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OPEN SESSION

Hudson County
Administration Building,
Freeholders Chambers
567 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey
Thursday, June 27, 2013
6:00 p.m.

BEFORE:

ANTHONY ROMANO, CHAIRMAN
ALBERT CIFELLI, Freeholder
DOREEN DiDOMENICO, Freeholder
JEFFREY DUBLIN, Freeholder
THOMAS LIGGIO, Freeholder
JOSE C. MUNOZ, Freeholder
WILLIAM O'DEA, Freeholder
TILO RIVAS, Freeholder

ALSO PRESENT:

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQ., Board Counsel
DONATO J. BATTISTA, Hudson County Counsel
LAURIE COTTER, Deputy County Administrator
ALBERTO G. SANTOS, County Clerk

Job No. NJ1588831
The Clerk: Freeholder Cifelli.

Freeholder O'Dea: Absent.

The Clerk: DiDomenico.

Freeholder DiDomenico: I think she's in the committee meeting.

The Clerk: Absent from the chamber.

Dublin.

Freeholder Dublin: Here.

Chairman Romano: Freeholder DiDomenico has entered the chamber.

The Clerk: So noted. Freeholder Liggio.

Freeholder Liggio: Here.

The Clerk: Munoz.

Freeholder Munoz: Here.

The Clerk: O'Dea.

Freeholder O'Dea: Here.

The Clerk: Rivas.

Freeholder Rivas: Here.

The Clerk: Rivera, absent. Chairman Romano.

Chairman Romano: Aye.

The Clerk: Mr. Chair, the next order of business is additional discussion. There is a laudatory to honor an employee who is retiring. Do we want to do that first?

Chairman Romano: We would like to bring that up first.

The Clerk: The resolution is entitled To Honor Mallory James Whiting on the Occasion of His Retirement After Over Three Decades of Public Service. Is there a sponsor? Board as a whole?

Chairman Romano: Yes.

The Clerk: Whereas, Mallory James Whiting has announced his retirement after a distinguished career in the service of the public starting some thirty-five years ago, marked by integrity, professionalism and commitment to residents of not only Hudson County, but to the state of New Jersey; and Whereas, Mallory graduated from Metuchen High School in 1969, and almost contemporaneously was awarded the distinction of being named an Eagle Scout, an early indication of his lifelong personal commitment "to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent," the Boy Scout Law; and Whereas, Mallory graduated from Metuchen High School in 1969, and almost contemporaneously was awarded the distinction of being named an Eagle Scout, an early indication of his lifelong personal commitment "to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent," the Boy Scout Law; and.

Whereas, after beginning a promising management career in private industry Englehard Corporation, Mallory in 1978, accepted an appointment as a principal accountant at Middlesex County where among the myriad of duties, he was responsible for installation of the new accounting system, budget preparation and all "Special...
Projects," which actually meant all the financial problems which others could not resolve; and
Whereas, in 1987, Mallory’s financial talents and acumen were sought by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services, where he served as a program monitor “Distressed Cities Program” and was assigned to such locations as Hamilton and Plainfield; and
Whereas, due to his unparalleled dedication and work ethic and ability to attain timely results, in February of 1988, the DCA assigned Mallory to assist Hudson County in installing a new computer-based budget program to assist in budget preparation; and
Whereas, recognizing his unique analytical talent and his ability to accurately forecast and plan for the financial future, Mallory was employed by the County and between all of his public positions, including the Middlesex County Board of Social Services, Mallory has completed 36 County budgets and Welfare budget; and
Whereas, throughout his career he has consistently demonstrated a keen understanding of the complexities of modern public finance, and in large measure was the architect of new procedures taking County government safely and confidently into unchartered territory; and
Whereas, Mallory is entering a new phase of his life, one he will enjoy with his lovely wife, JoAnne; children, Michael, Robert and Breanne; mother-in-law, Mary; and of course, Turbo, Torque and China, the family's beloved dogs.

Freeholder DiDomenico.

FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes. Thank you, Mallory, for all your service to the County of Hudson.

Freeholder Liggio.

FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes. Mallory, I just want to take the opportunity to thank you for all the hard work you gave us when in the budget reviews in the previous years I’ve been the Chairman of the Finance Committee. I really do appreciate all the time you gave us, and have a happy retirement. Enjoy.

Freeholder Munoz.

FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: I just want to say congratulations on your retirement.

Freeholder O'Dea.

FREEHOLDER O’DEA: Yes. Certainly, we wish you well on your retirement, and again, spearheading the process in this County was not an easy job for anyone. I don't know who is going to take your place. It's a tough job. Hopefully, you're still available.

Freeholder Rivas.

FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Good luck on your retirement.

Chairman Romano.

CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes. Lastly is thank you for all your assistance. You are not only knowledgable in your profession, but you're a true gentleman, and we have for you an autographed photograph of Richard Turner in the back. Also, we would like to present Bill O'Dea with one for Christmas.

(Applause.)

MR. WHITING: Just so know, Freeholder, I think you will appreciate this very much. February 9, 1988, was my birthday, and DCA, you'll never guess who brought Cheryl Fuller and myself on loan from DCA to Hudson County. None other than your favorite mayor, Richard Turner. So Richard Turner got 25 years out of me. I guess in my final year, unfortunately for Richard Turner, I got even. I felt bad for the citizens of Hoboken and Secaucus.

And another thing I would like to say, Tom, I appreciated the time at North Bergen. I also was on loan from the DCA in North Bergen as chief financial officer. Tom was very kind about not retaliating. I was a great time, Tom. I appreciate that. I know you hated that point in time in my career.
Again, working with all of you was a wonderful experience in most cases. Freeholder, one of the things have kept me busy was special projects, analysis that I had never dreamed of in certain points in my career. I couldn't have anticipated all of them. I wish everyone well going forward. It will be challenging in my mind for the next several years, if not further into the future when the economy will turn, and that will be the salvation for government and you in the County level that we need and also for the state of New Jersey.

I would like to thank all of you for your support in the budget process, and ultimately, obviously acting like adults for passing the budget.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I guess you're not thanking me.

MR. WHITING: I must thank you for when you were Chairman. You did vote for that one.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Once in 17.

MR. WHITING: One for 17, I batted one for 17, Freeholder. I've done very well with some Freeholders. I'm still working on it. Thank you, all of you. I wish Hudson County, all the taxpayers and all the people, a well-deserved future, and hopefully, everything will work out over the years. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Mr. Clerk, continue.

THE CLERK: The next order of business is additional discussion on today's agenda.

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR COTTER: Mr. Chairman, we have a replacement for Item No. 11, that had a typo on it.

THE CLERK: It's already distributed.

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR COTTER: We have a couple of late items for your consideration. One is the resolution endorsing the concept of the partnership that was presented by Ms. Warren. 

CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Mr. Clerk.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: The resolution endorsing the concept espoused by the Hudson Partnership CMO, an IRS 501(c)(3), not-for-profit care management organization, entitled the Jersey City Juvenile Family Partnership Support Program.

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR COTTER: Mr. Chairman, the next item I have for your consideration is a late-starter for the application of acceptance of a grant for the Hudson County Ambulatory Tuberculosis Program. The grant deadline is July 12th, so we would like the resolution considered. The notice of award just came in earlier this week.

CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Sponsored by Freeholder DiDomenico. Seconded by Freeholder Dublin.

THE CLERK: This will be No. 34 on the consent agenda entitled Authorizing an application to and acceptance of funds, if awarded, from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services for the Hudson County Ambulatory Tuberculosis Care Program, July 1, 2013 through June 30, '14, $302,780.

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR COTTER: Mr. Chairman, the next item for your consideration is the resolution urging the New Jersey Legislature and the Governor to restore funding or guarantee funding for the disabled and senior citizen transportation program, known here as the TRANSCEND program.

CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Board as a whole.

THE CLERK: This will be No. 35 on the consent agenda, urging the New Jersey Legislature and Governor of the State of New Jersey to take every measure, legislative, administrative or otherwise, to restore or otherwise guarantee full funding of disabled, senior and other eligible clients' transportation programs undertaken by TRANSCEND transportation, heretofore funded in large measure by the New Jersey Casino Revenue Fund.

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR COTTER: Finally, Mr. Chairman, I would ask that the Board reconsider the item on the agenda, No. 22, which extends a thirty-day contract extension to the Jersey City Medical Center for the Hudson County Correctional Center.

CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Sponsored by Freeholder DiDomenico.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Freeholder Dublin. Seconded by Freeholder DiDomenico.

