

**BUDGET COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Budget Committee of Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on **May 21, 2001** in the Rose Y. Caracappa Auditorium at 2:45 P. M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Legislator Michael Caracciolo, Chairman  
Legislator David Bishop, Vice Chair  
Legislator Cameron Alden, Member

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Paul Sabatino, Counsel to the Legislature  
Todd Johnson, County Executive's Office  
Ken Weiss, Suffolk County Budget Director  
Bill Shannon, Department of Public Works  
Fred Daniels, Deputy Commissioner, FRES  
Don Gackenheimer, Deputy Director, SCFA  
Rick Van Dyke, Family Service League  
Karen Boorshtein, Family Service League  
Tom Donovan, Aide to Presiding Officer  
Terry Pearsall, Aide to Legislator Guldi  
All Other Interested Parties

**Minutes Taken By:**

Eileen Schmidt, Legislative Secretary

**(Budget Committee meeting commenced at 3:15 P. M.)**

**CHAIRMAN CARACCIOLO:**

Would Counsel please come to the horseshoe, please? Will the members of the Budget Committee please rise for pledge of allegiance to be led by Legislator Alden.

**SALUTATION**

Thank you. We received three cards for individuals who would like to address the committee. Would those three individuals please come forward and sit themselves at the conference table. Okay, Bill, we'll start with you. Would you just identify yourself for the record and we'll go to your left so that the stenographer can record your names and the business that brings you before the committee?

**MR. SHANNON:**

Thank you. Good afternoon. My name is Bill Shannon. I'm the chief engineer of Suffolk County Department of Public Works. I'm here this afternoon to address IR 1438 which is amending the Operating Budget and transferring funds in connection with parking lot improvements on Little East Neck Road. This resolution transfers from the Public Works Operating Budget into Economic Development improvements to a parking lot adjoined Little East Neck Road which is maintain by the Town of Babylon and not the County of Suffolk. Additionally, the line item being used is 4560 and that's used to supplement our inspection efforts with regard to highway permit inspection. Any reduction of this budget line would have a negative impact on our ability to oversee this important function. Consequently the department does not support this resolution.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCIOLO:**

Is that 1438?

**MR. SHANNON:**

That's correct, 1438. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**SPEAKER:**

(inaudible)

**MR. SHANNON:**

That's okay. This fund number -- this fund is coming from our operating line 4560, which we use as to enhance our inspection effort with regard to highway permit inspections.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

What is the resolution?

**MR. SHANNON:**

To transfer \$10,000 to do a parking improvements on Little East Neck Road.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

Oh, this is the Presiding Officer's resolution, right?

**MR. SHANNON:**

That's correct.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

Okay. Where did he get the offset?

**MR. SHANNON:**

There is no offset. It's a direct transfer.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

Oh, well, then it was added to your line for that purpose; that's -- it was -- its budgeted for. In the Omnibus Budget that line was pumped up by that amount and now he's drawing down from it, the district initiative.

**MR. SHANNON:**

I understand.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

So, you know, it wasn't picking on that line, that's where the money was put in that. I guess I don't know why it was put there, but that's the genesis of it, but --

**MR. SABATINO:**

That's my recollection of it. My recollection was that the Omnibus put the money in and then this is just to implement the Omnibus. That's what I recall.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

It should have been 20,000, this on the border of my district and Legislator Tonna's and there is 10,000 from each Legislator.

**MR. POLLERT:**

There were two resolutions, which included improvements on Little East Neck Road. The \$10,000, which is being transferred, was specifically added for the parking improvements on Little East Neck Road by the Legislator.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

Yeah, there's \$20,000 added by the Legislators, but they're not in the same line? They're not found in the same line?

**MR. POLLERT:**

No, I believe they were broken into two separate lines cause one was land acquisition and one was just parking improvements.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

Ah. Okay.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

So the resolution merely is drawing down funds that were set aside for this very purpose?

**MR. POLLERT:**

That is correct.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

I don't think that that's the purpose was to acquire the property not to do the improvements.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

Mr. Shannon, do you still have objection?

**MR. SHANNON:**

I have no objection at all.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

Okay.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

I think we're going to have to go --

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

Thank you.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

-- we're going to have to table it or, you know, go back to it. I think Budget Review is going to get us.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

Okay. Mr. Shannon, by the way, has withdrawn his objection based on our --

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

Well, I still want to get the right answer.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

That's fine. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Shannon.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

Thank you, Mr. Shannon.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

Okay.

