

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

**Capital Budget Meeting**

A special 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, May 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the matter of the 2013-2015 Capital Budget.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Legislator Kate Browning, Chairperson  
Legislator Robert Calarco, Vice-Chair  
Legislator DuWayne Gregory  
Legislator Lou D'Amaro  
Legislator John Kennedy

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Legislator William Spencer  
Legislator Kara Hahn

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Barbara LoMoriello, Deputy Clerk, Suffolk County Legislature  
John Ortiz - Budget Analyst/Legislative Budget Review Office  
Jill Moss, Budget Review Office  
Diane Dono, Budget Review Office  
Justin Littell, Aide to Legislator D'Amaro  
Bobby Knight, Aide to Presiding Officer Lindsay  
Michael Pitcher, Aide to Presiding Officer Lindsay  
Greg Moran, Aide to Legislator Nowick  
Ben Zwirn, County Executive's Office  
Mark White, Deputy Chief/Suffolk County Police Department  
Robert Scharf - Lieutenant-Police Headquarters/SCPD  
Mike Sharkey, Chief of Staff/Suffolk County Sheriff's Office  
Kerry Kneitel, Chief Deputy/Suffolk County Sheriff's Office  
Joseph Rubacka, Deputy Warden/Suffolk County Sheriff's Department  
Mike Franchi, Deputy Warden/SCSO  
Lou Tutone, 2nd Vice President/SCPBA  
Joe Williams, Commissioner/FRES  
Richard Stockinger, Chief/Suffolk County Fire Academy  
Arty Sanchez, Treasurer/DSPBA  
All Other Interested Parties

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*(\*The meeting was called to order at 1:59 P.M. \*)*

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Do we have any cards? Good afternoon. We'll start our Public Safety Capital Budget hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Calarco.

***Salutation***

And can we just please stand for another moment in prayer for Presiding Officer Bill Lindsay. The update is he had surgery yesterday, he's still in recovery and he has a long road ahead of him, so please keep him in your prayers.

***Moment of Silence Observed***

Thank you. Okay. Since we have no cards, Commissioner Williams, I know you have a wake to go to. So we would like to -- I'd like you to come up now and if you have any comments.

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

Speaking for FRES, I just want to thank the Budget Review Office here and the Legislators and the County Executive's Office. We realize some of the money strains. Also, the projects we have are in line with it, we had to move some back.

Just to -- before I turn it over to Chief Stockinger, the Director of the Fire Academy, he has some questions, is that the -- the only thing we need to address in the future is we had requested a warehouse to store a lot of our WMD equipment which is right now in trailers. What happens with that is due to the different temperature changes, that stuff deteriorates. We've accomplished some of those missions by -- we just went through Space Committee and we're renting a warehouse now for food, water, generators, right now, which is a hundred percent paid by grant money. We can't guarantee the grant money every year. We're good for at least the next four years with this grant money.

We have to look at, maybe next year or the year after, if we're unable to build a warehouse, to put the rest of the equipment in is looking for either -- it's kind of difficult to say grant money or County money to move some of this equipment into a climate controlled warehouse where it doesn't deteriorate and we have to get rid of it. It was all grant-funded material that these trailers are there and just to keep them in operating shape we'll have to definitely look at that, but we can address that next year.

If there's no questions, I'll turn it over to Chief Stockinger from the Fire Academy.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Okay. Does anybody have any questions? I mean, the warehouse, how much was that warehouse going to cost us? John, do you know anything? Do you have a project number?

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

Yes, the warehouse is costing \$8,000 a month to rent and it's 100% grant-funded, it's not costing the County anything. It's located by our office. It's a -- it's climate controlled. We'll be storing stuff in there and we're in the process now, we just took delivery or took ownership of it or leaseship (sic) of it this past Monday, we just got the keys. So we're in the process now of -- all the shelving going in is grant-funded, even down to a forklift that we needed is all grant-funded, so there's no cost to the County at all in that warehouse.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Okay. But is there a Capital Project number for the building of a new warehouse, or no?

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

There was one but it's been pushed back. It's not even on the radar anymore.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Do you have a number on that?

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

What's the number on that?

**LEG. CALARCO:**

Thirty-four twenty-two.

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

Thirty-four twenty-two.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Thirty-four twenty-two? Okay. And that's --

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

Thirty-four twenty-six, excuse me.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Thirty-four twenty-six? You have 22? Okay. Twenty-two or 26? John, do you know?

**LEG. CALARCO:**

They're in a storage building?

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Domestic -- what is it?

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

I'm getting -- it's 22, Legislator.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Twenty-two, okay. And that is projected when, the construction?  
Go ahead, John.

**MR. ORTIZ:**

The requested amount was \$2.15 million; it was not included in the proposed program.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

And would that -- that would be funded by grant money if we build it?

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

To build it, there was no grant money available to build a building. What it does -- that's the avenue we went, we're renting a building now. It's kind of odd that we can use money to rent a building and never own it, but we can't use grant money to build our own and have our own building at this time.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Government at its best. Okay. So we're paying \$8,000 a month to rent a building and 2.15 if we

build it, but the grant will not cover that. Okay, that makes a lot of sense.

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

That's correct. You know, my suggestion would be when we realize how things are going in the next couple of years even, would be to -- I would be much in favor if we didn't even get grant money to look at -- if we could come up with County money, which would probably be approximately about \$100,000 a year, to rent. And this way what we did with this particular lease, there's no additional cost to the County. In that rent is the cost for utilities, everything is included in that price, so that's covered by the grant. We can continue to look at that even if we have to split it maybe, even rent a building instead of building one right now.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Okay. Questions?