THE CLERK: We will include this item as 36, since it's being added, and it's entitled -- it will be same item that had been proposed at the caucus, which is entitled --

CHAIRMAN ROMANO: It now becomes 36?

THE CLERK: Previously 22, now 36, authorizing a one-month extension to a professional services contact with the Jersey City Medical Center, a New Jersey not-for-profit corporation, $52,000.
CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Ms. Administrator, we involve whoever we need from the County, even our public are asked to limit their comments to 15 minutes. Homeland Security. There appears to be none, Mr. Chairman.

FREEHOLDER O’DEA: We asked for -- I haven’t been scheduled.

Additionally, in a post-9/11 world, the potential to generate a lot of revenue for the County from the operating of such a station, even through a shared services agreement with the State Police exists, can we convene a meeting as soon as possible with someone from the State Police with someone from the Department of Transportation to look at how we can do it, how we can share in the revenue?

As I said there was a time we operated one. It generated a lot of revenue. More importantly than generating a lot of revenue, which isn't borne by the taxpayers of this County, it does two other things. All freight from Port Newark, Port Elizabeth, Bayonne, flows to New York City through Hudson County. There is no other way of getting there. It's the quickest, cheapest way to go. It wears and tears on our roads to the point we have to pave them.

Additionally, in a post-9/11 world, the risk of a dirty bomb or some other item could be shipped from the port. If you've ever watched any of the shows of how they snuck stuff in here to prove it isn't that difficult to do, again, will come through Hudson County to go to New York. It generates revenue. It helps us, it helps us with our road improvements, and it should be part of Homeland Security. I think that we could easily identify the best area to have such -- have such a weight station in order to generate revenue for us and the state and address the other issues. I would ask that we reach out to DOT, we reach out to the State Police, we involve whoever we need from the County, even our legislators. Let's get our legislators involved. Let's just get started. It's money for us. It makes sense.

There are other weigh stations on like a highway. I think there is one on the Parkway. But where is the stuff coming from? The stuff is all coming from there. So much freight, so much trucking comes in and out of New York City that if you think about it, if you come out of the Port of New York to go -- a lot of it is going to come over here too. I just ask that we make that a priority.

MR. BATTISTA: We will discuss that.

Kevin Barry, spoke to Director Demellier today. We had ask for actual information that should have been provided. DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: Kevin Barry, Roads and Public Property. Freeholder, the Director asked me to give you these.

FREEHOLDER O’DEA: If you could just run through this.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: Sure. What that indicates is the low bidder for the electric has a flat rate, an hourly rate for regular time at 79.36, it's in the first column, and their overtime rate is two times the regular time rate. The other two bidders, the second one was higher, slightly higher, have rates that are time and a half for overtime.

So the Director is concerned that if there are unforeseen emergencies that require us to call in the electrical vendor on nights, weekends, with unforeseen hours of about 15 hours per year over
what we anticipate, then the low bidder will no
longer be the low bidder, and it would be
advantageous to take the second bidder.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: We had 50 hours
roughly for each of the previous years for overtime.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: That's what
this bid is based on, 50 hours of overtime in the
first year of the contract and another fifty hours
in the second year.

CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Freeholder Munoz.
FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: Previously, when
we put this out for bid, what were we paying for for
overtime?

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Under the current
contract with the entity that is the low bidder,
what is their hourly rate for overtime now?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: On the
current contract, it's also double.

FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: So if we had it
double, why didn't we look at it before in the bid
specifications?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: I don't have
an answer for that, Freeholder.

FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: We just print it
out of the computer, put it in for the bid, and
someone saw it now after they bid, what were we paying for for
overtime?

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: The second
contract with the entity that is the low bidder,
what is their hourly rate for overtime now?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: On the
current contract, it's also double.

FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: So now the change,
what are you going to have? The change would be the
overtime rate?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: We've
proposed to revise the specifications to require
that the overtime rate be set at 1.5 times, time and
a half.

FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: What is the
industry? What is the norm when it comes to that?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: The norm for
overtime rate is time and a half. That is actually
what prevailing wage requires.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: The nights and
weekends are often more than time and a half.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: On prevailing
wage that requires double time for Sundays and
holidays.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Sundays and
holidays, how much of those 50 hours are overtime,
and how many of those 50 hours are Sundays and
holidays, and overtime wouldn't be a night or even a
Saturday. I don't know how you define that.