**MR. SHANNON:**

Additionally, that it should be pointed out that this is also property adjoining a road that is not on the County maintain system. This is not part of the County maintained system.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

Elaborate?

**MR. SHANNON:**

Okay. Our highway maintenance forces in our capital program effort is concentrated on roadways which we maintain. Unfortunately, there are two distinct roads within the County system that you have to track. One series of roadways we maintain with our forces and capital funds are part of. The other piece of the system are roads that

for lack of a better term our founding fathers identified as being roadways in the future might be potential candidates for improvement and that's another extensive set of roadways throughout the County. We have tried to keep our funding concentrated on the roadways that we maintain and not expanding the system into other areas. So that for maintenance type functions we would seek the town who maintains this facility to forward the funding for that function.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

Mr. Chairman, may I comment on that?

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

Certainly.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

In other words, Little East Neck Road in Babylon Township has a county road designation, but it's actually cared for by the Town of Babylon. There was a period of time when it was under a federal highway project that it was under the County system. It's been returned to Babylon, but that's irrelevant to the resolution that Legislator Tonna has. This is not a resolution that is speaking to the roads County status; it's merely a land acquisition resolution much like, you know, hundreds of others that come through here for a project to enhance the downtown business district; not based on the fact that it's a County road.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

What is the cross street to Little East Neck Road that this parking lot is being constructed?

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

(inaudible)

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

Are you going to request that it be tabled?

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

No.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

You're not?

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

I'm trying to get the answer as to where the other 10,000 is; it's part of the Omnibus. As part of the Omnibus, Legislator Tonna and Legislator Bishop put money towards this project. He's now drawing down from --

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

I understand.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

-- to have it occur.

**MR. SABATINO:**

The key is its not a road project, it's a downtown revitalization parking lot improvement so I think --

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

I don't know why the money got put into that budget line which is creating the problem here because that department is looking at it and saying what the heck is this, this is not what we do.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

So let me ask Counsel how would we address --

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

It should have been in the real estate department.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

-- DPW's concern?

**MR. SABATINO:**

The whole debate is, is really --

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

There's no addressing it.

**MR. SABATINO:**

The debate is on a topic that's not before us. The debate before us is whether or not to release the \$10,000 for downtown revitalization. It has nothing to do with improving somebody else's road. So it's hard to respond, I mean, the DPW analysis really doesn't apply to this situation at hand.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

Mr. Pollert, do you have anything you'd like to add?

**MR. POLLERT:**

(inaudible)

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

We have two speakers that would like to address the committee on the Family Service League. Would you please identify yourselves for the record?

**MR. VAN DYKE:**

My name is Rick Van Dyke. I'm Executive Director of Family Service League and with me today is Karen Boorshtein who's Associate Executive Director and we are here to address resolution 1140, which was tabled. Legislator Caracciolo, other members of the Suffolk County Legislator's Budget Committee, ladies and gentlemen. We're here today to ask for your help with a very pressing issue, saving children in Suffolk County and saving taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. As you probably know, Suffolk County has the largest child youth population in the State outside New York City. Many of these children are in serious trouble and some of them are at very high risk of being placed in residential treatment facilities. Often placement is off Long Island, either upstate or in surrounding states. When children and youth with bad behaviors are put together such behaviors often worsen. If over time the child's condition improves and he is returned home he may well revert to bad behavior because he is returning home to the same conditions and circumstances which he left.

Family Service League has developed a unique program, which keeps the child at home. We work intensively with the child and the family. We wrap services around and focus on their assets, on their strengths. In 90% of the cases of children and youth who are referred to FSL by the Suffolk County Departments of Probation, Mental Health, and Social Services. We keep these children at home and out of expensive residential treatment facilities. In other instances in which a child is placed in foster care we're successful in having that child return to his home of origin much sooner. Through our intervention we not only get the child the services he needs right here in Suffolk County, but we work to change the parents in the home environment. So that the child will overcome the obstacles to remain at home and become successful and appropriate in school and with his peers and adults alike.

Because residential placements with annual cost of 50,000 to \$80,000 a year don't occur we're saving Suffolk County taxpayers huge resources each year. For example, one staffer with a caseload of 20 children with a 90% success rate if all of those were to be placed in residential treatment the savings to Suffolk County taxpayers could be in excess of \$1 millions. This is a Suffolk County wide program, which serves children and families from Greenport and Orient Points all the way to the Nassau-Suffolk border. As noted above the home base and home safe programs are very successful. Just ask Commissioner's Dan Hickey, Vincent Iaria, and/or Tom MacGilvary.

