

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

A regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on Thursday, March 3, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Legislator Jack Eddington, Chairman  
Legislator DuWayne Gregory, Vice-Chair  
Legislator Kate Browning  
Legislator Tom Cilmi  
Legislator John Kennedy

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature  
Barbara LoMoriello, Deputy Clerk, Clerk's Office  
Robert Calarco, Aide to Legislator Eddington  
Marge Acevedo, Aide to Presiding Officer Lindsay  
Mike Cavanagh, Aide to Presiding Officer Lindsay  
Kara Hahn, Aide to Presiding Officer Lindsay  
Jason Richberg, Aide to Legislator Gregory  
Chris DeLuca, Aide to Legislator Cilmi  
Paul Perillie, Aide to Majority Caucus  
John Ortiz, Budget Review Office  
Jill Moss, Budget Review Office  
Eric Kopp, County Executive's Office  
Ed Hennessey, County Executive's Office  
Dennis Brown, County Attorney's Office  
Richard Dormer, Commissioner, Suffolk County Police Department  
Robert Moore, Chief of Department, Suffolk County Police Department  
Roger Shannon, Deputy Commissioner, Suffolk County Police Department  
Dominick Varrone, Chief of Detectives, Suffolk County Police Department  
Thad Nieves, Suffolk County Police Department  
Chris Bergold, Suffolk County Police Department  
Fred Sales, Suffolk County Police Department  
Joe Williams, Commissioner, Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services  
Russ McCormick, Suffolk County Detective's Association, Secretary  
Mike Sharkey, SCSO  
Hank Mulligan, SOA, 2nd VP  
Hope Callazo, ARC/CSP  
Anthony LaFerrera, Suffolk County Chiefs Pres.  
Gail D'Ambrosio, SCPOA  
Dot Kerrigan, AME, 3rd VP  
All Other Interested Parties

**MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

Alison Mahoney, Court Stenographer

**MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:**

Kim Castiglione, Legislative Secretary

*(The meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M.)*

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

If everybody could stand for the beginning of the Public Safety Committee meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Legislator Cilmi.

***Salutation***

If you could remain standing for a moment of silence for those who defend our country abroad and provide public safety at home.

***Moment of Silence Observed***

Thank you very much. Okay. I want to start by thanking Commissioner Joe Williams from FRES for being here, and also I'd like to welcome Commissioner Dormer and Deputy Commissioner Shannon and Chief of Detectives Varrone and our always present Chief Robert Anthony Moore. Thank you for being here.

Okay, I'll start with the public portion and I have one card. Anthony LaFerrera.

**MR. LA FERRERA:**

Good morning. And I wasn't here last month so I just want to wish you -- or to your last meeting -- wish everybody Happy New Year. I think I was on my seventh driveway by the time your meeting started, so Happy New Year. My name is Anthony LaFerrera. I'm the President of Suffolk County Fire Chiefs Council, also Chairman of the FRES Commission. I would just like to bring awareness to the Public Safety Committee of the possibility of the shutting down the Suffolk County Burn Center at Stony Brook Hospital. As we know, the Governor slated the hospital to be cut by \$55 million and that's going to affect speciality services at the hospital, one being the Suffolk County Burn Center.

That burn center is a very critical and vital unit, not only for the firefighters and the public safety personnel, but to the residents of Suffolk County. It's an -- it might be a money losing entity in the hospital, but it is costly to operate, but there will be no place close for our County residents to be treated for severe burns. There will be delay in treatment for burns because of the distance you have to travel to be treated.

*(Legislator Kennedy entered the meeting)*

The closure of our living skin bank. We will lose that. We will have no burn surgeon. No burn clinic for minor burns and outpatient treatment. Major incidents could be catastrophic. You know, it will be a burden on families, too, because the closest hospitals with burn centers would be either Bridgeport, Connecticut, Cornell University or Nassau County Medical Center, and they don't have burn surgeons like we do or a skin bank as we do at Stony Brook. It's going to be a big effect on this County, and as we always hear, our 1.5 million residents in the County.

