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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,  
Presiding Officer

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DENNIS DUNNE, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, New York

Monday, April 8, 2013  
4:17 P.M

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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

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

GREGORY MAY, Nassau County  
 Director of Legislative Affairs.....5

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

BOB MCMANUS, Nassau County  
 District Attorney's Office.....8

EDWARD SHANK, attorney for  
 Nassau County Probation Department.....12

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

8 LEGISLATOR WINK: Here.

9 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Dave  
10 Denenberg?

11 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Here.

12 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Ranking Member  
13 Legislator Joseph Scannell?

14 LEGISLATOR SCANNELL: Here.

15 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator  
16 Michael Venditto?

17 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Here.

18 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator  
19 Denise Ford?

20 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

21 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Vice  
22 Chairman Joe Belesi?

23 LEGISLATOR BELESI: Here.

24 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: And I'm here, we  
25 have a quorum. Today we're going to block

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2 the police items which are 115-13, 116-13,  
3 and 117-13. They are ordinances  
4 supplemental to the annual appropriation  
5 ordinance in connection with the police  
6 department. Each and every one of them are  
7 the same. They read the same. A motion,  
8 please.

9 LEGISLATOR BELESI: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by  
12 Legislator Belesi, seconded by Legislator  
13 Venditto for all three items. Who is here  
14 to speak on this?

15 MR. MAY: We have Sergeant  
16 Gregory Stephanoff to answer any questions  
17 on these items.

18 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Good  
19 afternoon, Sergeant Greg Stephanoff from the  
20 police department. Item 115 appropriates  
21 approximately \$1.5 million from funds  
22 received from the district attorney's office  
23 as a result of successful forfeiture  
24 actions. Describe each one?

25 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: And this is to

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2 be spent on?

3 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: The  
4 forfeiture money goes into -- it comes from  
5 different sources but it goes back our  
6 forfeiture accounts and it's used to enhance  
7 the police department in addition to the  
8 budget, above their budget means.

9 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any legislators  
10 have any questions?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 The next item is 116.

13 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: 116 of 13  
14 appropriates approximately two and a half  
15 million dollars, revenues received from the  
16 US Department of Justice and it will go into  
17 our asset forfeiture for the same purposes.

18 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Are there any  
19 questions from any legislators? Legislator  
20 Denenberg.

21 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: In terms  
22 of both items speaking of forfeitures and  
23 such, when we go into these programs we're  
24 only talking about those who are convicted  
25 of crimes and such?

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2                   SERGEANT STEPHANOFF:  Yes, and  
3 then there are items that are forfeited as a  
4 result of those crimes.  The way we have  
5 done the investigations, they're done with  
6 different agencies and then that's where the  
7 forfeitures come from.

8                   LEGISLATOR DENENBERG:  So it  
9 always involves someone that's been  
10 convicted of a crime?

11                   SERGEANT STEPHANOFF:  I believe  
12 so, yes.

13                   LEGISLATOR DUNNE:  Any public  
14 comment on either of those two?

15                   (No verbal response.)

16                   There being none, Item 117.

17                   SERGEANT STEPHANOFF:  Item 117 is  
18 money from the US Department of Treasury,  
19 it's \$574,333 from assets seized under the  
20 authority of the Federal Forfeiture Act  
21 also.

22                   CHAIRMAN DUNNE:  Are there any  
23 questions?

24                   (No verbal response.)

25                   Is there any public comment?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 There being none, all those in  
4 favor of Items 115, 116 and 117-13 indicate  
5 by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 Any against?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 So passes. Moves on to Finance.  
10 The next grouping of items will be Items  
11 120-13, 121-13, 122-13, 123-13, and 138-13,  
12 and 139-13, and 140-13 also. May I have a  
13 motion, please?

14 LEGISLATOR BELESI: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by  
17 Legislator Belesi, seconded by Denise Ford.  
18 Who is here to speak on this?

19 MR. MAY: We have Mr. Bob McManus  
20 from the district attorney's office.

21 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: We will start  
22 with 120-13.

23 MR. MCMANUS: Item 120-13 is an  
24 appropriation for forfeiture money obtained  
25 from the federal government due to our



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2 involvement on various cases.

3 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any legislators  
4 have any questions?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Is there any public comment?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Then just go to 121.

9 MR. MCMANUS: 121 is also an  
10 appropriation for forfeiture funds; however,  
11 121 is for forfeiture funds obtained through  
12 civil means as opposed to being obtained  
13 from the federal government.

14 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any questions on  
15 this?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Is there any public comment?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 122, please.

20 MR. MCMANUS: 122 is, as 121, 122  
21 is an appropriation for civil forfeiture  
22 funds received from the state.

23 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any legislators  
24 have any questions?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 Is there any public comment?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 There being none, we will go to  
5 Item 138.

6 MR. MCMANUS: 138 is an  
7 appropriation for federal forfeiture funds  
8 obtained due to our involvement with various  
9 cases.

10 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Any questions  
11 on this?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Is there any public comment?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 There being none, 139.

16 MR. MCMANUS: 139 is a grant.  
17 This is a Crimes Against Revenue Program.  
18 This is a grant received from the State  
19 Division of Criminal Justice Services. The  
20 program provides funding for investigations  
21 against businesses that are suspected of  
22 violating sales tax laws and/or committing  
23 Medicaid fraud.

24 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Are there any  
25 questions on this?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 Is there any public comment?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 There being none, we will go to

6 Item 140.

7 MR. MCMANUS: Item 140 is a  
8 supplemental appropriation for federal  
9 forfeiture funds in the amount \$9,906 6 that  
10 we received due to our involvement and  
11 participation in

12 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any questions on  
13 this?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 Is there any public comment?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 There being none, we will vote  
18 the entire, 120-13, 121-13, 122-13, 138-13,  
19 139-13, and 140-13, all those in favor  
20 indicate by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 Any against?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 They all passe on to Finance.

25 The final item for today's agenda with

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2 Public Safety is Item 141. It's an  
3 ordinance supplemental to the annual  
4 appropriations ordinance in connection with  
5 the Department of Probation.

6 LEGISLATOR BELESI: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

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

12 MR. MAY: We have Mr. Ed Shank  
13 from probation.

14 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Mr. Shank.

15 MR. SHANK: Thank you. Good  
16 afternoon. The Supervision and Treatment  
17 Services For Juveniles Program is part of  
18 the governor's initiative for the Juvenile  
19 Justice Program. It seeks to increase the  
20 number of juvenile delinquents referred to  
21 and successfully adjusted at probation  
22 intake, reduces the number of secure and  
23 non-secure detention care days and establish  
24 viable alternatives to residential  
25 placement.

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2                   This item appropriates money from  
3 a state grant to provide for a juvenile  
4 detention's alternative initiative  
5 coordinator to be hired to assist in this  
6 regard.

7                   CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Thank you, Mr.  
8 Shank. Any questions for Mr. Shank?

9                   (No verbal response.)

10                  Is there any public comment?

11                  (No verbal response.)

12                  There being none, all those in  
13 favor indicate by saying aye.

14                  (Aye.)

15                  Any against?

16                  (No verbal response.)

17                  This moves on to finance. Thank  
18 you, Mr. Shank. Motion to adjourn.

19                  LEGISLATOR BELESI: So moved.

20                  LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

21                  CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by  
22 Legislator Belesi, seconded by Denise Ford.  
23 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

24                  (Aye.)

25                  Any against?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 The next committee would be the  
4 Planning Committee. Please find your seats.

5 (Whereupon, the Public Safety  
6 Committee adjourned at 4:25 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 19th day of April, 2013.

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FRANK GRAY