Now back to why we're here today; the salaries of our child family team coordinators are just too low and we're at risk of losing carefully selected recruited well-trained dedicated and caring staff who work and make these programs successful. Mr. Bishop, I know that you have been concerned about low salaries, to have introduced a legislative resolution to increase low end salaries in contract agencies. These team coordinators who we're talking about who caring this caseload of 20 children begin at \$21,000 a year. We're here to ask for funds to raise them to \$25,000 for a total of \$36,097 as called for in resolution 1140. Resolution 1140 was introduced by Legislator Postal earlier this year to insure the continuation of this staff. If this matter is not rectified I fear that we will lose this staff because they can no longer continue to live on salaries we have been paying. If they leave for higher paying positions these positions maybe impossible to fill. The results of this will be the children will be placed and at risk of greater problems and placement costs will skyrocket into additional hundreds of thousands of dollars to the County

of Suffolk. The amount at stake here is \$36,097; it only makes sense to act now to prevent this from happening. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

Ms. Boorshtein?

**MS. BOORSHTein:**

I'm not making a testimony, Legislator Caracciolo.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

Okay.

**MS. BOORSHTein:**

I'm here to answer any questions.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

Okay. Thank you.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

I have a question.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

Certainly.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

I would ask the Family Service League, so many resolutions we're told pay for themselves, our investments that are better wise, I just made that argument before. Could you quantify in dollars and cents terms for the committee members how this resolution does just that?

**MR. VAN DYKE:**

Well, they're 18 leaders, each of whom -- nine team leaders, each of whom have a caseload of approximately 20 children. And as I indicated in my testimony, if we're 90% successful in adverting placements into residential situations at a cost of a minimum of say \$50,000 a year, we're talking about 18 cases (children) times \$50,000 a year which is a savings of \$900,000 per worker.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

And if this resolution does not pass we don't lose \$900,000 right away, but what is the true risk of not adopting the resolution?

**MR. VAN DYKE:**

It is more and more difficult as most businesses and not-for-profits know to retain personnel and lower paying positions and we already have some indications that some of our lower paid staff will leave for higher paid positions, with business, with school districts, etc. And it's not only that these staff are difficult to find, but the training of people who have the capacity to keep kids out of residential placement is also a big cost that we -- I don't think we as a society can afford to incur.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

So are you in danger of losing staff members if the resolution is not passed?

**MR. VAN DYKE:**

Yes.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

Roughly, how many staff members could be lost in the short term?

**MR. VAN DYKE:**

In the short term, I would say three.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

Three. So that means one team?

**MR. VAN DYKE:**

That's three team leaders, correct.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

So if you were to lose a team --

**MR. VAN DYKE:**

All right, that's 60 children.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

Right.

**MR. VAN DYKE:**

And that's 900,000 potentially times three.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

So the point is just that, that this is an extremely effective program that not just abstractly saves County taxpayers' dollars, but in a very real quantifiable sense does that. So when we're seeking to protect the program we're seeking to actually save taxpayers' dollars not spend taxpayers' money. That's for you, Mike. I know how I'm voting and I suspect I know how Alden's voting.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

Mr. Weiss, would you like to comment?

**MR. WEISS:**

Primarily, my responsibility is to look at the offsets and how these transfer projects are funded. The copy I have has a transfer from capital fund. I just want to make sure that hasn't been changed. Is that still the correct offset, Paul?

**MR. SABATINO:**

Yeah, I'm just double checking to make certain it hasn't been changed.

**MR. WEISS:**

Well, I just found another corrected copy.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

What's the date on that, Ken?

**MR. WEISS:**

Todd just gave me one 3/15? Is that the latest?

**MR. SABATINO:**

March 15th, that's what I just pulled out of my book and the offset --

**MR. WEISS:**

Is it the SS permanent salaries?

**MR. SABATINO:**

Yes, it's just been changed; I'm just going back once to make sure; yes, permanent salaries.

**MR. WEISS:**

I have no objection.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

Dr. No.

**CHAIRMAN GULDI:**

Can I see some I.D.?

**MR. WEISS:**

If it was funded from transfer from capital fund I would've had a major objection.

**CHAIRMAN GULDI:**

Can I see some I.D. and what have you done with Ken Weiss?

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

Would Budget Review or the budget director like to comment about the real quantifiable savings as Mr. Bishop pointed out that would be -- that would come forth if this resolution were approved? I mean, what empirical evidence or data do we have that backs that statement up; do we?

