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HUDSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

RE:

REORGANIZATION 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  
Tuesday, January 7, 2014  
5:00 p.m.

B E F O R E:

- ANTHONY ROMANO, CHAIRMAN
- ALBERT CIFELLI, Freeholder
- DOREEN DiDOMENICO, Freeholder
- JEFFREY DUBLIN, Freeholder
- THOMAS LIGGIO, Freeholder
- E. JUNIOR MALDONADO, Freeholder
- JOSE C. MUNOZ, Freeholder
- WILLIAM O'DEA, Freeholder
- TILO RIVAS, 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
- WILLIE ORTIZ, County Clerk

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1 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.  
 2 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Here.  
 3 THE CLERK: Freeholder DiDomenico.  
 4 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Here.  
 5 THE CLERK: Freeholder Dublin.  
 6 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Here.  
 7 THE CLERK: Freeholder Liggio.  
 8 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Here.  
 9 THE CLERK: Freeholder Maldonado.  
 10 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Here.  
 11 THE CLERK: Freeholder Munoz.  
 12 FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: Yes.  
 13 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea.  
 14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Here.  
 15 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.  
 16 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Here.  
 17 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.  
 18 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Here.  
 19 THE CLERK: Please stand for the  
 20 Pledge of Allegiance.  
 21 (Flag Salute.)  
 22 THE CLERK: Adequate notice of this  
 23 meeting has been provided as follows: P.  
 24 1. Adoption of Resolution No.  
 25 751-12-2013, designating January 7th, 2013,

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1 5:00 p.m. as the date and time of the Reorganization  
 2 Meeting, posting notice of said resolution on the  
 3 Freeholder's Bulletin Board, Third Floor,  
 4 Administration Building Annex, Jersey City, New  
 5 Jersey.  
 6 2. Copies of the above mentioned  
 7 resolution have been sent to the County Clerk and  
 8 the editors of the Jersey Journal and the Star  
 9 Ledger.  
 10 The first order of business is to appoint  
 11 a Chairperson of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for  
 12 2014. Is there a motion?  
 13 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I nominate Jose  
 14 Munoz Chairperson.  
 15 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Sponsored by  
 16 Freeholder O'Dea. Second by Freeholder Dublin.  
 17 THE CLERK: Is there a motion to  
 18 close nominations?  
 19 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Motion to close by  
 20 Freeholder Dublin. Second by Freeholder DiDomenico.  
 21 THE CLERK: All in favor, opposed?  
 22 (The Freeholder Board votes  
 23 unanimously to close the nominations.)  
 24 THE CLERK: Resolved by the Board of  
 25 Chosen Freeholders in the County of Hudson, that

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1 Freeholder Jose Munoz, a Member of the Board of  
 2 Chosen Freeholders, is hereby appointed Chairman of  
 3 said Board for the year 2014.  
 4 Freeholder Cifelli.  
 5 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.  
 6 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.  
 7 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.  
 8 THE CLERK: Dublin.  
 9 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.  
 10 THE CLERK: Liggio.  
 11 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.  
 12 THE CLERK: Maldonado.  
 13 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.  
 14 THE CLERK: Munoz.  
 15 FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: Yes.  
 16 THE CLERK: O'Dea.  
 17 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.  
 18 THE CLERK: Rivas.  
 19 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Abstained.  
 20 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.  
 21 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.  
 22 JUDGE LISBOLA: Good evening. It's  
 23 my pleasure to be here tonight.  
 24 (The Chairperson is sworn.)  
 25 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, the next

