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HUDSON COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

RE:

REGULAR MEETING : TRANSCRIPT OF
OF THE :
HUDSON COUNTY BOARD OF : PROCEEDINGS
CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS :
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O P E N S E S S I O N

Hudson County
Administration Building,
Freeholders Chambers
567 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey
Thursday, April 10, 2014
6:00 p.m.

B E F O R E:

- JOSE C. MUNOZ, Chairman
- ALBERT CIFELLI, Freeholder
- JEFFREY DUBLIN, Freeholder
- THOMAS LIGGIO, Freeholder
- E. JUNIOR MALDONADO, Freeholder
- JOSE C. MUNOZ, Freeholder
- WILLIAM O'DEA, Freeholder
- TILO RIVAS, Freeholder
- ANTHONY ROMANO, Freeholder

A L S O P R E S E N T:

- EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQ., Board Counsel
- DONATO J. BATTISTA, Hudson County Counsel
- ABRAHAM ANTUN, County Administrator
- ALBERTO G. SANTOS, County Clerk

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1 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.
 2 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Here.
 3 THE CLERK: DiDomenico, absent.
 4 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Freeholder
 5 DiDomenico has called. She's sick so she's not
 6 going to be able to make it to the meeting tonight.
 7 THE CLERK: Freeholder Dublin.
 8 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Here.
 9 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 10 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Here.
 11 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
 12 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: I'm right
 13 here.
 14 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Present.
 16 THE CLERK: Rivas. Romano.
 17 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Here.
 18 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
 19 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Here.
 20 THE CLERK: Please stand for the
 21 Pledge of Allegiance.
 22 (Flag Salute.)
 23 THE CLERK: Adequate notice of this
 24 meeting has been provided as follows:
 25 1. Posting notice of Resolution No.

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1 8-1-2014 on the Freeholder's Bulletin Board, Third
 2 Floor, Administration Building Annex, Jersey City,
 3 New Jersey.
 4 2. Copies of the above mentioned
 5 resolution have been sent to the County Clerk and
 6 the editors of the Jersey Journal and the Star
 7 Ledger.
 8 Mr. Chairman, the first order of business
 9 tonight is additional discussion on today's agenda.
 10 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Mr. Administrator,
 11 excuse me. Can we -- I have the air conditioning on
 12 top of me. I can't hear anything.
 13 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: What did you
 14 say?
 15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Nobody has a dryer
 16 sense of humor than Al Cifelli.
 17 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, may I
 18 continue?
 19 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes, sir.
 20 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, I would
 21 like to bring one item for the Board's
 22 consideration. This would be a change order to JH
 23 Reid General Contractor for \$200,000 for the traffic
 24 directors. This was discussed at the Public Safety
 25 Committee meeting. It's the recommendation to

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1 provide 200,000 for providing security at the
 2 correctional center.
 3 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman. I
 4 spoke to, sometimes good things come out of these
 5 issues, I spoke Director Demellier earlier today, I
 6 don't know if Mr. Barry is here, but he explained to
 7 me as a result of issues and concerns we've raised
 8 about this, he's in the process of working with
 9 yourself and the director to draft a policy to
 10 ensure that not only with the Sheriff's officers
 11 that we pay for, even when other individuals are
 12 brought in, you know, for roads, buildings, et
 13 cetera, that if they're going to be paid four hours
 14 work because they're paid under the contract, that
 15 the supervisors, except in rare occasions, seek to
 16 create four hours worth of work.
 17 MR. ANTUN: That's correct,
 18 Freeholder. Thank you for mentioning that. That
 19 was discussed, and that is correct, and that will be
 20 implemented.
 21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So I mean I think
 22 that out of the complaints that we raised, I think
 23 that's a good policy that we all will support,
 24 because we're going to get more work, and as well as
 25 ensure those from the Sheriff's department are able

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1 to do four hours of patrol or four hour of duty.
 2 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, is there a
 3 sponsor?
 4 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Sponsor.
 5 THE CLERK: Who is the second?
 6 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Sponsored by
 7 Freeholder Maldonado. Second Freeholder Romano.
 8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Romano, Romano.
 9 THE CLERK: This will be No. 29 on
 10 the consent agenda.
 11 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, the next
 12 item that I have, a request was made to see if we
 13 could reduce the temporary budget. The item that
 14 was presented to the Board on Tuesday would carry us
 15 to the first pay period of July, \$105 million. A
 16 request was made to see what it would be if it was
 17 to the first pay period in June. That would result
 18 in a temporary budget of \$91,812,000.
 19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I make a motion
 20 that we amend Item No. 5 to the lower temporary
 21 appropriation.
 22 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Sponsored by
 23 Freeholder O'Dea. Second by Freeholder Maldonado.
 24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Do you have copies
 25 to hand out?

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1 MR. ANTUN: Yes, we have copies to
 2 hand out.
 3 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Can we get the
 4 copies?
 5 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, the next --
 6 THE CLERK: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman.
 7 Sponsored by Freeholder O'Dea. Seconded by
 8 Freeholder Maldonado. On the amendment to No. 5,
 9 Emergency Temporary Appropriations, N.J.S.A.
 10 40A:4-20, Freeholder Cifelli.
 11 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
 12 THE CLERK: Dublin.
 13 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
 14 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 15 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
 16 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
 17 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
 18 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
 20 THE CLERK: Rivas.
 21 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
 22 THE CLERK: Romano.
 23 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
 24 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
 25 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

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1 MR. ANTUN: Thank you. Just for the
 2 record, I wanted to note that that change reduces
 3 the figure from Tuesday to today by \$13 million.
 4 Mr. Chairman, the other thing that we need
 5 to discuss, I don't have any additional resolutions,
 6 but I do have additional information, but before we
 7 get to that, the other things that we discussed are
 8 the dates for public hearings on the budget. I
 9 recall we proposed two dates in June. Someone had
 10 said can we do something earlier. There was an
 11 earlier date, if the Board were to introduce it
 12 today, to move on it today; if not, I'm not going to
 13 throw out dates.
 14 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Do you want us to
 15 vote for it and then discuss that afterward?
 16 MR. ANTUN: No, no, Mr. Chairman.
 17 The problem is that if you don't introduce today,
 18 that's the dates that I gave you.
 19 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: For the budget
 20 hearings, those we have set it up starting on?
 21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: We can have
 22 departmental hearings even without an introduced
 23 budget. Many government --
 24 MR. ANTUN: That's correct,
 25 Freeholder.

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1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Many government
 2 entities throughout the country do that. So
 3 Mr. Administrator, we're going to move, we're going
 4 to make a motion to carry Item Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 to
 5 the next meeting. We feel that -- we feel that we
 6 want to give the Administration one last opportunity
 7 to make cuts to the budget. A number of Members of
 8 the Board are not satisfied by the budget.
 9 We fully understand that once we get the
 10 budget, we have a right to make cuts and expect to,
 11 but we felt that it would be better to give you one
 12 last opportunity on the Administrative side to make
 13 additional cuts before we take control of the budget
 14 so I'm going to make motion to, I don't have a
 15 problem with making a motion to carry, so I'm going
 16 to make a motion that we carry Item 1, Item 2, Item
 17 3, and Item 4, to the next meeting.
 18 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: There is a motion on
 19 the table by Freeholder O'Dea. Second by Freeholder
 20 Maldonado. Is there a discussion?
 21 Freeholder Liggio.
 22 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: I feel that we
 23 should introduce to the budget if we're requesting
 24 to do it for the next meeting.
 25 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: We just felt, a

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1 number of us weren't satisfied with this. We know
 2 that we have the right once we get it to make cuts,
 3 but in fairness to the Administration, we felt at
 4 least give them one last opportunity, two weeks, and
 5 then we will move forward.
 6 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: All right.
 7 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: I would suggest,
 8 I am not generally adverse to the idea, I'm
 9 interested in finding out from the Administration if
 10 this is to get some dialogue from the Members of
 11 this Board to the Administration about what's
 12 important, the salaries, or is there something that
 13 I don't know about that would lend itself to
 14 additional time frame, an additional opportunity, to
 15 make those cuts, or is that just unilateral?
 16 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: I spoke with the
 17 Administration, and maybe that's something they
 18 could come up. In order for some Members of the
 19 Freeholder to pass the budget, we have to have cuts
 20 to the budget by the Administration, and that's was
 21 the discussion.
 22 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: We felt that
 23 carrying it for a meeting, maybe having some
 24 dialogue, but at least affording them that
 25 opportunity was preferable to some other options.

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1 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: That's wasn't
2 answering my question. I was looking for feedback
3 from the Administration as to whether or not the
4 Administration thinks that's a reasonable
5 suggestion, and that they wanted the opportunity to
6 look at the budget and know that maybe there is
7 something specific. I'm not adverse to the
8 suggestion. I just want more information as far as
9 the need for it.

10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: It was initiated
11 by a number of Members of the Board, but prior to
12 the meeting, I did speak to with the Administrator
13 and told the Administrator that it was our intent to
14 do that. Our hope by doing that, he would take that
15 opportunity to make cuts, you know, which would be
16 done maybe in a different manner than we may,
17 because our cuts are often cut, what is it, that's a
18 thousand cuts, as opposed to the approach he
19 generally takes, is which to find one or two areas
20 to do that. So we felt to give him one last
21 opportunity to look at it from that perspective.

22 They may do nothing, and we have no -- he
23 may see this as an opportunity to try to make some
24 additional cuts, but if not, I think we're committed
25 at a Board at that point. We're going to take it

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1 and start. As I said before, nothing prevents us
2 from starting to have the departmental hearings. As
3 you're correct, generally it has been the case of
4 the Administration when we have them make a cut,
5 they don't do the thousand cuts. Al, you remember
6 back in the day, on some of those little line items,
7 a thousand here.

8 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: What do you
9 mean, "the good old days"?

10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: That's something
11 we want to get back to.

12 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Mr. Administrator.

13 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, this Board
14 controls the destiny of the budget, not the
15 Administration. I did have a conversation
16 Freeholder O'Dea, and I am concerned about how deep
17 these cuts are going to be. I have to be concerned
18 about the integrity of County finances, and you
19 know, I'll have to have my discussion with the
20 County Executive. I'll answer your question. This
21 is coming from the Board, and not from me.

22 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman.
23 Mr. Administrator, you know, year after year you
24 have articulated this position as it relates to if
25 we make too deep cuts and what impacts would be if

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1 not in this year but in future years. I would
2 suggest this year that you better articulate what
3 that is, meaning put it so we better understand
4 exactly what it is because in my mind, it's always
5 been this kind of vague concept.

6 You know, if you cut three or \$4 million,
7 I know it doesn't have an effect this year, but it's
8 going to affect next year, and I think that if
9 that's true, you need to show us exactly what that
10 means and lay it out and demonstrate it because
11 otherwise, there is a possibility that sometimes
12 that only way to determine whether or not something
13 is going to be factual is to test it. In past years
14 at the end of the day, the majority of the Board had
15 blinked, and I'm not sure necessarily that a
16 majority of the Board is going to blink this year.

17 I certainly respect you. I respect your
18 experience, your intelligence, your knowledge in the
19 field, but you've got to lay this out and show that
20 if you attempt to do X, this is how it's going to
21 impact on 2015 and 2016, and then let us kind of
22 look and understand and maybe question whether or
23 not that is really going to be the case.

24 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, may I
25 continue?

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1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: We have a motion
2 on the floor, which has been seconded.

3 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Do you need to say
4 something about the motion?

5 MR. ANTUN: No.

6 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Okay. Roll call.

