

**NASSAU COUNTY INTERIM FINANCE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS
HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2000**

Pursuant to notice dated December 1, 2000, the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority (NIFA) was convened at 4:00 PM in the Omni Executive Club Room in Uniondale, NY.

The following Directors of the Authority were present:

**Frank G. Zarb, Chairman
Richard M. Kessel
Martin Payson
David Peirez (via telephone)
Ronald Stack
Robert Wallach (via telephone)**

Also representing the Authority was Richard Luke, Executive Director/Treasurer, Jeremy Wise, General Counsel/Corporate Secretary, Carol Kostik, Chief Financial Officer, Evan Cohen, Deputy Director, Timothy Sullivan, Deputy Director and Laurie Leat, Chief Administrator.

Upon determining that a quorum was present, the Chairman called the meeting to order.

Chairman Zarb stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of

the minutes from the November 27 meeting of the Directors.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was approved unanimously:

Resolution No. 00-41

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE
NOVEMBER 27, 2000 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NASSAU COUNTY INTERIM FINANCE AUTHORITY**

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the meeting of the Authority held on November 27, 2000, are hereby approved and all actions taken by the Directors present at such meeting, as set forth in such Minutes, are hereby in all respects ratified and approved as actions of the Authority.

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Mr. Luke stated that the next item on the agenda is a resolution to appoint a consultant to provide assistance to the Authority for its computers and related equipment.

Director Payson asked if there is a cap on the cost of services for this consultant. Mr. Luke replied that there is a cap of \$4900.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was approved unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 00-42

APPOINTING A CONSULTANT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE NASSAU COUNTY INTERIM FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR ITS COMPUTERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT

RESOLVED, that the materials presented to this meeting (the “Materials) are ordered to be filed with the records of the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority (the “Authority); and be it further

RESOLVED, that employment of Century Computer Consulting, Inc. is hereby authorized for a term not to exceed two years or an expenditure of \$4,999, which ever comes first, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Authority or his designees(s) be, and each of them hereby is, authorized in the name and on behalf of the Authority to execute and deliver any and all documents and to take all actions as he or she may in his or her sole discretion consider necessary or proper to effectuate the foregoing and related actions.

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Chairman Zarb asked Mr. Luke to give a factual description of the NIFA report.

Mr. Luke stated that NIFA believes that the County is likely to achieve a balanced budget for 2000. He stated that in terms of the 2001 budget, NIFA believes that the budget reflects a significant improvement over prior year’s budgets. Mr. Luke stated that based upon it’s analysis, NIFA has identified only about \$6.3 million in risks which is manageable within a budget the size of \$2.2 billion.

Mr. Luke stated that in the out-years of the plan, NIFA is concerned that there are a number of highly speculative initiatives that depend upon actions of

others outside of the County. He stated that the County needs to aggressively move forward with the actions contained in the out years to make sure they start to become implemented as soon as possible.

Mr. Luke stated that now that the plan is in place, NIFA's role is going to switch from looking at the budget to monitoring the budget.

Chairman Zarb stated that the County will meet with NIFA each month and NIFA will measure where things are in consultation with the County's leadership. He stated that the County leadership would be asked to meet with the NIFA Directors from time to time.

Chairman Zarb stated that if at any given time during this process, NIFA comes to the conclusion that it is unlikely that the County is going to meet its objectives for a balanced budget at the end of that particular year, NIFA will replace the current system with hard controls.

Director Wallach asked if NIFA has done a worst-case scenario in case the County cannot come to an agreement with the PBA and the other unions. Mr. Luke replied that while an analysis was not done, it is NIFA's sense that it would be somewhere around \$5 to \$10 million and the budget does contain sufficient reserves to cover this. Director Wallach asked if the arbitrator in Nassau feels bound to

follow the precedent of Suffolk, what does that do to the numbers. Chairman Zarb replied that he would ask the County Executive to comment on that.

Director Peirez stated that he hopes that the management skills will be in place and be able to function because without it there will be no implementation.

Director Payson stated that the medical center should not be overlooked in the monitoring process.

Director Kessel stated that NIFA will be an aggressive monitor and will meet on a monthly basis to get answers to any concerns it may have.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was approved unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 00-43

Resolution Adopting a Report Concerning the Four-Year Financial Plan of Nassau County, Making a Determination Regarding Said Plan, and Authorizing the Taking of Related Actions

RESOLVED, that the report submitted to the Directors dated December 8, 2000 and entitled "Review of Adopted Multi-Year Financial Plan" (the "Plan") is hereby approved as a report of the Directors and is ordered to be filed with the records of the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority (the "Authority"); and be it further

RESOLVED that the Plan is found to be complete and complies with the standards set forth in the Authority Act (the "Determination"); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Authority or his designees, shall notify the

County of Nassau as to this Determination and certify to the revenue estimates agreed to by the Authority in accordance with this Determination; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Directors acknowledge that the Act requires the continuous monitoring of the County by the Authority and in furtherance thereof it requires that leaders of the Authority, County Executive, Legislative Majority and Minority of Nassau County meet together on a monthly basis; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman or his designee(s) are further authorized to take all actions deemed necessary or appropriate to implement the foregoing and take related actions.

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Mr. Gulotta, Ms. Jacobs and Mr. Lazaro on behalf of Mr. Schmitt gave brief statements.

Chairman Zarb entertained a motion to adjourn. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Directors voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy A. Wise