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1 item is a resolution appointing a Vice Chair Person  
 2 to the Board of Chosen Freeholders for 2014?  
 3 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I nominate Tom  
 4 Liggio.  
 5 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Second.  
 6 THE CLERK: Is there a second?  
 7 Motion to close by Freeholder Maldonado, is there a  
 8 second?  
 9 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: I second.  
 10 THE CLERK: All in favor, opposed?  
 11 (The Freeholder Board votes  
 12 unanimously to close the nominations.)  
 13 THE CLERK: Resolved by the Board of  
 14 Chosen Freeholders in the County of Hudson, that  
 15 Freeholder Thomas Liggio, a Member of the Board of  
 16 Chosen Freeholders, is hereby appointed Vice  
 17 Chairperson of said Board for the year 2014.  
 18 Freeholder Cifelli.  
 19 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.  
 20 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.  
 21 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.  
 22 THE CLERK: Dublin.  
 23 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.  
 24 THE CLERK: Liggio.  
 25 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.

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1 THE CLERK: Maldonado.  
2 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.  
3 THE CLERK: O'Dea.  
4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.  
5 THE CLERK: Rivas.  
6 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.  
7 THE CLERK: Romano.  
8 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.  
9 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.  
10 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.  
11 (The Vice Chairman is sworn.)  
12 THE CLERK: The next item is a  
13 resolution appointing a Chairperson Pro Tempore to  
14 the Board of Chosen Freeholders for 2014?  
15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I move to nominate  
16 Junior Maldonado.  
17 THE CLERK: Seconded by Freeholder  
18 Dublin. Motion to close nomination?  
19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So moved.  
20 THE CLERK: All in favor, opposed?  
21 (The Freeholder Board votes  
22 unanimously to close the nominations.)  
23 THE CLERK: Resolved by the Board of  
24 Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hudson, that  
25 Freeholder E. Junior Maldonado, a Member of the

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1 Board of Chosen Freeholders, is hereby appointed  
2 Vice Chairperson of said Board for the year 2014.  
3 Freeholder Cifelli.  
4 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.  
5 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.  
6 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.  
7 THE CLERK: Dublin.  
8 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.  
9 THE CLERK: Liggio.  
10 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.  
11 THE CLERK: Maldonado.  
12 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.  
13 THE CLERK: O'Dea.  
14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.  
15 THE CLERK: Rivas.  
16 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.  
17 THE CLERK: Romano.  
18 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.  
19 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.  
20 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.  
21 (The Chairman Pro Tempore is sworn.)  
22 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Before I start I  
23 have to say sometimes I may ask the Chairman, may I  
24 speak. I have to stop.  
25 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: It's okay.

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1 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Good afternoon, and  
2 Happy New Year. Welcome. I thank you for coming to  
3 our reorganization meeting of this Board. Allow me  
4 first to ask a moment of your time. I personally  
5 offer my appreciation to all present here today.  
6 Thank you, Lord. Without your divine  
7 guidance, I would not be here today; for Superior  
8 Court Judge Severiano Lisbola, for honoring me with  
9 your presence, and your actions were appreciated;  
10 Senator Sacco, for allowing me to continue the serve  
11 the public proudly as Freeholder as elected. You  
12 have offered me your patience and leadership.  
13 To all the elected officials present  
14 today, I thank you for coming. Thank you, County  
15 Executive, for being here today; the County  
16 Surrogate, Don DeLeo; Sheriff Schillari, former  
17 Councilman Gaughan, and the Chief of Staff to the  
18 County Executive, to all of my colleagues, and  
19 congratulations to Freeholder Liggio and Freeholder  
20 Junior Maldonado. Thank you for your leadership on  
21 the Board.  
22 To Hudson County Sheriff, the Office of  
23 Bill LaRosa, County Administrator, Abe Antun; Hudson  
24 County Correction Director, Oscar Aviles; County  
25 Counsel, Don Battista; the Board Counsel, Ed Florio