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Yeah, I did. Thank you. You know the Budget Review Office is not recommending this project at this time; I assume you're aware of that.

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

Yes, I know.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Okay.

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

We looked at that and we can understand due to the cost in the near future. But I just wanted to put it on the radar that I think we have to maybe go a different approach with it with the County Executive's Office and the Budget Review Office next year to look into renting.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Joe, yeah, I wanted to ask you, it says that, *"The preferable goal of FRES is to still design and build a County-owned warehouse, energy-efficient, to house the entire domestic preparedness fleet and inventory at the lowest possible cost."* So the preparedness fleet and inventory is now scattered; is that how it's being stored?

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

The way it's being stored right now, we have several 40-foot trailers that are filled. We have about 15 smaller trailers that we can pull if it is being stored outside.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

All right. Well, my question is does the way the equipment and the fleet is being stored now affect in any way the Department's ability to respond?

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

It doesn't affect the way to respond, but what will happen, after the period of time it'll start affecting the equipment that's in -- some of the equipment that's in -- stored in this, because of the cold in the wintertime and the heat of the summertime is not the proper way to store this equipment.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

So the warehouse that you're proposing would be climate controlled as well.

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

It would have to be. Even with the grant that we got, that was one of the requirements from the Federal government, that the building had to be climate controlled.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Okay. All right, but it's not really affecting the ability to respond but it's affecting the equipment itself.

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

That's correct. All this equipment was basically coming through with Federal grants.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Right.

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

The dangerous part about that is that we have to start replacing this equipment within the next four or five years, six years some of it, there's no guarantee there's going to be grant money and we have to replace that with County money.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Uh-huh. Okay, thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Anybody else? John?

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Commissioner, thank you for being here. This grant funding that we're using for the rent, is it specific to just providing storage? What is the nature of the grant? If -- let's just say that we had an adequate space where we could take care of the issues that are raised here, would the grant funding be able to be applied for some other use or it's just specific to housing goods?

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

The grant we're using is an Urban Area Workgroup Grant, it's Department of Homeland Security money. The only thing related to the renting of the building is its allowable cost. If we didn't have to use that money to rent that building, we would use that money for other things. So it's not -- we're not required to rent the building and accept the grant, but it is an allowable cost within the grant.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Here's where I'm going with this. Is it -- does the nature of the grant allow for things like offset of salaries or other types of things that are in the nature of what our folks there in FRES do?

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

Yes, it does. Right now part of that same grant, we probably have about 11, 12, 13 people at FRES that their salary either is 100% funded through that grant or more than 50% funded through that grant. It allows for that. It allows us to buy equipment, it allows us to purchase vehicles.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. All right, very good. Thank you. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Good? Anybody else; no? Any comments from BRO; no? Okay, we're good. Thank you, Joe. And, go ahead.

**CHIEF STOCKINGER:**

Just one comment. Good afternoon, everyone, and thank you. Just as I mentioned in my presentation to you two weeks ago, how important it is to keep up with the infrastructure maintenance that we haven't been doing for the last couple of years. I know we do have some money allocated next year for 2013. It's just -- I just want to stress the importance of that money remaining there, as the buildings are starting to deteriorate, and this does have an impact on our annual maintenance contract with the company that maintains that building. There will be some cost savings once we institute the rehabilitation of these buildings. Right now that company is figuring they're going to have to replace a lot of parts. So the annual cost of our contract has gone up significantly with that in mind.

So I'm just asking that you keep that in mind when you make your final determination, that this -- the allocations that we need are extremely important to keep up these -- to keep the buildings open basically.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Any questions?

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Are you speaking to the leased facility? What are you talking about?

**CHIEF STOCKINGER:**

No, we have -- the burn buildings that we use out at the Fire Academy.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Oh, okay.

**CHIEF STOCKINGER:**

They're -- they have been converted over the years. The older buildings have been converted to gas-fired props.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Oh, okay.

**CHIEF STOCKINGER:**

You know, because we can't do live burns in the building anymore because of its construction. So we have an annual maintenance contract with the people that installed all of the components in that building. They've already outlived their expectations. The buildings were done in 1999 and in 2000 we converted the two buildings. They anticipated that everything in that building would be good for about seven or eight years, and obviously we're way past that. It's motors, printed circuit boards, smoke generators, things like that, electronic components that only have a certain lifecycle. They've been recommending for several years now that we start a rehabilitation program to rebuild these, to put new technology in the buildings that'll last for a longer period of time. What impact that has had is the maintenance contract that we have for that building is through Commissioner William's Office and we have seen a significant increase in that over the last several years because they're hedging that they're going to have to replace a lot of these components.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Right. What's the cost of the maintenance contract annually?

**CHIEF STOCKINGER:**

Currently we're paying, I believe it's a little under \$60,000.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

And that's going up because the buildings and the components are getting older, they're aging.

**CHIEF STOCKINGER:**

That's correct, yes.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Okay. And is there an existing Capital Project to address that situation?

**CHIEF STOCKINGER:**

Just -- yeah, everything that we have is under 3405 and it's different phases.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

I'm sorry. Could you repeat your answer? I'm sorry.

**CHIEF STOCKINGER:**

It's 3405 is the projects. We have several phases under 3405 that address different projects that we're doing.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

I see.

**CHIEF STOCKINGER:**

The proposal that we're asking for is phase 12 -- I'm sorry, phase 11. We're asking for that \$100,000 to start that rehabilitation.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Right. Well, that's been recommended by our office and also recommended by the Executive; right?

**CHIEF STOCKINGER:**

Right, yes.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

That's it?

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Madam Chairwoman?

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Yeah. Go ahead, John.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Thank you. Dick, I'm just getting a quick chance to scan this.

Page 156 in BRO's report, they talk about you want to replace the Class A Burn Building with improvements to the existing water supply system, including replacement of a 40-year old well?

**CHIEF STOCKINGER:**

Those projects have been completed.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

They're all done already. All right. Okay. I'll try to figure it out from there. Thank you.

**CHIEF STOCKINGER:**

Okay.

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Okay. Thank you.

**CHIEF STOCKINGER:**

Thank you all.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

I guess that's it. Okay. I see -- did I see the Sheriff, or was I mistaken?

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

He was here, but --

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Oh, okay. If you would like to come up, Mike? So how are we doing with Capital Projects for the Sheriff's Department?

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

We have several active projects. At the outset, let me state that we appreciate all the work that BRO has done reviewing our submission to the Capital Budget and that we concur with each of their recommendations. That being said, I think it would be worthwhile for us to do just a brief overview of each of the projects and then make ourselves available for some questions.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Sure.

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

I'll save the Yaphank Correctional Facility for last, okay?

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

The good stuff to the last.

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

That's the largest one, so.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Are we shutting that down?

*(\*Laughter\*)*

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Hey, do you have room for storage? *(Laughter)*. It's temperature controlled.

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

Well, not storage of goods. We have room for storage.

*(\*Laughter\*)*

All right, I'm going to start off with our Capital Project 3060 which is for the purchase of communications equipment. Operation of the Sheriff's Public Safety Communication Center is dependent upon information and the ability to manage it. That requirement in turn depends heavily upon computer-aided dispatch software. To this -- new to this project are both hardware and software items that will greatly enhance the functionality of the communications system. Both the County Executive and your Budget Review Office agreed that this project is crucial to the operation of the Communications Center and have recommended including the funding.

I also want to touch on Capital Project 3047 which is a project that we have historically used to replace heavy-duty equipment in the Sheriff's Office. In this case we had been asking for a box truck and we had requested \$60,000 in 2013 for a box truck. The justification for this truck was significant enough that both the County Executive and your BRO recommended included it in the Capital Program. However, given the County's current fiscal situation, the Sheriff has directed me to advise you that we will be pursuing another source to obtain this vehicle which is through the Federal Surplus Property Program. While we are confident that we will be successful in obtaining this vehicle through the Federal program, if we cannot we would be requesting this box truck in the 2014-16 Capital Program. So at this time, the 60,000 can be removed from the Capital Program.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Well, removed or just put into the 2014 line?

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

We feel you can remove it.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Remove it?

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

We're pretty confident we're going to be able to find this asset at no cost to the County.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Okay.

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

If we can't, we'll reintroduce it next year.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Very good. My compliments to the Sheriff.

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

I will now discuss Capital Project 3014, which is improvements to the correctional facility in Riverhead. The Sheriff's Office requests under 3014 are designated as asset protection. It must be noted that while the Commission of Corrections found the existing Yaphank facility to be in immediate need of repairs and renovations, they stated in their report that they were pleased with the conditions at the Riverhead facility. We believe this is directly related to our efforts to provide annual funding to maintain this facility under Capital Project 3014. Both the Sheriff's Office and BRO included 1.5 million in 2015 for ongoing maintenance and repairs. The County Executive's proposed budget did not provide any funding in 2015. We simply cannot afford to skip a year of funding. Annual funding of the Capital Program 3014 allows the County to have a quality preventative maintenance program, and as systems reach the end of their useful life they can be replaced.

BRO also includes funding in subsequent years for a new kitchen and food service area. While we requested the funding in 2014, since we made some improvements to the kitchen recently, we see no problem with placing it in subsequent years.

I'll now move on to the two projects that involve Yaphank. First and foremost is Capital Project 3008, which is the construction of the new Yaphank Correctional Facility. It should be pointed out that this project no longer includes renovations to the existing dormitories in Yaphank. Those renovations will be now performed under Capital Project 3009. Phase I of 3008, which provides 440 housing units, is almost complete and the Sheriff is scheduling a soft opening this September. The Commission of Corrections is closely monitoring the project of phase I and any delay the Commission views as being without merit could have significant consequences.

I will now discuss Phase II of this Capital Project. The Sheriff's Office requested that the funding for Phase II be placed in 2013. However, for the eighth year in a row, the proposed budget places it in subsequent years. The Commission of Corrections is concerned over the fact that the County has continuously pushed Phase II further into the future for the last eight years. In a Commission letter dated February 23rd of 2012, they specifically state, "It was the Commission's understanding that the funding for Phase II, expansion portion of this project, construction of six additional housing pods, has been appropriated by the County. Submission of those plans was to take place in 2010, but did not occur. They continue, "The Commission is requesting an up-to-date time frame for the Phase II construction plans, submission and subsequent construction and completion of this phase. The time frames will help the Commission with determining the need, if any, for continued variance relief during the phase of the project."

