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SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

A regular meeting of the Public Works and Transportation Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on Tuesday June 1, 2010.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator Jay Schneiderman - Chairman
Legislator Steve Stern - Vice-Chairman
Legislator Wayne Horsley
Legislator Tom Muratore
Legislator Tom Barraga

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

George Nolan- Counsel to the Legislature
Lance Reinheimer - Assistant Director - Budget Review Office
Roz Gazes - Budget Review Office
Gil Anderson - Commissioner - DPW
Bill Hillman - Chief Engineer - DPW
Bob Shinnick - Transportation Division - DPW
Rosalind Gazes - Budget Review Office
Catherine Stark - Aide to Chairman Schneiderman
Linda Bay - Aide to Minority Caucus
Paul Perillie - Aide to Majority Aide
Renee Ortiz - Chief Deputy Clerk - SC Legislature
Ben Zwirn - County Executive's Office
Paul Pachter - LI Cares
Dot Kerrigan - AME
All Other Interested Parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Donna Catalano - Court Stenographer

(*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:11 P.M.*)

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Good afternoon. I'd like to call the meeting of the Public Works and Transportation Committee to order this First day of June, 2010. If you all will rise and join us for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Barraga.

SALUTATION

Thank you. You may be seated. I think we're going to start with public portion today. I only have one card. If you wish to be heard by the committee, you need to fill out a yellow card, they're available at the front table. Paule Pachter on IR 1583. Paule, if you will step up to the podium. You have three minutes to make your presentation.

MR. PACHTER:

I'm Paul Pachter. I'm the Executive Director of Long Island Cares and the Harry Chapin Food Bank. And I'm here to speak in support of Resolution 1583 introduced by Legislator John Kennedy that would permit Long Island Cares to purchase fuel from Suffolk County to support our fleet of four trucks and three vans which aid us in feeding the hungry here in Suffolk County and providing critical community outreach and support services throughout our local communities for people in need.

The ability to purchase fuel from Suffolk County will enable Long Island Cares to save approximately \$4200 a year in fuel costs that can be redirected towards food and other important services for our residents here in Suffolk County. I appreciate your consideration and hope you will support Legislator Kennedy and Long Island Cares by approving this resolution. Thank you so much.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Thank you, Paule. Anyone else who wishes to be heard by the Public Works and Transportation Committee? Well, then I have one presentation on the agenda, Ken Crannell from County Executive's Office on IR 1578. Mr. Crannell.

MR. CRANNELL:

Good afternoon, Chairman Schneiderman and Members of the Committee. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to speak to IR 1567. This resolution authorizes Suffolk County to join with Nassau County to create a joint purchasing council through an inter-municipal agreement, which we entitled the Long Island Intergovernmental Purchasing Council.

The mission of the purchasing council is to save money by achieving economies of scale through volume purchasing and reduction of elimination of duplicative administrative cost. This plan is based on an existing successful joint purchasing cooperative that was first organized in 2002 by the Counties of Dutchess, Rockland and Ulster, along with the City of New Rochelle and the Town of Cortland. The effort, they call it the Hudson Valley Municipal Purchasing Group, has led to the allaying of purchasing costs and has since grown to 30 municipalities and school districts across the lower Hudson Valley.

The Hudson Valley model has been tested and is actively promoted by the New York State Comptroller as a best practice because of the cost savings that they've been able to achieve. To give you an example, it's estimated that last year, this cooperative saved 130,000 in copy paper costs for its members doing this type of cooperative bid. It's our hope that this model applied to the scope and scale of eligible municipalities across Nassau and Suffolk Counties could produce substantial savings and improve how certain products and services are procured at the local level.

Under this plan, the governing body of the purchasing consortium will be managed by a seven-member Board of Directors. The board would consist of the two purchasing directors of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, a representative of the Suffolk County Executive, the Nassau County

Executive and then three purchasing directors from participating municipalities across the two counties. The Chairman of the Board would be either the purchasing director from Suffolk or Nassau. To be a member in the council, municipalities would adopt a resolution similar to what we're asking you to adopt today.

And operationally, this board compile purchasing needs of the members, decide which items to bid, collect usage data, draft and review bid documents and then solicit and evaluate the bids received before approving the a bid award. Under this model, the Purchasing Departments of Suffolk and Nassau would coordinate and share the administrative work involved. We don't expect there to be any kind of fee to participate or any costs, all the work will be handled internally between Nassau and Suffolk.

Based on the experience in the Hudson Valley and others -- there's also group in Upstate, New York, near the Albany area, where several of the counties have joined together. This purchasing model is most affective when commodities with common specifications and high volume are bid. Our Purchasing Department has recommended a few commodities that we may want to consider in the early stages of the project, it includes common items; paper, water and wastewater treatment chemicals, lumber, paint and fencing. In total, on an annual basis, Suffolk County spends approximately 5.5 million on these few items.

Upon adoption of the resolution authorizing the purchasing council by the Suffolk and Nassau Legislatures, we would appoint the members of the board and move forward on this type of initial bid. After we have formalized and perfected the structure with Nassau, we would invite other local governments, schools districts and other entities to join us.

Just from initial conversations, we've already gotten a written request from the Town of Brookhaven to join. And we hope upon promoting this we'll attract many municipalities and schools. We also believe this effort will dovetail nicely on the work with the local BOCES and the shared purchases that they coordinate for the school districts. Under the plan, the council will provide periodic reports on its activities, which will include detailed information regarding the savings that we've been able to achieve.

Again, this is not a new concept. We're not reinventing the wheel. What we're doing is making the wheel much larger and hoping to maximize efficiency and create some new cost-saving opportunities for the counties and municipalities here on Long Island. With that, I'll take any questions that you have.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Sure. Let me start with Legislator Horsley has a question.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Hi. Good afternoon. Just quickly, I'm all for shared services, shared services makes sense. What is the difference between this and then doing a State contract?

MR. CRANNELL:

What we found is that -- especially looking at the experience of the Hudson Valley, by doing the bids in this fashion, they're able to actually beat the State contract awards for this type of commodity and service. When you look and see how the Office of General Services at the State level does bids, they bid it on -- you know, based upon the delivery of the products in an area. And often, it's the case, the Long Island counties are included in with Queens some of the other boroughs of New York City, which adds to the cost of the product because of the extra cost of transportation.

