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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

**OF THE**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**Minutes**

A meeting of the Ways and Means Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Maxine Postal Legislative Auditorium of the Evans K. Griffing Building, 300 Center Drive, Riverhead, New York on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 12:30 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Legislator Bridgit Fleming - Chair  
Legislator William Spencer - Vice-Chair  
Legislator Kate Browning  
Legislator Robert Calarco  
Legislator Tom Cilmi  
Legislator Monica Martinez  
Legislator Robert Trotta

**Also in Attendance:**

George Nolan - Counsel/Suffolk County Legislature  
Jason Richberg - Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature  
Amy Ellis - Chief Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature  
Lora Gellerstein - Chief of Staff/Presiding Officer's Office  
Liz Sutton - Aide to Legislator Fleming  
Alyssa Turano - Aide to Legislator Hahn  
Liz Alexander - Aide to Legislator Spencer  
Maria Barbara - Aide to Legislator Cilmi  
Craig Freas - Budget Review Office  
John Kennedy - Suffolk County Comptroller  
Lou Necroto - Suffolk County Chief Deputy Comptroller  
Brenda Sloan - Executive Director of Accounting  
Vincent Mezzanotte - Commissioner of Information Technology  
Scott Mastellon - Deputy Commissioner of Information Technology  
Doug Segall - Suffolk County Comptroller's Office  
Katie Horst - Director/Intergovernmental Relations  
David Schwartz - Newsday  
All Other Interested Parties

**Minutes Taken By:**

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Kim Castiglione - Legislative Secretary

*(\*The meeting was called to order at 12:33 P.M. \*)*

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to a regular meeting of the Ways & Means Committee taking place here in the Riverhead County Center, in the Hamlet of Riverside, Town of Southampton. I guess you've already heard the call to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Hahn.

***Salutation***

Thank you. I'd ask you to remain standing for a moment of silence to recognize two longstanding members of the Sag Harbor Fire Service who both passed away in the past two weeks. Marty Trunzo served Sag Harbor Fire Department for 70 years, and Ted Stafford, who served for 48 years.

***Moment of Silence Observed***

Thank you. You may be seated. Good afternoon, everyone. We have no correspondence so we're going to move right to the Public Portion. I don't believe I have any cards, but anyone here who would like to be heard we'd love to hear from you, so feel free to come up to the podium for three minutes. And seeing that no one is here for Public Portion, we'll move right on to a presentation. We have the pleasure of having with us today Suffolk County Comptroller, John Kennedy, who will be offering a presentation regarding IFMS, which is the County Financial Management System. Mr. Comptroller?

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

Good afternoon. And thank you, Madam Chairwoman, and to the members of the Ways & Means Committee. We will be distributing some material to you associated with the Capital Project 1782. My appearance before you today is a little unconventional, Madam Chair, in that I'll be speaking to the committee about a Capital Project. I know that you will be holding hearings associated with the County Executive's Recommended 2017 Capital Budget and the 2017-2019 Capital Program later on this month, nevertheless thank you for the invitation. I felt that it was very important to come before the committee today and to speak with a certain degree of specificity about the status of our financial backbone and software.

If I can deviate from my prepared comments for just a moment, Madam Chair. I'd also like to take a point of personal privilege and thank you in particular for supporting our effort to bring awareness and information to the lodging community regarding hotel/motel. You were gracious enough, along with Legislator Krupski, to host a symposium that we had here in Riverhead roughly about a month ago I guess. We were out on the East End for the whole day and I'm happy to report to you that that effort has been quite productive. We have gotten a tremendous amount of inquiry regarding the obligation and the responsibility on the part of entrepreneurs who are operating lodging entities. I can report to this committee that our increase in collection is now approaching \$300,000 from where we commenced this effort last July. I think it's a good indication of what happens when we collectively partner and collaborate between the Executive level of government and certainly the efforts on the part of yourselves as Legislators representing chambers and the business community and the effort to go ahead and bring valid and contemporaneous information to your communities. So I thank you very much for that effort. It's proved quite productive.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Thank you for the acknowledgement, John. And also we should thank Legislator Krupski and his staff for organizing as he did. As you know, hotel and motel business is a very important part of the economy on the East End, so I know that our constituents were anxious to speak with you and you did an excellent job in presenting it. I hope that everyone realizes that East Hampton alone provides 26% of the Hotel/Motel Tax, so to the extent that we can be helpful to you, you know, we

always will be. Thank you.