7 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.

8 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.

9 THE CLERK: Dublin.

10 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.

11 THE CLERK: Liggio.

12 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.

13 THE CLERK: Maldonado.

14 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.

15 THE CLERK: O'Dea.

16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.

17 THE CLERK: Rivas.

18 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.

19 THE CLERK: Romano.

20 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.

21 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.

22 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

23 THE CLERK: Items 1 through 4 are
24 carried until the next meeting.

25 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Administrator,

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1 do you mind if we move to carry the one on the
 2 casino?
 3 MR. ANTUN: No, go ahead too.
 4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Another item I
 5 would just ask is 24. The other item I would just
 6 ask my colleagues as a courtesy is to carry Item No.
 7 24 on the agenda, which is the proposed amendment to
 8 the lease between the County and the Casino on the
 9 Park, again, just to carry it to the next meeting.
 10 I would like the opportunity to speak to
 11 the proprietor of the Casino. There's one
 12 particular issue related to valet parking that I
 13 have some concerns. The facility's in my district.
 14 Forget about before I was a Freeholder, there's
 15 never been valet parking there that I can remember,
 16 and I have a lot of questions as to if, in lieu of
 17 them paying for off-duty Sheriff's officers for
 18 events beyond a certain number, they're allowed to
 19 do valet parking, I have legal and other kind of
 20 issues. I would like to at least have dialogue with
 21 them.
 22 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: There is a motion on
 23 the table, sponsored by Freeholder O'Dea. Second by
 24 Freeholder Cifelli.
 25 THE CLERK: Roll call?

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1 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Roll call, please.
 2 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.
 3 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
 4 THE CLERK: Dublin.
 5 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
 6 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 7 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
 8 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
 9 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
 10 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
 12 THE CLERK: Rivas.
 13 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
 14 THE CLERK: Romano.
 15 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
 16 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
 17 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
 18 THE CLERK: No. 24 is carried.
 19 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, I do not
 20 have any additional items for the agenda, but I do
 21 have additional information that the Board
 22 requested. Item No. 6, the Board requested some
 23 information from the Department of Family Services
 24 regarding Welfare to Work. There is a report that
 25 the department has prepared for the Board's

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1 consideration.
 2 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: I have a question.
 3 I have to ask a question. Do the Freeholders have
 4 any questions? I asked during the committee meeting
 5 that we bring a replacement.
 6 MR. MARTINOVICH: Yes. Robert
 7 Martinovich, Division of Family Services.
 8 Freeholder, Mr. D'Amato is out still today. The
 9 only two counties that we receive this notice on,
 10 that I did get chance to see on my way here is Essex
 11 County. They estimate it's between ten and fifteen;
 12 and Passaic County was comparable.
 13 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: What's their
 14 placement?
 15 MR. MARTINOVICH: Ten to
 16 fifteen percent. I stated in the committee meeting
 17 that our was around 30 percent across the board.
 18 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Can we get a table
 19 like this?
 20 MR. MARTINOVICH: He's working that
 21 for out the replacement rate. We would show cuts
 22 and in relation to other counties, but we can get
 23 it, absolutely.
 24 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Can I get that by
 25 e-mail?

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1 MR. MARTINOVICH: Absolutely. He's
 2 working on it now. He'll probably have more detail
 3 today. Like I said, he did call out sick. I would
 4 certainly hope to have all 21 counties for you.
 5 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Now, I would like to
 6 see if we could check with the Clerk. When we are
 7 going to have the meetings for the budget, when are
 8 we going to talk about Welfare?
 9 THE CLERK: The individual breakdowns
 10 haven't been provided yet. I have the dates, but I
 11 don't have which departments on which dates.
 12 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: When we get that,
 13 because I would like the vendors to come to the
 14 meeting and explain some of the stuff they're doing,
 15 especially if we're going to have these meetings in
 16 the community, and I would like the community to
 17 know what we, the elected officials of the County
 18 are going to work together with them through the
 19 department to try to fix the issue with employment
 20 in Hudson County.
 21 MR. MARTINOVICH: We'll set that up,
 22 Freeholder. Obviously, when you give me the dates,
 23 I will have scheduled vendors' meetings for the
 24 three months.
 25 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: We would like them

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1 to come.

2 MR. MARTINOVICH: That's a separate

3 thing, but I'm saying that once we get the dates,

4 we'll make sure they come to the public meeting, and

5 in the meantime, we have three dates for us, April,

6 May and June. We have vendors in on a monthly

7 basis, if any of the Freeholders would like to come.

8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: They will come to

9 our house?

10 MR. MARTINOVICH: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: By that time we

12 would like the placement rate. Can we, is there a

13 possibility that for each vendor, to see which

14 vendors are the most successful, so we have the

15 opportunity to ask them what are they doing, and the

16 other person will know that because he hears what

17 some of the other vendors are doing and why they're

18 more successful than other.

19 MR. MARTINOVICH: I will have that

20 breakdown on Tuesday, absolutely.

21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman, I'm

22 going to reiterate what I probably brought up four

23 times, and I'm not satisfied with the answer I've

24 received, and the last time we were told that it's

25 really the Department of Labor, they can't, there's

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1 no way of doing it, doesn't allow it or hasn't been

2 a way to authorize them to do, I know it's being

3 done in other counties. I know it's actually being

4 done in Union County because I actually work for a

5 agency that's now doing it, and that's OJT

6 contracts. I want to know what we're doing to RFP

7 for a vendor to be our entity to do OJT contracts.

8 MR. MARTINOVICH: We have OJT

9 contracts.

10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Who is doing that?

11 MR. MARTINOVICH: Department of

12 Labor. We have an OJT Contract Department of Labor

13 person, who's done in the last, I would say four

14 months, somewhere around 25. The County is itself

15 has over eight OJTs, and our contract was total

16 about 26 to 27.

17 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You can do a

18 specific contract with a specific vendor just to do

19 OJTs. So your number is pretty good, 27; my number

20 is better. It's 52, and it's limited to a single

21 city in one county. So I'm going to again say the

22 way to go is to diversify, do an RFP, because of the

23 Department is Labor is simply doing OJTs as they

24 come to your attention. What we need to do is have

25 a vendor whose job and responsibility is to go out

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1 to businesses and sell OJT contracts, to go out and

2 identify when, for instance, a building permit is

3 issued, and go out meet with a warehouse that's

4 being constructed, and while it's being constructed,

5 go out and ascertain those from your one-stop that

6 are qualified for OJT placements.

7 You're going to get a lot more people

8 placed at a lot lower cost, rather than spending

9 \$5,000 to continually train people and train people

10 to train people often for a job that the fields are

11 not there as much as they used to be. You would be

12 amazed how many individuals that are currently in

13 the workforce that have skills, they have skills,

14 they have college degrees, but they are not meeting

15 these qualifications such that a company that hires

16 them will get an OJT.

17 And it's very attractive to go to Goya,

18 perfect example, go to Goya and say, allow us to be

19 the entity that provides to you qualified

20 individuals, and for every one of those individuals

21 that you hire, we're going to be able to give then

22 fifty percent of their salary for so many months.

23 So what I'm going to ask one more time is that what

24 you look at those dollars because I still see those

25 dollars unallocated, and see how you can even put

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1 out an RFP or an RFQ for what entities there may be

2 in this County that by their nature are qualified to

3 just want to do OJTs. They're not going to look to

4 do the training. They're not going to look to do

5 the basic skills.

6 They may do something like they prep them

7 for an interview, but beyond that, all they're going

8 to do is they're going to go out, they'll identify

9 what companies are hiring early, earlier in the

10 process while a construction the project is going

11 on, go out and go through the list and put together

12 a list of residents or a database who would be

13 qualified for that and send 40 or 50 people for

14 interviews for ten or fifteen jobs. It's cheaper

15 and it is much more cost-efficient.

16 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Freeholder

17 Maldonado.

18 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: I just want to

19 say that from the numbers that I'm looking, it seems

20 like we're doing about ten percent above the state

21 average?

22 MR. MARTINOVICH: On a regular basis,

23 yes. That's our participation rate, which is not

24 the placement rate.

25 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: I understand

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1 that. But you know, that's a good start. But I
 2 agree with Freeholder O'Dea, that OJT is probably
 3 the direction we would like to. If go some counties
 4 all ready doing that, then maybe having our staff
 5 sit down with some of those folks and get a gage as
 6 to how they're doing it. It might be helpful.
 7 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: And just as a
 8 suggestion, any entity or agency that interacts on a
 9 regular basis with the business community is a prime
 10 potential to be the entity that administers or
 11 oversees like a chamber of commerce, even a chamber
 12 of commerce entity, where they may or may not have
 13 on their staff someone with the requisite skills for
 14 some of the things they need to do. They need to
 15 send someone for training in how to fill out the
 16 applications for the OJT funding. They're out
 17 there, you know.
 18 Some of the towns in North Hudson used to
 19 have UEZs. There may still be some there, and they
 20 literally interact with so many businesses. They'll
 21 sign up for the UEZ program. You still have
 22 businesses sign up and get benefits of the UEZ
 23 programs. Those already have a database, you know,
 24 ranging from 50 in a small city to 600 in Jersey
 25 City of businesses that already plugged in, tied in,

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1 have contacts with, can reach out to them, send
 2 letters to, e-mail to, et cetera, just promoting the
 3 program. We haven't done it. We rely on what the
 4 State does as the States gets to do it because a
 5 business is located within our County.
 6 We need to do it, put together an RFP.
 7 Administrative side, it shouldn't cost you more than
 8 \$75,000 for an entire year to do probably 50 to 75
 9 placements. That's a thousand to \$1,500 in
 10 placements. I guarantee you, that number is
 11 cheaper, when I look at all the money you spent on a
 12 ten percent or fifteen percent basis.
 13 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Freeholder Dublin.
 14 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: At our committee
 15 meeting on Tuesday, we also looked at some of the
 16 programs that people were being trained for, and
 17 making sure that there were, whatever the job market
 18 is for, and how with this training, people are not
 19 going to get any jobs from that. We just want to
 20 make sure that you've got the medical field, you've
 21 got, you know, somethings are there that they're not
 22 in demand for. So we want to make sure that
 23 whatever the money is for and training, people ask
 24 me, why don't they get jobs.
 25 I also agree that when we know that

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1 companies are coming, we need to make sure that
 2 somebody else needs to see what their demands are
 3 and start training.
 4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Partnership with
 5 whoever that entity that you come up with,
 6 partnership then with groups like Dress for Success.
 7 I've seen, you know, we get a lot of individuals,
 8 college background, have experience, but they need
 9 to be able to dress when they go in there and go for
 10 an interview.
 11 MR. MARTINOVICH: They partner with
 12 Dress for Success already, Freeholder. They
 13 actually send people down on a regular basis.
 14 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Director, Freeholder
 15 Dublin is saying there is also an issue with jobs.
 16 In order to bring businesses, we've got to create
 17 the right environment for those businesses to come
 18 to a committee, and that's what's so important that
 19 we look into this year's budget because we keep
 20 raising taxes.
 21 I mean Romano's district is a district
 22 that has been very success bringing businesses. You
 23 go to the main streets, Washington Street in
 24 Hoboken, you see restaurants, and you know, it's
 25 flourishing. Because it's been so successful this

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1 year, they're going to be hit hard on the budget for
 2 the County. If we keep raising taxes to a level
 3 that isn't controlled, then those companies
 4 eventually are not going to be able to afford to
 5 stay in the County, and they're going to leave.
 6 That's why it's important that we look at
 7 this year's budget to try to make sure that we don't
 8 harm the business community by raising taxes to a
 9 point where they really can't keep going. One year
 10 we're raising two percent; next year, we're going
 11 ten percent. You know, it's not controlled. We
 12 have to find a way that we can put in these
 13 communities that we've raised taxes to a certain
 14 level each year, then they can prepare to go along
 15 with the raises.
 16 But the way that we're doing now is so
 17 uncontrolled that we're really going to hurt these
 18 businesses. If the business leaves, then how are we
 19 going to get the jobs? We lost a lot of businesses
 20 in Weehawken. We lost some of the big industries in
 21 Weehawken, and I think the reason we lost those
 22 industries was because of the tax rate. They left.
 23 It wasn't convenient for them to stay in the County.
 24 They left. So we have to find a way to bring it to
 25 a level that these businesses could afford to pay

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1 the taxes.

