

WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE
of the
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Ways and Means 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 Wednesday, April 23, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator Steven Stern - Chairman
Legislator Tom Barraga - Vice-Chairman
Legislator Sarah Anker
Legislator Al Krupski
Legislator Tom Muratore

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Jason Richberg - Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
George Nolan - Counsel to the Legislature
Debbie Harris - Aide to Legislator Stern
Robert Lipp - Deputy Director - Budget Review Office
Laura Halloran - Budget Review Office
Tom Vaughn - County Executive's Office
Sarah Lansdale - Suffolk County Director of Planning
Wayne Thompson - Department of Environment and Energy
Rick Brand, Newsday
All other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Gabrielle Severs - Court Stenographer

(*The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m.*)

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Okay. Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to the committee on Ways and Means. I'm going to ask everybody to please rise and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance by Legislator Spencer.

(*Salutation*)

Please remain standing for a moment of silence as we keep all of our brave men and women fighting for our freedoms overseas in our thoughts and prayers.

(*Moment of Silence Observed*)

Thank you.

Welcome, everyone, this afternoon. Thank you for joining us. Just to let everyone know, we will be meeting in executive session at the conclusion of the agenda. Mr. Clerk, I don't believe I have any cards, correct?

MR. RICHBERG:

No cards, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Okay. Thank you. Going to the agenda, then, beginning with tabled resolutions.

IR 1154, Adopting Local Law No. -2015, A Charter Law to clarify and strengthen the procedures for filling County Legislature vacancies (PO Gregory).

LEG. SPENCER:

Motion to approve.

LEG. CALARCO:

Second.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Motion to approve by Legislator Spencer. Second by Legislator Calarco. I'll call the vote. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **IR 1554 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

Still with tabled resolutions, **IR 1187, To create a Gaming Facility Community Advisory Committee (PO Gregory).**

LEG. CALARCO:

Motion to table.

LEG. BROWNING:

Second.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Motion to table by Legislator Calarco. Second by Legislature Browning.

All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstention? **IR 1187 is tabled. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

Going to Introductory Resolutions. I've been asked to take the procedural motion out of order. All right. I'll make a motion to take it out of order. Second by Legislator Spencer. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstention? The procedural motion is now before us.

PM 04, To amend the Rules of the Suffolk County Legislature to authorize Riverhead Committee Meetings (Krupski).

LEG. BROWNING:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Motion to approve by Legislator Browning.

LEG. SPENCER:

I'll make a motion to table.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Second by Legislator Calarco to approve. Motion to table by Legislator Spencer.

LEG. TROTTA:

I'll second the motion to table.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Second by Legislator Trotta. Both motions are before us.

LEG. SPENCER:

On the motion.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

On the motion to table, Legislator Spencer.

LEG. SPENCER:

I appreciate the efforts behind this, and it's good to see my colleague that drove all the way out from the east end to support this, and I'm all about the government, and I understand the concept here of giving more people access to government by having committee meetings during the cycles that are going to be out in Riverhead out in Riverhead. I have several concerns with this particular motion, and one is during our committees we typically various commissioners and people from across the county who appear at our committees who give us valuable information to help us vote. I think that now to shift them to have to travel to Riverhead, although that could be arranged, a lot of times where we have issues or concerns, we have the executive and the Dennison Building across the street where there's -- we're able to get information in person very quickly. I do think that there is a cost that's involved whereas there is almost a 10-1 population density in this area where we look at how our county population base is situated. We do serve more people overall in Suffolk County by having the meetings here, even though the county seat is in Riverhead.

Another concern is that there's a cost that's involved in terms of the transportation, and I had -- I asked for an analysis from BRO to try to get a sense if there would be a cost and not only is there a cost to travel, there's a cost to -- equipment and shifting infrastructure to be able to do that, and there's several scenarios that I had sent out to all my colleague, and I think that there may be another way, and I'm laying a competing resolution on the floor -- I mean, on the table that to amend the feasibility now in this day and age of technology where we could use video teleconferencing, and we have this beautiful monitor that's set up here. One of the things we could do is for all committees, we could -- we have the Riverhead horseshoe, that could be open where the public could come and they could fill out cards. They could be seen on the monitor. We could hear what they have to say. They could see us, and that would take advantage of technology and save us a lot of resources, and I think we could accomplish giving the eastern residents more access.