**MR. POLLERT:**

The Budget Review office met with the Family Service League and we discussed this program as well as other programs run by the Family Service League. The real empirical savings are difficult to validate as they are with any program of this sort just because it's impossible to track what would happen if you didn't expend the funds or for that matter if you did expend the funds. So there's no hard numbers, which we could really quantify that would guarantee that we could reduce the budget in future years. If this is funded conversely we can't represent that the budget is not going to be going up if you don't fund it.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

Ken?

**MR. WEISS:**

I agree with Fred. I'm going to ask the department, assuming you pass it today before we sign it, I'm going to ask the department to certify that there's going to be some direct savings related to the resolution.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

Okay. I'm going to give you more time to do that cause I will not support the resolution today until you come back with that information.

**MR. VAN DYKE:**

The Department of Social Services and Probation and the Health Departments' Division of Mental Hygiene Services have all indicated excellent support for this program and I did want to make mention that for the record. And I know that the Department of Social Services and the Department of Probation have also indicated that they know that this program significantly reduces, as I said we have a 90% rating on preventing placements in residential facilities at great cost. So if they have --

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

It shouldn't be too difficult to get those comments in writing before the committee for its' next committee meeting.

**MR. VAN DYKE:**

I think from all three of those places would be good.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

Thank you, Mr. Van Dyke.

**MR. VAN DYKE:**

Thank you very much.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

Is there anyone else who would like to address the committee? We'll go to the agenda.

**Tabled Resolutions**

**1135 Amending the Adopted 2001 Operating Budget and appropriating funds to implement Osteoporosis Testing Program in Suffolk County. ASSIGNED TO BUDGET AND WAYS & MEANS (Postal)**

Do I hear a motion? Motion to table by the Chair. Second by Legislator Alden. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Unanimous. **(Vote: 3-0)**

**1140 Amending the Adopting 2001 Operating Budget and appropriating funds for Family Service**

**League. ASSIGNED TO BUDGET AND SOCIAL SERVICES (Postal)** Same motion same second same vote. **(Vote: 3-0)** Go to Tabled Subject to Call, is there any motion? Hearing none we'll continue.

**Introductory - Prime**

**1421 Amending the Adopted 2001 Operating Budget and transferring funds for the contracted agency Suffolk County United Veterans Transportation Services. ASSIGNED TO BUDGET (D'Andre)** Is there anyone here to speak on this resolution? Motion to table by the Chair second by Legislator Alden. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Unanimous. **(Vote: 3-0)**

**1422 Amending the 2001 Operating Budget and transferring Capital Funds. ASSIGNED TO BUDGET (Alden)** Same motion --

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

I'll make a motion (inaudible).

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

Would you like to explain?

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

Is this revenue neutral?

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

This is revenue neutral; I'm taking it --

**MR. SABATINO:**

1422 is withdrawn indifference to 1441. Okay, so 1441 does the same thing, but it does it the right way.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

1422 has been withdrawn according to Counsel and sponsor. We'll go to **1423 Amending the 2001 Operating Budget transferring funds for various contract agencies. ASSIGNED TO BUDGET (Crecca)** A motion to approve by the Chair.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

One question, Paul, does this just -- is his contract agencies?

**MR. SABATINO:**

Yeah, what this does is, is this took money that was previously provided in the Omnibus for a certain contract agency, such as Smithtown Historical Society and the Towns' Art Council and it's going to put him in a different group. It's going to give it to the Smithtown YMCA.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

But it's all out of the Legislator's own, you know, his allocation? Or does it go outside --

**MR. SABATINO:**

Well, it's not coming from individual legislative district, but what happen was in the resolution, let's just make sure, there's a resolution from earlier this year which allocated \$235,000 for historic preservation in Smithtown. This is now going to take that \$235,000 and break it out to the various contract agencies. It's still the same dollar amount it's just that it's breaking it out with specificity.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

That's the question.

**MR. WEISS:**

Isn't this the preservation of the movie theater in Smithtown that two years ago a resolution was, you know, to preserve the money. And then it was preserved again in 2001 and now we're not acquiring or we're not renovating this and now he wants to use the money for something else? That's the way I understand it.

