

**COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION JOINT
WITH THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY
MINUTES: September 8, 2008**

LEGISLATION

MEMBERS:

Chair: Burton; Legislators: Jenkins, Nonna, Harckham, Rogowsky, Myers, Abinanti

PUBLIC SAFETY

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Chair: Pinto; Legislators: Burton, Myers, Jenkins, Burrows, Nonna, Harckham

IN ATTENDANCE:

CE: B. Randolph, A. Neuman; **CA:** C. Indelicato, S. Dolgin-Kmetz, M. Gleeson, L. Trentacoste, L. Cipollo; **DPS:** T. Belfiore, Hodges, D. Long, J. Weiss **BOL:** S. Bass, M. Montalto, R. Pezzullo, K. Delgado, L. Goldstein, J. Sold, C. Giliberti, W. Wild, M. Amodio; **GUESTS:** A. Campanelli, C. Coker; **PRESS:** K. Valenti(The Journal News), N. Baage (The Record Review)

With a quorum present, the Committee on Legislation and the Committee on Public Safety and Security was called to order at 1:41 p.m.

DWI FORFEITURE LAW

Legislator Harckham provided an overview of the developments of the DWI Forfeiture legislation, including how we can avoid overburdening the County Attorney's office. Mr. Campanelli who served as Special Council to Nassau County discussed his experiences with implementing and prosecuting that law. He worked for Nassau County before the court declared it unconstitutionally vague. Today the work is done in-house by the county attorney's office.

Chairman Burton agreed to have a representative from the Nassau County Attorney's office at a future meeting to hear about their experience implementing the law.

There was a committee discussion about how the county could involve the police departments of other municipalities.

Commissioner Belfiore stated he estimated about \$50,000 in additional cost for upfront processing and about \$266,000 that would fall primarily in the civil bureau when the vehicle is impounded, processed, released, waiting for the outcome of the trial, disposition on the case, finding the vehicle and bring it back. Those numbers are based on 543 DWI arrests of which 498 were missed demeanor violations from 2007. There is also an unknown cost of billing from the county attorney's office.

County Attorney Indelicato stated she would need an additionally attorney, paralegal and secretary which would cost in the vicinity of \$250,000. There will be additional cost of advertising, computers, and legal notifications for approximately another \$100,000.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

(Jenkins, Myers) Move to approve items B56, B59, B82 & B95. Motion approved 8-0.

(Burton, Myers) Move to adjourn the Committee on Public Safety and Security. Motion approved 7-0. The Committee adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

MINUTES

(Bronz, Myers) Move the minutes of August 18, 2008. Motion approved 5-0.

(Harckham, Jenkins) move to adjourn the Committee on Legislation. Motion approved 6-0. The Committee adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST