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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,  
Presiding Officer

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DENNIS DUNNE, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, New York

Monday, July 29, 2013  
2:37 P.M

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2     A P P E A R A N C E S :

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4     DENNIS DUNNE,  
      Chairman5     JOSEPH BELESI,  
      Vice Chairman

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DENISE FORD

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MICHAEL VENDITTO

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9     JOSEPH SCANNELL,  
      Ranking

10    DAVID DENENBERG

11    WAYNE WINK

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

BOB MCMANUS, Nassau County  
 District Attorney's Office.....5

EDWARD SHANK, attorney for  
 Nassau County Probation Department.....8

KEITH SATHER, Captain,  
 Nassau County Sheriff's Department.....10

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

6 LEGISLATOR WINK: Here.

7 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Dave  
8 Denenberg? I understand he's in the  
9 building. He's in route. Ranking Member  
10 Legislator Joseph Scannell?

11 LEGISLATOR SCANNELL: Here.

12 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator  
13 Michael Venditto?

14 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Here.

15 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator  
16 Denise Ford?

17 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

18 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Vice  
19 Chairman Joe Belesi?

20 LEGISLATOR BELESI: Here.

21 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: And Chairman  
22 Dennis Dunne, I'm here. We have a quorum.  
23 The first items to come before this  
24 committee are three items with the District  
25 Attorney's Office. If nobody minds, we'll

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2 call all three at the same time.

3 Item 292-13 is an ordinance  
4 supplemental to the annual appropriations  
5 ordinance in connection with the District  
6 Attorney's Office.

7 Item 293-13 is an ordinance  
8 supplemental to the annual appropriations  
9 ordinance in connection with the District  
10 Attorney's Office.

11 Item 294-13 also is an ordinance  
12 supplemental to the annual appropriations  
13 ordinance in connection with the District  
14 Attorney's Office. We have from the  
15 district attorney's office Mr. McManus?

16 MR. MAY: Correct, Mr. Chairman.  
17 We have Bob McManus.

18 MR. MCMANUS: Items 292 and 293  
19 involve civil forfeiture funds which have  
20 been awarded to the district attorney's  
21 office as a result of participation in the  
22 investigations and prosecutions of  
23 criminals.

24 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

25 LEGISLATOR BELESI: Second.

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2 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Before we go any  
3 further, Legislator Denise Ford made the  
4 motion and it was seconded by Joseph Belesi.

5 We are talking about 292 now?

6 MR. MCMANUS: Okay. Under  
7 Article 13A of the New York State Civil  
8 Practice Law and Rules, the funds must be  
9 used for investigation of prosecution of  
10 criminal cases. That's item 292.

11 Item 293 also involves civil  
12 forfeiture funds which have been awarded to  
13 our office as a result of participation in  
14 investigation and prosecutions of criminals.

15 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: And 294?

16 LEGISLATOR SCANNELL: And, just  
17 for the record, Dave Denenberg is here.

18 MR. MCMANUS: Item 294 is to  
19 appropriate grant funding for operation  
20 impact, phase ten. The Nassau County Impact  
21 Partnership aims to reduce gun violence and  
22 address the crimes of robbery and aggravated  
23 assault using a collaborative approach  
24 maintaining a focus on crime data in order  
25 to prioritize crime problems and identify

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2 opportunities for intervention and consider  
3 alternative strategies where necessary.

4 The project goal is to reduce  
5 firearm related violent crime and  
6 residential burglaries through various  
7 enhancement and prosecute during those  
8 strategies, and through the enhancement of  
9 crime analysis and intelligence development  
10 within the Nassau County Lead Development  
11 Center.

12 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any legislators  
13 have any questions on 292, 293 and 294?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 Is there any public comment?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 There being none, all those in  
18 favor indicate by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 Any against?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 So moved. They all move on to  
23 Finance.

24 MR. MCMANUS: Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: The next item to

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2 come before this committee is Item 298-13,  
3 an ordinance supplemental to the annual  
4 appropriations ordinance in connection with  
5 the Probation Department. Who do we have  
6 from probation?

7 MR. MAY: We have Mr. Ed Shank  
8 from probation.

9 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Do we have a  
10 motion on this?

11 LEGISLATOR BELESI: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by Joe  
14 Belesi, seconded by Denise Ford. Mr. Shank.

15 MR. SHANK: Thank you. As a  
16 followup to the representative at the DA's  
17 office, had said that this is also an  
18 operation impact phase ten program. This is  
19 funding of \$142,300 for the Nassau County  
20 Probation Department. Again, the funds are  
21 used to reduce violent crimes through  
22 coordinated efforts with the police and the  
23 DA's office and the targeted crimes are  
24 weapons assaults, aggravated assaults,  
25 burglary, and motor vehicle theft.



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2           The program will involve  
3 intelligence gathering, weapons and  
4 contraband, intensive supervision of  
5 probationers. The funding for probation  
6 provides reimbursement for one probation  
7 officer performing field intelligence  
8 services and funding of the operation night  
9 watch, operation night light, enhance  
10 community launch and deeper programs with  
11 probation officers working in coordination  
12 with various police departments and law  
13 enforcement agencies.

14           CHAIRMAN DUNNE: And the total  
15 \$142,300 comes from the New York State  
16 Division of Criminal Justice Services?

17           MR. SHANK: That is correct.

18           CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Thank you. Any  
19 other questions from the legislators?

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 moves. Passes on to the  
5 Finance Committee.

6 The next and last item to come  
7 before this committee is Item 299-13, an  
8 ordinance supplemental to the annual  
9 appropriations ordinance in connection with  
10 the Correctional Center. Do we have  
11 somebody from the correctional center here?

12 MR. MAY: Yes. We have Keith  
13 Sather to answer any questions on this item.

14 LEGISLATOR BELESI: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by Joe  
17 Belesi, seconded by Denise Ford.

18 CAPTAIN SATHER: Good afternoon.  
19 Captain Keith Sather, Sheriff's Department.

20 Item 299 is a supplemental  
21 appropriation in the amount of \$228,159.  
22 These monies represent the department's  
23 share of federal forfeiture funds through  
24 its work with the Federal Drug Enforcement  
25 Agency. The funds are used primarily for

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2 training and the purchase of equipment  
3 within the Sheriff's Department.

4 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Excellent. Any  
5 legislators have any questions?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Is there any public comment?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 There being none, all those in  
10 favor indicate by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 Any against?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 So passes. Moves on to the  
15 Finance Committee. That concludes  
16 everything I have on my agenda.

17 Motion to adjourn.

18 LEGISLATOR BELESI: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by  
21 Legislator Belesi, seconded by Legislator  
22 Venditto. All those in favor indicate by  
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Any against?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 We are adjourned. Next is the  
4 Planning Committee.

5 (Whereupon, the Public Safety  
6 Committee adjourned at 2:43 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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FRANK GRAY