Overtime is generally defined that you have to have
the electrician more than eight hours at a given
time, then overtime would kick in or I guess 40
hours, right?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: The way the
contract is structured, that any time regular hours
are from eight a.m. to four-thirty. If they
reported to the job at two o'clock in the afternoon,
from two to four-thirty is straight time, but any
time after four-thirty is overtime.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Any time they work
after four-thirty, it goes to overtime. Here is my
concern, this was bid two years ago, correct?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: Correct.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: At the time that
you bid this two years ago, I don't know whether you
did a similar analysis, and I don't know had you
done a similar analysis, if the rates were the same
and you didn't reject the bid, how you don't beg
this bidder to go to court and say, Whoa, time out.
The history of the County was such, my contract was
awarded as such, this is the historical data on the
overtime, and now, after they did it again, they now
want to reject the bid when my hourly rate has
already been put out there. I don't know what the
hourly rates were. Do you know what the hourly rate
was prior bid over the current bid?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: September
22nd, 2011, the bid that came from Vanore Electric
was $112.43 an hour. The overtime rate was double
that.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: What was the next
bid?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: Next bidder,
there were two other bidders, and they were both
tied, hourly rates were tied at $130 regular time.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Here is my one
concern, right? You told me two years ago they bid
a rate of $112 an hour. The rate in this bid is
$79.38, correct?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: Correct.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Which is $35 or
$33 lower. We are running the risk if we put this
thing out to bid, what happens if the bids go back
up to $110 an hour? We're going to look foolish.
is no reason to think they would go that high. The second lowest bidder is 87.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: The second lowest bidder is at 87. The third lowest bidder is at 110.

Two things can happen. One, if the second lowest bidder is at the lowest number possible, the 79 guy can go to 86 and automatically still win the bid. It's almost -- here is my concern, Kevin. I didn't know when I spoke the Director earlier, I didn't know how much lower this bid is than it was two years ago. You risk potential good things. One is they competed with each other and 79 or goes to 76 or 74. That's a risk that's positive, and we save money on the overtime.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: Prevailing wage rates require double time.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yeah, under any circumstances. So the only risk we run is the 50 hours. Is the 50 hours defined as only the overtime and not the weekend or Sunday and holidays? DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: That's one of the flaws of this specification because it doesn't break it down.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So you don't know? You don't know. You don't know which is which, right?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: Right.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So it doesn't break it down except -- let me ask you a question. If it doesn't break it down, right, in one case it's $130.50 and the other one is $158, right? So how did the individual, the individual that put $130 is saying that all of that is going to be overtime and not Sundays or holidays? Now, hold on, assuming all of that, there is not one hour of Sunday or holiday, this one is still lower.

So not you, but whoever did this analyzed this in the best possible light for Sal Electric and in analyzing that, still they were higher.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: It is what it is. I don't think anybody analyzed it. WHOA, it is what it is only in this case. If 20 of these 50 hours are on a Sunday or a holiday, the first bidder is exactly the same price because they're double under either circumstance.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: He's covering his worst-case scenario.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: However, in the case of Sal Electric and the other vendor, if 20 hours are on the Sunday or holiday, you can add an extra $43 an hour, times 20 hours, another $900 to this price, and their price goes up to 40,400; is that correct?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: No, that's not correct.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Why isn't it correct?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: Because we wouldn't pay more than double time because they bid at time and a half.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I thought they are required to do that?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: They are required to pay that. We are only required to pay what they bid.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So even though this says "overtime rate," this is not only overtime rate, this is overtime rate and Sunday and holiday rate, correct?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: Correct.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You're sure about that?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: Absolutely.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Ms. Gallagher, could you confirm that?