2 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: And you've got to

3 also started to plan next year, there are six hotels

4 currently being planned for Jersey City; six, six

5 hotels from limited to full services. Those six

6 hotel will create probably somewhere between 300 and

7 a thousand jobs. There is no reason that 90 percent

8 or 95 percent of those jobs will go to Hudson County

9 residents. But in looking at some of these things

10 here, I'm not sure whether the test entities are in

11 place yet to properly prepare for that field, for

12 hospitality, and along with hospitality, in the full

13 service ones are the food and beverage component of

14 hospitality.

15 We should be going to look -- sometimes

16 you do things in a reverse order. Go to somebody

17 who does a great job in operating catering

18 facilities, and ask them how they could partner with

19 someone and start a school to train and prepare

20 individuals for jobs in this field. Go to someone

21 who's owned, managed, and operates hotels, and ask

22 them how they can work with you. I would tell you

23 hotels are a great OJT vendor because generally, not

24 on the food and beverage side, but on the rest of

25 the hotel side, front desk, back office, et cetera,

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1 they want to train their own people. They really

2 don't care about where somebody else comes from.

3 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Freeholder, one

4 thing that was discussed at the committee meeting

5 was the some of the school needs to be referred to

6 by the State, and we're having the committee address

7 some of the school who are so demanding that at

8 times, sometimes they are not cost effective for

9 them to make that kind of presentation.

10 So there are a lot of workers created

11 around it, and it becomes difficult sometimes for

12 these schools to change from that training to the

13 other one. I think that's something we that need to

14 look at how these programs are created because it's

15 really affecting how we provide, and what type of

16 providers and what type of training we give.

17 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Do you what,

18 Mr. Chairman, this isn't aimed at you, but that's a

19 terrible excuse. Basically, what you're telling us

20 is I'm accredited to teach people how to make

21 widgets, and I have to go through a whole procedure

22 to teach you to make doughnuts. So I'm go keep

23 going in and I'm going to keep getting money from

24 you keep and I'm going to keep training people to

25 make widgets every year, and I'm going to run them

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1 through phase one, phase two, phase three, all of

2 which are get a portion of money, correct? And then

3 at phase four, oops, nobody else is making widgets

4 anymore, sorry.

5 I have tell you that like in private

6 industry, the good rise and the others will fall,

7 and good schools that do a good job, who reinvent

8 themselves with change and spend the money and

9 prepare for that, you know what? They understand

10 they're going to get so much more in funding by

11 doing it. So I have tell you, I look at that as a

12 terrible excuse to say it takes a lot of effort, it

13 costs money, and it takes time to start setting up a

14 school to train people for jobs in catering and in

15 hotels, so I'd rather to train them to be medical

16 technicians.

17 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: After the committee

18 meeting, I also asked because I didn't see any

19 training for the food industry, and we have so many

20 restaurants here in the area, why are we not

21 training people to become chefs. Then the answer

22 was that the reason is because of the amount of

23 money they paid for a person for the training, it

24 would be not worth the schools to create. How much

25 would it cost a person to take the training?

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1 MR. MARTINOVICH: The occupational

2 component at this point is \$2,900.

3 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: So it would not be

4 cost-efficient for this training school to provide a

5 training for a chef because it would cost more to

6 provide the training.

7 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: And we were

8 talking about having the ability at the community

9 college, which has the ability already for that to

10 get approved.

11 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: The community

12 college, another issue that we have here is that

13 these are people from the community that are poor

14 people from the community that are trying to get out

15 of welfare. Sometimes the community college don't

16 want to create a relationship because some of the

17 issues are, and it's something we discussed too,

18 some of the people in the community have mental

19 issues, drug abuse issues, and they go through an

20 assessor. So someone to goes with an assessor, and

21 they're going to see them one time. When they go to

22 school for many days, the issue comes that they are

23 abusing substance, alcohol, et cetera, then that

24 creates a problem for the schools. I don't think

25 that the community college would like engage that

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1 clientele, but then to find a way to make better
2 assessments because the way that they explained to
3 me, when they do the assessment, they only see them
4 once; is that correct?
5 MR. MARTINOVICH: On an average once
6 or twice, no more than three times, the maximum.
7 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: So these schools get
8 sometimes people that are in a classroom that really
9 are not prepared to be in a classroom. So the way
10 that we are conducting an assessment should be
11 looking into how we are sending these people for
12 training.
13 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman,
14 these are the same excuses that they've been using
15 for the last ten years, either they need to start to
16 think outside the box, go find out who the best are
17 throughout the country at running these types of
18 programs and learn from them, or get out of the way,
19 let us bring new people in to run it, and we'll find
20 who they are to get it done. Those are just
21 excuses. It costs too much to do it.
22 Guess what? Go to one or three or four of
23 the largest catering facility operators in New
24 Jersey, and say, We have an opportunity for you, how
25 can we partner with you, how do with take one of

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1 facilities and start to get individuals in there and
2 do a training program, and what do we need, what
3 classroom addition do we need to have? Maybe we
4 need to do two. Maybe they have to do classroom at
5 Site A and the prep work at one of their facilities.
6 We haven't even tried to do that. You
7 just come back and say, Oh, it costs so much money
8 to do this, and they have \$3,000 per participant,
9 then no one is going to wanted to do it. It's a lot
10 easier to find one reason to say no. The problem is
11 the numbers speak to them. We here in this County
12 have more job opportunities than almost every one of
13 the other counties. We have, like I said, just
14 Jersey City alone, five or six hotel. Hoboken is
15 looking at doing another hotel.
16 There are a lot of negotiations Jersey
17 City is having and other cities. In fact, Weehawken
18 is doing another hotel. That's like seven or eight
19 hotels. There are over a thousand jobs in a field.
20 If you go to somebody and say, if you make this
21 investment, you're going to be able to in a course of a
22 three-year period to get 700 placements, that 700
23 placements is over \$2 million. That \$2 million
24 suddenly justified the investment that you tell me I
25 have to make. And if you furthermore go to someone

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1 who is for-profit like a proven, successful catering
2 operator, and go to them and say, Hey, how do we
3 partner with someone else to do this, and you
4 already have somebody who knows how to make money,
5 then you're going to get an answer right from
6 success.
7 I've got to be honest with you. I am sick
8 and tired every year of being told it can't be done.
9 No one wants to, all the difficulties all the
10 individuals have. Come on. Other place are
11 successful. Other places have proven to be
12 successful. There are people out there that are
13 willing to do it. I'm just tired of the same old
14 excuses. If the people that currently run that
15 program or that department, Mr. Administrator, are
16 not qualified or are not, let's say up to the
17 challenge, then they need to get out of the way and
18 let us go out and find someone who is.
19 The old saying is lead, follow or get out
20 of the way. We need them to do one. We need them
21 to lead, doesn't look they're doing any leadership.
22 We need them to follow. I think you get a lot
23 suggestions that people follow, and if they don't
24 want to do either, please tell them to get out of
25 the way. Do something else.

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1 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: In the budget
2 hearings, let the people know what we talk about for
3 the legislation that we're going to continue to
4 discuss. That's an important issue, especially
5 those minority communities that need to work. Thank
6 you.
7 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, when we
8 meet, we have, as the Clerk said, we should discuss
9 what groupings or which departments are on which
10 days.
11 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: I think he was
12 preparing that.
13 THE CLERK: I have a dates and times
14 finalized. I don't have the departments grouped.
15 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: That should be
16 drafted in the agenda meeting.
17 THE CLERK: That was last year.
18 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: We could use last
19 year's.
20 THE CLERK: You want to use the same
21 groupings?
22 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: And you can set up
23 those meetings. Just review with the Chief of Staff
24 so the Freeholders could we make sure everyone is
25 okay with it. We have to make sure that everybody

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1 is in attendance at those meeting.

2 MR. ANTUN: Just let me know if you

3 want to me to participate in the discussions.

4 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yeah. What we do

5 is, we're going create a draft and send it to you,

6 and you have to communicate and send it back to us,

7 and I'll share with the Freeholders.

8 MR. ANTUN: Okay, Mr. Chairman.

9 That's fine. Mr. Chairman, the next item of

10 information that was requested is the list of the

11 potential entities that we're going to task to

12 sponsor Movies in the Park.

13 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: There's a lot

14 around Lincoln Park, a lot of leads that are missed,

15 Mr. Administrator, McDonald's, Communipaw. I think

16 I might need to add another movie or two in Lincoln

17 Park, NJCU, St. Peter's University, Ron Brown &

18 Associates is another one.

19 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, the next

20 item that I have that the Board requested --

21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: One last thing, I

22 saw the Jersey Journal. I didn't see Twitter and

23 Facebook.

24 MR. ANTUN: And Freeholder, there is

25 no comment on that. Mr. Chairman, the next item

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1 that I have was requested for the Register to

2 calculate what the County portion of the realty

3 transfer would be.

4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'm going to take

5 a guess, somewhere between 450 and 500.

6 MR. ANTUN: If you knew what the

7 answer was.

8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Right in the

9 middle, how amazing.

10 MR. ANTUN: If you knew the answer,

11 why did you have us figure it out for you?

12 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I have to be

13 honest. One of my colleagues gave me a cheat sheet

14 before the meeting started. I'm not going to say

15 who it would be.

16 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: I don't know who

17 that could be.

18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: One attorney sits

19 on the Board.

20 MR. ANTUN: I think I know who the

21 colleague is.

22 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You know, Mr.

23 Administrator, if that sale goes through sooner

24 rather than later, that's an additional revenue that

25 even if we can't show it in this budget, we know

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1 we're going to get. It's expected to go through

2 before the end of June -- I'm sorry, before the end

3 of May, and I think there's a special meeting coming

4 up next week to start the process.

5 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Mr. Administrator.

6 MR. ANTUN: The next item that I

7 have, the Board requested employees to see -- how

8 many nonunion employees received the two-percent

9 increase and how many declined.

10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: One of my

11 colleagues, if I asked then to identify themselves,

12 they will not be able to identify themselves, right,

13 Mr. Administrator? If I ask that person to identify

14 who they were, that person they wouldn't be able to.

15 You gave it away.

16 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, the last

17 item that I have, the Board wanted me to discuss the

18 issue that was raised and a concern that was raised

19 by Freeholder O'Dea regarding the e-mail that he was

20 copied on from Mr. Kennelly referring to the issues

21 of the Jersey Journal. As I stated on Tuesday, I'll

22 state again, I had discussions with the County

23 Executive. At no time has there been any policy

24 implemented or any discussions held to displace the

25 Jersey Journal as the official newspaper or to not

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1 make an effort to provide information to the Jersey

2 Journal because they are our official newspaper.

3 The County Executive personally spoke to

4 Mr. Ron Zigler regarding this e-mail, apologized to

5 him and to the Journal. The exchange that occurred

6 here is not the position of the County Executive.