How we're going to attack it I'm not sure. I know the County Executive's aware of it, and maybe by next week we can have a better answer. But I just want to bring awareness to Public Safety the jeopardy of losing our burn center. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Mr. LaFerrera, what I will do is I'm going to ask my committee if they would support me in sending a letter to Stony Brook asking them to reconsider this. Because you guys give so much and ask for so little, I think this is like a no-brainer, so I will be reaching out to the other community people and ask them to support me in sending a letter to Stony Brook.

**MR. LA FERRERA:**

Mr. Eddington, that would be great. I thank you very much.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay. Thank you.

Is there anybody else that would like to address the committee? Okay.

**Tabled Resolutions**

I've got Tabled Resolution *IR 1952, A Local Law to protect animals in Suffolk County from abuse. (Cooper)*

This needs to be tabled for a public hearing. I'll make a motion.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Tabled (*VOTE: 5-0-0-0*).

*IR 2244, A Local Law to regulate the off-road use of four wheel drive vehicles and motorcycles. (Browning)*

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Motion to approve.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Motion to approve by Legislator Browning. I'll second that.

**MR. BROWN:**

Excuse me, Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

I'm sorry, I didn't see you there, Dennis.

**MR. BROWN:**

That's okay, I saw you were looking down. Thank you. We did previously reach out to the sponsor on this resolution, and this resolution as currently drafted, we would just like to bring it to the attention of the committee, that if it was challenged in court we could not guarantee that this would survive some type of challenge. Our DWI Seizure Law, it's been patterned after a Court of Appeals case, and we believe that to accomplish the goals of Legislator Browning that the best course may be to adopt what she likes to do with respect to seizures of ATVs or motorcycles, to pattern it or to incorporate it into the DWI Seizure Law.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

May I comment?

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Legislator Browning.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Actually, I would like Counsel to comment.

**MR. NOLAN:**

I believe this law is patterned after the other seizure and forfeiture laws. I know the County Attorney's Office had communicated with us that something was missing, and I believe we had addressed that so that it is completely patterned after the other laws that have to do with the ATV law. So if there is something specific that you think is still missing I certainly will look at that, because the intention always was to pattern it on all the other seizure and forfeiture laws and I thought we had done that. So maybe what the committee could do is if it's a will to discharge it from the committee or approve it out of committee, if there is in fact a problem, then we can try to correct any technical problems and we would table it on Tuesday if need be.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Legislator Browning, what's your pleasure?

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Well, my pleasure is to approve it. Like George said, it was to be tailored to match with the ATV's. I've had a lot of problems, Colonial Woods, Whispering Pines. It's a community in my district and there's some Pine Barrens next to them and there's also a property next to that also where the four wheel drives are going in there. They have destroyed the ground, gotten to the point where they've actually cut up electrical cables. So it wasn't just -- it was LIPA also that came to me with this problem, showed me pictures of large cables that have been cut down to the copper because of these vehicles. So that's what the intent is of this bill, is to prevent people from going in there. I'm not going to get too graphic and tell you about other things that have occurred in there, but at the same time I think we tailored this just like the ATV bill, so I don't see why it's a problem.

**MR. BROWN:**

May I respond, Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Yes, go ahead.

**MR. BROWN:**

Thank you. Specifically the issue is with respect to the preliminary hearing before an administrative officer. The way the bill is currently drafted -- this would be a major specific example. The way the bill is currently drafted it suggests that the preliminary hearing is voluntary and our DWI Seizure Law makes that preliminary hearing mandatory. That would be one correction that we would suggest.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Well, then I guess that what I've heard here is that we can approve it. You can reach out to the -- to Legislator Browning and George, and if we do need to amend it, then I guess we could table it on Tuesday.

**MR. BROWN:**

We'll do that. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay. So we have a motion and a second. All those in favor?

**MS. LOMORIELLO:**

Who was the second?

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

I'm the second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Approved (***VOTE: 5-0-0-0***).

***IR 2258, A Charter Law to provide for fair and equitable distribution of public safety sales and compensating use tax revenues. (Schneiderman)***

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

I'll make a motion to table, Mr. Chair.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

A motion to table by Legislator Kennedy, and a second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Tabled (***VOTE: 5-0-0-0***).