So if you look just geographically across this country, we have Washington DC that's on the east coast; you know, the folks in Hawaii are just as well represented. I think if I saw there was a big push with regards to complaints from folks on the east end not feeling they have access, but I think it's kind of creating a problem where a problem doesn't necessarily exist, so I think we can accomplish Legislator Krupski's desire to have more access, but when I look at the time where we're still feel dealing with a significant budget shortfall to take a problem that we're generating to expend funds to be able to solve that, where we can take advantage of technology and achieve the same goal.

But I don't think this resolution is proper and it can't be passed under this committee because there is a cost, and according to what is fondly known as the (indiscernible), there has to be an offset, so I think that it's an improper procedural motion at this time without an offset, and therefore, with all due respect and love and consideration for my friend, Legislator Krupski, I will not be supporting this procedural motion.

CHAIRMAN STERN:
Legislator Browning.

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay. I think what I'd like to do is withdraw my motion to approve and make a motion to discharge without recommendation simply because our next meeting is in Riverhead, and I think if there's not going to be too many people that are really going to have an interest in being in Riverhead, then maybe the people won't show up next week. But being this procedural motion can be voted in Riverhead, let's take it to Riverhead and vote for it in Riverhead. I have heard all your comments, Doc, and I think it doesn't matter what the population is. The fact of the matter is that the people who live out there are as equally important as the people on the west. I'm in the middle, so it makes no difference to me. I look at Jay Schneiderman, and I look at Al here, how far they have to come to Hauppauge, and I think in fairness, we should accommodate that. I look at how Jay, coming from Montauk, that's how many miles? Sixty miles, more than sixty miles, and you know this is considered a part-time job. He is a business owner. He has to come all the way out here. Al is a farmer. I'm sure he's got a lot of stuff that he could be doing at his farm today, but he can't, and he made the effort to be here.

So I'm full-time as a legislator; doesn't matter to me where I go. I can be there. But we want to talk about population; well, in defense of Al and Jay is we always hear about how much sales tax we generate from the east end, and the majority of our sales tax comes from the east end --

LEG. SPENCER:
That's not true.

LEG. BROWNING:

-- so should we look at population versus who spends the most money. Well, you know, like I said, I think when you want to talk about cost, I think the east end warrants us providing to them access to their government just like people on the west end.

LEG. SPENCER:

Those remarks were directed towards me, and I don't think it's about where I have to travel or full time; it's not about that. It's about the people, and my concern here is that when we have our committees here, and we have our commissioners and we have people that we need questions answered, and had we have our infrastructure here, I think that we are able to do a better job for the people where we have access to those departments and those commissioners and those people that are helping us make those decisions and --

LEG. BROWNING:

No, it was not directed -- --

LEG. SPENCER:

And I disagree as far as -- I think every person is equal, and I think that we should situate the meetings where we give everyone the most access to those meetings, and so I think each individual is equal.

LEG. BROWNING:

It was not a comment about who's driving the furthest. One of the statements were "the majority of the population are on the west end," so I could say, Well, a lot of the sales tax money that we get comes from the east end.

LEG. SPENCER:

I would disagree with that.

LEG. BROWNING:

Either way, again, I think that we have DPW here today. That's in Yaphank. Pretty much, Yaphank is smack dab in the middle, so it's six of one, half a dozen of another to him to drive to Riverhead versus Hauppauge.

LEG. SPENCER:

Dr. Lipp, I just think that that was -- we have access to information when we look at our revenue from this county and where it's generated, is there a discrepancy where most of the revenue comes from, from the east end? I would be curious to find out.

MR. LIPP:

The sales tax are not broken down by town. We've never been able to get estimates for that. That being said, this is a significant portion but I'm pretty sure it's significantly below 50 percent. So for instance, I know for the general fund property tax, it's in the neighborhood of a third of the general front property tax is paid by the east end towns, even though that's only \$49 million, sales tax being one point three billion and change.

Also I have been a little negligent this morning. I apologize because I had to go to some department meetings on the capital program that we're trying to review. I had meant to get out a memo on this topic. It's almost ready to go. I basically took the information that was requested by Legislator Spencer and we revised the estimate slightly and included what the actual impact would be this year under the remaining committee cycles if they were done in Riverhead and for a full year, which would be five committee cycles; so I'll get that out to you later today assuming -- whether or not this passes, I'll send it out anyhow.

LEG. SPENCER:

Thank you, Dr. Lipp. And again to my colleague Legislator Browning, I wanted to get the information from Dr. Lipp that in no way -- I don't want this debate to be contentious, and I do concede and understand the concerns and what my colleague is trying to do, and I do appreciate that, I think the video conferencing could be a compromise.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Legislator Krupski.

LEG. KRUPSKI:

Mr. Chairman, I appreciate, first, that you took this out of order. I have a number of appointments in my office in Riverhead this afternoon, and I appreciate that consideration. And I also appreciate

Legislator Browning's comments on this importance of accessibility to county government by everyone in the county, and, you know, when the east end towns -- it took me over an hour to get here this morning. On Friday, I left Hauppauge, and it took me an hour and 40 minutes to get home. If someone is going to come from the east end, and I'm not way out at the end, either -- if someone is going to come from the east end to address one of our 12 committees, you're going to drive for, average, an hour and you're going to get three minutes to speak and then you're going to drive for over an hour home, and that's because if you want to interact and actually take part in government and not just speak on a screen and say, How are you? It's like a Star Trek thing, very nice, Good to see you. You don't get to interact with everyone. You've got people here, county employees, and I recognize some of them because some of them live in my district, so when it comes down to the travel time and the calculations for wear and tear on vehicles, a lot of them travel from the east end to work in Hauppauge or maybe even parts further west.

You also have the commissioner of DPW who works in Yaphank. You have the Suffolk County Police Department that's centered in Yaphank. You have FRES. That's centered in Yaphank. So those people are going to travel west to travel east, so it's pretty much the same travel time for many of your department heads. I really think if you count up the five fire departments on the east end, the many fire departments, all the civic, all the chambers, dozens of towns and villages, you have five towns on the east end, and I don't think they get the chance to be represented in their county government because there's just such a disincentive to drive all the way up here to address the committee for three minutes. And the committees are so valuable to work with because this is where a lot of the work happens. It's not (indiscernible) this is where the a lot of the discussion takes place and it's really productive to come and address a committee, and I would really appreciate that this be discharged without recommendation so at least we could get the people on the east end, and there's a lot of people who would like to come and address the legislature, have it discharged and we could vote this out in Riverhead next week.

CHAIRMAN STERN:
Legislator Hahn.

LEG. HAHN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not a member of this committee, but I happen to be here, and I'm a cosponsor, I believe, of this legislation and I am supportive of the idea of splitting the committee meetings and putting -- holding some in Riverhead. I agree with the speakers before me who have said that these individuals -- you know, the residents should have the access to these meetings in the same way we do on the west end. My district, you know, it's a little bit further to go to Riverhead, not much, so it wouldn't really make that big of a difference for me, but I do think that an hour-long drive for a short comment -- or more, an hour or more -- could be a real deterrent. I really do also, though, however, like your idea, Dr. Spencer, and I don't know the two are mutually exclusive, I like the idea of having the ability to have folks address us from Riverhead and then when we're in Riverhead, from Hauppauge, and that when we're investigating that we should make sure, then, in turn also ask them questions so it could be interactive when they are speaking to us and we do get to ask questions of the folks who are speaking.