7 The opinion was expressed by a member of the staff,

8 and he will deal with that person accordingly.

9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Administrator,

10 I want to thank you, and I want to thank the County

11 Executive for his quick action in addressing the

12 issue. As I said Tuesday when I presented the issue

13 to the Board, I didn't think at that time that the

14 County Executive was aware of it in any way, shape

15 or form. I'm glad to know that that was the case.

16 When I saw it and I read it, I said, you know, I

17 know Tom DeGise, and that is not Tom DeGise's style.

18 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Also, the County

19 Executive reached out to me yesterday, and he had

20 expressed words that the Administrator said today.

21 He thought he may reach out to the Jersey Journal to

22 make sure that was corrected. He expressed the same

23 sentiment.

24 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman. That's all

25 the items that I have.

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1 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, there is
 2 one item from the Board for your consideration
 3 entitled Resolution authorizing contribution to the
 4 Soccer Learning Center International, Inc., the U.S.
 5 Soccer Heroes, \$500.
 6 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Board as a whole.
 7 THE CLERK: That's No. 30. Proceed
 8 with the public?
 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Administrator,
 10 can you provide for us at the next caucus, I know
 11 this was also under the part of it pursuant to
 12 Hudson County, how many individuals have, I know all
 13 about followers now, how many individuals have
 14 signed up for the enhanced reverse 911 system, and
 15 break down by town, how many from each city have
 16 signed up for that.
 17 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: If we don't have a
 18 Twitter account, we have to open one. Twitter is so
 19 popular.
 20 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So you can attack
 21 me in a tweet?
 22 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: I have two persons
 23 that will train you for the County.
 24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I've been
 25 reluctant. I don't think I could say anything in

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1 only 140 characters.
 2 THE CLERK: According to the policy
 3 set by the Board of Freeholders, members of the
 4 public are asked to limit their comments to 15
 5 minutes when discussing agenda items and five
 6 minutes at the conclusion of the meeting when
 7 discussing matters of public interest.
 8 At this time the public may address the
 9 Board on any item on the agenda only. Please keep
 10 your comments limited to 15 minutes. Are there any
 11 speakers on agenda items only?
 12 MR. WAHID: Riaz Wahid. Item No. 11,
 13 so why are we paying for the doctors?
 14 MR. ANTUN: This is a payment we make
 15 to the Medical Center for the Medical Center to
 16 provide medical care to County inmates that are
 17 required to be admitted to the hospital for whatever
 18 service they need.
 19 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: You should have the
 20 story. We used to approve this in a lump sum in the
 21 beginning of the year. The issue now is there have
 22 been some issues with the Medical Center, so we are
 23 going month by month, and we're approving these
 24 payments month by month as it comes. I don't know
 25 what's the status of that with the Freeholders.

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1 What's the status on those issues?
 2 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: We haven't
 3 received that information for that yet. So we are
 4 taking our chances.
 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I would tell you
 6 that my understanding of the union issues is that
 7 the issues have been almost entirely resolved. I
 8 believe you're at the point where there is a single
 9 individual who lost their position, who they are
 10 probably going through a process of determining
 11 whether that individuals gets their position back.
 12 I think there were four, three of the four have been
 13 brought back. There is one remaining. But the
 14 contract with the AFSCME has been ratified. The
 15 issue of decertification of that union has been
 16 resolved; is that correct?
 17 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
 18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: The contract with
 19 1199J, with the nurses, that contract was ratified;
 20 is that correct? So I think, you know, there is has
 21 been a tremendous amount of progress in resolving
 22 that. I think we may just want to wait to see how
 23 that issue, whether that disposition of the final
 24 individual resolves because I don't know for that
 25 fact, but based on the information, I gather that

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1 individual is the individual that actually brought a
 2 lot of these abuses to my attention. So I'm not in
 3 any way suggesting anything as it relates to the
 4 Medical Center. I would like to keep this out there
 5 as kind of a little bit of a reminder so we can
 6 hopefully amicably resolve that situation.
 7 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: We requested
 8 materials about the medical center that they have
 9 not provided to us.
 10 MR. WAHID: Item 25, what is it for?
 11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So they are a
 12 not-for-profit, and actually, they started a
 13 process, this will be the third year, and I note she
 14 is in the audience, one of the people first
 15 suggested that we do movies in the County parks,
 16 Ester Widner, two years ago. So this is the third
 17 year contracting with them to operate it.
 18 We've now expanded it to six parks. We've
 19 now expanded it to two movies for each of the parks,
 20 and I think after this year, Riaz, we've come to a
 21 conclusion that we're going to go out and do a more
 22 competitive process because I personally think we
 23 could get a cheaper price, but because they're a
 24 not-for-profit, we can do the non-fair and open
 25 process with them. We may actually, and we

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1 discussed this in the Parks Committee on Tuesday,
 2 we've asked that the department look at the
 3 potential of purchasing the equipment that's needed
 4 because now that we're running 12 movies a summer,
 5 if we have the equipment, we can run 18.
 6 The rentals of the films are a minimal
 7 amount, probably a couple of hundred per film. All
 8 we have to do is train some of our staff to be able
 9 to operate the equipment. I think what it is is
 10 that we're already in April, and we've had a
 11 back-and-forth with the WPA since they have done it
 12 before. I would tell you but for the fact that I
 13 requested go out to the private sector and come up
 14 with sponsorships which we haven't done before to
 15 offset hopefully at least 50 percent of this cost, I
 16 would probably have grave reservations voting for
 17 it. It encourage us to take a different avenue.
 18 But I think we can come up with those
 19 sponsorships. We getting late in the season, and we
 20 want to get it ready, get the dates and get the
 21 information out so we can enhance the participation.
 22 MR. WAHID: Thank you.
 23 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: I have to say that
 24 it's a very populate service. Last year I went to
 25 one of the County parks in Kearny, and there was a

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1 lot of people with children in the park watching the
 2 movie. It's a pretty popular service all over the
 3 County.
 4 We also, the County agreed to do some
 5 corporations in the area. That's what I thought
 6 Freeholder O'Dea was talking before. We'll ask them
 7 for donations to offset those issues.
 8 THE CLERK: Additional speakers on
 9 agenda items only? There appear to be no additional
 10 speakers, Mr. Chairman. The consent agenda now
 11 includes new Items 29 and 30; 5 has been amended; 1,
 12 2, 3, 4, 24, have been carried. Freeholder
 13 DiDomenico is absent. She sponsored No. 8 and 9 at
 14 the caucus. There were seconded by Maldonado.
 15 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: I will take the
 16 sponsorships.
 17 THE CLERK: On both of those. Is
 18 there a motion to approve all items on the consent
 19 agenda?
 20 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Motion by Freeholder
 21 Romano. Second by Freeholder Maldonado.
 22 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.
 23 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
 24 THE CLERK: Dublin.
 25 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Abstain on 12 --

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1 abstain on 11, and aye on the rest.
 2 THE CLERK: Freeholder Liggio.
 3 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes for all.
 4 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
 5 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Abstain on 11.
 6 Aye on the rest.
 7 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Abstain on 11.
 9 Abstain on 14B as in boy. No on 22. Aye on the
 10 rest.
 11 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.
 12 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
 13 THE CLERK: Freeholder Romano.
 14 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
 15 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
 16 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
 17 THE CLERK: All items are approved.
 18 We have three ordinances for introduction. The
 19 first is entitled An Ordinance amending the Hudson
 20 County District Solid Waste Management Plan,
 21 reaffirmation of inclusion of Advanced Recycling,
 22 Inc., Newark, New Jersey, for various purposes.
 23 Freeholder Cifelli.
 24 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
 25 THE CLERK: Dublin.

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1 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
 2 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 3 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
 4 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
 5 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Quick
 6 questions to Mr. Florio, having work at the
 7 Improvement Authority, do I have to abstain on the
 8 ordinance?
 9 MR. FLORIO: I don't think you need
 10 to abstain. You have disclosed the former
 11 employment, and this is not an issue such that would
 12 place you in conflict of interest.
 13 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: I vote aye.
 14 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
 16 THE CLERK: Rivas.
 17 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
 18 THE CLERK: Romano.
 19 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
 20 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
 21 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
 22 THE CLERK: The next ordinance for
 23 introduction is entitled An Ordinance amending the
 24 Hudson County District Solid Waste Management Plan,
 25 Hugo Neu Recycling, LLC, Kearny, New Jersey, to be

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1 included in the plan as a Class D facility, consumer
 2 electronics for recycling metals and other recovered
 3 materials.
 4 Freeholder Cifelli.
 5 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
 6 THE CLERK: Dublin.
 7 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
 8 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 9 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
 10 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
 11 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
 12 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 13 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
 14 THE CLERK: Rivas.
 15 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
 16 THE CLERK: Romano.
 17 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
 18 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
 19 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
 20 THE CLERK: The third for
 21 introduction is entitled An Ordinance amending
 22 Chapter 200, Traffic, Article 29, of the Hudson
 23 County Administrative Code to establish temporary
 24 ingress closures at the Lincoln Park access drives
 25 east and west and parking lot entrance along Duncan

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1 Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, from Monday through
 2 Friday, inclusive between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to
 3 10:00 a.m.
 4 Freeholder Cifelli.
 5 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
 6 THE CLERK: Dublin.
 7 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
 8 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 9 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
 10 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
 11 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
 12 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 13 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
 14 THE CLERK: Rivas.
 15 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
 16 THE CLERK: Romano.
 17 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
 18 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
 19 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
 20 THE CLERK: We have one ordinance for
 21 second reading. It's entitled An ordinance amending
 22 Chapter 200, Article 27, of the Administrative Code
 23 to establish traffic calming devices, delineators
 24 and edge lines, on a portion of John F. Kennedy
 25 Boulevard in Jersey City, a County-owned roadway.

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1 This is the time fixed for public hearing
 2 2n this Ordinance, which was introduced at the
 3 meeting of March 2th, 2014, advertised as required
 4 by law together with the notice of Hearing for this
 5 time. It has been posted on the Freeholder's
 6 Bulletin Board and made available to the general
 7 public.
 8 Are there any speakers on this ordinance?
 9 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Motion to
 10 close.
 11 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Second.
 12 (The Board votes unanimously to close
 13 the Hearing.)
 14 The Hearing is closed. On final adoption,
 15 Freeholder Cifelli.
 16 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
 17 THE CLERK: Dublin.
 18 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
 19 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 20 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
 21 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
 22 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
 23 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
 25 THE CLERK: Rivas.