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

Thank you, Madam Chair. Yes, and we're mindful of that. The other thing that I'd just like to share with the committee is that we are here today upstairs meeting with another software vendor critical to our combined operations, Tyler, and I will be discussing with you very shortly some what I think will be very significant collaborations between our primary financial backbone. It has been a good effort to work with the former Treasurer's Office and the staff there. We are fortunate that we have resilient staff, knowledgeable staff and those that are charged with what may be on occasion a somewhat difficult or unpleasant task. As much as we know the importance of payment of taxes, not everybody shares our same view I guess.

Nevertheless, as I have said to you, we are committed to deliver service that is timely and responsive to our citizens. And towards that end, we are exploring opening up the opportunity for delinquent tax to be paid in the Hauppauge area as well, in all likelihood in the Dennison Building. We all know today that with technology we can use our iPhones and transact business all over the world. It's incumbent on us in County Government to go ahead and bring that same level of accommodation to our citizens, and we are moving through that as we speak now.

So let me move to the topic de jour and that is the Integrated Financial Management System, that's the acronym. CGI is the software vendor. It is an integrated piece of financial software that sits, if you will, across all of our 20 plus departments and functional entities throughout the County. Any time that we have a financial transaction, if somebody pays us a fee, if we go ahead and pay a vendor, it is processed by and through our Integrated Financial Management System.

One of the things that I need the committee to understand, and the only way to do so is to kind of show you. Twenty-two years ago this did not exist. Twenty-two years ago is when we took delivery of our first version of IFMS. In those 22 years, that software has been upgraded once. One time. This piece of software is non-resilient, is painfully slow, is highly susceptible to failure, routinely goes down and necessitates what's called a reboot. Anybody familiar with any degree of computer operation knows when you have to reboot a system there's no guarantee that your system is going to come back up and that will grab the information that you may have had. From January of 2015 through March of 2016, our system had to be rebooted 60 times. Every time we have a reboot at a minimum we lose at least 30 minutes of productivity. That system has 579 users. On average we have about 400 users at any given time on the system. Do the mathematics. It's about 200 lost hours of productivity associated with every reboot.

In addition, this system cannot facilitate electronic funds transfer. Again, I'll go back to the iPhone. I can buy a generator from California and have it drop shipped on my stoop in 48 hours, but when it comes to transacting business here with the County of Suffolk, we are still relegated to the hard cut check. Last year we did approximately 180,000 hard cut checks. That involved \$90,000 worth of expenses associated with check stock, envelopes and postage. In addition, the personnel time associated with generation of hard cut checks, booking of hard cut checks, replacement of lost hard cut checks, goes in excess of \$500,000. The industry standard associated with a hard cut check is approximately \$3 of expense associated with generating that check; the electronic equivalent, 29 cents.

So I come before you today to basically say to you, and you have the flip chart with you. You'll see multiple areas where we are losing the opportunity to go ahead and maximize the time that we have for our on board staff. Not only are we impeded when it comes to payment, we are also relegated to a less than robust vendor portfolio. Many vendors refuse to do business with the County anymore because of the interminable delays associated with being paid and processing as a result of services of goods they may have vended to us. And mind you, while we do have a 21-day

turnaround time on payment of vouchers out of our office, all of these vouchers rise to us coming out of the respective departments. So this summer we will have a tremendous number of vouchers that generate out of our Parks Department. Our Department of Public Works throughout the year, buying everything under the sun, from tires to transmissions, to rock salt, to everything that they wind up doing, all necessitating and needing to be paid off a voucher.

I guess my biggest request or ask of you today is, is to please support in the 2017 Capital Budget and Program the request for a \$2.5 million appropriation to upgrade our system from the outdated 3.5 version that we are running on, to the current 3.11 version. But in addition, to make you aware that this is a policy matter that, in my opinion, must be addressed and it is an infrastructure need no different than paving a road or putting on a roof or doing any of the other things that each of you are charged with on the behalf of your constituents and the 1.5 million citizens of Suffolk County. To not act on this will absolutely put us further into degradation and, quite candidly, the possibility of catastrophic failure.