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1 and Carmen Mendiola; Clerk and Mayor Al Santos,  
2 County Clerk, Barbara Netchert; County Register,  
3 Pamela Gardner; and all the other County directors  
4 present here today, thank you. Also, I would like  
5 to thank Congressman Albio Sires is here with some  
6 of the members. Thank you for coming today. Did I  
7 forget anybody?  
8 Chairman Romano and Freeholder O'Dea, for  
9 your selfless support last year. To my family and  
10 friends who have supported me as a Freeholder and a  
11 public servant, and the person who shares her life  
12 and dreams as everyone else, my wife, without her  
13 love and support and faith, this would never have  
14 been made possible. I know you all have my love,  
15 and I will make you proud every year. To my family  
16 and colleagues on the Freeholder Board, County  
17 officials, the dedicated public employees and the  
18 residents of this County, thank you.  
19 There is an old saying that when one  
20 person takes another title or position, it goes  
21 something like this: You have big shoes to fill.  
22 Well, I don't think anyone on the Freeholder Board  
23 has bigger feet than me, but it's not the shoes I  
24 have that's important. As an elected official, it  
25 is the respect and the admiration given to that

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1 person at the time of unpopular decisions. It is  
 2 the selfless dedication to accomplishing the task at  
 3 hand, which many times goes unrecognized by the  
 4 general public. If you're famous, there are enemies  
 5 for that person, presiding over meeting attended by  
 6 the evening news which occurs frequently, and the  
 7 list goes on and on.  
 8 If I will have big shoes to fill, as they  
 9 say, I have a dual responsibility for the public  
 10 that my predecessor, Chairman, Freeholder and  
 11 friend, Anthony Romano, has entrusted to me. Thank  
 12 you, Anthony. In the days, weeks, and months ahead,  
 13 I will be working closely with my colleagues, County  
 14 Executive Thomas DeGise and County Administrator Abe  
 15 Antun, on the request that we provide the County  
 16 with a working budget.  
 17 There is no denying that last year,  
 18 Hoboken, Jersey City and Secaucus and Weehawken were  
 19 the hardest hit in Hudson. As Chairman, I will work  
 20 with all of the public officials in an effort at the  
 21 very least to stabilize the taxes, and equally  
 22 important, to continue vital services without  
 23 disruption. As you know each Freeholder and each of  
 24 my colleagues represent a portion of the County. As  
 25 a unified Board, we represent that entire citizenry

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1 of Hudson County. We take that responsibility  
 2 seriously, and we work hard to provide the quality  
 3 of life for the residents. I pledge to work with  
 4 everyone and to provide reliable information to the  
 5 public as we work through the budget process.  
 6 In order to accomplish this task, I will  
 7 be meeting County Executive DeGise early in the  
 8 process. Effort will be made to follow as many  
 9 meetings as necessary with each community to discuss  
 10 a budget and its impact to the community; equally  
 11 important, to stabilize the County-wide tax rate,  
 12 each working diligently to achieve greater  
 13 employment opportunities for those individuals  
 14 presently unemployed and to maintain the County  
 15 services and all that's accessible and  
 16 professionally accommodating to those in need.  
 17 The topic of open space will also be to  
 18 considered. It is the responsibility as a Board to  
 19 be fiscally responsible. As the Chairman, allow me  
 20 to reiterate what I said last year. I do not take  
 21 my responsibility lightly. We will see to it that  
 22 this responsibility is met to the best of our  
 23 ability.  
 24 In closing, I personally as most of us  
 25 made New Years resolution, I have made mine, which I

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1 would like to share with you. To be the best  
 2 husband, to be a great friend, to treat people with  
 3 respect and defend the principle of what is right,  
 4 and to work tirelessly as an elected official for  
 5 all County residents, and last but certainly not  
 6 least, and this last resolution goes to the Mayor of  
 7 West New York, who last week called me fat. One of  
 8 my resolutions this year is to lose weight also.  
 9 Like so many others, I am making a resolution to  
 10 lose weight.  
 11 Thank you, very simply, and may God Bless  
 12 this County, all men and women individually.  
 13 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: I think  
 14 Freeholder Munoz, our new Chair, has recognized all  
 15 the officials here in the room tonight. I want to  
 16 welcome you all here. I want to thank my colleagues  
 17 for nominating me and also for voting for me to take  
 18 on the position of Vice Chair. I want to thank  
 19 Mayor Nick Sacco, who I see had other appointments,  
 20 but I want to thank him for taking the time to come  
 21 down and swear me in.  
 22 I want to also congratulate Freeholder  
 23 Romano for the great job he did as Chairman, and the  
 24 Board never skipped a beat in his Chairmanship, and  
 25 I'm sure that under Freeholder Munoz's guidances, it