I think our body is really unique in that we do so value input from our residents. The beginning of every meeting, we have the public portion, and people come and talk, maybe not today, but they really do, and we've tried to maintain that and how important this is that we hear from folks and we listen and we have to have a quorum when folks are speaking to us, and I just believe this is important. And we did spend a fortune renovating it, that auditorium. It's a shame it only gets used for five meetings for us. Anyways, that's all I wanted to say.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Before us right now, there was a motion to approve that has been withdrawn, and Legislator

Browning made a motion to discharge without recommendation. That is seconded by Legislator Calarco, so that is properly before us. There is still a motion to table by Legislator Spencer, seconded by Legislator Trotta.

Legislator Spencer.

LEG. SPENCER:

I disagree, and I'm glad that we can have this debate as far as whether or not this is acceptable or not, but one thing that I have been consistent on, and I think you deserve and I respect is that if you're saying, "Give me my day on the floor," I don't support this, I don't plan on supporting it, but if you're here and looked at me and said, "I've worked with you, Doc. Can you give me a discharge, give me my day in court," I'll support the discharge. Fair enough.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Legislator Trotta.

LEG. TROTTA:

I think that seeing that there's other legislation and we don't know the budget, I think it would only be proper to table it at this point and see what happens the next time. I'm not sure if that's okay. I'm certain there's going to be some expense because the majority of legislators live on the western half of the county, are going to be traveling out there. There will be people in the back that have to bring the computers out and all this other stuff out. I don't see Albany moving, I don't see Washington moving. When you go into this job, you sort of knew what was going on, and I think the fact that most of the population is on this end of the county and that there may other be possibly ways do this, I think that we should table it and see what happens and I think we should be fiscally conservative and see what this is going to cost.

LEG. KRUPSKI:

Just to answer that, Albany's not going to move because it's the state capital, and Washington is not going to move to because it's not our nation's capital, and Riverhead is not going to move because it's the county seat.

LEG. TROTTA:

I don't even know what the county seat is. This building has been here and this is where most of the meetings are.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Legislator Spencer.

LEG. SPENCER:

I'm okay with the discharge. I'll support it. I made that very clear. I think there may be an up and down vote that may not offer that option. But my question to BRO or George, according to -- is there a proper procedure without an offset since there is the determination, if there is, a official cost to doing this?

MR. LIPP:

You want me to take that.

MR. NOLAN:

Go ahead. Let's see if we agree.

MR. LIPP:

This will be good because George will say either he agrees or not. The only reason why I'm

suggesting that I take it is because I'm aware of the numbers and George is not at this point. So the three remaining cycles, the committee cycles, for the rest of the year after Tuesday where this would apply to will total an estimated \$6477, and the reason why I'm giving you the number -- and that has to do with travel costs. The reason I'm giving you that number is it's a judgement call sometimes when you're doing a fiscal impact statement, and a resolution in terms of whether or not there are sufficient funds, even though this is an increase in the budget, whether or not there's sufficient funds internally already in the adopted budget, and that would I guess be a question for George, whether or not it would need an offset.

LEG. SPENCER:

So George.

MR. NOLAN:

What did he say?

MR. LIPP:

I said that George Nolan is a highly respected counsel. What I did say is that the cost this year would be an estimated \$6477, and it would be a judgment call as to whether you need an offset or you believe there could be sufficient funds within the adopted budget offset.

MR. NOLAN:

My personal opinion is the latter, can probably accomplished within our budget. When I look at the list of what consists of budget modifications, or I consider budget modifications that require an offset, I don't think this particular action fits, so I don't believe we need to have an offset on this particular procedural resolution.

MR. LIPP:

I should add one more thing that's relevant to the discussion, and that's in all likelihood, if you wanted to do it correctly, you would need to do some other things. You would need some additional computers out there and perhaps renovating some space in order for legislative staff to do their jobs out there that they do have here so that they would have that, sort of, setup there that they have here, so those are medium-terms costs as opposed to the initial costs.

