NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES, PRESIDING OFFICER

RULES COMMITTEE

NORMA GONSALVES, CHAIRWOMAN

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REGAL REPORTING SERVICES 516-747-7353

APPEARANCES:

NORMA GONSALVES Chairwoman

RICHARD NICOLELLO Vice Chairman

DENNIS DUNNE

HOWARD KOPEL

KEVAN ABRAHAMS Ranking

JUDY JACOBS

CARRIE SOLAGES

WILLIAM J. MULLER, III, Clerk

LIST OF SPEAKERS

GREG MAY	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
KEN ARNOLD					•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•				•			
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2	CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Would you like
3	to call the roll?
4	CLERK MULLER: Sure. Thank you,
5	Presiding Officer.
6	Legislator Solages?
7	LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.
8	CLERK MULLER: Legislator Jacobs?
9	(No verbal response.)
10	CLERK MULLER: Ranking Member Abrahams?
11	LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.
12	CLERK MULLER: Legislator Kopel?
13	LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.
14	CLERK MULLER: Legislator Dunne?
15	LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Here.
16	CLERK MULLER: Legislator Nicolello?
17	LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.
18	CLERK MULLER: Chairwoman Gonsalves?
19	CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Present.
20	CLERK MULLER: We have a quorum.
21	CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay.
22	There is only one item on the Rules
23	Committee, but there are several on the addendum.

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2	We will begin with the first item, which is $B-3-$
3	14, a resolution authorizing the county executive
4	to award and execute a contract between the
5	County of Nassau, acting on behalf of the Nassau
6	County Department of Public Works, and BSRJ A
7	Tri-Venture.
8	Motion, please?
9	LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So moved.
10	LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.
11	CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
12	Legislator Nicolello, seconded by Legislator
13	Kopel.
14	CLERK MULLER: And Legislator Jacobs is
15	here.
16	CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. Great.
17	Okay. Who is here?
18	MR. MAY: We have Mr. Ken Arnold from
19	the Department of Public Works.
20	CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. This is
21	what we're all waiting for. Are you listening?
22	Legislator Denenberg, are you listening? You're
23	not on the committee. Then take your
24	conversation someplace else.
25	MR. ARNOLD: Item B-3-14 is a

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2	construction contract with the Tri-Venture of
3	BSRJ. That's made up of Banner, Scalamandra and
4	RJ Industries. Those are three firms that have
5	worked with the county at Bay Park in the past.
6	This project is for the first phase of the
7	electrical rehabilitation work associated with
8	Hurricane Sandy. The work focuses on the
9	replacement of the switch gear.
10	CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any questions of
11	Mr. Arnold? Minority Leader Abrahams.
12	LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: How are you, Mr.
13	Arnold?
14	MR. ARNOLD: Good.
15	LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Just some quick
16	questions. Could you tell us the cost of the
17	project, that's so much lower than they
18	originally anticipated?
19	MR. ARNOLD: You want to know why it's
20	so much lower?
21	LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Why is the cost
22	lower? Yeah.
23	MR. ARNOLD: We had very competitive
24	bids on this project. The top four bids on this
25	project were all within a million dollars of each

When is this work anticipated to start?

MR. ARNOLD: We get through this

committee today, the comptroller's office has to

review it and then it goes to the full NIFA board

meeting, which I'm not sure if we're going to

make the March meeting or, if not, we'll get it

on their April meeting, and then usually about

three weeks after that notice of receipt is

issued. So we're probably looking sometime in

May.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Is this contract

100 percent covered by FEMA, since it's part of

the capital budget, capital project 35123?

MR. ARNOLD: It's part of the \$830

MR. ARNOLD: It's part of the \$830 million we received. This project is part of that funding, yes.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes. Minority

Leader.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you, Madame Presiding Officer.

Mr. Arnold, just a follow up to trying to be able to get a comprehensive construction schedule. I know we talked about it at the

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MR. ARNOLD: Just so we're on the same page. Until the contractor starts his work, we don't have his schedule. We have our anticipate engineer schedule. Until the contractor is issued a notice to proceed, he submits a schedule that we approve.

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2	LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay. That would
3	be a great start because we have a lot of
4	projects that are starting. I would love to see
5	that. Thank you.
6	MR. ARNOLD: Okay.
7	CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
8	questions of Mr. Arnold?
9	(No verbal response.)
10	Any public comment?
11	(No verbal response.)
12	There being none; all those in favor of
13	the item signify by saying aye.
14	(Aye.)
15	Any opposed?
16	(No verbal response.)
17	The item passes unanimously.
18	We have several items on an addendum.
19	Therefore, I'm going to ask for a motion to
20	suspend the rules.
21	LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.
22	LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.
23	CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
24	Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator
25	Nicolello.