Given the fact that the State Commission of Correction is mandating that Phase II commence immediately after phase I is operational, your BRO is recommending that 3.7 million for planning be included next year, 2013, and that the construction funds scheduled for the following year, 2014. The Sheriff's Office concurs with BRO's schedule, that is planning in 2013 and construction to commence in 2014.

Now, to continue with Capital Project 3009, renovations to the existing Yaphank Correctional Facility. This is an ongoing Capital Project which addresses the renovations and repairs to the old 1959, 1983 and 1988 portions of the Yaphank Correctional Facility. The State Commission of Corrections is especially concerned with the eight dormitories which are in various states of disrepair. Both the Executive and the Budget Review Office are recommending funding of 11 million in 2013, which we agree. Indeed, the importance of proceeding with this project in a timely manner is underscored by the fact that on April 25th and 26th, the State Commission of Corrections staff conducted an unannounced inspection of the Yaphank and Riverhead correctional facilities. The Commission's findings reported in May 4th correspondence, highlights of the report are as follows: "Continued housing of inmates in this facility without a long-term plan for the reconstruction and renovation of the housing areas and sanitary facilities is not an option for Suffolk County."

In the "action required" portion of the document, the Commission states the following; "Suffolk County shall prepare a detailed plan for plant improvements for long-term operations or for the decommissioning of the Yaphank facility, dormitory complex, and shall submit such plans to the Commission on or before August 10th, 2012." It must be understood that the decommissioning of these dorms is not an option. These eight dormitories have always been included in the future capacity of our correctional facilities. While they must be closed temporarily for these major renovations and repairs, they must be included in our future capacity. We believe that during these major renovations, the Commission will allow us to keep all of our 511 variance beds so that the closing of these dorms for renovations will not require the County to use substitute jail housing.

That's the end of our formal presentation. I'll be happy to take any questions you might have.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

So how much of that \$11 million is the State going to give us? I'm being sarcastic (*Laughter*). Zero. So, does anyone have questions?

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

A question and a request. First of all, a request; if you can send me a copy of the -- if the Sheriff can make a copy of that May 4th letter available for me, I would be interested to see it. And I'm going to ask you to just go to the existing rehab; that's 3009?

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

Yes.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. How many inmates do we have in the existing dormitories that we have set up now that would be the subject of this rehab?

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

In the eight dormitories that are requiring these significant renovations, about three --

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Approximately; I mean, you don't need to give it to me down to the head.

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

Approximately 324.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. Is that a mix between male and female or is it all male?

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

All male.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

All male, okay. Obviously, I mean, the Commission of Corrections, it sounds like their tone and their intent is pretty clear. Is their plan, in order to ultimately accommodate the rehab of the existing dorms, to take some of those existing inmates and put them into our new facility that's being opened?

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

Yes, that's part of the -- we've been working with the Commission. As you know, because of the County's fiscal situation, we had to delay hiring of Correction Officers which would have allowed us to keep all of our housing areas functional at the same time.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Yes.

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

Part of the plan now is to be able to close two dorms, at least two dorms at a time.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay.

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

House those inmates in the new facility, use that staff in the new facility and be able to rehab and renovate the older dorms.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Do we have the capacity in the new facility to take in new prisoners and accommodate these existing prisoners? Or -- I mean, if you have 308, between eight of them you're talking about, what; I don't know, 55, 60 in a dorm? So you'd be looking to flip about 110 if you were going two dorms at a time for rental; right?

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

Yeah, if you take -- we have a 440 bed capacity, new facility, if we put a hundred or so inmates from two dorms at a time in, plus we pull --

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

You still have the capacity --

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

Plus we pull back our inmates that are housed out, we still have room in that facility.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

How many we have housed out; what's out?

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

Right now, I can tell you specifically today, but we're averaging around 160 lately.

**DEPUTY WARDEN RUBACKA:**

Right.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

A hundred and ten, 160, we'd still have some capacity for some additional inmates as well, I guess. Loosely -- so we would do this -- flip over this conversion and then we would start the existing dorm renos some time in next year, spring of next year maybe? Do you have to go through the whole design --

**DEPUTY WARDEN RUBACKA:**

This summer.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

-- and, you know, selection of contract and all that process?

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

DPW is working on plans to be submitted to the State, drawings, construction drawings to be submitted to the State. We have some money in 3009 that we could start some renovations, however, the bulk of the money won't be available until this Capital Project is approved and the \$11 million becomes appropriated. That's the money that will be needed to renovate those dormitories.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. If you could, what would be a help for me, Mike, is just if there is a little bit of a timeline. I understand the decisions that we have to make here regarding the Capital Budget, but independent of that, if you could just give me -- you know, if DPW has plans up there now when we anticipate COC is going to possibly approve them, when we would be into the next step for, you know, letting it for GC and that kind of stuff. That would be helpful for me as I try to figure this out.

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

I would tell you that the planning phase would be the balance of this year.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay.

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

The -- I would defer to DPW. However, it would be my understanding that they could not go out to bid on a contract until the full amount is available in the budget, which would be not until the \$11 million is appropriated next year.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

All in 2013 anyhow. We will have to include it and --

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

Yeah. So construction -- so planning would complete during this year and construction would commence next year.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. And do you have enough money in this year's budget that's already appropriated to address all of what's required for the planning?

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

For the planning, yes.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. All right, fine. Okay, thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Okay. I'm just curious, because I think I heard you say if we open up the second -- the new wing and you're going to be able to bring back the 160 that you're shipping out.