LEG. SPENCER:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Counsel advises that if the bill passes now as written, then it takes effect immediately, which would mean that the next meeting in Riverhead which is June 16 would require a committee cycle to then be held as quickly as proceeding the June 16 general meeting that everything be -- personnel, infrastructure, et cetera -- would then be required to do everything that needs to be done as part of that cycle that quickly, correct?

LEG. KRUPSKI:

I would be willing -- if we could discharge this without recommendation today, I would be happy tomorrow or this afternoon to amend this to say that this would take place -- this would take place at the start at the last meeting that was scheduled for Riverhead to give the proper infrastructure a chance to get in place so we can have the committee meetings at the last meeting in Riverhead this year.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Legislator Spencer.

LEG. SPENCER:

We can do the discharge, but I just want to -- it's not the finances or when it goes into effect. I think that -- and this is sincere, and obviously it's hard when you look at the guy that's furthest west and not think that there's a personal issue. I do all my committees in one day. I feel that there's so much takes place that we get resources and to have the executive's office across the street where we're able to pull from planning where we have most of our medical facilities, most of our human resource, most of our -- and, you know, there are a couple things that are in Yaphank that can go either way. I just feel we have a better work product, and I'm going work to try to defeat this, but I will grant you the respect of a discharge.

LEG. KRUPSKI:

Appreciate it.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Without necessarily opining on whether I support the resolution or not, let me just say the discussion goes well beyond legislators and their staff. I mean I'm looking out now at, whether it is members of the administration or others, there are at least 15 people that are critically important to many different committee meetings, so this is an impact that goes well beyond legislators and their staffs. It really is a, very much, government-wide issue and I have several concerns. However, out of respect to my colleague who should at least have the opportunity to have that conversation in front of an east-end constituency, I'll support the discharge without recommendation for purposes of today notwithstanding the many, many concerns that I have about the underlying resolutions.

LEG. KRUPSKI:

I appreciate that, and I appreciate that consideration from everyone on this committee because not only are you showing me respect but you're showing respect to all your county constituents on the east end, so that's what I appreciate.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

There was a tabling motion before us. That is -- did he officially withdraw the -- did Legislator Spencer withdraw --

MR. RICHBERG:

No. I have two motions. I have a discharge without recommendation and a tabling motion.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

I agree with that.

LEG. SPENCER:

What takes precedence? I'll withdraw my tabling motion.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

The motion to table is withdrawn, so before us is a motion to discharge without recommendation. I'll call the vote. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? Motion to discharge without recommendation is approved.

MR. LIPP:

And for the record, we'll have that memo available and e-mailed to you by the end of the day today.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

That will be distributed to whom?

MR. LIPP:

I will e-mail it to all legislators.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

To all legislators.

MR. LIPP:

Unless there's a will not to do that.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

No, I think that would be important. Thank you. Legislator Trotta.

LEG. TROTТА:

Just in that document, just include all, like, when you mention reservations that might have to be done.

MR. LIPP:

It's all in there.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

IR 1189, Adopting Local Law No. -2015, A Local Law amending Article XXXV of the Suffolk County Administrative Code to establish a pool of qualified real estate brokers and consultants in the Division Of Real Property Acquisition And Management (County Executive). This needs to be tabled for public hearing. I'll make a motion to table. Second by Legislator Spencer. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **IR 1189 is tabled for public hearing. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1195, Authorizing a certain technical correction to Adopted Resolution No. 1216-2012. I'll make a motion to approve and place on the consent calendar. Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **IR 1195 is approved and placed on the consent calendar (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1196, Appropriating funds in connection with upgrading Court Minutes Application (CP 1681) (PO Gregory). Motion by Legislator Calarco. I'll second. Everybody good? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **IR 1196 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

IR 1197, Appropriating funds in connection with the Optical Disk Imaging System (CP 1751)(PO Gregory). Motion to approve by Legislator Spencer. Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **IR 1197 is approved (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1198, Authorizing the County Clerk to file an application for additional State mortgage tax reimbursement (PO Gregory). Motion by Legislator Calarco. Second by Legislator Spencer. This authorizes the clerk to file for additional funding in the amount of -- do I have it correct here, Robert? \$2,229,699 that we are entitled to receive. This is, in effect, receiving the money.

