink?

6 LEGISLATOR WINK: Here.

7 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Dave
8 Denenberg?

9 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Here.

10 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Ranking Member
11 Legislator Joseph Scannell?

12 LEGISLATOR SCANNELL: Here.

13 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator
14 Michael Venditto?

15 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Here.

16 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator
17 Denise Ford is here. Legislator Vice
18 Chairman Joe Belesi?

19 LEGISLATOR BELESI: Here.

20 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: And I'm here.
21 We have a quorum. The first item on the
22 calendar is 238-13, a resolution authorizing
23 the county executive to execute an
24 intermunicipal agreement with the county of
25 Westchester in relation to the trace

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2 evidence analysis. Who do we have?

3 MR. MAY: We have Sergeant Greg
4 Stephanoff.

5 LEGISLATOR BELESI: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by
8 Legislator Belesi, seconded by Legislator
9 Denise Ford. Who is here to speak on this?

10 MR. MAY: We have Sergeant Greg
11 Stephanoff from the police department.

12 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Good
13 afternoon, legislators. Sergeant Greg
14 Stephanoff from the police department. This
15 is an intergovernmental agreement between
16 Westchester and Nassau County. It gives us
17 the ability to analyze trace evidence using
18 Westchester County's lab until we get up on
19 our own with the ME's office.

20 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Do we have a
21 target date, a guesstimate?

22 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: I couldn't
23 give that you because I'm not involved with
24 setting it up.

25 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: That's fair.

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2 Any other questions from any other
3 legislators? Legislator Denenberg.

4 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So, I
5 mean, the bottom line is this intermunicipal
6 agreement allows Westchester's lab to
7 perform the services related to samples and
8 evidence that needs to be tested?

9 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: This is for
10 trace evidence.

11 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: When
12 Legislator Dunne asked you where we are with
13 our own lab, you can't give us an
14 approximate date?

15 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: For this
16 evidence, Westchester is unable to do it at
17 this time. I'm sorry, the ME's office is
18 unable to do it at this time, so that's why
19 we still need Westchester.

20 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: When will
21 the ME be able to do it, do you have a date?

22 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: I'm not
23 involved with setting up the lab with the
24 ME's office, I don't know.

25 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Either the

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2 police department or the DA's office or both
3 would have to deliver and pick up the
4 evidence, correct, from Westchester?

5 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Yes.

6 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: How much
7 overtime does that generate?

8 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Well, I
9 think the proximity to Westchester being so
10 close, that's why we're using them. We are
11 able to drop it off in one day.

12 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: But it's
13 still not Nassau County. We still have to
14 go to Westchester. So my question was, how
15 much overtime does that generate?

16 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: I can find
17 out. I think that's why we chose them.
18 They are also the only accredited lab in the
19 area that was willing to take on our work
20 also.

21 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Well, I
22 think that after this passes here, assuming
23 it passes here, it will go to Full, so I
24 would like to know how much overtime is
25 being generated, and whether it's PD or DA's

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2 office.

3 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Sure. I
4 don't know if I can't speak for the DA's
5 office, but I can find out for the police
6 department.

7 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: How much
8 overtime is generated by bringing it to
9 Westchester instead of doing it at our own
10 ME's office?

11 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Sure.

12 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: And I
13 would like to know when the medical
14 examiner's office is going to be able to do
15 this trace evidence again. Can you get that
16 answer for me?

17 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: I will try
18 to find out.

19 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any other
21 questions?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 There being none, is there any
24 public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 There being none, all those in
3 favor indicate by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Any against?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Moves on to Finance.

8 The next item on our calendar is
9 Item 257-13, an ordinance supplemental to
10 the annual appropriations ordinance in
11 connection with the Nassau County District
12 Attorney. Is Mr. McManus here?

13 MR. MAY: He is, from the DA's
14 office.

15 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: A motion,
16 please.

17 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: So moved.

18 LEGISLATOR BELESI: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by
20 Legislator Venditto, seconded by Legislator
21 Belesi. Tell us what the item is about.

22 MR. MCMANUS: Thank you. This
23 item appropriates \$374,200 in funds from the
24 New York State Division of Criminal Justice
25 Services to support the prosecution of

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2 repeat violent and serious felony offenders
3 by maintaining a staff of highly experienced
4 prosecutors who work to achieve convictions
5 and maximum sentences for such defendants.

6 We have received this funding for
7 over 20 years and it has proven to be an
8 important and effective tool for keeping
9 hard-core criminals off the streets.

10 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any questions
11 from any legislators?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Is there any public comment?

14 (No verbal response.)

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

17 (Aye.)

18 Any against?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Okay. We do have an addendum, so
21 I need a motion suspend the rules.

22 LEGISLATOR BELESI: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by
25 Legislator Belesi, seconded by Legislator

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2 Venditto. All those in favor of suspending
3 the rules indicate by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Any against?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Okay. It's passed. The item is
8 272-13, it's a resolution authorizing the
9 County Executive to execute a grant
10 agreement between the County of Nassau
11 acting on behalf of the District Attorney's
12 Office and Family and Children's Association
13 Inc.

14 LEGISLATOR BELESI: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by
17 Legislator Belesi, seconded by Legislator
18 Venditto. Mr. McManus.

19 MR. MCMANUS: Thank you. This
20 item is to continue the District Attorney
21 Offender Reentry Program performed in
22 partnership with the Family and Children's
23 Association and the Women's Opportunity
24 Rehabilitation Center. The service provides
25 counseling and employment assistance to

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2 women recently released from jail or prison
3 in an effort to reduce the return to crime
4 and to increase the chances of successful
5 reintegration into the community.

6 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Are there any
7 questions from any of the legislators?
8 Legislator Denenberg.

9 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: This is
10 fully reimbursed?

11 MR. MCMANUS: Yes, it's 100
12 percent grant funded.

13 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: From who?

14 MR. MCMANUS: This particular
15 item is funded from federal forfeiture
16 money.

17 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any other
19 legislator have any other questions?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Is there any public comment?

22 (No verbal response.)

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

25 (Aye.)

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2 Any against?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 So passes. Moves on to Finance.

5 There being nothing else to come before this
6 committee, a motion to adjourn.

7 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: So moved.

8 LEGISLATOR BELESI: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by
10 Legislator Venditto, seconded by Legislator
11 Belesi. All those in favor indicate by
12 saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 Any against?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Next is Public Works.

17 (Whereupon, the Public Safety
18 Committee adjourned at 2:27 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of July, 2013.

FRANK GRAY