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

The number varies, but we'll be able to bring back our housed-out prisoners, negating the need for paying outside costs.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Okay. How many beds in the new wing total?

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

Four hundred and forty.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Four hundred and forty. So if you bring back the 160, and then what you've got housed in the old wing is how many?

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Three oh eight.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Three oh eight? So that only puts us maybe -- why do we need a phase II? If we're going to move --

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

Don't forget that the numbers that we're dealing with now include 504 variance beds. That's why we're able to bring everybody back. The State has been cooperative with us and let us keep our variance beds through the completion of phase I. If you look at it -- if you want to look at it in another way, we built 440 beds, we have 504 variance beds which don't really belong to us. If the

State took all of our variance beds, when we open the doors we'd actually have less capacity than we do today. But the State is working with us, allowing us to keep the variances during construction.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Okay. Okay, I get you.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

One other question on the housed-out folks. You are at 2.2 million now and we had budgeted two million for you for the year. What are we running -- how do we measure that; is that by month? What are we looking at with that?

**DEPUTY WARDEN RUBACKA:**

We actually do it daily. At this point in time, the adopted amount was two million, we already spent 3.1, and if this -- at this rate we'll probably be at 8.5 at the end of the year.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

What is that for?

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

That's for payments to the facilities that are housing our inmates, to Rikers and Nassau County.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

We budgeted two? We budgeted two and we're projected to go to eight?

**DEPUTY WARDEN RUBACKA:**

The original budget was based on opening the facility in April.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

That's why, because of the delay, yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

I know, it might be cheaper just to hire the class, open the jail, than to send them all out.

**LEG. CALARCO:**

John, could you comment, or maybe, Mike, you can give us the answer. What would it cost to us to hire the additional Correction Officer class so we'd have the bodies on board?

**DEPUTY WARDEN RUBACKA:**

The County Exec's Office figured, with fringe benefits and everything, about 2.2 million for the Correction Officers.

**LEG. CALARCO:**

So about a quarter of what we're going to spend this year to send them out.

**DEPUTY WARDEN RUBACKA:**

And that 2.2 is for a full year.

**LEG. CALARCO:**

Thanks. That's correct, it might be smarter to hire Correction Officers.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Okay. Any other questions on the jail or any other issues? Any other comments about anything else? No? Okay. Well, I thank you.

**CHIEF SHARKEY:**

Thank you.

**DEPUTY WARDEN RUBACKA:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

So I guess next we have Mark White from the Chief -- you know, I'm never going to get used to the ranks.

**CHIEF WHITE:**

It's hard to picture me without my old role, I guess, Chairperson.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Yeah.

**CHIEF WHITE:**

I'm now here acting as the Chief of Support Services representing Commissioner Webber. Thanks for having me here today, Madam Chairwoman and Legislators, to speak to you about any concerns you may have about the Capital Project budget. Commissioner Webber is at a memorial service for departed officers and couldn't be here personally, but he had briefed me on the issues and the staff has also briefed me on the issues regarding this recommended Capital Project budget. I want to concur with the previous speakers and thank the Budget Review Office for their support of these important projects, as well as the Exec's Office in supporting our numerous projects that are up for funding this year.

I could go, if you'd like me to brief through each of -- a couple of seconds or a couple of minutes on each, or I'd be more than happy just to answer any questions or concerns you may have over the Budget Office recommendations, Budget Review Office recommendations.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Okay. I guess I'll open it up; any questions?

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Yeah, what project numbers?

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Well, okay, to start, if you want to give us some project numbers to start, and then Legislator Kennedy has a question.

**CHIEF WHITE:**

Okay. You have a question now, Legislator Kennedy?

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Chief, I -- you've laid out most of the rational and I've scanned it and I plan on reviewing it again. There was one thing, though, that I was concerned with and it's just a pet peeve of mine, it's cars.

I see that we have -- we just voted on a bond for two-and-a-half million to secure, I believe, it was 87 vehicles in total for this year. I see the same -- we're establishing, I guess, that Capital Project and so we are making a decided shift now for acquiring vehicles. We're moving into a recurring bonding function. I understood the constraints on the Operating Budget this year where, in fact, we only had, I believe, one and a half -- what was it, John, one million?

**MR. ORTIZ:**

One point five.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Yeah, 1.5. So that wasn't going to get us to where we need it to. What's the rationale from the Department to move -- to make a significant change from acquisition under Operating to now recurring under Capital?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

Well, that decision certainly wasn't made at a department level.

We request funding for vehicles, because obviously as a Police law enforcement agency and for public safety purposes, we need a substantial number of vehicles to do our job properly. The manner of funding is really not relevant to us and it's really left to the County government and the Legislature to decide how to best fund that. We certainly appreciate any funding at this point in time in the fiscal calamity that we're dealing with. We certainly appreciate the number of cars we're getting, because otherwise we would be getting none, which is really unacceptable to continue operations the way we'd like to continue to operate and provide efficient and effective service.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

I understand that. So then maybe what I should do is is, and I won't do it now, I'll -- maybe I'll call the office later on or something like that. It seems the more appropriate question for me, then, to pose to yourself or to Commissioner Webber would be what -- give me the range of vehicles for 2013 that the Department would see that it would need. I guess give me what would be optimal and then give me what -- if we don't have this many, we're going to have officers sitting behind a desk cause they don't have a car to get in and drive. And then I'll take a look at the financial side of that.