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1 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
 2 THE CLERK: Romano.
 3 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
 4 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
 5 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
 6 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, that
 7 concludes the items of business on today's agenda.
 8 Are there any comments from the Freeholders on the
 9 business of the Board?
 10 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Before Freeholder
 11 O'Dea's comments, I had the opportunity to have a
 12 meeting with Working Families United for New Jersey
 13 Group. Abe, I had the opportunity to have a meeting
 14 with Working Families United for New Jersey's
 15 organization, and we had a meeting with Freeholder
 16 O'Dea and Freeholder Rivas.
 17 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: And Romano.
 18 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Romano was there
 19 too. During this meeting we discussed, this is an
 20 organization that is going to be coming to the
 21 County to provide training to those people that are
 22 looking for citizenship, and there other stuff that
 23 they will help, especially the immigrant community
 24 in Hudson County.
 25 We're looking to provide partnership with

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1 them, to bring them on board and allow them to deal
2 with some of these issues. We will bring something
3 to the next meeting to discuss it with the
4 Administration, and this is something we are looking
5 to put in, and I think it's appropriate.
6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I don't have
7 anything on that. Last week we asked, Mr.
8 Administrator, if you could reach out to them, it
9 was preferrable that you reach out to them.
10 MR. ANTUN: And I will reach out to
11 them, yeah.
12 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: On the items on
13 the agenda, first No. 4. I wanted to thank the
14 County Engineer. We had a tragedy last year on
15 Fairmount and Kennedy Boulevard, and we started a
16 process with neighborhood groups and associations,
17 especially an organization that's based on Duncan
18 Avenue. We held of a number of meetings. There
19 were some items that had taken place prior to this,
20 such as painting of the curbs and changing of the
21 timing of the left-turn signal on Duncan Avenue to
22 try to make the area safer. This is another step as
23 a result of that study that was done, and I'm glad
24 to see that the engineer moved quickly. This is an
25 issue that's very important that that neighborhood

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1 and that community.
2 On other items on the agenda, I just want
3 to reiterate quickly, the Board's position to
4 postpone action on Item Nos. 1 to 4. Hopefully, the
5 Administration will take these additional two weeks
6 to look at ways of additional cuts, potential
7 additional revenue, before we undertake the process.
8 This is a very difficult, tough budget year for some
9 cities especially the cities of Hoboken and Jersey
10 City. We're ready, willing and able. We're setting
11 up a lot of hearings to go line item by line item,
12 but we hope you can find some additional cuts before
13 the items get to us.
14 And last, on Item No. 22, that I voted no
15 on, there's been a lot of discussion and dialogue
16 about this particular item, but in good conscious, I
17 cannot vote to fund a contract related to payment --
18 I'm sorry, a payment related to an activity that
19 look place 18 months ago. In good conscious with no
20 explanation provided to me that justifies why it
21 took 18 months from a hurricane season to get the
22 item. That being said, I at least am happy that
23 what could have been \$28,000 wound up being 12,500.
24 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Just wanted to
25 publicly thank the hospital for sending a letter

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1 with reference to the Public Safety Committee, and I
2 read the letter you sent. There's an e-mail to us.
3 Thank you to the office for acting fast.
4 Second I wanted to see if I could get this
5 in a flyer form, if it can be sent to me as a PDF so
6 I can get it out to my constituents. I have my
7 e-mail list. Also, I would recommend that if you
8 could get it to I guess the Clerk, and we could have
9 it posted on the Freeholders' page on Facebook. I
10 also know once in a while Facebook and social media
11 can tag it and put it on my page. I can give it out
12 to a bunch of people.
13 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Can you just, it's
14 difficult to read some of this stuff on the bottom,
15 the color coordination.
16 MR. ANTUN: I don't know who made
17 that flyer.
18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: It's Director
19 Richardson's department.
20 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: The other
21 thing is, did we need to discuss publicly with Kevin
22 Barry, that discussion we had?
23 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: No. Al, we need
24 to -- we have to set up a meeting. We rescheduled
25 it. Mr. Administrator, the Contracts Committee will

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1 meet next week. Let Al know so we can arrange it.
2 Along those lines with what you were
3 talking about, the summer program, you know, I know
4 that I get -- I get heat sometimes for being a pest,
5 but I appreciate in this case being a pest. I
6 appreciate Director Richardson and the
7 Administration and the Departments' efforts to get
8 the schedule for these programs out early so we can
9 get it out to the community, so we can enhance
10 participation. You know, our tennis program and we
11 have to some other programs in the park, free
12 programs for the kids. It's great for the kids.
13 The earlier we get it out, the earlier we're able to
14 get more people on the list. I wanted to thank the
15 department for working to get it out.
16 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: I wanted to thank
17 the department that we were able to get it into the
18 school. Also, if they have a schedule, also e-mail
19 it to me.
20 THE CLERK: After I scan it.
21 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Mr. Chair,
22 Freeholder Liggio and I have been working with the
23 Hall of Fame Committee, and the Hall of Fame to get
24 that done.
25 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Can we just

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1 redesign the flyer, especially on the bottom? Thank
 2 you.

3 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, I just want
 4 to make a note of something. The Board introduced
 5 Ordinance No. 3, which is the establishment of the
 6 temporary closure of Lincoln Park. I just want to
 7 mention that the County Executive has issued an
 8 executive order. This will go into affect on
 9 Monday, April 14th, pursuant to that executive
 10 order. I know the Board is moving along, you know,
 11 but the County Executive has the authority to
 12 temporarily take action to do that, and we issued
 13 the executive order. This was for the Jersey City
 14 Police Department.

15 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Can we put a message
 16 out to make sure the community knows about this
 17 issue?

18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: And the purpose of
 19 why we're doing this is because we have a concern
 20 with the Skyway closing, the first intersection
 21 they're going to be able, when they make that turn
 22 on Truck Route 1 & 9, the concern is they make a
 23 right on Duncan. Duncan Avenue is a T intersection.
 24 Whether they realize it or not, when they get to
 25 that, it's probably going to be way backed up, and

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1 they're going to look to go through our park as a
 2 speedway to get to the Boulevard or some other road
 3 to try alleviate or get through some of the traffic.

4 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Also, Administrator,
 5 have chair of the department put in police to kind
 6 of have to direct the traffic.

7 MR. ANTUN: The Jersey City Police
 8 Department is involved in that because Duncan Avenue
 9 is a municipal road.

10 MR. MARTINEZ: We have 55 locations
 11 -- 51 location from six a.m. to ten a.m., going to
 12 be monitored by on-duty police officers over there,
 13 and six a.m. to ten a.m. and from three p.m. to
 14 seven p.m., 51 police officers will be assigned to
 15 specific locations.

16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You should go to
 17 the mic for something like that.

18 MR. MARTINEZ: Edgar Martinez, Jersey
 19 City Police. I believe on the 12th, we're going to
 20 start directing. Today, actually, we did on
 21 specific locations on 1 & 9 to see how the traffic
 22 is going to flow. So far it was okay, but the real
 23 test is going to happen on the 12th and the 1st in
 24 two weeks. We have allocated 51 locations in the
 25 City, and they're going to be changed at a moment's

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1 notice depending on traffic flow. There are some
 2 areas that will have more police officers than
 3 others. We're going to work with DOT. They're
 4 going to be on-site with Jersey City. They're going
 5 to do an analysis on how the traffic is going to be
 6 flowing.

7 Fifty-one officers will be assigned from
 8 six a.m. to ten a.m. at specific locations
 9 throughout the City, and from three p.m. to seven
 10 p.m. If they need additional personnel during the
 11 day, we'll move the manpower from three to seven for
 12 the day tour. We don't anticipate from three to
 13 seven a big problem with traffic because everyone
 14 goes home at a different time. Everybody is going
 15 to be worried about the day. Teachers are coming in
 16 from the outside going to schools. We have school
 17 buses. All those problems are going to be during
 18 the morning rush.

19 The Jersey City traffic engineering
 20 department is giving out street closings for ten
 21 a.m. All the construction is going to start at ten
 22 a.m. to midnight. So they're going to try to
 23 alleviate the problems for ourselves in the city.
 24 Everything is subject to change. So with those 51
 25 officers, in addition to a mobile unit, we should

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1 have everything under control, but of course, things
 2 may happen, and we may have to call the Sheriff's
 3 department for additional services on the Boulevard,
 4 and they're going to have to be available. We have
 5 locations that we don't have enough manpower to man
 6 all the streets in Jersey City. All right.

7 THE CLERK: Are there any comments
 8 from the Chief of Staff to the County Executive?
 9 MR. GAUGHAN: Mr. Chairman, very
 10 briefly, I want to give you an update on the health
 11 and condition of the County Executive. I want to
 12 thank you all for all those who had asked and were
 13 concerned about his health. Earlier in the week,
 14 the County Executive was under the weather. There
 15 was a possibility that he may have had pneumonia.
 16 He was hospitalized in Christ's Hospital overnight.
 17 There was no trace of pneumonia, and he was working
 18 yesterday and today. We have limited his schedule,
 19 and I just wanted thank you all for the concern.
 20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Okay.

22 THE CLERK: This is the time for
 23 anyone present to address the Board on any matter of
 24 public interest. Please remember to limit your
 25 comments to five minutes.

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1 Mr. William Dorrity.
 2 MR. DORRITY: One to each member of
 3 the Board.
 4 THE CLERK: Thank you very much.
 5 MR. DORRITY: William Dorrity, 3060
 6 Kennedy Boulevard. The Jersey City Council passed a
 7 security guard ordinance. It has never been
 8 enforced at the Grandview for 30 years. This states
 9 a 24/7 security guard for the month of March 2014
 10 have come and gone. James Shea is not enforcing the
 11 laws at the Grandview. Steve Lipski, a former City
 12 Councilman, was involved in the corruption and the
 13 backroom deals between the Grandview landlord and
 14 City Hall. They all made campaign promises, lies
 15 cheating, deceit and disregard of the tenants of
 16 Jersey City.
 17 That is, until the one morning when he
 18 woke up said, wait a minute, what I am doing here,
 19 this isn't me, and one Sunday afternoon at church at
 20 St. John's, Steve Lipski is now and always has been
 21 a wonderful man, sits on the Council and is now a
 22 part of Steve Fulop's administration, with total
 23 disrespect to the tenants of Jersey City, and caters
 24 to the Grandview landlord, and the tenants of Jersey
 25 City are last.

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1 Bill O'Dea, you were at the City Council
 2 meeting last night, and you said some very fine
 3 things about abatement. I mentioned the Grandview
 4 landlord has a 50-year tax abatement, which is
 5 costing the City a lot of money. At any rate, the
 6 other side of this is on Monday, Al Sullivan and
 7 Councilman Danny Rivera will be visiting ten o'clock
 8 Monday morning the Grandview landlord to get his
 9 perspective on why the law not being enforced at the
 10 Grandview. Of course, it's a great photo-op. I
 11 would like Bill O'Dea to drop by. It's up to him.
 12 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'm going to try
 13 to come. Also, I know I might get that, Junior,
 14 it's Junior's district.
 15 MR. DORRITY: Danny Rivera has asked
 16 you too. We'll see what happens. And also, keep
 17 this in mind because after this goes through with
 18 the Grandview, and we get 24/7, I'm sure that the
 19 next issue will be for the Board to try a
 20 County-wide measure, which would be interesting.
 21 Thank you very much, Bill O'Dea.
 22 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Thank you.
 23 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Thank you. Any
 24 other members of the public?
 25 THE CLERK: Yes, Reverend R.L.

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1 Williams.
 2 REVEREND WILLIAMS: Good evening.
 3 Reverend R.L. Williams, interim pastor of the
 4 St. Michael's Methodist Church here in Jersey City,
 5 residing at 29 Salem Court, Apartment 4, Jersey
 6 City, a resident of Jersey City for 47 years.
 7 There are those who suggest that County
 8 government is counterproductive. They say it's a
 9 duplication of services and an unnecessary drain on
 10 the taxpayers. Having lived in Jersey City 47
 11 years, having witnessed County government, I'm here
 12 to suggest that the reverse is true. Many of our
 13 cities have governments that are counterproductive.
 14 Many of our cities have duplication of services. We
 15 have cities that are a drain on the taxpayers.
 16 I'm here to say to you, County Government,
 17 keep up the good work. If anything, expand your
 18 services, enlarge your horizons, and eliminate some
 19 of those cities. They are the waste of time, and if
 20 they would come together and form zones and
 21 districts and regions, the County could be run more
 22 streamlined. There are some mayors who have weak
 23 Councils. Good, eliminate them. There are some
 24 cities that have strong mayors and a weak Council.
 25 I know one I wish was eliminated now.