MR. LIPP:

Correct.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Thank you. I'll call the vote. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions?

IR 1201, Authorizing the reconveyance of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 215, New York State County Law to Mark and Stefanie DeVoe (Spencer). This is a hardship redemption under section 215. Legislator Spencer.

LEG. SPENCER:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Motion to approve. I'll second. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **IR 1201 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1205, Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Local Law No. 13-1976 Daniel Kane Realty, Inc. (SCTM No. 0500-366.00-02.00-107.000) (County Executive). Motion by Legislator Calarco. I'll second. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **IR 1205 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1210, Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 72-h of the General Municipal Law Town of Brookhaven (SCTM No. 0200-981.10-01.00-005.000) (County Executive). This is a 72-H transfer to the Town of Brookhaven, which is going to be kept in its natural state of perpetuity for developing rights for workforce housing. If it is used for any other purpose, it will revert back to Suffolk County. I'll make a motion to approve.

LEG. BROWNING:

Second.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **IR 1210 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1211, Authorizing the renewal of the lease of premises located at 1869 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, NY for use by the Department of Health Services (County Executive). Motion to approve. Second by Legislator Calarco. Legislator Trotta, on the motion.

LEG. TROTTA:

Is this the health clinic, by any chance?

CHAIRMAN STERN:

It's the health clinic.

LEG. TROTTA:

I thought we were giving that or pushing that off to that company.

MS. SANTERAMO:

There is a resolution that has to be tabled in Health Committee today for the HRH transfer, but this is for the property. This is for the physical location of the health center.

LEG. TROTTA:

So before we know what's going on, we're going to enter into a 15-year lease?

MS. SANTERAMO:

Well, regardless of if you approve the transfer to the FQHC, we still have the health center there.

LEG. TROTTA:

But why don't we make some mechanism for them to enter into a lease?

MS. SANTERAMO:

I will --

LEG. CALARCO:

I think maybe what will shed a little light on that, what has been the process with every of the health centers that we've transferred so far to Hudson River is that the county takes responsibility of the location. So with Tri-Community over in Amityville, the county owns that building. They moved into our building. We gave them a lease of basically using the building, and they just have to do the maintenance of the grounds. With Patchogue and the Shirley centers, it's kind of similar. Shirley is a building we own, so they're in there with a lease agreement. As far as the Patchogue facility is concerned, we're responsible for finding them the space, so it's basically we provide the space for Hudson River to operate out of is the way the agreements have worked, and this, I'm imagining, is going to be similar, so we are securing the space that we're going to give them to operate from.

LEG. TROTТА:

So we don't own this. We're --

LEG. CALARCO:

In this particular situation, we lease the property, yeah. I know they have made -- and the Health Department can probably speak to it more in-depth with this particular facility -- but I know they have made quite a few attempts on many different occasions going back to Cameron Alden when Bay Shore was closed to find alternative locations to service the community, and finding a good spot has not been easily done, and so I think they've determined this is the best place to continue to stay and operate, and I do believe the legislator who represents the area is supportive of this.

LEG. TROTТА:

This is entering into a \$10 million thing for the next 15 years. I thought we were supposed to be weaned off this after five years, that we weren't going to paying --

LEG. CALARCO:

As I said, we do provide the space, but we don't pay for the operations.

MR. LIPP:

I could add something to this, if you'd like. So we released our A96 report about Brentwood Clinic, which requires that we have at least 10 percent savings for each of the next five years, and we included in that calculation the cost of the lease.

LEG. TROTТА:

Okay. Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Motion to table by Legislator Trotta. And we have a motion to approve before us. There is no second. I'll call the vote. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions?