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1 will continue to run just as efficiently. With  
 2 that, I would like to say thank you for coming  
 3 tonight and braving the cold. Thank you.  
 4 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Thank you.  
 5 Being the new guy on the block here, just to see how  
 6 new I am, I didn't know as Pro Tempore I get sworn  
 7 in, so I had my good colleague, Billy O'Dea, hold  
 8 the bible. Let me say first, Anthony Romano, thank  
 9 you for your past leadership this year. You were an  
 10 extraordinary Chairman of this Board in the limited  
 11 time that I've been sitting here.  
 12 I would like to thank the leadership, Tom  
 13 and the Mayor Steven Fulop and Mayor Sacco, for  
 14 instilling their trust and believed that I can serve  
 15 this Board, and I would like to thank my colleagues  
 16 for entrusting me with all the confidence that they  
 17 feel that I can do and serve this Board in the  
 18 capacity of Pro Tempore. Somebody said, What is a  
 19 Pro Tempore? I don't know. I just said I'm the  
 20 third ranking leader in the Board of Freeholders.  
 21 I would like to say, Billy, my colleagues,  
 22 I look forward to a tremendous year coming up. I  
 23 know that we have a lot of visions on the plate that  
 24 are going to be, I guess, controversial. I know  
 25 that as in the past, everyone will work diligently

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1 to make sure we come up with compromises and  
 2 solutions to the communities and in our districts.  
 3 So thank you.  
 4 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: I want to say,  
 5 first of all, my heartfelt congratulations to  
 6 Chairman Munoz and to Tom and to Junior. I'm sure  
 7 you'll do an outstanding job. I want to be the  
 8 first to thank every Freeholder on the Board for all  
 9 of their support and guidance that you shared with  
 10 me and effort, and I really also want to thank the  
 11 Directors and the Administrator, the lawyers and all  
 12 the workers and every one in the County.  
 13 Again, it was an honor to be given that  
 14 position. I can't thank you enough for the support  
 15 you've given and the friendships that we made and  
 16 the things that I've learned, and I will continue to  
 17 work with you all. You're a great group of people  
 18 that work in this great County, and it made me  
 19 realize what a good job you do. Thank you all. May  
 20 God bless you for your leadership. Thank you again.  
 21 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, the next  
 22 item is a resolution to appoint the Voting Member to  
 23 the New Jersey Association of Counties for 2014. Is  
 24 there a nomination?  
 25 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I nominate Jeff

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1 Dublin.  
 2 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: I second.  
 3 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Nominated by  
 4 Freeholder O'Dea. Second by Freeholder Romano.  
 5 THE CLERK: Is there a motion to  
 6 close nominations?  
 7 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Motion.  
 8 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Second.  
 9 THE CLERK: All in favor, opposed?  
 10 (The Freeholder Board votes  
 11 unanimously to close the nominations.)  
 12 THE CLERK: Resolved by the Board of  
 13 Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hudson, that  
 14 Freeholder Jeffrey Dublin, a Member of the Board of  
 15 Chosen Freeholders, is hereby designated as Voting  
 16 Member to attend all meetings and conferences in the  
 17 New Jersey Association of Counties for the year  
 18 2014.  
 19 Freeholder Cifelli.  
 20 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.  
 21 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.  
 22 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.  
 23 THE CLERK: Dublin.  
 24 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.  
 25 THE CLERK: Liggio.