So the idea is breaking out and doing this on a Long Island basis that will be able to achieve savings above and beyond the OGS level. At least that's been the experience in the Hudson Valley. Based upon the paper bid alone last year, they saved well over 10% off the State contract price.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Would you need then a central facility to deliver to or are they delivered to the location spots. How does that work? I mean, do you need a garage or something to put away supplies?

MR. CRANNELL:

No. The way that we would bid -- of course, it all stems from this Board of Directors, but when they compile the usage data from the participating municipalities, they would bid it based upon how best the government would want to receive it. For example, Nassau may want a central delivery site where we may want an on-demand. We would build those variations of the delivery into the bid document.

LEG. HORSLEY:

So that would also alter the cost then as well, right?

MR. CRANNELL:

That's correct. But like I said, we believe that upon the experience of others, that we're going to be able to beat the State contract price. At least we're going to make sure that we go after items, high-volume items, items with a common specification with the hope of beating the State contract price.

LEG. HORSLEY:

So what you're saying also then is the eventual goal is to get Nassau County, Suffolk County involved, and then later on, hook into BOCES and schools and things like that to grow the system.

MR. CRANNELL:

Absolutely. What we'd like to do is kind of perfect the process between Nassau and Suffolk, and then open it up to others to participate.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Barraga.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Afternoon. Can you give me the makeup of the board again?

MR. CRANNELL:

Sure. Let me check my notes. The two purchasing directors, Suffolk and Nassau, they would -- one of them would share the group, a representative of the Suffolk County Executive, a representative of the Nassau County Executive, and then the three purchasing managers from participating municipalities.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Participating municipalities in Nassau and Suffolk Counties?

MR. CRANNELL:

That's correct.

LEG. BARRAGA:

All right. And you just don't want to move that aggressively -- I'm thinking in terms of 126 school districts, huge numbers of fire districts, library districts, why not have representatives from those groups in on that board from the get go?

MR. CRANNELL:

Well, I think that really the goal here is to create a board that's representative of the group.

Drawing from the experiences of the other counties that have achieved this type of consortium, the idea was to have a group that representative but still able to act. I mean, to coordinate so many different municipalities to agree on bid specifications and the items that are going to be bid, it could become cumbersome.

LEG. BARRAGA:

But the commodities you're talking about in terms of group purchasing, you take 126 school districts, they're probably purchasing huge supplies very similar to what you'd be purchasing with the current group in Nassau and Suffolk County. I mean, it would seem to me that you'd want to get them absorbed into this right away. Same way with fire districts and library districts.

MR. CRANNELL:

I think we agree. I think that what we're trying to do is establish the framework, do an initial bid to perfect the process, and then open it up to anyone who wants to participate.

LEG. BARRAGA:

So you feel you have to perfect the process at that level before you can reach out really major purchases of commodities in Nassau and Suffolk County?

MR. CRANNELL:

Yeah, I think so. I don't think we're looking at a long period of time between the two events. I think what we're trying to do is put a process in place, work out the administrative burden between the two counties. We're also talking about establishing a website where we would post and advertise for the bids. We want to make sure that works.

LEG. BARRAGA:

I'm only going to make the suggestion that maybe you should go from a group of seven to a group of ten and put them in initially, even if you really are not in your mind equipped to deal with some of the items that they would normally purchase, just to have them as part of the group.

MR. CRANNELL:

I guess our distinction is while someone may not be represented on the board, we would still invite as many municipalities that wanted to participate in the group, they would still join the group, just they would not necessarily have representation on the board.

LEG. BARRAGA:

What I'm talking is one individual who would represent 126 school districts in Nassau and Suffolk County, one individual that would represent all fire districts, and one individual representing the libraries, because they do a lot of buying of a lot of commodities that your group is going to be purchasing. I wouldn't just make the assumption, you know, you have to do this before you do this. Why not bring them in in the beginning? Even if you're not doing too much with them in the beginning, they have a sense of what the board is doing, what your goals are, what your objectives are. And you may be pleasantly surprised and be able to do a lot more purchasing in larger quantities and save a lot more money for all these entities.

MR. CRANNELL:

I agree. I believe that the way we had that planned is that once we moved forward with the resolution creating the organization, we're going to start actively marketing to the eligible municipalities to try to get them on board.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Stern.

LEG. STERN:

Thank you. Upstate where there is in operation, school districts are involved at this point?

MR. CRANNELL:

Yes, that's correct.

LEG. STERN:

Do you have any idea how long it took for the process that they followed? Did they start small and then add school districts? Did they come out of the gate with school districts? If they started without them and then added them, how long did it take? Any idea?

MR. CRANNELL:

I know that in the Hudson Valley example, they did not initially start with the school districts. They started with three large counties in the area, couple invited a couple of cities and towns to participate. Again, perfected the structure, the framework, the process in place and then did the outreach to the schools. I believe they have well over 30 varying municipalities participating at this point.

LEG. STERN:

So far that's been the model that we have seen in the past?

MR. CRANNELL:

Right.

LEG. STERN:

Take me to the process then. This was -- this Board of Directors that is going to determine what to bid on, how to bid on, and how is that going to work? There's going to be certain participation levels on the part of each of the bidders. So Nassau county needs 60% of the services that are provided under this bid and Suffolk is going to require 40% of the services. Is it going to be a dollar-for-dollar bid ultimately that they come together on this contract? How is it going to work? Is there going to be stated in the contract bid initially as to what the pro rata share is going to be or does that come after?

MR. CRANNELL:

Yeah. I think it's part of a process of developing which commodity that you're going to bid. The board would survey the membership, identify the quantity, the vendors that they currently use, and then -- you know, bid specifications they currently use, compile it and come up with a master list, and then -- and move forward on that basis. So really, the idea would flow up from the membership of the group, the quantities would be identified. Really, the key to the success of this is by identifying products that make sense, identifying the quantity, high-quantity, high-volume and then acting on it.

Of course, with cooperation like this, the actual contract is between the vendor and the municipality. You can't mandate that somebody do a contract with a vendor. So to really get by, we've got to have products that people are going to use and know that the quantities that they identify are part of the bid, and that they will want to act on the eventual bid that's recommended for award.

LEG. STERN:

And how often would this board meet?

MR. CRANNELL:

We haven't finalized the details with Nassau, but we'd expect at least quarterly.

LEG. STERN:

And is there any type of reporting requirement to this Legislature or to any other organization or level of government? Ultimately, how do we know the business of this Board of Directors and what they've decided on and the process that they've gone through to reach their decisions?

MR. CRANNELL:

We would be tracking the bid process, the awards and the savings and then reporting that on a routine basis. So the Legislature would receive a report from the council.

LEG. STERN:

How often would that be?

MR. CRANNELL:

Annually, but -- we plan on annually.

LEG. STERN:

You plan on annually, but it could be on demand?

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I guess the board would comply would all the -- obviously the bid requirements, the lowest responsible bidder, etcetera?

MR. CRANNELL:

That's correct.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Intuitively, it makes a lot of sense; the bigger the purchasing entity, the more supplies you're buying, the better price you ultimately will get. And just imagine this consortium with these two major purchasers; Nassau and Suffolk, and then throw in all the school districts, you've got an enormous amount of purchasing power. It seems like that would get us tremendous savings. I wonder, though, ultimately, are we going to end up putting out every -- putting out of business all these paper mills and all these competitors and we're going to end up with, like, one paper mill or one supplier, and then they'll just have this monopoly and we'll see the prices end up getting higher; is that far fetched or is that a possibility?

MR. CRANNELL:

I wouldn't necessarily consider that a possibility. I think the trick is to identify items that are very common, high-volume common specification, such as paint, such as wastewater treatment chemicals. These are things that tend to attract large national suppliers. And, you know --

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Are we ending up putting out of business some of the local suppliers because it's such a big bid that we're going to end up with these, you know, products coming from China or wherever they might be that might have gone to local companies, because it's such a large amount of supplies that we're looking for?

MR. CRANNELL:

I don't think that's really what we envision here. I think we're identifying items that tend not to come from a local supplier, that tend to come from a large national market place.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Is the board uncompensated?

MR. CRANNELL:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Stern.

LEG. STERN:

What happens in the situation where there are different standards in purchasing? Is that something that the board reconciles? I guess, in the effort to achieve cost savings, inevitable, there's going to be some discussion how standards are different among the various municipalities, whether it's between counties or counties and municipalities or municipalities and school districts. How are those resolved? Or in your experience with what's going on Upstate, are they not resolved and it's just dropped and they move on to another product or another commodity?

MR. CRANNELL:

I think the way the process has worked elsewhere is they've tried to focus on things that -- where people have more common purchasing standards and goals and try to avoid some of the issues that won't result in a successful bid. I mean, if there was an item that was recommended for award and it did not meet the standards of a participating municipality, they would opt not to participate in that bid.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Do you happen to have a copy the agreement or a draft of the agreement?

MR. CRANNELL:

It's attached to the resolution.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

It is? Okay.

MR. CRANNELL:

We amended it last week and added the agreement.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

We don't seem to have it.

MR. CRANNELL:

I have it right here, I'd be happy to share it with you.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any other questions while we take a look at that? The resolution is not before us yet. You have a question, Legislator Horsley?

LEG. HORSLEY:

Yeah, I do. Let's go back to the State contracts. Aren't we by State Law now supposed to buy from those State contracts?

MR. CRANNELL:

It's optional to the county.

LEG. HORSLEY:

It's optional.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Is this optional as well?

MR. CRANNELL:

Absolutely.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. The County could go off this list.

MR. CRANNELL:

Of course. Of course. What we try to do is identify commodities that are in need amongst the participants, and then try to create a bid that everyone will support and buy from. I mean, that's the best way to get the savings from this type of proposal.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Barraga.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Mr. Crannell, let me ask you a question following up on Mr. Horsley's comment. There's an entity in the State of New York known as Corcraft. All right. Corcraft is a basically prison system that does about 80 or \$90 million a year. I was always under the impression that before any municipality, any village, town, county could do anything in terms of buying a commodity, they had to check by law with Corcraft to see if, number one, the product was available through them and was less expensive. Is that -- is this -- that's the way it is, isn't it?

MR. CRANNELL:

Of course, Corcraft is a preferred vendor. They don't necessarily produce a full range of commodities.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Oh, I understand that. But they have a range of quite a few commodities. The question is, you know, even though you had this group in place, would they have to check with them first? As I understand it, you're supposed to.

LEG. BROWNING:

I'm not familiar with Corcraft, familiar but I'm with the law that you're referring to. There is a section of the State Finance Law that requires -- and I think it's called -- I think the term used is "preferred source" -- is that municipalities are required, and I think it's Section 162 of the State Finance Law to check to see if there's a preferred source that's being contracted through the State. That is correct.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Do we always do that in Suffolk County?

MR. CRANNELL:

I do not know. That question would have to be addressed to Purchasing.

LEG. BARRAGA:

I have a feeling municipalities don't do it. They should because it is a requirement of law.

MR. CRANNELL:

It is in the State Law, yes.

LEG. BARRAGA:

All right. So how does that affect your group? I mean, for example, if you put an outside bid for toilet tissue and somebody comes in and gives you a price, I take it you'd have to check to see if the State is cheaper before you purchase, right?

MR. CRANNELL:

I would think -- with respect to Corcraft, I don't think that Corcraft produces toilet tissue. I mean, they produce office furniture.

LEG. BARRAGA:

No. They've gone beyond that. I mean, they have quite a range of products. It's just that most municipalities don't use them and they they should. I'm just questioning it because you could well find yourself where you have a duplicate product, you know? You've gotten a price, and yet the

State would provide it through Corcraft cheaper.

MR. CRANNELL:

I think the experience from the Hudson Valley and others that have done a similar approach, is they've targeted commodities that are beyond or not available on Corcraft or some of the other preferred vendors.

Legislator Barraga, could I address one of the issues that you're talking about. What this inter-municipal agreement does is not only address commodities, but it would address services as well, and that was particularly important to the school districts, because, for example, there are prohibitions in the General Municipal Law prevent school districts, for example, of purchasing off of county contracts where public work is involved. But by doing an inter-municipal agreement, the school district, for example, might be a member of this purchasing council if it passes a resolution and elects to become a member of the purchasing council, we would be able to craft for bid purchasing bids that could be public-work types of bids. So as long as we are able to come up with specifications that can be uniformly bid and be accessible then to all the municipalities, that would be possibly a large step in being able to leverage the buying power of the various municipalities and the districts across both -- across both counties.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Okay.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Horsley.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Let me go back to -- I've actually run the Purchasing Department in the State once, and my recollection is that, you know, it's lengthy process and it's got a lot of detail to it, much more so than one suspects. Are we foreseeing that at some point this consortium, whether it be the counties and the school districts, that they'll be hiring employees? How will they be working for? Where will they be? All those questions of the new bureaucracy that we might be creating, how does that -- what's your thinking on that?