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1 I have lived here in Jersey City for, as I
 2 stated, forty and seven years. I came here a young
 3 pastor, 26 years old, to pastor the St. John
 4 Missionary Baptist Church, and I got so disgusted
 5 with Jersey City, I ran for Ward 10 myself. I just
 6 got here. Nobody knew me. I didn't have any money,
 7 but you don't need money in Jersey City if you take
 8 it to the people. I came in third in a field of
 9 ten, unknown first year here.
 10 One again, I ran for County Clerk. You
 11 may not remember me but I beat Frank Rodgers ten to
 12 one in Jersey City. He resigned. He retired. They
 13 gave the job to Betty Avello. She was third. Well,
 14 what am I saying? The drain perhaps started with
 15 Thomas F.X. Smith. He wanted to control the County.
 16 He wanted to be governor. He wanted his grips on
 17 everything. Maybe he started this drain. It didn't
 18 stop with him however. The drain continued.
 19 There was no drain under Tony Cucci. He
 20 was too kind. He didn't run the City. He let the
 21 City Council decide everything, and if they wanted
 22 it to happen, he simply agreed with it. Then, well
 23 maybe Tony was a little bit befuddled, but at least
 24 he was nice. He was an educator, and he was
 25 champion for the little people. Who did we get

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1 next? A devious chameleon, a snake by the name of
 2 Gerry McCann. Who came behind him, he was your
 3 comedy relief, Bret Schunder came along, a breath of
 4 fresh air, coming in, looked the part, but then he
 5 got the control monster and wanted to take over the
 6 County too. What's wrong with these men?
 7 Marilyn Roman carried the torch. Harry
 8 Smith took up space. Jerry Healy was superb when he
 9 was sober, and now, the Wolf of Wall Street occupies
 10 the chair, and I'm sure to suggest we need him.
 11 THE CLERK: Five minutes.
 12 REVEREND WILLIAMS: I'm almost done.
 13 I'm here to suggest that we need County government
 14 now more than ever. Fulop is a control freak, and
 15 the County, and he's just like Paul Jordan and Bret
 16 Schundler, has his eyes fixed on the Trenton. Good,
 17 quit Jersey City, go down to Trenton and lose. I
 18 stand tonight to say enough. We need County
 19 government to serve our needs, maintain our roads,
 20 build our jails, serve our people. We don't need
 21 the mayor, even if he is from the biggest city, to
 22 put his puny finger around the neck of our
 23 Freeholders.
 24 Fulop thinks he controls the HCBO. He
 25 takes Jeff off the line to replace him with what?

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1 Another no-name putzy from the -- I'm sorry. I
 2 shouldn't. No, we want Jeff Dublin. He's done the
 3 job. He's not losing it either. I'll see to that.
 4 THE CLERK: Additional speakers on
 5 any matter of public interest?
 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I thought you were
 7 going to forget Marilyn Roman. When you went
 8 through your litany, you took Marilyn out of order.
 9 REVEREND WILLIAMS: I know, but she's
 10 so sweet. She should have been mayor. Do you want
 11 the job now?
 12 MS. ROMAN: No, thank you. No, thank
 13 you. Good evening, everybody. It's very nice to
 14 see all of you, although it's not quite as festive
 15 as the last time I saw all of you. Before I begin
 16 to say what I really came for, I was interested in
 17 your discussion with regard to employment, because
 18 there are a number of ways in which you can get
 19 people jobs in the County and get them into various
 20 companies for training and train for companies. I
 21 did that for a long time with Board of Education.
 22 We were very successful, especially down in the
 23 waterfront section.
 24 A lot of people 25 years ago stuck our
 25 necks out in order to be able to get that waterfront

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1 started. It wasn't popular at all because people
 2 don't like change. We did it because we knew that
 3 there would be more employment for our own people.
 4 So if we don't train people here in our County who
 5 live here, then all we can expect is to have people
 6 from outside come in. Is that what we did all of
 7 this for? I doubt it. So I think that if you need
 8 help, I'll come and help you for free. We really
 9 need to be able to get everything going so that we
 10 can get more people employed right here in Hudson
 11 County and Jersey City.
 12 Tonight I've really come to speak with you
 13 about the visiting homemaker service. About 20
 14 years ago, my husband was diagnosed with a very
 15 life-threatening disease of the central nervous
 16 system. He was a disabled veteran, and as a result
 17 of that, even though he was diagnosed over at
 18 Columbia Presbyterian, the Veteran's Administration
 19 took over his care. He was able to stay at home
 20 because they hired someone from the visiting nursing
 21 homemaker service to come every day because I still
 22 had to go to work. I didn't have enough time to be
 23 able to retire.
 24 So we were able to keep my husband in our
 25 home for two years before he eventually had to go

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1 into a nursing home. But you know, I never thought
 2 about the visiting homemaker service because if you
 3 don't use it, you don't really know about it until I
 4 had the opportunity to have them give my family
 5 service, then I realized how important it was. So
 6 then when they asked me eventually to come and join
 7 their board, I did that.
 8 But tonight I'm coming to speak because
 9 there are so many people in our County who use this
 10 service, mostly the elderly, the infirmed, people
 11 who really are very vulnerable. But all of the
 12 years they gave services to all of us, now they need
 13 our help because the State of New Jersey has done a
 14 few things that are definitely going to be very
 15 detrimental to your constituents and to all of the
 16 people in Hudson County.
 17 We have about 40,000 elderly people in the
 18 state of New Jersey, who are -- who use the visiting
 19 homemaker service. That's lot of people. About
 20 25,000 homemakers who go throughout the state of New
 21 Jersey to help these people. Where would we have
 22 them go if they couldn't stay in their homes? The
 23 cost will be prohibitive for us to be able to put
 24 them in nursing homes. However, in 2011, the State
 25 of New Jersey determined that they would no longer

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1 take care of the things that they have on their own,
 2 and instead they hired four MCOs to do their job for
 3 them. They hired Horizon New Jersey Health, United
 4 Health Care, Merit Group and Health First to deliver
 5 the care.

6 In 2011, when they got the job, they all
 7 agreed that they would leave the State reimbursement
 8 at the level it had been since 2000, which was
 9 \$15.50 per hour. Actually, the homemakers only make
 10 \$10.88. All of the rest of it is for the costs that
 11 we have. But in January of 2013, the reimbursement
 12 that Horizon had, of the 15.50, they lowered to
 13 14.80, and then in February of this year, Health
 14 First decreased the rate 14.80. Now, we just
 15 received word from United Health Care that beginning
 16 July 1st, their reimbursement rate will be reduced
 17 to 13.80, which is an almost 11-percent decline.

18 These rates that they're asking -- that
 19 they're telling us about now were set in 1990; 24
 20 years ago. They're going back to a rate that's 24
 21 years old. Now everything has changed. Everything
 22 has gone up, yet they want us to go back to this
 23 particular rate that we cannot do. The sad part of
 24 all this is that the State of New Jersey in the year
 25 2013 gave those MCOs an increase in their

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1 reimbursement, but instead of the passing it along
 2 to us, they decreased that rate for everybody in the
 3 state of New Jersey.

4 THE CLERK: Time, Mr. Chairman.
 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: It's very
 6 important.

7 MS. ROMAN: The Horizon was the only
 8 one who gave an explanation. The others didn't even
 9 care to do that, but when you listen to the
 10 explanation, I'm sure that you start saying, what is
 11 this all about. They said, our findings indicate
 12 utilization has been significantly higher than
 13 anticipated, and the trend is not abated. So when
 14 we need more services because more people are in
 15 need, they have now found a way to give us less
 16 services because we cannot exist on the money
 17 they're giving us.

18 Those are health management corporations,
 19 and their very job is to control costs, but they
 20 didn't look at corruption, they didn't look at
 21 fraud, they didn't look at poor management. They
 22 did no investigating whatsoever. What they did was
 23 just reduce their cost on the backs of our elderly.
 24 I don't think that anyone of us wants that to
 25 happen. I mentioned there are 40,000 elderly people

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1 who get this service. So just think if one quarter
 2 or one half of them actually had to go into a
 3 nursing home if we didn't have this kind of service,
 4 that's between ten and 20,000 beds. Where would we
 5 get that, and what would the cost be to the
 6 taxpayer? It would be absolutely prohibitive.

7 The homemaker service is a nonprofit.
 8 There is no extra money in that budget, and if we
 9 have to close our operations because the amount of
 10 that reimbursement was too low, you would really,
 11 really see a devastating effect in this County. So
 12 I'm here tonight to give you that information. Some
 13 of you may know it already.

14 I also want to ask you to help us to help
 15 the people of this County who are in need of this
 16 help. I have spoken to people on the City Council,
 17 and they are willing to take some their members to
 18 sit in a group with us. Hopefully, you will decide
 19 the same. We are also talking to people in the
 20 State Legislature who represent us because maybe, I
 21 guess the best kind of government is when all
 22 branches of government come together to try to do
 23 things for the common good, and this would be an
 24 opportunity for all of us to do that because we
 25 really need to be able to do something to turn the

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1 tide here because we will have terrible difficulty
 2 if we cannot do something for our elderly. Let us
 3 give them the opportunity to be able to stay in
 4 their homes in the last days of their lives rather
 5 than to have to go to a nursing home or perhaps to
 6 go nowhere and have no one to visit them on a daily
 7 basis.

8 So I'm going to leave my card with the
 9 Clerk for all of you. I have Mr. Butler's,
 10 director, telephone on the back, but I also will
 11 tell you that to get in touch within the next two
 12 weeks. Perhaps if you could put a small committee
 13 together who can sit in with all of us. Perhaps we
 14 can look at some ways for us to help the people of
 15 Hudson County who need it the most. I appreciate
 16 your time. Thank you.

17 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: My mom used the
 18 service when she suffered a stroke, I remember many
 19 years ago, and I remember every day she put smile on
 20 my mother's face.