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1 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.  
 2 THE CLERK: Maldonado.  
 3 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.  
 4 THE CLERK: O'Dea.  
 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.  
 6 THE CLERK: Rivas.  
 7 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.  
 8 THE CLERK: Romano.  
 9 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.  
 10 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.  
 11 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.  
 12 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 5 is a  
 13 resolution to appoint an Alternate Voting Member to  
 14 the New Jersey Association of Counties for 2014. Is  
 15 there a nomination?  
 16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I nominate  
 17 Freeholder Doreen DiDomenico.  
 18 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: I second.  
 19 THE CLERK: Is there a motion to  
 20 close nominations?  
 21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Motion.  
 22 THE CLERK: All in favor, opposed?  
 23 (The Freeholder Board votes  
 24 unanimously to close the nominations.)  
 25 THE CLERK: Resolved by the Board of

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1 Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hudson, that  
 2 Freeholder Doreen DiDomenico, a Member of this Board  
 3 of Chosen Freeholders, is hereby designated as the  
 4 Alternate Voting Member to the New Jersey  
 5 Association of Counties for the year 2014.  
 6 Freeholder Cifelli.  
 7 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.  
 8 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.  
 9 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.  
 10 THE CLERK: Dublin.  
 11 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.  
 12 THE CLERK: Liggio.  
 13 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.  
 14 THE CLERK: Maldonado.  
 15 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.  
 16 THE CLERK: O'Dea.  
 17 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.  
 18 THE CLERK: Rivas.  
 19 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.  
 20 THE CLERK: Romano.  
 21 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.  
 22 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.  
 23 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.  
 24 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 6 is a  
 25 resolution to appoint the Second Alternate Voting

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1 Member to the New Jersey Association of Counties.  
2 Is there a nomination?  
3 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I nominate Abraham  
4 Antun.  
5 THE CLERK: Is there a motion to  
6 close nominations?  
7 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Motion.  
8 THE CLERK: All in favor, opposed?  
9 (The Freeholder Board votes  
10 unanimously to close the nominations.)  
11 THE CLERK: Resolved by the Board of  
12 Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hudson, that  
13 Abraham Antun is hereby designated as the Second  
14 Alternate Voting Member of the New Jersey  
15 Association of Counties for the year 2014.  
16 Freeholder Cifelli.  
17 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.  
18 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.  
19 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.  
20 THE CLERK: Dublin.  
21 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.  
22 THE CLERK: Liggio.  
23 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.  
24 THE CLERK: Maldonado.  
25 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.

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1 THE CLERK: O'Dea.  
2 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.  
3 THE CLERK: Rivas.  
4 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.  
5 THE CLERK: Romano.  
6 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.  
7 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.  
8 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.  
9 THE CLERK: The next item is  
10 resolution for legal advertising for the year 2014.  
11 Is there a sponsor?  
12 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Moved by Freeholder  
13 Liggio. Second by Freeholder Dublin.  
14 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.  
15 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.  
16 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.  
17 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.  
18 THE CLERK: Dublin.  
19 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.  
20 THE CLERK: Liggio.  
21 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.  
22 THE CLERK: Maldonado.  
23 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.  
24 THE CLERK: O'Dea.  
25 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.

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1 THE CLERK: Rivas.  
2 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.  
3 THE CLERK: Romano.  
4 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.  
5 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.  
6 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.  
7 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 8 is a  
8 resolution providing the annual notice of schedule  
9 of regular meetings of the Board of Chosen  
10 Freeholders for the year 2014. Is there a sponsor?  
11 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Moved by Freeholder  
12 Maldonado. Second by Freeholder Liggio. Those  
13 meetings that you have, we are going to review them.  
14 If any Freeholders gets the meetings and sees any  
15 changes, let me know, and we will amend it as  
16 needed.  
17 THE CLERK: Roll call?  
18 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.  
19 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.  
20 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.  
21 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.  
22 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.  
23 THE CLERK: Dublin.  
24 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.  
25 THE CLERK: Liggio.