MR. CRANNELL:

Well, at this point, we envision really an effort that doesn't require any additional staff or cost. It will be handled administratively between the purchasing departments of Suffolk and Nassau as kind of the lead agents in the process.

LEG. HORSLEY:

What do you think? Can you do it? Have you talked to your purchasing folk? I mean, they're ready to go with this, ready to purchase for both counties and the school districts as well?

MR. CRANNELL:

I think we are ready to go. I think that, you know, the first bid we're going to try to start small, identify a handful of very common commodities that have standard specifications amongst the counties and build from there.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Thanks.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any guess on anticipated savings to the County in next year's budget through this joint purchasing?

MR. CRANNELL:

At this point, I couldn't put a number on it. Looking at the Hudson Valley, they consistently achieve about a 10% savings off the current price. For example, the paper number that I referenced, about

130,000, that's based on a million dollars worth of business on copy paper amongst those municipalities.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Would it make any sense to join their cooperative at this point or no?

MR. CRANNELL:

Well, I think that the variations in delivery costs, etcetera -- really our goal is to put together the municipalities on the Island and then build from there.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any other questions? Let me just ask the committee, because it's not in front of us until later in the agenda, do you want to do it until it's fresh on our minds or come back to it.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Just do it.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Have you guys had an opportunity to review the agreement that got passed around, or Council, have you taken a look at it? You want a little more time? Let's come back to it. All right.

MR. CRANNELL:

Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I'd like to move to the agenda and bring forward Commissioner Anderson. And before we even get into the resolutions, Commissioner, I want to thank you on a project you just completed out in Montauk, in my neck of the woods, in my district; Edgemere/Flamingo Road going up to the to Montauk docks and around the corner there. I thought the road surface was in pretty rough shape, particularly the shoulder which sees a lot of bicycle traffic. And you guys did a phenomenal job, I have to say, just right before Memorial Day. And we had a packed Memorial Day, probably the best on record with the weather. And I think the road was enjoyed by a lot of people. And I think you solved actually some other problems too with an intersection there that people sometimes missed the stop sign because the road wasn't clearly marked, and you delineated very well. And I think it was a very impressive job. And I know a lot of times, we point out the things that aren't perfect, and I'd like to say at this point, my congratulations on a job well done.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Thank you, Legislator. Certainly any of the kudos should be directed towards the Division of Highways and Bill Hillman the Chief Engineer. But thank you, though. It's always good to get a good word.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

And the staging of the project too really went very well in terms of handling the traffic during the construction. All right.

IR 1005, Directing the Department of Public Works to add a stop on the 3C Bus Route. (Montano)

This has been tabled for a while. Can I just ask you, Commissioner, on these bus stops, I know there were recommendations in the Cherwony Study. We've been holding public hearings. What is the status on this particular bus stop and/or other bus stops in general?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This one still we're in negotiations with Kimco who is the owner of the property. We're trying to establish an agreement, make sure all the insurances are in place. To the best of my knowledge,

we're still in active discussion with them. You know, still moving ahead with it. But I haven't anything really new to report.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

This is about to hit the six month. One more is that one you're saying? I think it's off the agenda if it's not approved at this point. I'll make a recommendation -- I'll make a motion to table.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Second by Legislator Stern. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? It could always be reintroduced. It's **TABLED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

1026, To implement Sunday bus service and extend weekday morning and evening service in Suffolk County. (Romaine)

We have already approved the public hearing, which I understand is happening. We have dates?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yes. I believe it's the 24th and it's either the 23rd or the 25th, I don't remember.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Right. That was to look at a rate increase up to the MTA level and implement Sunday service with those additional fees. There's two dates, right?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Correct, there are. One on the East End, one on the West End.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

So I will make a motion to table 1026, seconded by Legislator Stern. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? 1026 is **TABLED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

1102, Adopting Local Law No. -2010, A Local Law to ensure the timely removal of damaged utility poles on County-owned roadways. (Eddington)

As far as I know, this is all going well right now. I'm going to make a motion to table.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

LEG. HORSLEY:

I think the sponsor said he was going to withdraw it.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

He's going to withdraw it? For now, I'll take a second from Legislator Stern to table. Any discussion. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? 1102 is **TABLED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

1238, Creating a "Share the Road" signage program in Suffolk County. (Eddington)

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Mr. Anderson, where are we on this?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

1238 was recently amend last week and actually revised to meet wording that we requested with regard to this matter going before the Safety Traffic Board. So we are fine with it.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion to approve by Legislator Horsley, seconded by Legislator Muratore. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

LEG. BARRAGA:

Opposed.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

One opposed, Legislator Barraga. **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-1-0-0 - Opposed, Legis. Barraga).**

1414, Approving rates established for Fire Island Water Taxi, LLC. (Pres. Off.)

We've held the public hearing on this. We had a presentation on it, right? Council is advising me that this must be tabled. Did you want to explain that?

MR. NOLAN:

At the last meeting, we extended the license, but this has to do with the rates. We still have to hold a public hearing for the rates, so this needs to be tabled.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. I'll make a motion to table, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? 1414 is **TABLED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

1514, Authorizing transfer of surplus County computer systems and hardware to the Salvation Army Northport Veterans Residence. (Stern)

Motion by Legislator Stern, seconded by Legislator Horsley. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

1532, Amending the 2010 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with safety improvements and corridor study on CR 99, Woodside Ave. (CP 5175). (Eddington)

Commissioner, more information.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This is a project where we will be restriping Woodside Avenue to reduce it from four lanes down to two lanes to create traffic safety improvements and the -- without doing any physical, real physical changes to the roadway itself. We did a test pilot last year, and it worked very successfully. So we're hoping that by restriping, we can continue that throughout this corridor.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

So is that a cost reduction in this project? Was it in the Capital Budget or this is new to the Capital Budget? We're moving money from another project?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This was a Capital Program where we have revised the program where we're not -- originally we were going to do physical changes to the roadway, now we are just going to do changes with striping. Originally the program was -- the original program was taken out of Capital Program, and now it's being reintroduced -- a variation of it is being reintroduced.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Where is the money coming from?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

It's coming from reconstruction of County Road 48. County Road 48 is a project that we will be doing next year and reintroducing money into that program.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Is that Wicks Road one?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

That's Middle Road from Horton Avenue to Main Street.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. Is there a motion?