LEG. TROTТА:

Opposed.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

IR 1211 is approved. (VOTE: 4-1-0-0, Opposed: Trotta).

IR 1212, Authorizing the lease of premises to the United States Department of Agriculture (County Executive).

This has come before Space Management and was approved by Space Management in February. This is the extension of the lease by the USDA at 423 Griffing Avenue for four years and nine months of \$29,472 annually for 1,333 square feet. That's all accurate? Everybody good? All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **1212 is approved. (VOTE:**

5-0-0-0)

IR 1222, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Daniel W. Kahn and Jean J. Kahn (SCTM No. 0500-364.00-02.00-003.000) (County Executive). Motion to approve and place on the consent calendar by Legislator Spencer. I'll second. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions. **IR 1222 is approved and placed on the consent calendar. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1223, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Friendship Beach Land, Inc. (SCTM No. 0207-005.00-02.00-006.000) (County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. **Approved and placed on the consent calendar. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1224, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act John Anahory and Antoinette Anahory, his wife (SCTM No. 0500-377.00-02.00-044.000) (County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. **Approved and placed on the consent calendar. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

IR 1229, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Elizabeth Rodriguez f/k/a Elizabeth Friedman (SCTM No. 0200-170.00-06.00-010.000) (County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. **Approved and placed on the consent calendar. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

IR 1252, Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Local Law No. 13-1976 Chien I. Chiang (SCTM No. 0400-071.00-01.00-014.000) (County Executive). I'll make a motion to approve. Second by Legislator Spencer. Everybody good? All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **IR 1252 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1259, Authorizing A certain technical correction to Adopted Resolution No. 149-2015 (County Executive). Motion to approve and place on the consent calendar. Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **Approved and placed on the consent calendar. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

IR 1261, Authorizing the extension of an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Brookhaven (County Executive). Motion to approve by Legislator Calarco. I'll second. Legislator Calarco, on the motion.

LEG. CALARCO:

Quickly, on the motion. No, I had a few questions regarding where this particular situation was moving with the Town of Brookhaven. I know Matt Miner is here today. We had a conversation before the committee, and my questions have been answered, so I'm okay with this.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Very good.

LEG. TROTТА:

What building is that?

LEG. CALARCO:

This property is the old Plaza Theatre down on East Main Street in East Patchogue, and it was a property that sat vacant for 20-plus years. I think the last movie was E.T. The town condemned

it; took it by eminent domain, and the county provided some resources to help offset that cost, and eventually when the town is able to sell the property, they will be required to make payment back to us for our investment.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

I'll call the vote. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **IR 1261 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1266, Reappoint member to the Suffolk County Board of Ethics (Heather M. Palmore, Esq.) (Calarco). Motion to approve by Legislator Calarco. Second by Legislator Spencer. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions?

LEG. SPENCER:

Please list me as cosponsor.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

IR 1266 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).

We've already covered Procedural Motion 4, so I will make a motion to adjourn for the purposes of going into executive session to discuss pending litigation. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).

(*The committee met in executive session at 1:29 p.m. until 2:02 p.m.*)

Okay. We are back on the record in the Ways and Means Committee having had deliberation in executive session regarding the settlement of litigation matters. And so, for the record, In the Matter of Judith Cerrud and Orlando Cerrud v. County of Suffolk, et al., the settlement was approved unanimously.

In the Matter of Carolyn Rabenstein, as guardian of Abraham Rabenstein v. County of Suffolk, that litigation matter settlement was approved.

In the Matter of Claudia Manjarres v. County of Suffolk, et al., that litigation matter was approved by a vote of three to two with Legislators Trotta and Browning in opposition.

In the Matter of Jaci Zappasodi v. County of Suffolk, et al, an infant under the age of 18 by her mother and natural guardian, Ramona Robertson, v. County of Suffolk, that matter was approved unanimously.

And in the Matter of Ramona Roberston v. County of Suffolk, that matter was approved unanimously as well.

There being no other business before the committee, we are adjourned.

(*The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m. *)