***IR 1002, A Local Law to protect the public from injury caused by accumulated snow or ice on moving motor vehicles. (Cooper)***

I make a motion to table.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

I guess I'll second that.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Did you say you will second?

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Yes, I guess for discussion.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay. There is a motion and a second to table. Any --

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Mr. Chair, could I just --

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Yes, Legislator Kennedy.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

There's been a lot of dialogue about this resolution. Through the Chair, if I can ask either a member of the Police Department or one of the representatives just to articulate to us again whether or not the vehicle traffic law provides our law enforcement community with the inherent authority to stop these folks based on the fact that they would be operating a vehicle in an unsafe condition, or is this something really that addresses a gap in the authority that they have. I don't know if there's anybody who can speak to that. The Commissioner is here. Good morning, Commissioner. How are you?

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Good morning, Legislator Kennedy. That's something we'd have to run by our legal department. I don't want to give you an answer at this point. I don't have enough information.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

So we'd have to research that and come back with an answer.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

I appreciate that, Commissioner, and I guess what I would say through the Chair, I'll support the tabling because I think if it genuinely is something that would provide authority to the department that they don't have now, then I would be inclined to support it. If it's a redundancy and there's inherent authority with the department now to address this matter, then I would be inclined not to support the matter.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

I would just add that the reason I'm asking to have this tabled is not because I don't think that the issue of ice and snow on vehicles is serious, but I think that you need to reach out to all the people, or at least the industries that are affected. Like if you are a school bus driver, do you show up every morning when it snows with a ladder and a big shovel? I want to know what's in place. Don't impose legislation and then have everybody have to scurry around and deal with it. Is there something for me to get the snow off my car?

I know this isn't a problem for people that have heated garages, but the rest of the world has to deal with it. That's why I'm asking that the sponsor reach out to these different places, get some answer, and then are we going to have the snow police? Because during a snow storm I have other places I would like to see the police looking than on the top of vehicles.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

No doubt about it. I mean, we have all experienced it on the road, and I don't for a moment think that individual motorists don't experience genuine and bona fide hazards. We have all had that experience. But your point is well taken. You know, a tractor trailer that's routinely stored outside, I don't know what the answer to that is. I'm not in the automotive industry. So maybe we genuinely do need to see a little bit more just nuts and bolts information.

And then my question to the department as to what authority lies with the VTL right now and whether or not this is something the department would say is a necessary addition, or do we -- is it covered now. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Legislator Browning.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Yeah, you talked about the school buses. I can tell you, I know from experience. Most school bus drivers show up to work about five, six o'clock in the morning. The buses are packed next to each other and the snow would be packed on top of the vehicle. It's the driver's responsibility to clean off the bus, and there's not enough mechanics in a bus yard to clean off -- if you go to a bus yard early in the morning you will see anywhere up to 300, 400 buses, so there's no way you are going to get a mechanic to be able to clean off those buses in time.

I know that the sponsor had talked about there's, you know, in other locations they do have that law, and they have some kind of equipment that the buses can drive under where it will take it off. But the yards here on Long Island don't have it. So I think maybe to require them to accommodate or to buy that equipment before you make the law and I'm -- you know, I read the bill and it says that the operator of the noncommercial motor vehicle shall be subject to a fine.

Now, here we go again. You are talking about a school bus driver, maybe a single parent, who's maybe making, if lucky, \$20,000 a year, and now you are going to impose a fine on them that they can't afford. So you are taking food off their table because of a fine. And to say that the company can be fined, I think what's going to happen is the company will pass it on to the employee and dock their paycheck.

I had an example not too long ago, a resident in my community was encouraged by the bus company to take the bus home because there's not enough room in the yard, and she got a fine from the Town of Brookhaven. So the bus company is getting the fine, but she was told by the company it's coming out of her paycheck. So I'm very, very wary of passing a bill where I'm going to see that, you know, the single mom who's struggling to make ends meet is going to wind up with a bill that she can't afford, he or she can't afford. And I think maybe we should require the bus companies and the trucking companies to have that piece of equipment, require them to do that, give them maybe a time frame to get it in, before you put this law in effect.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Legislator Cilmi.