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1 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.  
2 THE CLERK: Maldonado.  
3 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.  
4 THE CLERK: O'Dea.  
5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.  
6 THE CLERK: Rivas.  
7 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.  
8 THE CLERK: Romano.  
9 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.  
10 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.  
11 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.  
12 THE CLERK: The next item is the 2014  
13 temporary appropriations resolution. Is there a  
14 sponsor?  
15 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Sponsored by  
16 Freeholder Maldonado. Second by Freeholder Liggio.  
17 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: What percentage of  
18 the budget is that?  
19 MR. ANTUN: Freeholder, this is at  
20 26.25 percent. It's pretty much the limit, but  
21 we're under the limit by \$364,000.  
22 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Is that consistent  
23 with what you've done in other years?  
24 MR. ANTUN: If you look at the  
25 attachment, Freeholder, you'll see what we've done

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1 in the prior years, and it's pretty much what it's  
 2 always been. There's an attachment that has the  
 3 comparison that shows you what these other  
 4 comparisons are.  
 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Based on this, how  
 6 long would you need to have to present a budget to  
 7 us?  
 8 MR. ANTUN: This February  
 9 appropriation would get us to the end of March,  
 10 maybe first meeting in April.  
 11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman, I'll  
 12 support this. I'm going to hold you to your  
 13 commitment earlier, which I wholeheartedly support  
 14 it as it relates to the need to initiate the budget  
 15 process now, but back last May in two cities last  
 16 year. we quite frankly made a commitment that we  
 17 were going to initiate the budget process before the  
 18 year began.  
 19 Obviously, we really haven't done that,  
 20 but I think it is critical that this Board be  
 21 briefed by the end of this month as so what the  
 22 current analysis or projection of the Administration  
 23 is as it relates to the overall budget and also have  
 24 to the best of their ability in light of the  
 25 information the Tax Board would have at that point

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1 in time, their projection or prognostication as to  
 2 what that particular impact would be. I don't think  
 3 we can afford to wait until April or March to  
 4 introduce the budget and spend a quarter of our  
 5 money or more and then start to decide what the  
 6 impact is going to be to towns and cities that had  
 7 double-digit increases last year that are still  
 8 feeling the effect.  
 9 I would expect that we're going to have  
 10 some negative impact as it relates the number of  
 11 appeals that were filed there and the overall impact  
 12 because of that. So I think, Mr. Chairman, it's  
 13 good and that you reach out. I'm going to work with  
 14 you. I think we all need to work to get information  
 15 sooner on this, let us know what we're dealing with.  
 16 We were told last year, this year was going to be  
 17 worse than last year. If that is true, Mr.  
 18 Administrator, we need to know that now, so we have  
 19 time to see cuts can be made, where potentially  
 20 other sources of revenue maybe available.  
 21 I'm going to be on top of this each and  
 22 every meeting, and I will tell you that if during  
 23 the next three months there is not a proactive  
 24 approach in providing information to this Board of  
 25 budget information for 2014, I would not vote for

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1 any future budgets.  
 2 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Freeholder O'Dea, I  
 3 met with the County Executive and Chief of Staff,  
 4 Bill Gaughan. That's the information that I brought  
 5 up with the Administration, and they agreed. They  
 6 are going to work with the Board of Freeholders to  
 7 make sure that we establish this process early. So  
 8 I don't think that I have to ask you, but I would  
 9 need your help to work with them and allow this  
 10 process to move. I know you would do it without me  
 11 asking for it, but now I'm going to officially ask  
 12 you to get involved with me on this issue on the  
 13 budget.  
 14 I will ask your advice through this  
 15 process and to the Freeholders too. So like I said  
 16 before, the County Executive, during our  
 17 conversation, he wants to make sure that we work  
 18 with budget and we always have and that this year  
 19 because of the economic issues and the election too,  
 20 that we'll make sure that every Freeholder knows how  
 21 this issue is going to affect their district. Thank  
 22 you.  
 23 THE CLERK: Roll call on the  
 24 temporary appropriation.  
 25 Freeholder Cifelli.