I'm going to ask you to look at one page or screen in particular in your presentation, and that is screen 19 or page 19. If you review the various savings and expense and cost avoidance that we have been able to compile, working in conjunction with the vendor CGI and with our IT -- as a matter of fact, I'm joined by Commissioner Mezzanotte today and I will ask him to please come to the table here to help explain to you some of the impediments that we have associated with where this hardware -- where this software rests. But you will see that it is approximately 700,000 in savings we will realize, and so this project will pay for itself in a little under three and a half years.

In addition, I'm going to ask you to accelerate the 500,000 that has been put into SY and bring it up into Capital Project year '18 because that will help us to procure the vendor's self-service.

If I can, I'm going to turn to Commissioner Mezzanotte so that he can explain what the hardware status is and the host software that IFMS resides on at this point.

**COMMISSIONER MEZZANOTTE:**

Yeah. Basically the environment that the application currently runs on is extremely outdated. It's on hardware that's end of life. It's on an operating system that's end of life. What that means is that we don't receive security patches and updates that are necessary to really ensure the reliability, the availability and the security of the environment that the application runs on. So it's not only critical that we focus on the application and the functionality that this application delivers, but also in terms of the hardware infrastructure that it runs on. So we've got some extreme exposure here in terms of the application as well as the environment. And the upgrade of the software is -- goes hand in hand with what we need to do in terms of the hardware environment that we need to upgrade as well.

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

Madam Chair, if I can, I'd like to invite one other member to the podium, and that is my Director of Accounting Services, Brenda Sloan. She is in the midst right now of compiling all of the financial records associated with the 2015 fiscal year and she can speak to each of you very specifically about what we are encountering right now as we speak with the IFMS.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Welcome and thank you for coming, Ms. Sloan.

**MS. SLOAN:**

Hi. Good afternoon. As Mr. Kennedy has been explaining, we are starting our annual audit now. The auditors just arrived last week and June 30th is our due date that the entire coffer has to be sent to the GFOA, and it has to be completely audited at that point. So they arrived last week with

a request of approximately 56 items, reports, that they wanted from us to get started. Unfortunately, on the day that they arrived our database was down, so I was unable to run any of the reports for them. So I did explain that, you know, we're having some problems right now but tomorrow I'd get it all to you. The next day the system was -- actually the database was down and unfortunately the system was also down that same day. So now I'm trying to put things together from reports that I've run a week or two ago just so the auditors have some information to run on, and I'm not having to tell the auditors well, I can't give you any information so you can't get started on your audit.

Finally on the third day, the system was still down, but IT was working very hard on getting another database up for us so that we were able to run some reports, and that was successful for us. But unfortunately it did take a lot of my staff's time in putting together alternate reports and IT's time for coming up with that alternate database for us. So is, you know, time consuming for us to be working with this system. And that's just one example of, you know, issues that we've had just in the last couple of weeks.

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

Thank you, Madam Chair. So I think what I should probably do, as most people have often said, please stop talking and open it up to questions, but I will just try to recap to you that this is -- I cannot stress enough the importance of moving forward. We have invested 15 months in exploratory work. We did convene a working committee. We contemplated the possibility of going to an alternative software provider. I will tell you that the base price to bring in a different provider would have been \$20 million.

Our colleague to the west, Nassau County, invested in a piece of software called PeopleSoft. They are at \$30 million and it is still not functional. So while I will never minimize one plug nickel of taxpayer's money, I will tell you that the investment of 2.5 million to bring us current, contemporaneous, to allow us to employ EFT, to allow us the ability to no longer be saddled with counter productivity, the ability to move to an English based system -- right now this is a numeric based system. We have 579 individuals highly trained and knowledgeable in alpha and numeric code that to most of us would be gibberish. I defy any one of us to know what a BC80 is. It's a primary transaction in IFMS, and candidly, it once again hampers not only our abilities, but every department. Absent one of those individuals who's highly trained, transactions don't occur. So let me defer.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Okay. Thank you, Mr. Comptroller. And I just wanted to be clear, you've got a couple of Legislators who want to ask you questions, but what you're asking is that we support what is already proposed --

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

-- in the Capital Program at the level that is proposed under this Capital -- CP 1782.