**LEG. CILMI:**

Yes, thanks. I guess I have a couple of questions and a statement or two. You know, we've all seen the Honda Civic on the highway with ten inches of snow on the roof. It's clearly unacceptable. I don't think, and the sponsor and I haven't spoken about this bill specifically, but I don't think his intention, if he specifically excluded commercial vehicles I would sense just intuitively that he may also want to exclude buses. I didn't realize that buses were not considered a commercial vehicle. Is that - George, can you just confirm that buses are not commercial?

**LEG. BROWNING:**

They're commercial, I'm sorry.

**LEG. CILMI:**

They are commercial. So does this bill affect commercial vehicles or does it not affect it? And my understanding was that New York State Law governed commercial vehicles.

**MR. NOLAN:**

This law does cover commercial vehicles. It actually covers all vehicles and it does not exclude commercial vehicles. Generally speaking, you know, the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law does cover the operation of motor vehicles and the rules of the road and so forth. And that applies to all vehicles as well.

**LEG. CILMI:**

But you are not aware of any specific State law that addresses snow or ice on commercial vehicles specifically?

**MR. NOLAN:**

Not specifically. I'm actually going through the section of the VTL now about the rules of the road. I'm trying to find a more general provision that might apply that the Police Department could use in response to a question that was raised here, but I've not located that yet.

**LEG. CILMI:**

Okay. You know, I don't - I, quite frankly, I'm a little torn with this bill. I certainly see the sponsor's intention is good. You know, you have heard the stories also about ice flying off the front of a truck and through the windshield of a following car. It's a very, very dangerous condition that should be remedied. Unfortunately, more and more these days we have to rely on legislation to deal with persons personal irresponsibility, which is so unfortunate. But maybe I will have a conversation with the sponsor about somehow addressing the difference between commercial and otherwise, you know, vehicles.

I guess the other statement is to Legislator Browning's point. I don't know that -- in fact, I do know that it wouldn't be appropriate for us to require commercial -- commercial owners of vehicles to install any specific type of equipment that would remove snow or ice from their vehicles. However,

I think it is appropriate to require them to keep their vehicle safe, and if that takes them climbing up on a ladder to do it or if that takes them purchasing equipment to do it, then so be it. It certainly should not be the bus driver's responsibility to climb up on top of a bus and remove snow and ice. I mean, that's just absurd. If you are an independent trucker and you're an independent contractor and, you know, you are the sole responsible party of your vehicle, then yes, you should clean that vehicle, but not in the case of bus drivers. Not sure where we want to go with this today. I'll defer.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Thank you. Legislator Gregory.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I've been kind of torn with this bill. As Legislator Cilmi has said, I see the sponsor's intent. I think his intent is well put. I just have some concerns and I would like to see -- actually, I think the opposite. I would like to see it applied to commercial vehicles before it's applied to personal vehicles. I think of the 90 year old woman, you know, who can barely, you know, with a little bit of arthritis can barely get out of the driveway, who has to get on top of her or clear snow off her roof, you know? I mean, that's the practical nature of this type of bill. You know, and to legislate personal responsibility as government, you know, I'm a progressive Democrat, I'll admit that, but there are certain boundaries that I'm hesitant to cross, and I think when we start looking into legislating personal responsibility, you know, I think we start to go beyond those boundaries.

I'm willing to discharge this bill to the full Legislature so that we can have this discussion because it's important, keeping in mind that the bill will not be implemented until next year, next snow season. It would give those an opportunity to promote the law and to make whatever adjustments or purchases that they need to ensure that their vehicle's are safe. I have seen some testimony and documents regarding the severe nature of this and -- but, you know, as I hesitate to legislate personal responsibility, it is our responsibility to legislate a public danger, and this is certainly -- there's been some record that this poses a public danger. We have to make a decision if we want to go there or not, but I think because of that, because it's not a clear-cut case, I think it deserves debate. I think the full body needs to be able to do that. So I will make a motion to discharge so -- and in light of that, that the whole body can debate this bill.