MS. GALLAGHER: Deborah Gallagher, Purchase Agent. Yes, I can. We will only pay them their bid price, but they're required to pay their worker prevailing wage.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So is Sunday and
holidays considered overtime, or is it considered
Sunday and holiday?
MS. GALLAGHER: It's prevailing wage, Sundays and holidays would be double, but they're
not allowed to charge us.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So in your bid
spec, they bill at this thing called an overtime
rate for overtime, Sundays and holidays?
MS. GALLAGHER: The current bids were
revised.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: This bid, the bid
that is in front of us today.
MS. GALLAGHER: If you award the
contract.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: That's how it's
been done historically?
MS. GALLAGHER: Yeah.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: My concern is
this. We're rolling the dice. We rolling the dice
that if we go out to bid again, if we go to out to
bid again, and either, if Vanore or Sal Electric
finds out one of them is not going to bid, and the
only other option is the Longo, the difference
between Vanore and Longo is $40 an hour.
CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Freeholder Liggio.
FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: I tend to agree
with Freeholder O'Dea. The total cost is what we
should be looking at, and that's the lowest cost,
the lowest bid cost. Even, you know, considering
the regular time and overtime, it comes to a lower.
I don't know what the problem is. What's the reason
that you are trying to reject this bid, on what
basis?
FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: It's based on
the formula, Freeholder, that's using an electrician
for 150 hours for regular time and 50 hours for
overtime. Those are just estimates. If we, God
forbid, had some major emergency across the street
in the administration building, you're not allowed
to do any electrical work in the building during the
day because you can't disrupt the courts. So the
work would have to be done at night.
FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Is that contract
larger. The previous contracts had even larger
numbers, but we scaled them down for both, for both.
FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: But the
percentage was basically the same, the ratio?
DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: Yes.
FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Did we ever
exceed the ratio for overtime in the previous
contract?
DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: No.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: How do you know
we're going to exceed it in this contract?
DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: Freeholder, I
am presenting information.
FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: It's a roll of
the dice. I think the numbers speak for themselves,
and we could get into if we reject this bid and go
out to bid again for the reasons Freeholder O'Dea
gave, they can come in with higher prices, and this
Vanore would probably have a good case to sue us.
DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: We discussed
it with the Law Department and Purchasing Agent, and
they both told us that we are within our right to
withdraw the bid if we had substantial modifications
to the specifications.
CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Freeholder Munoz.
FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: When we had the
emergency last year, did we use -- when we declared
the emergency, we used Sal Electric, right?
DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: For Hurricane
Sandy emergencies, we used Sal Electric on Election
Day for powering the polling places.
FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: If we had these
electricians, why did we go with Sal Electric?
DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: We use
Vanore, the current vendor, for the other work at
the jail, in the parks, very substantial repairs.
FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: How much did we
pay Sal Electric for the emergency? What type of
rate did we pay them?
DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: I think it
was 45,000.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Whatever it was,
when it came here, I raised an issued, and I got it
lowered. I pointed out, I know they didn't have
that many people that many hours, and it came back
8,000 lower.
I just think that now having this number
in front of me, now knowing that currently if we
award this bid today, we started saving $34 an hour,
per hour, for every regular hour that they do work.
Otherwise, you continue to work on the other
contract that's paying them $112 an hour? What does
a bid take, 45 days; 45 days, plus when is our
meeting, two months? So for two months, we're
automatically going to pay $112 an hour and
$160-something an hour for overtime automatically.
There is no ands, ifs, or buts about it. By awarding this now, all that time, we
save $34 an hour, okay, and if you manage, this is
all about you managing what you do. This is about
you managing as a director limiting bringing the
vendor in after hours or on a Sunday or a holiday
unless it's a dire emergency. That's really what
this is about. Even if you do, even if that's what
you did, you're still better than their rate now at
$158 for those periods of time. It's better than a
time and a half, a time and a half rate on $112 an
hour.
So, you know, there are so many ways that
this is about you managing something. This isn't
about us handicapping if it's 70 hours of that.
Oops, you know, you created the matrix.
FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: The other issue
you have, the reason that you want to make a change
is if there is an emergency, you don't want to run
into the overtime, and it costs a lot of money to
taxpayers. When there was an emergency in the past,
you go with another electrician because one couldn't
handle it alone. So at the end of the day, you paid
double. You paid two companies, one on an emergency
basis, and the other one at the same time, so you
didn't save anything.
So at least in the future, you're going to
be using these people, and when there's an
emergency, you're going to have to use the other
people, right?
DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: Right.
FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: At the end of the
day, I mean I think the issue is deciding a
different way to take one electrician that's going
to do overtime to work and one electrician, if there
is an emergency, there is a rate, a specific rate.
DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: Freeholder,
we discussed that option. Logistically, it's just
impossible to have two separate vendors working on
one project. For instance, I gave you an example
before. If an emergency begins at two o'clock in
the afternoon, and the vendor is working until
four-thirty, it's not feasible to bring in a second
company to start working.
FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: We can't have that
anywhere in Hudson County?
DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: No, no, we
never said that.
1 didn’t ask you go back ten years to find out. I
2 know you’ve been paying it for two years. All of a
3 sudden it became an issue.
4 FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: We have the
5 contract for two years, right?
6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: Two years.
7 FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: So for the next
8 two years, review the specs and make all the changes
9 that we have to do.
10 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Obviously, changes
11 can be made.
12 FREEHOLDER O’DEA: Mr. Clerk, what do
13 we need to do to --
14 DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR COTTER: That's
15 Item 25G.
16 FREEHOLDER O’DEA: It's 24G.
17 DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR COTTER: Sorry.
18 FREEHOLDER O’DEA: What do we need to
19 do to accept the bid as opposed to reject it?
20 Mr. Florio, they recommend that we reject the bid,
21 even though the number is low. We don't want to
22 reject the bid. What do we have to do? We know we
23 have to affirmatively approve it. It's not enough
24 to reject their request for rejection.
25 MR. BATTISTA: In my opinion that's