**CHIEF WHITE:**

Yeah, we'd be happy to do that for you.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. That would be a real help.

**CHIEF WHITE:**

If you want us to do that directly with you and your office, we'll do that.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Great. Thank you very much.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

So do you have the capital numbers on you? Because I know we're kind of --

**LEG. CALARCO:**

3512 is one.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

3512 is one. And that was the cars?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

There are about ten projects. I don't know if you're interested in all of them or if you'd like me to just pick certain ones; it's up to you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

If you want to run off the numbers. And actually, there was one question I had for you because I know the County Executive pulled out one, it was to do with showers for ESU.

**CHIEF WHITE:**

Right.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

First of all, do we need them? And if we do; why?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

That's the first one up on the list. I have the number as POL01; I don't know if that's the same number that you're dealing with.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Yeah, I'm looking on my laptop and I'm -- some of it I can't find. Okay, there's a POL01? I don't see

**MR. ORTIZ:**

It doesn't have a number yet because it's new.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Oh, okay. Replacement of existing showers facilities in Ronkonkoma.

**CHIEF WHITE:**

Yeah, it's a very important project for us. Emergency Services deals with numerous types of hazardous materials, they go on calls where they're exposed to raw sewage, chemicals, oil, gasoline and things of that nature. And through past OSHA standards and for safety of the officers, we really can't have them coming back to the facility and leaving in their personal cars, going home in that kind of condition. So showers have been in existence there for as long as I know, and now the biggest problem is the condition; the condition of the showers is really horrendous. It's -- tiles are falling off the walls, the wall boards are saturated with water, they're leaking into other areas, there's mold. We're concerned about people slipping and falling. So the showers are something we really need to do to comply with regulatory issues and they're in a condition that's -- needs replacement.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

And this is -- I'm looking, your request is 50,000?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

That's correct. Department of Public Works came and checked the site and gave us an estimate of \$50,000 for the project.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Okay. And does our Budget Office have -- we have that?

**MR. ORTIZ:**

Yes, we recommended the 50,000 also --

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Okay.

**MR. ORTIZ:**

-- largely based on photographs that were sent to me by Lieutenant Cameron. You wouldn't want to shower in those showers.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Okay. I'll take your word for it. Actually, I owe them a visit, I said I would come and see. Other capital numbers; any other questions?

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

How often are they used, those showers?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

Every time they're exposed to hazardous materials. We do usually about a hundred --

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

No, no, but that -- just how often, you know, roughly on average how often are they used?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

We do about 150 hazardous material incidents a year. So it would be --

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Okay.

**CHIEF WHITE:**

-- after those incidents and other incidents where there might be a car accident, be exposed to some kind of more common material.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

So they're used for hazardous -- in connection with hazardous calls, hazardous material calls?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

Hazardous material calls, and it could be something as simple as an auto accident where they're exposed to gasoline or oil.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

So there's something special about these showers?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

No, there's nothing special about the showers, they're showers.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

So why -- okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

They -- if there is a hazardous substance, they don't want them going home.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

No, I understand that. I just wanted to know if -- so it's a location where you would be able to contain any kind of hazardous substance should it get onto an officer or something like that; is that why?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

Absolutely, Legislator.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Right.

**CHIEF WHITE:**

They go back to their special patrol facility --

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Right.

**CHIEF WHITE:**

-- where their base is and --

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Okay.

**CHIEF WHITE:**

-- they would shower there and they would leave their clothing there. They can also wash their clothing there.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Yeah. When you have a call like that, do you decontaminate the vehicles that they're riding in?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

Decontamination is a standard operating procedure for Emergency Services in all of these, whether it's in a man-made event like a call, a regular call for service, or if it's some kind of criminal event like some kind of powder that may be hazardous sent to someone. Anything that needs to be -- they do an analysis as to what needs to be decontaminated and that could be their weapons, it could be equipment, it can be vehicles. You know, sometimes the vehicles are even decontaminated when they're exposed to prisoners who may have some kind of communicable disease. So there are procedures in place to decontaminate everything and anything, including weapons.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

When was the last time those showers were renovated?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

Let me just see if I can check with my Lieutenant.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Well, I'm just curious why they're allowed to go into such a state of repair. Is it just from the actual use or are they not maintained properly?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

Okay. I've been advised it was about five or six years ago and the ES officers did the work themselves at that time because they had a problem with the conditions, and now it's gotten so bad that we need an actual Capital Project to repair it.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

So it's about 150 times a year that they're used, right, is what you said? So I guess they weren't constructed properly to begin with, is that why they're in such a state of disrepair?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

I'd really have to get back to you, Legislator. I'm not positive about the construction, the previous construction, but I could check for you.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

I mean, when you use the shower in your home, you use it more than 150 times a year. I'm just curious why these are in such a bad state of -- bad condition.

**CHIEF WHITE:**

I'll really have to find out for you. I'm really not positive why they get deteriorated to that point.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Yeah. I have -- I can't -- you know, if a shower facility is built properly and only used 150 times a year, you know, why is it falling down? Is it not maintained?

**LIEUTENANT SCHARF:**

The work they did was more of a band-aid, it wasn't a complete renovation.

**CHIEF WHITE:**

I'm sorry I have to keep referring to the Lieutenant, but I'm brand new in the job, so I'm going from a briefing.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

He's welcome to come up and sit.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

He can come up.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

I'd rather have him explain it than secondhand.