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

With a caveat, Madam Chair, yes. For 2017, 2.5 million is our assessment of what will be necessary in order to go ahead and invest the program hours, and candidly to procure the replacement hardware as well as to update the platform. The platform software that Commissioner Mezzanotte spoke of is Microsoft 2003?

**COMMISSIONER MEZZANOTTE:**

Uh-huh.

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

Microsoft 2003 is no longer supported, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

But this is all within 1782?

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

And then you also mentioned an acceleration of Operating Budget funds? Is that what it is?

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

I misspoke. I'm sorry, Madam Chair. No, what I asked was that there's an additional \$500,000 of capital funding that's been identified in what's called SY, subsequent years. In fact, I'm asking the Legislature to move that back and place that in 2018, because by that time we'll be able to go ahead and procure the additional module that will be the vendor self-service.

I'm lastly going to mention to you, Madam Chair, and we just spoke briefly about this, suffice it to say that we have some compliance issues as well associated with production of confidentiality, and that as our software becomes aged and outdated we become increasingly more vulnerable to compromise and to possible cyber attack.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Okay. Very good. I think you have a couple of questions. Legislator Spencer.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Good afternoon, Mr. Comptroller, and thank you. You gave a very compelling presentation, especially when you talk about the technology issue and you also back it up with the savings. I was looking at the why is this important and I understand the right sizing, the eliminating the checks and postage and the lost productivity, but the biggest item, the implemented electronic funds transfer, just take me through how do we realize the \$450,000 savings with the --

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

It's a good question, Doctor, and thank you for posing it. Every time that we have to do what's called a check run, an operating check run, it necessitates gathering the information for that check run, transmitting the information to our areas here in Riverhead, where the actual hard cut checks are printed. I'll give you a perfect example.

You know the story, I've been a municipal employee for 39 years. I've been a County employee for about 30. I have not seen a hard cut pay check in probably 20 years. In January I had the opportunity to travel to Albany to see the Governor's State of the State speech. So while every dime that I've ever earned working for the County of Suffolk has always gone to my Suffolk Federal Credit Union via electronic funds transfer in payroll, which is the only area that we can do it right now, I got a mileage reimbursement check -- a meal check. I got a meal check for \$51. I finally cashed it. I was walking around with it so I could hold it up. The meal check came to me as a negotiable instrument in a mailer with the postage on it. And the first thing I said is, is where did I get this? Why didn't it go into my account just like my paycheck? The issue is that we do not have a sufficient number of spaces to code the operating disbursement or the payment.

Where do we get the savings? The savings comes from avoiding the card stock, avoiding the postage, avoiding the personnel time associated with compiling running, fishing out, assembling, segregating, transporting to the Post Office, effectuating the actual delivery. You're getting it both from hard cut cost avoidance and also what each and every one of us or each and every one of you crave, best use of the personnel that we have on our payroll now. Their time is much better spent working with citizens who are coming for delinquent tax, working with citizens to try to work out a payment program, working with citizens for the other critical missions than going through those mundane, non-productive types of functions. That's where we get the savings from.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Thank you, that makes complete sense. And my second question could either be for you or the Commissioner. It relates to the upgrade, the software itself. And I apologize if this was stated and I didn't hear, but as far as with the software, what is the term of support for the software and as far as what the upgrades, you know, how often do we receive that, five years, 10 years?

**COMMISSIONER MEZZANOTTE:**

Well, that's really driven by the vendor. Quite honestly, with an application such as this I would say there would be a new release of the software on an annual basis, once per year. Some vendors deliver more frequently than others. It doesn't mean you necessarily have to take advantage of each upgrade. There's also patches that are released along the way which will address any type of short-term fixes that we could apply. I don't know if that answered your question, but I would say --

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Sort of, getting close. Let me clarify. And I understand if I go out and I buy Microsoft Office and next year a new Microsoft Office comes out I have to pay for it.