LEG. STERN:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion by Legislator Stern, seconded by Legislator Horsley. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

1539, Amending the 2010 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with Construction Inspection Services (CP 5568). (Co. Exec.)

Again, Commissioner, more detail.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This Capital Program allows us to obtain professional services with respect to construction inspection with the number of on going ARRA and federally fund projects that we have. This will allow us where -- you know, where we need help for a short period of time to hire construction inspectors, to bring him on and provide the adequate oversight that's needed.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Again, the money is coming from?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

From the reconstruction of County Road 7. That project is a project that won't be ready until next year. We will be reintroducing the funds to do the project at that time in 2011.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any questions? Can I have a motion?

LEG. STERN:

I'll make a motion to approve. Just a quick question.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion by Legislator Stern, seconded by Legislator Horsley. On the motion.

LEG. STERN:

So, Gil, there are just additional funds from projects that we had placed into our projects for the oversight for the expertise that's needed to supervise the projects that are being funded with Federal stimulus money.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Not not only the ARRA projects, but also, you know, any DPW projects, specifically road projects, where we would require, you know, oversight, construction oversight that we couldn't, you know, handle ourselves.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

So we have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

IR 1543, Appropriating funds in connection with the County share for participation in the reconstruction of CR 11, Pulaski Road from Oakwood Road to Depot Road, Town of Huntington (CP 5168). (Co. Exec.)

Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Can you restate the -- because you blanked out on the --

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I'm sorry. I'm just asking if you had additional information on this one.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This appropriated the 3.5 million, which includes the 80% Federally funded portion of 2.8 million as well as the County share, which is 700,000, which is 20% of the project.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any questions? Is there is a motion?

LEG. STERN:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion by Legislator Stern, seconded by Legislator Muratore. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

1547, Appropriating funds in connection with replacement/cleanup of fossil fuel, toxic and hazardous material storage tanks (CP 1706). (Co. Exec.)

I'll a make a motion, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

1548, Appropriating funds in connection with Installation of Fire, Security, and Emergency Systems at County facilities (CP 1710). (Co. Exec.)

LEG. STERN:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion by Legislator Stern, seconded by Legislator Horsley. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

1549, Appropriating funds in connection with the Elevator Controls & Safety Upgrading at various County facilities (CP 1760). (Co. Exec.)

Same motion, same second, same vote. **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

1550, Authorizing the filing of a grant application on behalf of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) for Federal Capital Assistance for the purchase of a van for it's Transportation Programs. (Co. Exec.)

LEG. STERN:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion by Legislator Stern, seconded by Legislator Barraga. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

LEG. STERN:

Cosponsor.

1551, Authorizing the County of Suffolk as a designated recipient of Federal Transit Grant Funds for Mass Transportation Projects. (Co. Exec.)

Motion? Any motion? I'll make a motion, seconded by Legislator Muratore. Any discussion? Questions? How much money are we talking about?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This is really authorizing Suffolk County to receive and accept Federal funds. It's the first step of the process that allows the County to obtain Federal transit funds. Then once that's done, we will receive a reconfirmation letter from the government establishing the County as a designated recipient of Federal funds. Bob Shinnick can provide any detail of what we annually get.

MR. SHINNICK:

We currently receive seven million federal dollars a year. That money is used to buy buses primarily.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any questions? Okay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

1552, Amending the 2010 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with preparing a Sewering Feasibility Study for the Business Corridor of Flanders Riverside (CP 8192). (Schneiderman)

I'll make a motion to approve, seconded by Legislator Muratore. This is to try to add that area, obviously, to what we're already looking at in terms of sewerage. It's a community that's very much looking forward to seeing some increased commercial development. They are at a -- they're kind of stymied because of sanitary issues. So, you know, I mean, ideally I would love to see this as part of the larger study, and hopefully, at some point, we can fold it in, but right now is not a time -- until we have that -- until we have those consultants on board, where we can even talk about potentially adding more to it.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I would actually envision this being separate study done, you know, for this specific area rather than folding it in. Once we have everybody back, then we can move forward hopefully together.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

And the money we're using to pay, I think we're envisioning about \$250,000, I think that's what Mr. Wright had suggested.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Correct.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Which Capital Project is this coming from? I think the money is specific toward sewers, isn't it?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

It's actually coming out of 1755, infrastructure improvements.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Horsley.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Commissioner, when the master plan is done for sewerage of Suffolk County and we have that finalized, how do they intergrade these other additional projects like Ridge -- it wasn't Ridge, whatever remains in other areas and this one. Rocky Point.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

All of these -- I mean, at that point, we will have feasibility -- we will basically be through the feasibility study for all those areas. Then, you know, the hope is we can go after Federal funding to help pay for the construction documentation as well as construction of the actual -- you know, however they're developed.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Right. Do you envision in the master plan that there's going to be a one through ten, this is one we can do first or second, or do you just think it's just going to be an overview of each individual area, the pros and cons and the like? What do you see as the final product?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I'm sure there will be some recommendation as to a prioritization. You know, some things may fall, again, within the larger one areas where you have areas where there's already is a treatment plant certainly and you're looking to expand it. That may take -- I don't want to say a priority, but it may be easier to bring sewers into that area without having to locate a site. Although, they will be identified as part of the study, they will still have to be brought before the public to say, okay, do you like Site A, B, C, you know, any issues, things like that. So there will some level of prioritization.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Which is what I thought would happen. But places like Flanders, that's going to be later on melted into the overall plan, is that what you're thinking?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Again, I would envision we're going to have -- I don't know the number, 15, 16 areas where we'll be able to pick and choose, and maybe hopefully, all of them move forward, depending on the areas. You know, an area may have some resistance to it. And maybe at the end of the study, you know, what's determined at the end of the study is the area doesn't want sewers. Until that point, you know, it's difficult to say, but I would envision that whatever is left, we're going to move forward hopefully together on all of them.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Okay. I wanted to bring it up because we're throwing all these extraneous things in there after the fact, and I just want to make sure that they are integrated at some point.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Correct. For now, their current paths will be different ones because you have the larger study, the District 3 Study, the Rocky Point Study.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Babylon Study. I get it.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

It's like the master plan for the environmental preservation, we keeping adding to it.