**LEG. CILMI:**

I'll second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay. Then on that motion I just want to say that I'm going to -- I think tabling goes first but -- and I'm going to ask the committee to table it, because I believe that the discussion should happen in the Public Safety Committee, that we should -- if there's a question in our mind, then it should be answered here and then I believe we can pass it on. But I really believe that it's our responsibility to try to look at things and if there are glaring questions like I heard today, I think that's what the committee process is for. So I'm going to continue to ask for a table, and there's a second; and there's a discharge without recommendation and a second, and I believe the tabling goes first.

**MR. NOLAN:**

Correct.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Mr. Chair, on the motion with the table.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Yes.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Through the Chair, to the PD. Commissioner, is it reasonable that you might be able to go ahead and have legal give us just some basic information on the VTL, or for that matter, you know, if we have commercial vehicles covered as well, maybe Federal highway regulations, which I know the department implements or operates under as well. Our committee cycle is back to back here. We will meet again in another --

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Two weeks.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Yeah, 14 days. Is that correct, Mr. Chair?

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Correct.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. I agree with you that the whole point of committees is to do the nuts and bolts and nitty gritty associated with legislation, and if we have to take matters that are still undefined and put them out to the general body, that kind of undermines the whole committee process. At that point perhaps maybe we should just be a committee of 18 that deliberates every matter that comes before us. So to the sponsor, I don't think it's going to alter behavior or put anybody in that great a risk. Quite candidly, I hope between now and St. Patrick's Day we don't have another cataclysmic snowstorm, but you never know.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

From your lips to God's ears.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

That's usually the way Patty's Day goes. But I'm going to support the tabling predicated on the request for the information from the department.

**LEG. CILMI:**

Mr. Chair, given your comments and the comments of my colleague to the right, I will withdraw my second to the discharge petition and agree with you completely. We should deal with this in committee next time.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay. Thank you. Then we have a motion and a second to table. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Tabled (**VOTE: 5-0-0-0**). Thank you.

**Introductory Resolutions**

***IR 1025, Approving the appointment of Dionne Walker-Belgrave as a member of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission. (Co. Exec.)***

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Is Dionne here?

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Is she a new appointment?

**LEG. BROWNING:**

New appointment.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

New appointment. I don't see her.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Did she know she had to come to committee?

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Chairman of the Committee, are you familiar with her, Mr. Gregory?

**LEG. GREGORY:**

No, I am not Chair of that committee.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

I'm sorry, I thought you were.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

But I will make a motion to table.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay. We'll have a motion to table. I'll second that. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?  
Tabled (**VOTE: 5-0-0-0**).

***IR 1029, Authorizing the Suffolk County Police Department to qualify retired law enforcement officers from other law enforcement agencies under The Firearms Qualification Program. (Romaine)***

I'll make a motion to approve.

**LEG. CILMI:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Cilmi.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

On the motion.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

On the motion, go ahead.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Two things. One, just Counsel, if you can tell us briefly what this is about. And then if I can ask again, through the Chair, is the department in support of this?

**MR. NOLAN:**

Well, back in '06 the Legislature approved a resolution authorizing our Police Department to provide annual training and qualification testing required under the Law Enforcement Office Safety Act, the Federal statute, and to provide that training to retired members of the Police Department and other

Local Law enforcement agencies. What this law would do would authorize the Police Department to do that training and qualification for retired Federal, State law enforcement officers. Basically expand the Police Department's authority to provide training qualification and firearms to retired law enforcement personnel. I don't know what the Police Department's position is on this.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Well, we've talked quite a bit about the operations of the range and range officers and a variety of different things. Again, I guess -- is there any comment from the department, Commissioner? Is there any -- I apologize for dragging you back and forth to the podium here, but nothing like getting it from the authority's mouth.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

I have to make sure I press the right button here. You can hear me anyway. We support this legislation because it was a gap in the original legislation that only applied to retired Suffolk County officers, and we have a lot of other department officers living in Suffolk County who couldn't avail themselves of this law, and so we wanted to expand it to include them. It will just fit right into what we're doing right now and we think it's the right thing to do.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Thank you, Commissioner. I appreciate that. Okay. Mr. Chair, I'm happy to go ahead.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay. I made a motion. Is there a second?

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Second.

**LEG. CILMI:**

Yeah, I seconded it.

**MS. LOMORIELLO:**

Yes, there's a second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay, Mr. Cilmi -- Legislator Cilmi. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Approved (**VOTE: 5-0-0-0**).