**COMMISSIONER MEZZANOTTE:**

Yes.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

But in medical practice when I have my electronic medical software program, I pay for it. There is a maintenance fee, there's someone on the phone 24-hours a day when they release patches and they release new versions. I have a contract for five years or whatever that I'm not paying anything for because it's part of software. So usually with -- I mean, it's part of a platform as opposed to me buying a program.

So we're spending \$2.5 million. I want to know that next week when that new update comes or new version that we're covered, you know. So what are we getting? What's the support? Because really the software is proprietary, but what's the support that's coming along with this.

**COMMISSIONER MEZZANOTTE:**

The support provides us with the releases that would be issued that are normally just patches or updates. We would typically stay a couple of versions behind, but we were entitled to upgrades along the way. The bulk of the cost here is not in the cost of purchasing the software, but in the cost to configure the software to meet our functional needs. So there's -- when you look at the IFMS application today it's configured specifically for the requirements of Suffolk County. As we upgrade, those configuration changes have to be applied to the future software as well, and that's what's incorporated in this cost to do the upgrade. And while we wouldn't upgrade with every single release, but we would try to focus on the ones that really add value to the needs of the County.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Will there be kind of an annual ongoing cost that we're paying and how does that new cost compare to what we're currently paying? You know, I'm -- you had me at hello. The 2.5 million, this is important, I see the savings, I see the benefit, but moving forward, how much does this cost? Is it a wash between what we're currently paying for maintenance? And what contract term are we looking at?

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

Doctor, let me speak to you on a couple of those items, and as a matter of fact, as usual you kind of zoned in on the essence of where we're at. So we have paid roughly \$350,000 a year in maintenance expense and, in fact, because of the unwillingness or inability, I cannot speak to what occurred, you know, 15 months ago before I took office. All I can speak to you about is where I am now. But the fact that we are at 3.5 and a vendor is actually operating at 3.11, we are six versions out of date. That relegates us to what's called a Tier II support level, which means that we get telephone support and that the vendor will attempt to recreate what the issue is because they no longer even maintain or host a version of the software that we operate in.

If we come to the current version they will maintain it, they will give us the software -- the support not only the telephone support, but they'll actually be able to remotely move into and work with us. We no longer have to be relegated to some of the patch solutions that the Commissioner has spoken to. We'll have, in essence, the benefit of a real time ability.

I'll give you another example, and this is one that really kind of prompted me to say that it was time to come to you. About a month ago Ms. Sloan's group had to come in on a Saturday. They had to do something called a roll up. The roll up basically takes all of the open grants information in all of the departments and bring it current to what we have here in 2016. As you know, we have somewhere close to about \$500 million in State and Federal grant funds that we operate off of. Now, nobody's on the system on a Saturday. We had four or five people that were in, at most. It still took the better part of a whole day for a group of staff, only four or five users on the system, to actually get the information updated and current so she can do some of the things that we need to do. I don't want to say the patient's on life support, but I'm with Doc.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

No, you've made your point completely with me, it's crystal clear. I get the need.

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

Okay.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

And I guess the essence of my question is when you look at what we're paying now for maintenance.

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

Yes.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

When we do this upgrade, we will be paying the same amount for maintenance but getting more for it?

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

Yes. Yes to the latter part. Will we be paying the same for maintenance? Candidly, that is going to be part of the process that goes on with the negotiation. This actually will be done by virtue of a contract. I remain unconvinced that we are getting our money's worth at 350,000. Candidly, CGI

is going to have to make a better case for spending even 200,000, because at 350,000 my assessment is we got snookered. We got taken to the cleaners. So we will not only hold their feet to the fire, as the Commissioner has said. They agree they're making the product available to us in essence cost free because they have done not a good job in being a good vendor. It's now incumbent on them to be a better vendor, to go ahead and give us what we need to operate and candidly give it to us at the best price.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Certainly. And I'll ask -- I'll make one quick statement and I'll yield. So that's, you know -- and you taught me this actually when I first came on the Legislature. I understand the approving the expense.