**CHIEF WHITE:**

The showers hadn't been renovated for years before and they could not get them renovated five or six years ago through Operating funds, so the officers took it upon themselves to fix it so it was more of a band-aid patching job than a renovation. So now they're trying to get the full renovation done.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Who's responsible for maintaining those showers?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

Department of Public Works.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

DPW? Do you know if they're maintained on a regular basis?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

They do maintenance in the facility on a regular basis. I'm not sure what maintenance specifically was related to the shower, though.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Yeah, it just seems to me, again, you know, \$50,000 to rebuild showers that should, I think -- if they're built properly to begin with and maintained properly -- should have a useful life of much longer than what, you know, you're representing. It's not your fault they're falling down, I'm just trying to find out why, you know, the County's not capable of maintaining showers.

I mean, we're talking about capital budgets in jails and, you know, now we're getting down to the showers aren't maintained either, so now here's another 50,000. You know? And I think that we

need to start to focus on why is that happening. You know, so if we renovate them and spend the 50,000, five years from now do we need to redo them again? You know.

**CHIEF WHITE:**

Based on what the Lieutenant's telling me, I would think not because it sounds like the repair five years ago was more of a patchwork for a long-term problem.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Right, right. Yeah, and we don't know how old they are; they're probably an older facility, yeah. All right, thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Well, that's in the hangar facility, which I believe is not in the best of shape at all.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Yeah.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

I don't know, it depends on what time it is, maybe I'll go take a trip on the way home and pay them a visit. I guess I can reach out to DPW and get more information.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Yeah, I don't doubt the need for the renovation and I don't doubt what you're representing as the condition is. I'm just trying to find out, for showers that are used 150 times a year, I don't know, it just seems to me that they shouldn't be falling apart. But I don't know how old they are and I don't know how they're maintained either, so.

**CHIEF WHITE:**

I mean, they're used 150 times a year for the purpose -- the purpose of hazardous materials. Officers could take showers for other reasons, whether they're out at a barricade hostage situation for hours in the sun and come back to the facility. I don't know if we keep statistics on that, but I can certainly get you an estimate if you'd like as to how often that happens.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Well, they're not limited to hazardous situations. I mean, they're made available, I would assume -- well, they really should be, when you think about it. Because if they're used for decontaminating or part of that process, you wouldn't want someone to use that just as a normal shower facility, I would think; right?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

Well, the great thing about decontaminating is dilution is the solution. Water really is the key and a lot of water is the key to decontaminating the people, and it also decontaminates the shower environment. So you could use the shower for other purposes once all --

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

And they are used for other purposes then.

**CHIEF WHITE:**

They do get situations, especially Emergency Services, where they're out in heavy gear for a time, so they certainly can do that. I don't have the statistics on it, they may keep something for that, but I can certainly get it to you.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

No, you don't need to get that to me. I just -- it just never ceases to amaze me that, you know, we have a shower facility, you know, that needs \$50,000 in renovation after a few years or five years or whatever it's been, it's just -- okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

I think the biggest problem is that there's been too many band-aids and not any real work being done on them. That's what I think.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Okay. Well, I don't know exactly what the case is, but thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Well, like I said, maybe I'll stop by.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Do we own the building?

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Yeah, I was going to --

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Is that our building or are we a tenant?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

That's our building.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

We own it; that figures. Okay.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

And we've always -- is that something that the County built, that building and has always owned?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

It's a building that was built for the specific purpose for Special Patrol Bureau, yes.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

And it's how old, the building itself?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

I'll try to find out. Lieutenant?

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

If he can come up, we'd be happy to listen to him.

**LEG. CALARCO:**

It's easier to just --

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

It's easier for him to just say it.

**LIEUTENANT SCHARF:**

Good afternoon. Lieutenant Scharf here. It is Islip property that we lease and it is a County building that we built on that property approximately 25 years old.

And again, just to go back to those showers, as the Chief said, we're required to provide the officers with a way to decontaminate for their 150 or so, approximately, hazardous material calls a year, but they do use them. I have friends there. If you've met any of the ES officers, you know that they look like professional wrestlers, for the most part. They'll come in prior to work, they'll work out, they'll take a shower before their tour starts. They may be covered in blood from rolling around with, you know, a suspect or dirt from a lot of the different situations that they get into, lying in the woods, so and on so forth. So it's used on a daily basis, numerous times, but we're required, through certain regulations, to have showers available to them to decontaminate under the hazardous material circumstances, but they do get a tremendous amount of use in addition to that.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Good? Okay. So anyway, I think any other questions?

**LEG. CALARCO:**

Yeah, I do.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

You do?

**LEG. CALARCO:**

Yeah. Chief, on Capital Project 3047, it's the burn pits. And I know we're looking at -- I think you're requesting 600,000 to do some upgrades and improvements to the burn pits. But we just recently acquired a trailer that I think is intended to be used to dispose of some of the fireworks and small-arms ammunition that we're looking to dispose of. And when we discussed that bill earlier this year, we discussed whether or not there could be a potential place to utilize the trailer and maybe forgo having to spend the money on improving the burn pits, or maybe at least put it off for a few years and save that expense. Could you comment on that at all?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

I know Inspector Cameron made a presentation to the Legislature on that, and he is the expert on the issue and I did speak to him after that. The trailer will have a very, very limited use as to what they can actually utilize it for in disposing of any kind of materials and fireworks. There are numerous different explosive-type ordinances that can't be utilized, can't be used there. And he even talked about the alternatives, shipping and things of that nature were cost prohibitive, and the conclusion was the burn pits are absolutely necessary and that's because of previous problems with leaching there. While they've taken a temporary solution to put in some lining in the burn pits, we are very concerned that that could occur again. And with the new system, it would have a much more sturdy structure and they would have sensors that would be available so we could stop any potential contamination to the area. And we're especially concerned, since they started building residential housing so close to our firearms facility. So we believe the burn pits are still absolutely necessary.