LEG. HORSLEY:

That's right. I just want to make sure that one day we tie a big ribbon around it and say we need sewers.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Stern.

LEG. STERN:

Gil, that's my concern. We have the large study, and there were areas that were carved out presumably because there was a priority for one reason or another. One was identified because there was an existing plant, and the expansion of the plant made it different in some way, it made it unique from the rest of the study. And so now, you know, we have other areas that weren't part of the overall study that are now being added on. My first question is, you know, what is that going to mean going forward in terms of time? Now you're going to have kind of a disjointed effort with all these other areas being studies and perhaps with plans coming up at different times, and maybe those areas that were not originally identified priorities in the master plan, now on their separate track and perhaps blueprints being provided earlier potentially than some of the others that were on that priority list. Is that the course we're setting here?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

While it's a good question, I think the -- again, they are going to be on separate tracks. Hopefully at the end of the day, we all come to the same realization that sewers are a good thing and they are needed irrespective of whether the areas came in at a later date after the Wastewater Task Force identified the initial areas that we spoke about.

Certainly it's going to take some time for this area to go out to proposal, to get the proposals in, to review the proposals and then actually do the work after the contract is awarded. I don't see one impacting the other right now. I think once we have all the documentation in place -- I mean, certainly, if we have the larger study done and this one still is being developed, I don't think one would hinder the other. I don't think the Flanders not being ready with -- because they're going to come to fruition around the same time, I would envision, within a year or so. So 2012, by that point, we should have a number of studies, you know, identifying all these areas that are really ready to go and then we can go to the Federal Government and say, "Do you have any money?"

LEG. STERN:

And going the other way, if one of these smaller studies that have been added on after the fact, if they come in first, you don't see that having a big impact on the larger study and being able to pick and choose which ones might have priority and which ones should go forward first?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

No, not at this point. I think the Federal Government has to -- you know, in all fairness has to kind of get their act together with how they're going to fund a lot of this stuff. If it's all going to go into the Clean Water Act -- you know, if it's all going to go through the Clean Water -- let me try that again -- if it's all going to go through the current process, which is through the Environmental Facilities Corporation, it's all going to have to be prioritized based on need, based on environmental issues. So that will give it a certain ranking as well. But I don't think because a smaller project gets done within a month or so before the other project, I don't think that will really be an issue.

LEG. STERN:

Is this study -- we're talking about this particular study, but is there any other study that might come along afterwards? Are they going to be done by the same -- the same firm, might they be done by the same firm or not?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I can't really speak much on the larger study right now, because we're still reviewing it, but there is a possibility --

LEG. STERN:

Is the potential there?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

The potential is there, yes. But certainly, that would be part of what would be considered before giving, you know, them -- I mean, there are certainly a large number of qualified firms out there that can do this work. You know, part of the consideration that would have to be made would be whether -- you know, if they submit a proposal for it, what would be likelihood of them being able to finish this project without being impacted by other work that they're doing for us. So it is a consideration.

LEG. STERN:

And is this possibly the type of study that we might be able to handle inhouse rather than go outside?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yes, it's something that we could do inhouse. We did it in Mastic. And we are actually taking advantage of the Mastic area -- since there's been further developments, we're taking advantage of that as part of the overall project to have the consultant basically build upon what we did. Could we do it? Yes. Would be as timely? I don't know.

LEG. STERN:

If we did it inhouse, would that hinder keeping this project on track with the others so, as you point out, we get to a point where we present them contemporaneously with each other in making our pitch to the Federal Government for funding?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Given our current workload, yes, I would say so.

LEG. STERN:

It would hinder it.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I'm not in favor of placing this additional burden on the department, frankly. I know how short-staffed you are and how much work you have. Okay. Any other discussion? There's already a motion and a second to approve. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

1555, Adopting Local Law No. -2010, A Local Law to amend the County's Clean Pass Parking Program. (Muratore)

This needs a public hearing, I believe, right? Tom, motion to table? I'll second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? 1555 is **TABLED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

1560, Amending the 2010 Capital Budget and Program and approving the purchase of Hybrid Electric Vehicles of various models for County fleet and accepting Federal Aid (CP 5601). (Co. Exec.)

LEG. HORSLEY:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion by Legislator Horsley, second by myself. Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This authorizes the purchase of 52 hybrid electric vehicles through the ARRA Funding. Federal sources would pay 80% or a million dollars. The County be responsible for 20% or \$250,000. It would provide vehicles for Audit Control, Finance, Health, Parks, Public Works and Social Services.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

When the Federal Government is paying 80% of the cost of new vehicles for us, why aren't we even asking for more then?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

We have been getting funding through CMAQ, through other sources as well.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Who decided who gets these electric vehicles, these hybrid electric vehicles? I would think the people who do the most driving.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

It's also based on departmental need. I mean, we know the age of the vehicles and how -- you know, when they come for rotation. Certainly, we want to spread the environmental benefit to all divisions. But this was really based on departmental need. We know that Department of Public Works is going to need another 20 vehicles come, you know, at a certain point. That's what we're looking to use these to replace those with.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

It seems like this is going to save us in our fuel line as well.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

We hope so.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

It's a great direction. But to have the Federal Government pay 80% of the cost.

LEG. HORSLEY:

I think we have parking spots for them.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Plenty of open spaces. Thank you, Legislator Horsley. Any other discussion? The only disappointment is that we're not doing more. It's an opportunity to replace a nice chunk of our fleet with energy-efficient vehicles.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Correct. But like I said, we are looking at CNG, we are looking at multiple, you know, different and varied sources.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Muratore -- I'm sorry, Legislator Barraga.

LEG. BARRAGA:

These 80 vehicles coming, the 80 that they're replacing have to be replaced or are you just replacing them because you're getting 80 from the Federal Government?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

No. These are -- it's 52, and these are based on need. They've come to the end of their useful life.

LEG. BARRAGA:

How do you define useful life in a County car?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

At this point for non -- basically it's when there's no capital or cost benefit to replacing; a transmission goes, the thing's 12 years ago, you know, it's really based on a judgment call for nonpublic safety Vehicles.

LEG. BARRAGA:

There's no defining milage or years, it's just when somebody makes the decision to replace them?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yeah. When the repair comes back so big you can't -- - it just doesn't make any sense --

LEG. BARRAGA:

So I don't know if the decision is because the transmission went or somebody said, "Look, it's eight years old, whatever it is, we're getting a free one from the Federal Government, let's just get rid of this thing."