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

Yes.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

And I think where the detail lies is what are going to be the reoccurring costs moving forward.

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

Yep.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

And it could potentially save us money.

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

Absolutely.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

But at this particular point, until they get in, you don't know if it will be the same maintenance, if it will be more for the maintenance or if it will potentially be less. But from what you're describing and the fact that they will be able to get in remotely and they'll have other tools for them that it could potentially save us money.

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

How about if I do this, Doctor? This is the committee that has jurisdiction over the Comptroller's Office. As I get further into the process and have more specificity, I will come back and report to you.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Thank you, sir. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

And we'll look forward to that.

**MR. NOLAN:**

No need.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Although George says no need. Legislator Cilmi.

**LEG. CILMI:**

Thanks, Madam Chair. The good Doctor asked most of my questions, so I'll simply say that although the reality really speaks for itself, you've done an excellent job of articulating the need for

this very succinctly.

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

Thank you.

**LEG. CILMI:**

It's pretty obvious that we need to make this investment at this time. It's probably long overdue, but thank you.

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

I have to say, the term check run sounds a little old-fashioned.

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

It does, doesn't it? And yet here we are.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Here we are. I don't think there are any other questions from members of the committee, so thank you very much.

**COMPTROLLER KENNEDY:**

Madam Chairman, thank you so much for your time. Have a great day.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Thank you all. So we'll move right into the Tabled Resolutions.

#### **Tabled Resolutions**

We have resolution ***1179 - Adopting Local Law No. -2016, A Local Law to enact a Campaign Finance Reform Act to limit campaign contributions from County Contractors and Public Employee Unions (Trotta).***

We have a motion from Legislator Trotta to table for continued public hearing.

**LEG. CILMI:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Seconded by Legislator Cilmi. All in favor? All opposed? Any abstentions? The resolution is tabled. ***(VOTE: 7-0-0-0)***

***1312 - Accepting the donation of a monument honoring United States Marines who came in peace killed in Beirut bombing terror attacks (Stern).***

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Motion to table.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Motion to table by Legislator Spencer. I'll second that motion. All in favor? All opposed? Any abstentions? The resolution is tabled. ***(VOTE: 7-0-0-0)***

**Introductory Resolutions**

And moving to Introductory Resolutions. **1354 - Authorizing the renewal of the lease of premises located at 32 Jackson Ave., Hampton Bays, NY for use by Suffolk County District Attorney's Office (Co. Exec.).**

I'll make a motion to approve.

**LEG. CILMI:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Seconded by Legislator Spencer. All in favor? All opposed? Any abstentions? The reso carries. **(VOTE: 7-0-0-0)**

**1355 - Authorizing the lease of premises to be utilized by the Suffolk County Police Department as a police substation at Cherry Grove (Co. Exec.).**

**MR. NOLAN:**

It was *withdrawn*.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

That resolution was *withdrawn*. So moving on to **1397 - Authorizing the reconveyance of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 215, New York State County Law to Sam J. Mungo and Donna Mungo, his wife (SCTM NO. 0200-773.00-03.00-024.002) (Calarco).**

Legislator Calarco, motion to approve. Seconded by Legislator Cilmi. All in favor? All opposed? Any abstentions? That motion is -- sorry, that motion is carried. **(VOTE: 7-0-0-0)** Looking at Procedural Motions, we have none. I will make a motion to move into Executive Session for purposes of litigation. So we will -- oh, can I get a second?

**LEG. CILMI:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

All in favor? All opposed? It was seconded by Legislator Cilmi. Any abstentions? **(VOTE: 7-0-0-0)**. That motion carries, so we're adjourned into Executive Session. Thank you.

**(\*Executive Session: 1:09 P.M. - 1:28 P.M. \*)**

Okay, so we're back on the record. The committee considered litigation of Martin and Miriam Walsh against the County of Suffolk and the committee has approved a settlement in the amount of \$60,000 with Legislator Trotta objecting. And that concludes the business of the committee for today. I'll make a motion to -- do I need a motion to adjourn?

**MR. NOLAN:**

No, you can just adjourn.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Okay, we are adjourned. Have a good afternoon.

**(\*The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 P.M. \*)**