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2	All those in favor of suspending the
3	rules signify by saying aye.
4	(Aye.)
5	Any opposed?
6	(No verbal response.)
7	The rules are suspended.
8	There are several items on the addendum.
9	I'm going to call the first item, which is Item
10	E-63, a resolution authorizing the parks
11	commissioner to issue a use and occupancy permit
12	to the Hagedorn Foundation.
13	Motion, please?
14	LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.
15	LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.
16	CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
17	Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator
18	Nicolello.
19	Who is here to speak on this one?
20	MR. MAY: I'm going to start on this
21	one, Madam Presiding Officer, and if I need
22	backup, I have some individuals here.
23	CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay.
24	MR. MAY: This is a use and occupancy
25	agreement for the Hagedorn Foundation to occupy

question is tied to -- I'm assuming that you're

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay. My last

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2	working with Friends of Cedarmere, as well as
3	Roslyn Landmark Society and the Village of Roslyn
4	on what we're proposing today.
5	MS. KRIEB: Yes. The Village of Roslyn
6	Harbor.
7	LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Roslyn Harbor.
8	MS. KRIEB: Yes. The mayor and the
9	board, I've met with them and told them and told
10	them what the use would be, and they endorsed the
11	whole concept.
12	LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: The landmark
13	society and the friends of?
14	MR. KRIEB: The Friends of Cedarmere, as
15	I said, they're going to be, through our
16	agreement with them, they're going to have the
17	library, which is on the first floor, and we're
18	working with them to take some of the items that
19	are stored in collections right now and display
20	them for the public.
21	LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you.
22	CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
23	comments?
24	(No verbal response.)
25	Any public comment?

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E-70, a resolution authorizing the county executive to execute a personal services agreement between the County of Nassau, acting on behalf of the Department of Public Works, and Saving Engineers, P.C.

E-71, a resolution authorizing the county executive to execute a personal services agreement between the County of Nassau, acting on behalf of the Department of Public Works, and RBA Group.

E-72, a resolution authorizing the county executive to execute a personal services agreement between the County of Nassau, acting on behalf of the Department of Public Works, and Tectonic Engineering & Surveying Consultants, P.C.

E-73, a resolution authorizing the county executive to execute a personal services agreement between the County of Nassau, acting on behalf of the Department of Public Works, and De Bruin Engineering, P.C.

E-74, a resolution authorizing the county executive to execute a personal services agreement between the County of Nassau, acting on

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3 L.K. McLean Associates, P.C.

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E-75 a resolution authorizing the county executive to execute a personal services agreement between the County of Nassau, acting on behalf of the Department of Public Works, and LIRO Engineers.

E-76, a resolution authorizing the county executive to execute a personal services agreement between the County of Nassau, acting on behalf of the Department of Public Works, and Lockwood, Kessler & Bartlett, Inc.

E-77, a resolution authorizing the county executive to execute a personal services agreement between the County of Nassau, acting on behalf of the Department of Public Works, and HAKS Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors, Inc.

E-78, a resolution authorizing the county executive to execute a personal services agreement between the County of Nassau, acting on behalf of the Department of Public Works, and Cameron Engineering & Associates.

Motion, please?

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by

Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator Kopel.

Before I ask for comments from my colleagues, these on-call contracts amount to a great deal of money. We're going to be asking the administration to provide the following:

One, the projects assigned to these contracts, we need to know that; two, the amount paid and anticipated to be paid per project; and we ask that updates be provided regularly.

Do you have that, Mr. May?

MR. MAY: I do. Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now, any questions from my colleagues? Legislator Jacobs.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I appreciate what you just said, Madame Presiding Officer. I was going to ask similar questions. I wanted to know at this point can you tell us the projects that are assigned to each of these particular items, and, number two, do we know what we expect the anticipated payment would be? Number three, are they truly necessary? It seems like a lot that

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drainage, culvert, requirements projects. At this time they haven't been earmarked yet. And

utilized to provide construction management and

inspection services for various highway, bridge,

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individual contract.

when we get those projects to move towards construction, we'll have an individual task assignment proposal go out to these on-call agreements and then we'll be able to have a committee to also select the individual firm and at that time we will know the cost of the

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: May I just follow it up? As a layperson, just tell me why we need this much money earmarked in advance. I'm just trying to get my arms around it.

I know we've done on-call contracts, usually it's very specific, usually, from my recollections, it goes to one or two particular projects. Correct me where I'm going wrong here. This is an overall, on-call group of firms that have been selected for, I guess, road construction, bridges. Is that very specific that it's all, like, what you're -- like bridges or road construction or that type of thing or is it less specific than that?