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

At this point, we are trying to salvage every vehicle we can.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any further discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

LEG. BARRAGA:

Opposed.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Barraga opposed. **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-1-0-0 - Opposed, Legis. Barraga).**

1561, Appropriating funds in connection with Riverhead County Center Power Plant Upgrade (CP 1715). (Co. Exec.)

I wouldn't mind a little explanation on this one, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This appropriates 200,000 to continue our upgrade of the Riverhead County Center power plant. Within these funds, we would be looking to, you know, complete utility tunneling repairs within the tunnels that spread out in the County Center. And we would begin repairs or replacement of the high temperature hot water pumps.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Is it still making sense for us to have our own utility station at the center County Center?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Again, at this point, it's really -- it isn't really it's own power plant. It's more of a unit that, you know, like, kind of like a giant power panel for the overall facility. Mike Monaghan could probably address that a little bit better.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

We do provide our own electricity, don't we, at that facility? Or are we on LIPA.

MR. MONAGHAN:

Good afternoon. The term "power plant" is really a misnomer for the plant itself. It really is a

distribution point for high temperature heating hot water and chilled water for heating and air conditioning. The heating hot water is produced by boilers at the power plant building. The chilled water is produced via various chilled water equipment at the power plant. Electricity can be produced in an emergency situation by the emergency diesel generators located in the plant, but normally they do not produce power to feed into the grid or into the buildings at the campus.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. Any questions? All right. Is there a motion? Motion by Legislator Muratore, I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

1562, Appropriating funds in connection with demolition Old Cooperative Extension Building and New Parking Facilities (CP 1768). (Co. Exec.)

I'll make a motion, seconded by Legislator Muratore. Commissioner, you want to add anything?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This was part of the overall expansion and renovation of the court complex and the parking issue that we had there. This was where the Town of Riverhead basically granted us a paper portion of Hallett Street to use and convert to parking for the Cornell Cooperative Building.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

There's a parking garage being built there?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This is actually just an extension of the Cornell Cooperative parking lot. It's going to provide maybe eight or nine extra spots.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

The old Cornell Cooperative Extension building is across the street from the current building.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I believe so, yeah.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

So that's being demolished.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

It's already gone.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

It's already gone. And I thought there was going to be a parking garage of some kind there.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

That will begin construction this summer.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Are we doing that or somebody else is doing that?

MR. MONAGHAN:

The old building which was across the street from the Griffing Avenue Courts was demolished several years ago. There was a project in place to repave the area which I believe under way right now and to restrip to make use of those additional parking areas. The resolution on the table right now is just west of the new Cornell Cooperative Extension Building to gain several spots there. Parking is very tight on that new site.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I agree, it's often difficult to find a parking space there. Okay. Any additional questions? We had a motion and a second, right? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

LEG. BARRAGA:

Opposed.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

APPROVED (VOTE: 4-1-0-0 - Opposed, Legis. Barraga).

1563, Appropriating funds in connection with improvements to Water Supply Systems (CP 1724). (Co. Exec.)

Commissioner, any additional detail?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This appropriates 275,000 to replace a 12 inch water main along the -- that feeds between the -- in the Yaphank County Center between the area of the railroad and the jail. It is needed in that area. The water main that is in there is pretty old.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay I make a motion second by Legislator Muratore any discussion All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

1564, Appropriating funds in connection with replacement of major buildings operations equipment at various County facilities (CP 1737). (Co. Exec.)

Again, Commissioner, a little more information.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

The resolution requests that we appropriate 250,000. In this project, we will be looking to replace the HVAC system -- unit, I'm sorry, at Probation as well as replace portions of the chiller here at the Legislative Building.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

It's not cold enough in here? All right. Is there a motion? Same motion, same second. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

LEG. BARRAGA:

Opposed.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

APPROVED (VOTE: 4-1-0-0 - Opposed, Legis. Barraga)

1565, Appropriating funds in connection with weatherproofing County buildings (CP 1762). (Co. Exec.)

How much money are we talking about?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Four hundred thousand.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Four hundred thousand dollars. Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed?

LEG. BARRAGA:

Opposed.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Abstentions? **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-1-0-0 - Opposed, Legis. Barraga).**

1566, Appropriating funds in connection with improvements to Suffolk County Farm (CP 1796). (Co. Exec.)

Commission, what are we doing there?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Looking to appropriate \$125,000 for improvements at the Suffolk County Farm, which are specifically going to be used for a backup generator as well as fencing at the farm. And Vito Minei is also here to speak on this if you'd like.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I'm sorry, I didn't hear the explanation.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Okay, 125,000 is intended to be used to install a backup generator as well as replace fencing at the farm. And if you would like, Vito Minei is here to speak.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Sure. That's a familiar face.

MR. MINEI:

How are you, Vito? You are now the Executive director, is that the title?

MR. MINEI:

Good afternoon, Mr. Schneiderman, Chairman, Members the Committee, Learned Counsel, essential staff, I'm Vito Minei. I'm now Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension. And today, I'm joined by my colleague Vicki Fleming. She is interm director of 4-H Youth Development and the farm.

The priorities that were originally in the Capital Program were changed, as you can see on the material before you. In the last year, we prepared a farm study report. It took extensive work by the staff at the farm and staff that Vicki oversees at the farm. These are needed renovations to continue provide services for the people of Suffolk and the educational programs that are also provided. We've also included in there additional explanation of the existing money that we have in the Capital Program and some planning money at the very end or the narrative to discuss the needs for planning and design for the offices that are well in excess of 40 years.

We've attached a graphic at the back for the few of you who haven't ventured to the farm, but I know almost all of you have been to the County Farm. You'll see the buildings there and some of the work that's being planned. Is there are any questions, we'll entertain them now.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any questions?

LEG. BARRAGA:

You detail the change in the hog farm, \$60,000.

MR. MINEI:

I'm going to let Vicki describe that for you.

MS. FLEMING:

The building was originally built in 1984. There's cement slats -- a cement-slatted floor, and it's

starting to degrade. So some of the animals are actually in danger of injuring themselves on it. The ventilation system is also not functioning properly. And I think the sprinkler system also has some issues. This was all state-of-the-art technology in the '80s and is now sort of out of date.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any other questions? Do we have a motion. Motion by Legislator Muratore, I'll second for the purpose of discussion. Legislator Stern.