**MR. POLLERT:**

That's correct. The funds were originally included by Legislator Holst; two years ago the funds were not expended

they rolled over to last year and now they're being re-distributed in a slightly different fashion.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

I would say that given the amount of fund that the County provides for cultural organizations and looking at this list here of cultural organization here you have the Smithtown Town Arts Council \$100,000, Historical Society \$100,000. Given the County's financial situation I cannot support this resolution at this time.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

Motion to table.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

Motion to table. Second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Unanimous. **(Vote: 3-0)**

**1438 Amending the 2001 Operating Budget and transferring funds in connection with parking lot improvements on Little East Neck Road. ASSIGNED TO BUDGET (Tonna)**

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

Motion to table.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

Motion to table by Legislator Bishop second by the Chair.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

Budget Review is going to prepare a new resolution in accordance with the recollections that I have of the budget process. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

We have a motion and second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **(Vote: 3-0)**

**SPEAKER:**

(inaudible)

**MR. POLLERT:**

Yes, we will, but they're actually I just wanted to clarify for the record that in total was a total of \$70,000 which was included for the Little East Neck Road improvements. One was included in D68, which was the \$10,000 in the Department of Public Works. \$10,000 was in Economic Development under D73 and D112 included \$50,000 for beautification of Little East Neck Road.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

That was already expended.

**MR. POLLERT:**

Right.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

Right. So that -- that's, that's 14th LD, this is -- the two 10,000's need to be consolidated to Real Estate that's really what needs to -- okay.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

1441 is before us that deals with Touro Law School.

**1441 Amending the Adopted 2001 Operating Budget and transferring funds in connection with Touro Law Center Elderlaw Clinic. ASSIGNED TO BUDGET (Alden)**

**MR. WEISS:**

I'd like to speak on that if I may?

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

Yes, go right ahead.

**MR. WEISS:**

I have a huge problem with this. This resolution the money was in the Operating Budget, it was placed in the Capital Budget which prohibited it from going into reserve which meant it would've been return to the taxpayers. Then sitting in a Capital Budget now we're appropriating it back into the General Fund. I'm going to do an inquiry with the State Controller to see if this is proper. I don't believe it is.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

(inaudible) my project that I -- but that maneuver that was just described is not only the appropriate maneuver it's what the Executive Branch recommended to us in situations where the following occurs. Legislator puts into the Omnibus an initiative for the County. Administration does not -- is not able to get it together to spend the money on that initiative during the budget year. So comes the end of the year November you want to preserve the initiative and the dollars you say, what do you do; they say, move it to the Capital Budget where it will not flow to fund balance and spend it next year rather than spend it in a rush at the end of the year. Now comes the next year and you want to get the initiative moving you need to release the money, what do you do then? If that if that is something --

**MR. WEISS:**

That would be true if you were doing the same initiative.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

Oh, all right.

**MR. WEISS:**

This is not the same initiative.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

You left that out of your testimony.

**MR. WEISS:**

Right, I did, but I guess you missed it. It was put away for purpose "A" into a Capital Fund. Now it's sitting in a Capital Fund and now we're going to do something entirely different with it. This circumvents the --

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

Okay.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

But just to enlighten everybody a little bit further on that, purpose "A" has made -- has been rendered moot by by some actions that I'm not even going to go into it, but some actions that I consider maybe even mismanagement or whatever you want to call it as far as budgetary type of practices. So this has been made moot. The original purpose of this to attract people to come and shop in Suffolk County because we have the lowest sales tax has been made moot by recent developments sort of speak.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

Motion to table. Second on the motion?

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

I'll second the motion.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:**

Second by Legislator Alden. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Unanimous. **(Vote: 3-0)**

**1442 Transferring contingency funding for various contract agencies. (Phase II). ASSIGNED TO BUDGET (Pres. Off.)** ) Explanation, Counsel?

**MR. SABATINO:**

1442 is Phase II of the legislative contingency funding for programs.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

Fred, does this include all of the requests submitted by Legislators in all 18 districts?

**MR. SABATINO:**

Well, this picks up around two, which is \$126,750. These are people or individuals, I should say for one reason or another, you know, couldn't make the first round of funding.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

Okay. And given the fact that there's a lawsuit dealing with this issue is it appropriate to go ahead and approve this resolution at this time?

**MR. SABATINO:**

Well, the request, yes, the request for a preliminary injunction was denied by the court, which indicates the likelihood of prevailing is on the County side.

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

Thank you, Counsel. All in favor? Motion by the Chair second by Legislator Bishop. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Unanimous. **(Vote: 3-0)** That concludes the business before the committee.

**LEGISLATOR BISHOP:**

(inaudible)

**CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:**

Motion to adjourn by Legislator Bishop second by Legislator Alden. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **(Vote: 3-0)** The committee stands adjourned.

**(Having no further business the Budget Committee was adjourned at 3:50 P.M.)**

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