MR. IDAVAO: This is all civil and sight type projects. So, as you stated, it's any kind of bridge work, culvert work, highway

resurfacing, road improvements, sidewalk, curb, all the requirements type work. There's a lot of unknown, obviously. So we need on-call agreements in place in order to provide the construction management services as the projects become available. So this is a two-year agreement with a one year extension, and this replaces an existing agreement that recently expired. So you have to have several firms to choose from so you can select the proper inspectors or resident engineers and it will provide the best value for Nassau County.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Are most of these based on an emergency? Do most of these things happen on an emergency basis? Is that why there's an on-call contract ready?

MR. IDAVAO: There are emergencies but some of them are planned projects. Again, to go out with an individual RFP for every project, some of them are not that great in cost. We have an on-call available and then at that time we will put the individual task assignments out to these firms, if this passes, and then we can select the individuals for the best value of the

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2	county.
3	LEGISLATOR JACOBS: And then that comes
4	to us at that point for the final approval or
5	not?
6	MR. IDAVAO: I don't think so. No.
7	CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: That's why I'm
8	asking for these updates, Judy.
9	LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Yes. I think you're
10	right. We should know the parameters then.
11	Listen. I understand. And I know that
12	this work has to be done, there's no question.
13	But I'm just concerned about us not having any
14	oversight on this if we don't really know what
15	each thing is really costing.
16	I happen to agree with the presiding
17	officer. I think getting a cost analysis
18	regularly will be very important to us.
19	Can I ask you one last thing?
20	MR. IDAVAO: Sure.
21	LEGISLATOR JACOBS: What was in place
22	already, and you said it just expired, was on
23	this same basis of on-call for a number of
24	MR. IDAVAO: Yes.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Okay. Thank you.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I have a 3 question. The winter that we just went through 4 and are still experiencing, has that created an 5 additional need for these on-call contracts? 6 MR. IDAVAO: I would say yes because the 7 roads suffered a lot of damage throughout the winter. So now obviously we have to evaluate all 8 9 the roads again and there may be need for 10 additional resurfacing or roadwork. So, yes. 11 Absolutely. 12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you. 13 Legislator Solages. 14 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you. Good 15 afternoon. Good to see you. 16 I share the same concerns as the chair of 17 this committee and also my colleague, Legislator 18 Jacobs. How do we determine the rates or set 19 20 amount of hours to do these jobs? 21 Again, the individual rates MR. IDAVAO: 22 and hours have not been determined yet. This is 23 basically an on-call to select the firms that will provide the individuals that are needed for 24

individual assignments. It hasn't been

money will come out of the projects that we're approving. Is that how that works? MR. IDAVAO: Yes. That's correct.

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LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Very quick.

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one more.

Do all 12 that have won the right to be on-call bid on each project that comes forward or they have a right to bid on it?

MR. IDAVAO: They have a right to bid on it. We don't force them to bid. If they decide not to propose on an individual task because they're staff are unavailable or that's not their field of expertise they have a right to not propose. But generally they will all propose, so you have a good, broad base to choose from.

actually think I understand. These are the 12.

It's almost like in the bank, that you know that they're there and when a project is coming up for this type of thing, I guess it's you and the committee decide which one is the one you're going to grant it to.

MR. MAY: It's essentially like they're being put on retainer.

MR. IDAVAO: These firms are essentially prequalified and then the committee will actually look at the technical ratings and then the cost proposals as well. So it's almost like filling an RFP again for individual tasks. This just

prequalifies the firms that we can send the assignments to.

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LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I understand it.

And I agree with my colleagues here, on both sides of the aisle, that I think just keeping us informed as to how it's going along would be helpful. I could see easily losing track of this one.

MR. MAY: Just to be clear. With the contract capital, these are about \$650,000. That doesn't mean that each of these vendors is going to receive the full amount of the contract. If they don't get the work or don't big for the work, they're not going to receive that money. This is not a guaranteed amount of money to these 12 contractors. It's just if they bid for the work, it's capped at that.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I fully understand.

I think that's good. That's the only reason that

I think the report, which the presiding officer

asked for, would be extremely helpful.

MR. MAY: Absolutely. And we will provide that.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Okay. Thank you.

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2	CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
3	legislators? Legislator Dunne.
4	LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Quite simply, on-
5	call is as needed.
6	MR. IDAVAO: Correct.
7	LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Like it always has
8	been.
9	MR. IDAVAO: Correct.
10	LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Thank you. That's
11	it.
12	CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any public
13	comment regarding these items?
14	(No verbal response.)
15	There being none; all those in favor of
16	the items called signify by saying aye.
17	(Aye.)
18	Any opposed?
19	(No verbal response.)
20	The items pass unanimously.
21	Thank you very much.
22	I believe that's the end of the Rules
23	Committee.
24	A motion to adjourn?
25	LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

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2	CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Seconded by
3	Legislator Jacobs.
4	All those in favor signify by saying aye.
5	(Aye.)
6	Any opposed?
7	(No verbal response.)
8	We are adjourned.
9	(Whereupon, the Rules Committee adjourned
10	at 3:40 p.m.)
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