***IR 1061, Accepting and appropriating 100% Federal grant funds awarded by the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Second Chance Act Reentry Demonstration Program: Targeting Offenders with Cooccurring Substance Abuse and Mental Health Disorders for the Suffolk County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to Suffolk County Probation Department. (Co. Exec.)***

I'll make a motion to approve and put on the consent calendar.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Approved and placed on the consent calendar (**VOTE: 5-0-0-0**).

***IR 1087, Accepting and appropriating 100% State grant funds awarded through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services funding to the Suffolk County Department***

*of Probation. (Co. Exec.)*

I'll make a motion to approve and put on the consent calendar.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Approved and placed on the consent calendar **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

***IR 1088, Accepting and appropriating 100% Federal funds awarded by the U.S. Marshals Service to the Suffolk County Department of Probation and authorizing the County Executive to execute related agreements. (Co. Exec.)***

I'll make a motion to approve and put on the consent calendar.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Approved and placed on the consent calendar **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

***IR 1089, Appropriating funds in connection with the purchase of communications equipment for Sheriff's Office (CP 3060). (Co. Exec.)***

I'll make a motion to approve.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Approved **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

***IR 1090, Appropriating funds in connection with improvements to the County Correctional Facility C-141, Riverhead (CP 3014). (Co. Exec.)***

I'll make a motion to approve.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Approved **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

***IR 1091, Approving funds in connection with renovations to the original portions of the Yaphank Correction Facility (CP 3009). (Co. Exec.)***

I'll make a motion to approve.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Approved (**VOTE: 5-0-0-0**).

***IR 1092, Authorizing the payment of funds from the Sheriff's Office Prisoners' Commissary Account to the General Fund. (Co. Exec.)***

I'll make a motion to approve.

**LEG. CILMI:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Cilmi.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

On the motion, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay, on the motion.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Can I just get a quick explanation from Counsel or from -- if we have anybody from the -- I see Chief Sharkey is here. Again, through the Chair, if I can ask the Chief just to give a brief explanation.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Yeah. Chief Sharkey, please.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Good morning, Chief. How are you? Thank you for coming today.

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

Good morning. How are you? The commissary account is an account that is funded through inmate funds where they make purchases of items in the correctional facility. We looked into, among the uses of those funds, an acceptable use is to support the workers that provide the services that allow them to make those purchases. And in that we had a sufficient balance in the commissary fund to allow us to transfer some of those funds back to the General Fund to offset the cost of operating the program.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

So you mean there may be some bookkeeping or bureaucratic expense and this might be supporting a Clerk Typist or Account Clerk or somebody like that? Is that it, Chief?

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

There are two civilians, I believe, that work in the Commissary Unit and --

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay.

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

We can cover their salaries, a portion of their salaries, and a portion of some overtime expenses we can reimburse the County for that.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

It sounds logical to me. All right. Thank you, Chief. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Thank you, Chief. Okay. We have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Approved (**VOTE: 5-0-0-0**).

***IR 1093, Naming the Suffolk County Police Department Range "The Stephen J. Clark Memorial Range". (Co. Exec.)***

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Okay, let me ask.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Has it gone to the Naming Committee?

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Can I ask, though --

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Legislator Browning.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

I thought the Sitings Committee was meeting today, later today; no?

**MR. NOLAN:**

The 15th of March I believe, and I'm not even sure this is on their agenda for that meeting. So maybe somebody could alert them.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

No, I think it is on the agenda. I vaguely remember seeing it because I know I have one waiting for it, so there's two. I thought they were meeting at some point today. I guess not. Okay.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay. Then I'll make a motion to table so the committee can deal with it. Second?

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Browning. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Tabled (**VOTE: 5-0-0-0**).

***IR 1107, To extend the date upon which the Task Force on Hate Crimes in Suffolk County submits its written report. (Gregory)***

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Motion to approve.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Motion to approve by Legislator Gregory. I'll second that. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Approved (**VOTE: 5-0-0-0**).

Okay. Seeing all the business done, I will adjourn the meeting.  
Thank you very much.

*(The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 A.M.)*