21 MS. ROMAN: That's right. They're
 22 the only that people they see sometimes.

23 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: We are going to
 24 bring some of the vendors, who are going to be
 25 discussing some of the issues related to the

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1 training programs, and I would love for you to be
 2 there.
 3 MS. ROMAN: Just let me know. I'll
 4 be happy to sit in with you. I don't want a job.
 5 For free, I'll do it.
 6 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: No, with your
 7 experience, I would love for you.
 8 MS. ROMAN: Sure. I'll be happy to
 9 help.
 10 THE CLERK: Additional speakers on
 11 any matter of public interest?
 12 MS. WIDNER: Good evening. My name
 13 is Ester Widner and I'm here to inform or to discuss
 14 with the Members of the Freeholder body the new
 15 policy we have in Jersey City how abatements are to
 16 be used. Is everyone familiar with that policy? So
 17 the purpose of the abatements are to spur
 18 development, and I get that from the reports that I
 19 have read from the Jersey City policy perspective,
 20 from the State Comptroller's office in terms how
 21 they're used.
 22 The new policy in Jersey City -- excuse
 23 me. Let me backtrack a moment. One of the things
 24 that they recommend is that each abatement as
 25 they're granted, it is looked at based upon its own

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1 merits and what it contributes to the community and
 2 the need. Most often they're used in areas that
 3 need the most development, the areas that are
 4 blighted. The new policy in Jersey City is
 5 structured differently than we've seen in the past,
 6 where there's a map that shows what areas of the
 7 city are eligible for what period or length of
 8 abatement terms.
 9 There is also a clause within the policy
 10 that allows for developers to buy up longer terms.
 11 So for example, if their property they to want
 12 development falls in an area that is eligible for
 13 five years or ten years, and they choose to by a
 14 longer length of time, they contribute money to a
 15 certain fund, some type of trust fund, and they can
 16 buy up longer periods of time. And this goes
 17 absolutely against the intention and spirit of how
 18 abatements are supposed to be used. More
 19 importantly, those of us who are property owners
 20 also feel the effects of this, and it throws the
 21 ratable base out of whack.
 22 So here I am before the Freeholders
 23 because now what we're starting to see in Jersey
 24 City is and to your point, Freeholder O'Dea, there's
 25 a lot of building going on and construction of new

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1 hotels, Jersey City is a starting to become a
 2 booming area. There's been a lot of articles
 3 written about Jersey City. One of the epicenters
 4 seem to be in Journal Square, which is right above
 5 the PATH train, which outside of the waterfront is
 6 probably the most lucrative and valuable property in
 7 Jersey City. These buildings are now receiving
 8 30-year abatements, and the structure is designed so
 9 that any of the development that happened within
 10 that mapped-out area is eligible for 30 years.
 11 Where in reality if you read about how the
 12 abatements should be, one would think that maybe the
 13 first building would be 30 years, the second one
 14 would start to decrease because the incentive is
 15 there. You take a risk. You get an incentive
 16 because you're going to take a risk, to see that how
 17 it works. Given that my understanding of the County
 18 budget is up for discussion, and there will be an
 19 increase in the County budget, and I hear all these
 20 stories about how we need money. We just heard
 21 Marilyn. There's not enough money around.
 22 My question to the Freeholders is once you
 23 have educated yourself in what is going on in Jersey
 24 City, I recommend or I ask of the Freeholder that
 25 there be some kind of study done on how this impacts

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1 the County level economically by giving out these
 2 abatements and just handing them out without looking
 3 at each one, without really putting some type of
 4 think factor into that. So would you consider doing
 5 it?
 6 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: The issue with
 7 abatement is we don't have jurisdiction as a
 8 Freeholder of the County, and I understand that. I
 9 have my own view of abatements. It has a major
 10 impact because that's what they wanted to do.
 11 MS. WIDNER: I understand.
 12 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: They make decisions.
 13 They are the people that were elected. I know some
 14 people come up and talk about the issue of
 15 abatements. Sometimes abatements are hard. In West
 16 New York there was a case that they gave a tax
 17 abatement on the waterfront for ten years, and we
 18 allowed that property. Why did we give a tax
 19 abatement on such land? They wanted to invest in
 20 it. Tax abatement is an investment. Sometimes
 21 they're good. It's up to the elected official to.
 22 We don't have jurisdiction.
 23 MS. WIDNER: You don't have that.
 24 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: The people must go
 25 to the elected officials and protest.

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1 MS. WIDNER: You don't have
 2 jurisdiction, but what you can do is flex your
 3 muscle, and I'm sorry that Marilyn has left because
 4 one of the other issues with abatements is how it
 5 impacts the school board budget. One of the things
 6 that I will mention this to Marilyn, is that it is a
 7 constitutional right for children in the state of
 8 New Jersey to have a quality education. It's in the
 9 New Jersey State Constitution, the budget has been
 10 focused on what is happening in Jersey City in terms
 11 of the school system. We're running out of space.
 12 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Mr. Chair, time.
 13 MS. WIDNER: There's all kinds of
 14 stuff going on in Jersey City regarding that. You
 15 know, possibly a lawsuit from the school board
 16 against the City of Jersey City, but that's a
 17 completely different issue. I think that there is
 18 really no place for residents to turn to at this
 19 point for some type of support system on this issue
 20 because the residents do go the City Council
 21 meetings.
 22 Quite frankly, I'm tired of going to the
 23 City Council meeting because one of the biggest
 24 lessons that I've learned is that things don't
 25 change. They aren't listen, okay? So I'm making an

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1 appeal to a higher level of government, knowing that
 2 you really can't do anything, just like the State
 3 can't do anything. But if you were to do some type
 4 of study to find out how this impacts this budget,
 5 which ultimately affects taxpayers, it can put some
 6 type of pressure on these municipalities, Jersey
 7 City in particular.
 8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman, I
 9 don't see any downside, other than financial, to do
 10 an analysis of what all -- what the impact would be
 11 if all of those properties that are currently
 12 subject to a long-term abatement were fully taxed on
 13 the tax roll would be because, even though the
 14 properties are abated, as you know, Mr.
 15 Administrator, they all have a property assessment,
 16 right, because under statute?
 17 MR. ANTUN: Freeholder I have to
 18 check with Bob Kenny.
 19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I will answer the
 20 question for you.
 21 MR. ANTUN: We don't have that
 22 information. I have to get that information.
 23 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You have to get
 24 it, but I'm saying that they all have an assessment
 25 because they're required to have an assessment, and

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1 I'll give you a little tidbit because some of those
 2 developers have actually shot themselves in the foot
 3 because they were required in order to retain the
 4 right to file tax appeals, and you would say, why
 5 would the owner the tax-abated property file a tax
 6 appeal? The reason they would is under the phase up
 7 20, 40, 60, 80, where you pay the greater of the
 8 whatever, 50 percent of revenue or 60 or 80 percent
 9 of your assessment, some of those developments are
 10 at a point where they are going to increase.
 11 So what they did was, in order to be
 12 eligible to file a tax abatement -- a tax appeal,
 13 they have to provide to the City all of their
 14 subleases. So most of those developers have been
 15 remitting payments to the City of Jersey City per
 16 leases of the affiliated entities. So Jim Lefteruks
 17 own an office building. The Lefteruks' master lease
 18 the office building for \$35 a square foot. The
 19 Lefteruks then sublease. They have their related
 20 affiliated entities lease the whole building for \$35
 21 a foot, and they sublease it for \$50 a foot.
 22 So they now have to provide those
 23 subleases to the City. The City, being the tax
 24 collector of Jersey City, to her credit, cited the
 25 Secaucus case, began to investigate the excess

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1 profit statute, and for those projects that got
 2 abatement pre-2003, the return allowed to the
 3 developer was based on the interest rate of their
 4 mortgage. Now post-Secaucus case, the legislature
 5 based on the Secaucus, all of those pre-2003, the
 6 tax collector is finding them owing the City one
 7 million, two million, large sums of money. There's
 8 currently an issue and controversy as to whether the
 9 City go back six years via the IRS rule because the
 10 entities never had submitted that information before
 11 now or only two years.
 12 Now again, that might have been Jersey
 13 City, but that doesn't benefit us because all of
 14 those pre '03, '04, and we don't get even
 15 five percent. One point that I would want to bring
 16 up of an immediate concern, Mr. Administrator, which
 17 I would ask that we do a resolution and write to the
 18 Speaker Prieto while we look into the other issues,
 19 what would happen if these properties were assessed.
 20 All of these large waterfront projects are getting
 21 these five-year tax abatements now. We get nothing
 22 because the five-percent rule doesn't apply,
 23 Mr. Administrator, to the Chapter 91s.
 24 Last night there was one that was
 25 approved, and I think it's a 50-story building. So

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1 if that had been even a long-term tax abatement, you
 2 would have gotten five percent. We're going to get
 3 nothing for five years. Since what Jersey City does
 4 is add that five percent on automatically, we need
 5 to get the legislature to immediately amend the law
 6 so those Title 91 also are subject to that
 7 five-percent rule. You're going to see in Jersey
 8 City now, they have these tiers. Unless and until
 9 it changes, everybody that may have thought they
 10 weren't going to get any abatement are signing up to
 11 get five years, and they're going to save that
 12 amount of dollars for those five years, and during
 13 those five years, we're going to get nothing.
 14 So if we had looked at saying this tower
 15 is going to pay Jersey City 2 million a year, we
 16 would know that out of that 2 million, at least we
 17 were going to get \$100,000. Now we're going to get
 18 zero. We need to get the legislature hopefully as
 19 part of this budget process before July 1, to try
 20 amend the statute for the Title 91, because all
 21 cities do here is whatever you pay the City, they
 22 say, you have got to add five percent to pay the
 23 County.
 24 So I would think as we look into that
 25 issue, we should also immediately put forward a

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1 resolution at the next meeting to seek if we can get
 2 that amended so the County gets a five-percent share
 3 of any abatements up to and including the Chapter
 4 91s.
 5 MS. WIDNER: If you do that,
 6 Mr. Business Administrator --
 7 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: I allowed you one
 8 more minute. You already had five minutes. If I
 9 allow more time, it's not fair. You can come back
 10 to another meeting, and you can continue the
 11 discussion.
 12 MS. WIDNER: I get it. Do I have one
 13 minute or not?
 14 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: No, I gave you the
 15 one minute.
 16 MS. WIDNER: Thank you.
 17 THE CLERK: Additional speakers on
 18 any matter of public interest?
 19 MS. DICKSON: Good evening. Terry
 20 Dickson. You all know my face; if not the face, the
 21 uniform. I want to say that this is National Autism
 22 Month, and every year that I've coming to you all
 23 for funds. This is my flyer. I've been getting --
 24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: What's the date?
 25 MS. DICKSON: July -- April 27th, and

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1 I tried and tried, I couldn't find a place. I was
 2 sick. I said, God, please help me, had the last
 3 place I looked, the guy told me he would make
 4 arrangements. He did. I jumped for joy. My main
 5 concern is getting my letter from Autism New Jersey.
 6 It's a nonprofit. The places that we rent from, I
 7 take my money out of my pocket to try to, you know,
 8 have something.
 9 But I'm still hurting because when that
 10 boy, Avante Oquendo ran from his school, that hurt
 11 me. I cried every time I saw the news, and lately,
 12 you only know my one grandson that I have that is
 13 autistic. My daughter I have that lives in South
 14 Jersey, my other grandson has autism too. I really,
 15 really take this seriously because it affected me.
 16 I wanted to get involved to help other families that
 17 have somebody that has autism, and then when this
 18 happened with that boy, Oquendo, over in New York,
 19 it bothered me because somebody should have ran
 20 behind that kid, and maybe he wouldn't have been
 21 found in those pieces the way that he was, and not a
 22 day goes by that I don't think about my grandson in
 23 the school. It could have been me.
 24 I would ask the Board for that check that
 25 you give me every year. I have a printout for the

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1 popcorn machine and cotton candy for the kids.
 2 We're going to have a lot of people that want to
 3 come. It's entertaining. Last year's was good.
 4 This year is going to be even better because I don't
 5 know if, Bill O'Dea, we love your little son, can
 6 come back again. I liked him. I don't know if you
 7 all are staying or not. Last year I did Tina
 8 Turner. This year I'm doing Chaka Khan.
 9 So I want you all to come out here and
 10 help. Let's get some money out here for these kids,
 11 and also, not to brag, I've been doing this for five
 12 years. Bill O'Dea, I came to you from one day one.
 13 That's why I love you to death and my daughter.
 14 You're always there. I call you the Godfather.
 15 That's when I talk about you on the job. Like I
 16 said, if it wasn't for you, it wouldn't be none of
 17 me.
 18 We didn't think of a name. The name of my
 19 group is Dickson's New Jersey Group, and for the
 20 past five years, last year we were five, now we're
 21 fourth that raised the most money in the state of
 22 New Jersey. I'm very proud. I try to get that
 23 money out there to help these kids. So okay, like I
 24 said, everything is legal. The printout is here and
 25 the letter from Autism New Jersey, a nonprofit.