LEG. STERN:

Where are we at with these improvements? I mean, how -- what's the situation, I mean, how dire?

MR. MINEI:

Again, these were established as priorities not only by the staff but by our own advisory committee. Some of these are longstanding priorities. Again, the additional work you see there is for fencing. If you've been there recently, some of the animals as cute as they are have escaped and were wandering around. So there's quite a bit of work that has to be done at the farm. So we tried to prioritize the ones that really need immediate attention.

LEG. STERN:

One of the items, is it the back up generator?

MS. FLEMING:

That was originally on the Capital Budget. We've sort of put that lower on our priority list at this point.

LEG. STERN:

That being lower on the priority list, that would not be covered in this appropriate?

MS. FLEMING:

Correct.

LEG. STERN:

Okay. So that's been pulled?

MR. MINEI:

Yep. The maintenance people feel they can keep that limping along for another year or so.

LEG. STERN:

So that's been eliminated. And the list that is left, these are the things that need to be dealt with immediately?

MR. MINEI:

Exactly.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any other questions? All right. It's before us, so I'll call the vote on 1566. All those in favor? Opposed?

LEG. BARRAGA:

Opposed.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Abstentions? **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-1-0-0 - Opposed, Legis. Barraga)**

1567, Authorizing execution of an intermunicipal agreement pursuant to §§ 119-o and

239-n of the General Municipal Law to establish a Purchasing Intergovernmental Relations Purchasing Council. (Co. Exec.)

We had a presentation by Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive earlier. Thank you for coming down, if you are still here. We have distributed a copy of the draft agreement, joint purchase agreement. Do we have a motion? Motion by Legislator Muratore. Is there a second?

LEG. BARRAGA:

Second.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Seconded by Legislator Barraga. On the motion, any discussion? Hearing none, I'll call the vote. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**. Thank you for your patience, Mr. Crannell.

1569, Amending the 2010 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with improvements to North Highway, CR 39, from Sunrise Highway to Montauk Highway, Town of Southampton (CP 5528). (Co. Exec.)

If you could provide the committee with some additional information, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This is a federally funded project. We are looking to appropriate 4.8 -- \$4,837,000 for construction of capacity improvements along County Road 39 from North Sea Road where we ended the early implementation project to extend to Montauk Highway. The project will involve the installation of a second eastbound travel lane as well as some other improvements, thus improving traffic flow through the corridor.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I think in portions of that there would be a second westbound lane, no?
I think it makes that whole section two east and two west.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

No, it doesn't. That's the larger project. This is an interim, if you will, between the larger --

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

This is from the 7-Eleven to the Princess Diner basically, the turn. So there will be two full lanes heading east?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Eastbound. And then one lane heading westbound.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

One lane heading westbound, because it back up there heading west pretty badly.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Correct. But there would be significant takings required to get a significant width.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

There's no way within the right of way we can pull this off. Sounds like a cone program again in the afternoons.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Slowly I turn.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Get ready. Really, the afternoons in that section are pretty bad heading in the westerly direction. Okay. That 1059. I'll make a motion to approve. Is there a second? Seconded by Legislator Muratore. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

Commissioner, would there be any chance of some getting Federal funding on the larger project there with the medians and the sidewalks and the takings?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

That project is still under development. The larger project is the Federally-funded project. But we're still well into the early parts of development of it.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

It's not shovel-ready.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

No, not at all.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

But this part is?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Right. The larger project is a \$50 million project.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

This is 4.8 million?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Right.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. **IR 1570, Amending the 2010 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with reconstruction of CR 80, Montauk Highway, Shirley/Mastic, Town of Brookhaven (CP 5516). (Co. Exec.)**

A little more information, Commissioner, on this.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This would appropriate \$55,000 for survey and mapping. What we have is we have with the completion of the corridor project we are doing now, we will looking to basically survey what are effectively out-parcels to begin negotiation with adjacent landowners to give those properties that -- you know, the extra land that we don't need and we do not envision the County ever needing to give it to the adjacent landowners to negotiate a fee for them. But we need to have the actual parcels identified, and that's what the survey is for.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any questions. I think we need a motion and a second on this one. Motion by Legislator Muratore, seconded by myself. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

LEG. BARRAGA:

Opposed.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Barraga opposed. **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-1-0-0 - Opposed, Legis. Barraga)**

1571, Appropriating funds in connection with painting of various bridges within Suffolk County (CP 5815). (Co. Exec.)

How much money are we talking about?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Five hundred and thirty-five thousand.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

All right. I'll make a motion, is there a second to paint our bridges? Seconded by Legislator Horsley. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

LEG. BARRAGA:

Opposed.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Barraga opposed. **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-1-0-0 - Opposed, Legis. Barraga)**

1578, Adopting Local Law No. -2010, A Local Law to regulate utility poles on County road right-of-ways. (Eddington)

This need a public hearing, so I will make a motion to table, seconded by Legislator Barraga. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **TABLED** for a public hearing. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

1583, Permitting Long Island Cares to purchase fuel from the County. (Kennedy)

We heard some testimony earlier from Long Island Cares. I know the sponsor, Legislator Kennedy, is also joining us. Did you want to say a word on this, Legislator Kennedy?

LEG. KENNEDY:

Absolutely, Mr. Chair. This is one of those resolutions I think that is something that is just a basic good government resolution, if you will. As you know, we fund Long Island Cares to about I believe \$200,000 each year. Everybody knows this organization. They service hundreds of food banks throughout our County and, you know, are an outstanding organization.

They maintain a fleet of five vehicles. Earlier in the year, we had an opportunity to reach out to Public Works. We engaged in some discussion. We have capacity at our County fueling stations in order to accommodate their vehicles as they go about their rounds each day. And by permitting them to access our County fueling stations, it gives them approximately, I think, a dollar, \$1.20, per gallon savings that they will realize from their operating expense. That's all additional funding that will go directly toward the purchase of additional food commodities. And quite candidly, it helps us to further meet our mission to help folks in need with their food supplies. The estimated hard dollar savings, Mr. Chair, I believe at this point is about somewhere between four and \$5000 a year. So it goes quite a long ways to buy additional food commodities.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I think that's the number that was stated earlier too. So I'll make a motion to approve, do I have a second? Second by Legislator Muratore. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

That concludes our agenda, and we are adjourned.

(*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:28 P.M.*)

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