**LEG. CALARCO:**

But could we possibly delay action on taking -- doing that work since we have the trailer becoming available to allow us to deal with some of the more immediate needs?

**CHIEF WHITE:**

Well, the trailer's really not going to help with the immediate needs for the larger-scale explosive devices or ordinances in the fireworks world, the larger types of fireworks or the explosive type. They get classified as explosives at some point. They wouldn't be able to utilize that for them at all. So we would be storing these sometimes volatile explosives, and sometimes they get more volatile with storage and time, rather than destroying them as we should.

**LEG. CALARCO:**  
Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**  
Okay. No more questions? I guess I thank you. BRO, any comments or questions? Okay. Well, thank you.

**CHIEF WHITE:**  
Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**  
And I don't believe there's anybody here from Probation. Do we have anything, Capital Projects as far as Probation's concerned?

**MR. ORTIZ:**  
I don't think so.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**  
We don't? Okay. I guess we're done.

Is there anyone in the room who would like to make a comment? I know we have a few people come in afterwards. Okay. Do we have anyone who would like to come up and speak? Oh, go ahead.

**MR. ORTIZ:**  
There is one Probation Capital Project.

**MS. MOSS:**  
Capital Project 3063.

**MR. ORTIZ:**  
3063.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**  
Okay. And what is that?

**MR. ORTIZ:**  
It's on page 133 of our report.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**  
Okay, I'm looking at it on-line. I don't know if the page is the same on-line. 3063? And what's this for?

**MS. MOSS:**  
It's for the Drug Testing Center and bathrooms, as well as HVAC air-conditioning. The Department requested \$535,000 in 2013.

The County Executive has deferred it to subsequent years and we are recommending breaking that up. We're recommending addressing the Drug Center and the HVAC in 2013 and the remaining bathrooms in subsequent years.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**  
Can you tell me why you're accelerating portions of that or phases of that?

**MS. MOSS:**

The HVAC is for their computer system and that's part of the core mission of the County, public safety.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

I'm looking at page 134 of the BRO Report. Just where is that addressed on that page?

**MS. MOSS:**

If you look at the "Replace --

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Oh.

**MS. MOSS:**

-- air-conditioner in computer room," the \$25,000 in the bullets.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Okay.

**MS. MOSS:**

And the drug testing and processing center, that would be the first bullet, that's \$60,000.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

I see. So the HVAC system is really vital to ensuring that the computer system is functional.

**MS. MOSS:**

Correct.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Because if it gets too hot in there, things start to crash, I guess.

**MS. MOSS:**

Exactly.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Right? And the drug testing and processing center would be within the Probation Office in Yaphank.

**MS. MOSS:**

They're going to retrofit the space to make that happen.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Where is the drug testing and processing center now?

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Yaphank.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

It's in the existing bathrooms.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

You're talking about the Yaphank facility?

**MS. MOSS:**

Yes. Yes, we are.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

I'm sorry. Where is the processing center now?

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

In Yaphank.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

It's in Yaphank. So, but this is in -- this is the construction of a new processing center, right?

**MS. MOSS:**

They're going to retrofit the space in Yaphank to combine that.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

That building has, the front end of it is Probation and the back end is FRES. It's FRES and Probation share the same building.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Okay. I'm reading the paragraph here. I understand it'll be combining a couple of rooms for a new center behind security boards, but why is the present facility not sufficient? If you know; if you don't, it's okay.

**MS. MOSS:**

I'm going to be honest, I didn't go out and visit the site.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Okay. All right, not a problem. I'll look into that myself. Thank you. John, did you have --

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Well, I have a question about the air-conditioner thing. Is that the room that -- where they do the monitoring, the GPS monitoring, do you know? Because I know what the room looks like.

**MS. MOSS:**

I don't think that's the safe room because where the majority of their computer equipment is in a separate location from where you're talking about.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Oh, okay. John?

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Jill, if you look at the proposal associated with the staff bathrooms and the two existing bathrooms, that's four bathrooms and that's \$450,000.

**MS. MOSS:**

Correct. Part of that is hazardous materials removal, that's why the proposals are so high.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

They have to do asbestos abatement on the existing --

**MS. MOSS:**

If they were to --

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Open it up.

**MS. MOSS:**

-- address those bathrooms they would.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Cause if there's asbestos inside. All right, thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

I know, I want a bathroom for that much (*laughter*).

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Four hundred and fifty grand for four bathrooms.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

I know. But I guess we'll make a request to DPW to find out why a bathroom's costing that kind of money. We were just talking about their's for 50,000, and I'm wondering what kind of bathroom are we putting in for that kind of price.

**MS. MOSS:**

It's related to the hazardous materials.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

It's the asbestos.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Oh, the asbestos.

**MS. MOSS:**

If you leave it alone it's okay; once you start renovating it and exposing that, then it becomes more expensive.

**CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:**

Okay. No comment.

Okay. With that, I guess we're done, so we'll adjourn. Thank you.

*(\*The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 P.M. \*)*

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