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1 Ain't nobody trying to scam nobody. Like I said, I
2 pay for flyers and the place where we have it,
3 deejay, everything. I try to work hard all the time
4 to have something for the kids.
5 Too many kids are coming out with autism.
6 I don't know where this is coming from and why.
7 Like I say, it is affecting me. I wanted to do
8 something. I'm asking for that money like you
9 always give, popcorn machine and cotton candy.
10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Leave the
11 printout. Every year the Board does a donation to
12 Autism New Jersey. Some of us do personal
13 donations. Obviously, I'll be there to do that to
14 help you out.
15 MS. DICKSON: Thank you. Like I
16 said, Tina Turner last year, Chaka Khan this year.
17 They're going to make copies. Thank you. Thank
18 you. I didn't have to state my name. Thank you.
19 THE CLERK: Any other members of the
20 public?
21 MR. PETERSON: Good evening.
22 THE CLERK: State your name.
23 MR. PETERSON: My name is Stanley
24 Peterson. I'm from Hoboken, New Jersey. I know
25 this must be a very busy day for you. However, this

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1 is time for me to state my plea. I am a two-time
2 loser, and I speak for many. They're not around
3 right now. They didn't have guts to come up, but
4 I'm here to speak for not only myself but for
5 others. I have been having a very extreme time
6 trying to find work, and I can't even get hired. My
7 last choice was to come here. This is my first time
8 coming to this meeting. I have resumes. I have no
9 help out. There is no help for me. I don't know
10 what I should do. I come here to you.
11 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Did you try to get
12 placed by the people from the County?
13 MR. PETERSON: Yes, I tried that. I
14 was in the County. They didn't help me. I was at
15 drug court, so they had no means for me to help me.
16 There is no help for me.
17 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: What facility did
18 you get out of, the County?
19 MR. PETERSON: Right.
20 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: And nobody
21 directed you to hook up with one of the --
22 MR. PETERSON: I got hooked up with
23 Hannah's. She told me she was going to do
24 something. As soon as I came out, she said she
25 can't help me because I went to drug court.

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1 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Do me a favor,
2 can you talk to Frank Mazza?
3 MR. MAZZA: Frank Mazza, Hudson
4 County Department of Corrections. Because you were
5 in drug court you have to have treatment before we
6 do anything. You're looking to get a job?
7 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: What precludes us
8 from assisting him in trying to find a job?
9 MR. MAZZA: The only thing that's
10 precluded is the hours to work on the job conflicts
11 with the drug court.
12 MR. PETERSON: I can work from
13 four p.m. to six a.m.
14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Why don't you sit
15 down and try to help him to see what jobs maybe to
16 place him in that are available?
17 MR. MAZZA: And I have to take your
18 information and make sure our information is
19 correct, and you can eventually make a connection.
20 Make sure you give me your information before you
21 leave, and we'll see what we can do to help you.
22 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: I would like to get
23 a list of all the people in the County jail that
24 haven't been place in a program.
25 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Too many times

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1 people come here and say, Oh, we're looking into
2 this or looking into that, unless the person comes
3 back, they get lost again. I'm specifically asking
4 why. Is there reason why you're not able to help
5 him in placement, and if you are, I would like to
6 where know where you've tried to him, what places
7 you've referred him to, where you got him interviews
8 in trying to get him a job. Too many, a lot of
9 money we saw you spend today, a lot of preparations,
10 not a lot of placement.
11 MR. WAHID: Riaz Wahid. I would like
12 to thank the Clerk for sending me the budget
13 documents, and I just want to ask a specific
14 question, and 2007 and 2009, you have the same
15 evaluation of 2007, and in the past, it's gone down.
16 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: What are you looking
17 at?
18 MR. WAHID: The budget document,
19 evaluation and the tax rate of the County, and if
20 you look at the evaluation for the homeless people,
21 one of the things, they have done studies on those
22 people on the street. And I would also like to get
23 someday, in order to keep up with this, I would like
24 to be publish by paper, because I know that we
25 didn't participate in the reval and the City is

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1 getting an increase. I would like you to publish
 2 the benefits to the taxpayers at the County level,
 3 and if you can publish a white paper on that one.
 4 The City is hurting really bad, and I
 5 think there should be a reval now, and the City has
 6 to pay for it. The County should be able to tell us
 7 and publish a white paper on the reval, and that
 8 might fill in some of the gaps here, what we are
 9 seeing, and given the fact that property have come
 10 up, and some of the new properties are not
 11 tax-abated properties, I would really like to.
 12 Other than that, the insurance costs, I
 13 would rally like to see a \$2 million insurance
 14 budget, to look into some kind of, you know, like
 15 public insurance to see what is the analysis for the
 16 public bidding for insurance, and I would like you
 17 to publish it. Thank you.
 18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: For your
 19 information, Riaz, Hoboken just did a reval.
 20 Hoboken has got a fifteen-percent increase in their
 21 County tax. That's a good example about what
 22 happens when the reval goes into effect.
 23 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Any other members of
 24 the public?
 25 MR. McCORMACK: Richard McCormack. I

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1 want to tell you, maybe not many of you are aware of
 2 it, this Monday a new movie comes out in the area.
 3 It's called, Nightmare, the Pulaski Skyway. the
 4 two-year, \$1 billion rehabilitation of the Pulaski
 5 Skyway. We spoke a little earlier about it's going
 6 to be a nightmare in the streets of Jersey City and
 7 the surrounding area. It was mentioned today by Jim
 8 Simpson, the DOT commissioner, that Jersey City will
 9 face a lot of pain. We're well aware of this, and
 10 it's going to be a traffic nightmare as thousands
 11 and thousands motorists clogs the streets of Jersey
 12 City.
 13 The Jersey City Police, we were told
 14 before, 51 men during the day or the nighttime. The
 15 courts already somewhat changed their schedule to
 16 coordinate with the traffic so the judges can get in
 17 and out without making problems. There's no doubt
 18 that everybody in Jersey City and Hudson County will
 19 be very well affected by this project. But we have
 20 to do what we have to do in order to make things
 21 better for the future.
 22 So it's going to be a long project. I
 23 just think that it's going to a kind be of a hard
 24 way to start off things on Monday. I believe maybe
 25 over the weekend, there will be some problems, and

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1 Jersey City has been out there this morning. I saw
 2 them around Communipaw Avenue around six o'clock
 3 this morning. In the back highway, people were
 4 trying to left turn with that sign down there,
 5 pulling off and pulling out of the parking lot down
 6 there. They were ticketing them. I'm sure there is
 7 going to be a lot of problems for the residents as
 8 well as those coming into the City trying to get
 9 throughout the County. So we're in for a nightmare.
 10 Hopefully, it isn't as bad as to be expected. Thank
 11 you.
 12 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Administrator,
 13 St. Aloysius contacted me this afternoon.
 14 St. Aloysius has conducted the Good Friday
 15 pilgrimage for as long as I can remember. They've
 16 been providing for that pilgrimage, escorted by the
 17 Sheriff's department that the County paid for, and
 18 Director Richardson and maybe Undersheriff Conti
 19 could address yourself to this, it actually works
 20 for the people from the park that went there, and it
 21 was represented to the church that they were going
 22 to have to pay for escort this year, and I just want
 23 to clarify that that's not the case. This is a
 24 pilgrimage that's been going on at least as long as
 25 I've been around in public service.

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1 MR. ANTUN: Freeholder, I can't
 2 comment. I don't know.
 3 DIRECTOR RICHARDSON: Freeholder, I
 4 have not heard anything from the 19th.
 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Good Friday is a
 6 week from Friday. They said two park people came
 7 and said, Richie triggered my recollection. They
 8 said, You know, now that the Skyway is closed,
 9 you're going to pay for Sheriff's officer at the
 10 pilgrimage on Good Friday. Also, Good Friday is a
 11 holiday. It's not a workday. Secondly, for at
 12 least 30 years, the Sheriff's department has
 13 provided the escort.
 14 It's a church. It's not even a
 15 not-for-profit. We don't charge anyone. I don't
 16 have any idea where this came from. I just know
 17 Director Richardson's department. Undersheriff
 18 Conti, to best of your knowledge, are you aware?
 19 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: Freeholder, it's
 20 not. We always escort, it's two hours.
 21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: It's two or two
 22 and a half, between two and two and a half hours.
 23 I'm going to make it four hours this year to stand
 24 at the stations.
 25 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: That's fine.

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1 It's going to be an on-duty officer.
 2 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: All right.
 3 THE CLERK: Additional speakers on
 4 any matters of public interest? There appear to be
 5 none. Is there a motion?
 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: We're going to
 7 closed session.
 8 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: For the next
 9 meeting can we get from the Schools of Technology,
 10 whether the closing is affecting their bus
 11 transportation schedule? I would like to get that
 12 information to see how adversely it's affecting, if
 13 at all.
 14 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Mr. Chair, at the
 15 next meeting, can we get somebody here from the
 16 Schools of Technology?
 17 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Before we go to
 18 closed session, one last thing. The school,
 19 Mr. Administrator, the Schools of Technology has
 20 failed to have anyone at the last several caucuses
 21 that we had, and I for one would like to ask that
 22 the person come back who used to come to all of our
 23 sessions. Whoever is supposed to come to these
 24 meetings doesn't come and disrespects this Board,
 25 you know.

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1 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: I'll second that.
 2 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: If you need us to
 3 do it as a motion requesting this, we'll do it as a
 4 motion.
 5 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, I would
 6 suggest we instruct the Clerk to reach out the
 7 school. I have done it already.
 8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Clerk, could
 9 you please? I'm going to see Mr. Garguilo
 10 personally and say that it's the position of the
 11 Board we would like to have Ms. Goodsell back as the
 12 liaison to our caucus meeting. She came to every
 13 caucus meeting, and there are a lot small issues
 14 that were brought up, and she would be here and
 15 address, whether we addressed at the public or she
 16 was able to speak to us before or after the caucus
 17 meeting.
 18 Now they don't come. They only come when
 19 they need us to approve money or bonding for them,
 20 and I will tell you what, if it's not resolved,
 21 maybe that money and bonding will be rejected by the
 22 Board, and then they will all be here. You should
 23 reach out on behalf of the Board, and I'm going to
 24 see Mr. Garguilo and let me him know.
 25 So I make a motion to go into closed

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1 session.
 2 MR. BATTISTA: I think that the
 3 Administration would like to go into closed session
 4 to discuss pending litigation on the Perry matter,
 5 and also some issues that Counsel to the Freeholders
 6 Florio will address also with regard to the
 7 litigation. We can make a motion.
 8 MR. FLORIO: The second matter is
 9 relative to the lawsuit that was authorized by the
 10 Board related to the Affordable Care Act.
 11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So I make a motion
 12 to go and talk about the two items.
 13 THE CLERK: There is no formal
 14 business when the Board returns. All in favor?
 15 (The Board votes unanimously to move
 16 into their Executive Sessions.)
 17 THE CLERK: We're back in open.
 18 Freeholder Cifelli.
 19 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Here.
 20 THE CLERK: Dublin.
 21 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Here.
 22 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 23 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Here.
 24 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
 25 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Here.

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1 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 2 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Here.
 3 THE CLERK: Romano.
 4 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Here.
 5 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz is absent.
 6 Is there a motion to adjourn. Liggio and Maldonado.
 7 All in favor. The meeting is adjourned.
 8 (Whereupon the proceeding is then
 9 concluded at 9:19 p.m.)
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