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1 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.  
 2 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.  
 3 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: 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: Resolution No. 10 is the  
 19 Cash Management Plan approval and adoption for 2014.  
 20 Is there a sponsor?  
 21 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Sponsored.  
 22 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: I second it.  
 23 SEG.  
 24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Again,  
 25 Mr. Chairman. I had conversations with Director

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1 Richardson last week or so. Obviously, we really  
 2 want to get a point, Mr. Administrator, we get the  
 3 Banking Committee report update prior to the year  
 4 when we're asked to approve this. She has promised  
 5 that that would be provided to us in a reasonable  
 6 period of time, hopefully within the next 30 days.  
 7 That's something I believe she is asking to do that.  
 8 So based on that I'll support this. We can say that  
 9 pending the result of that, we will look at whether  
 10 or not that needs to be changed.

11 THE CLERK: Roll call, Mr. Chairman.  
 12 Freeholder Cifelli.

13 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.  
 14 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.  
 15 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.  
 16 THE CLERK: Dublin.  
 17 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.  
 18 THE CLERK: Liggio.  
 19 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.  
 20 THE CLERK: Maldonado.  
 21 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.  
 22 THE CLERK: O'Dea.  
 23 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.  
 24 THE CLERK: Rivas.  
 25 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.

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1 THE CLERK: Romano.  
 2 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.  
 3 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.  
 4 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.  
 5 THE CLERK: The final item is a  
 6 resolution entitled resolution in support of Senate  
 7 No. 2018 and Assembly Bill No. 3851, requiring  
 8 landlords to pay tenant's attorney's fees and  
 9 expenses if the lease reserves the landlord the same  
 10 right.

11 Freeholder Cifelli.

12 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.  
 13 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.  
 14 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.  
 15 THE CLERK: Dublin.  
 16 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.  
 17 THE CLERK: Liggio.  
 18 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.  
 19 THE CLERK: Maldonado.  
 20 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.  
 21 THE CLERK: O'Dea.  
 22 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.  
 23 THE CLERK: Rivas.  
 24 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.  
 25 THE CLERK: Romano.

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1 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.  
 2 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.  
 3 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.  
 4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: That vote will  
 5 occur on Thursday. Can we ensure that we  
 6 electronically get to the President of the Senate  
 7 Sweeney, Minority Leader, all the members of the  
 8 Hudson County delegation, as well as Mr. Shapiro  
 9 from the NJTO, a copy to them tomorrow morning so we  
 10 make sure all members of the State Senate have seen  
 11 it prior to their voting on that?

12 THE CLERK: Yes. Mr. Chairman, that  
 13 concludes the items of business on today's agenda.  
 14 If there is no other business, may I have a motion  
 15 to adjourned. Romano; is there a second?

16 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Second.  
 17 THE CLERK: All in favor, opposed?  
 18 The reorganization meeting is adjourned.  
 19 (Whereupon the proceeding is then  
 20 concluded at 5:52 p.m.)  
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1 CERTIFICATION  
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 3 I, SHARI CATHEY, CCR, RPR, License No.  
 4 30XI00234700, and Notary Public of the State of New  
 5 Jersey, hereby certify that the proceedings herein  
 6 are from the notes taken by me of a Reorganization  
 7 Meeting of the Hudson County Board of Chosen  
 8 Freeholder, held on Tuesday, January 7, 2014; and  
 9 that this is a correct transcript of the same.  
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 14 SHARI CATHEY, CCR, RPR  
 15 A NOTARY PUBLIC of the  
 16 State of New Jersey  
 17 I.D. No. 2283786  
 18 Commission Expires 2/4/17  
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