1 tonight, this goes away and it has to come back.
2 FREEHOLDER O’DEA: When does the
3 contract expire?
4 DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR COTTER: Mr.
5 Chairman, if it pleases the Board, we can change our
6 recommendation.
7 MR. FLORIO: Effectively, what is the
8 recommendation of the Administration?
9 MR. BATTISTA: The motion to amend
10 what’s currently before the Board is to award the
11 contract, correct? That would be the motion that
12 would be made -- that would be the proposal made by
13 the Administration, which then requires action on
14 the part of the Board.
15 MR. FLORIO: In order to bring about
16 that vote, there must be a motion from the Board to
17 award this contract, to award the bid.
18 FREEHOLDER O’DEA: Wouldn’t it be a
19 motion to act on the request of the Administration
20 to award the bid since counsel said we don't have
21 unilateral authority to do that, only they have the
22 authority to?
23 MR. FLORIO: Correct. So the motion
24 is to amend 25G --
25 FREEHOLDER O’DEA: 24G.

1 all you need to do is.
2 MR. FLORIO: I think, Freeholder,
3 hypothetically, if you vote no on 24G, effectively
4 all you’re doing is denying the recommendation to
5 reject the bid, but it is not an acceptance or an
6 award of the contract.
7 FREEHOLDER O’DEA: So they have to
8 come back again?
9 MR. FLORIO: Correct.
10 FREEHOLDER O’DEA: So then whatever
11 happens from now to July 11th, we're going to pay
12 $112 an hour for anything, and if it happens on a
13 Sunday or whatever, we're going to pay $224, instead
14 of 79 or $150. Someone should have brought both
15 alternatives to the Board today.
16 FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: We made a motion
17 to approve the bid. That motion is in the
18 affirmative. Why wait?
19 MR. FLORIO: That option has not been
20 presented to the Board. The only thing before the
21 Board now is the Administration's recommendation to
22 reject the bid.
23 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: So the
24 Administration at the meeting, they'll bring --
25 MR. FLORIO: If you vote no on this
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Maybe this was per year. It says two years. You estimate the parts are going to be over $100,000?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: That's what we had budgeted. Typically, what we do is cover and spend up to what we had budgeted. We don't always spend that much.

FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: We should go to a not-to-exceed amount.

FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: The number is the same in each contract. That's the number that they were given to work with. That's not a number the vendors arrived at?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: The vendor, the vendor has no role in quantifying the cost of parts. We don't even give them that, no. If the specification is required, then they mark up the cost of parts and material not more than ten percent.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So they get ten percent overage on the parts and material?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: Correct.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So you made a bigger argument as to minimize this and directly contract with the trades whatever you can because you buy the parts, and nobody marks the parts up. So one, you're not paying the middleman for overhead and profit on an hourly rate, and two, you're not paying somebody a ten-percent markup for the parts that we need anyway. We just buy the parts ourselves. I wonder if he pays taxes when he buys the parts, or do we make sure he's exempt from sales tax because he's buying for a government use? We get raped on three different avenues on that one.

FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Why is there a markup? I mean, the contracts you get, I mean they're making their money on the labor part of it and raping us on the overtime, and we're still giving them ten percent more on top of it.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: They're raping you on overtime. It's standard every service contract is ten-percent markup.

FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: I would have to agree with Bill O'Dea. We have a labor union.

MR. BATTISTA: Just so you know, we are meeting with representatives of the union to see how we could craft a way for union labor. I would prefer to discuss in closed session.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So maybe we can go to closed session later. Why do we need -- so your

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: 146,000, is that based on what you historically spend on parts for a two-year period?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: Yes.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So for the last two years, you spent over $100,000 in parts?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: I'll say this. It's based on what was approved in our budget. During our budget hearings, we go through the previous years' expenditures and come up with how much we can spend, and that's how our budget is set.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Kev, look, this is what is mind-boggling and why we need to discuss this other issue. Under this contract in two years, this is your number, not my number, you're proposing are going to be over $100,000? During our budget hearings, we go through the previous years' expenditures and come up with how much we can spend, and that's how our budget is set.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Florio?

FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Why is there a high number, a high industry standard of labor which is ten-percent overhead and ten-percent profit, high number, it should be less. The vendor is going to make $8,000 off of our labor. The same vendor for just buying parts we could buy ourselves is going to make $10,000. It's insane.

DEPUTY ADMNISTRATOR COTTER: Chairman, given this new information, would you rather go back to the bid rejection?

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: No, no, I would rather not because we control the process. We control the process, and we control the process in this regard, because I don't want to go out and bid it again and pay more money. What I want to do is award the low bid, and after awarding the low bid, as quickly as humanly possible, put in place an agreement with the trades, eliminate the overhead and profit on the hourly rate for labor, and not have to pay ten percent to a contractor, who simply does nothing more than make money on the ten percent on the parts that we can buy ourselves.

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR COTTER: Then for confirmation, what is the amount of the award?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: Not to exceed, not to exceed $146,400.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So we have the ability to lower that and have you come back if you need more money?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: It's not for me to answer.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Florio?
MR. FLORIO: My position would be that the Board has the authority to vote on the contract or bid that is presented to it for its consideration, and without the cooperation of the Administration, is not in a position to renegotiate.

FREEHOLDER O’DEA: Would the Administration support reducing the amount from $146,000 to $100,000? That way we can look at these other avenues, and if it costs more, you obviously just come back to us, and we amend. We do an amendment to the contract.

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR COTTER: Mr. Chairman, it depends on whether the bids went out for a two-year contract or a one-year contract with the -- it was two-year contract. So in order to award the bid, it has to be done as a two-year contract. However, there is a clause in every contract, correct?

MR. FLORIO: There is a 30-day clause.

FREEHOLDER O’DEA: All I’m asking, would you reduce the amount?

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR COTTER: No.

FREEHOLDER O’DEA: Why can’t you reduce the amount -- oh, reduce the award to $100,000. Still, it’s a two-year contract with an amount not to exceed $100,000.

FREEHOLDER O’DEA: I think they have to make that recommendation. So the not-to-exceed number now is $100,000, Vanore Electric, the low bidder.

MR. FLORIO: So the recommendation.

FREEHOLDER O’DEA: So then make that motion, a sponsor and second on the consent agenda that is before the vote as a motion to amend 24G to award the contract for a period of two years, not to exceed $100,000, Vanore Electric, the low bidder.

FREEHOLDER O’DEA: I think they have to make it now that it’s changed.

MR. FLORIO: Withdraw the sponsorship.

FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: I withdraw.

MR. FLORIO: And second.

FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.

MR. FLORIO: For the record the sponsor and second have been withdrawn. On the motion not to exceed $100,000, we need a sponsor and second.

CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Sponsored by Freeholder Dublin. Second by Freeholder Liggio to lower the amount.

THE CLERK: Roll call on the motion to amend 24G. Freeholder DiDomenico.

FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Dublin.

FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.

THE CLERK: Liggio.

FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Munoz.

FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: Yes.

THE CLERK: O’Dea.

FREEHOLDER O’DEA: Yes.

THE CLERK: Rivas.

FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.

THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.

CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.

THE CLERK: The consent agenda is amended.

FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: Mr. Chairman, the other things we had to do is for the next two years, this bid, they bid on the amount for one year and another amount for another year. The company that won the bid the same amount for four years. For Sal Electric, the second year rate went to $93.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR BARRY: It’s true.

FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: So perhaps there is a way of asking for the same amount for two years.

FREEHOLDER O’DEA: You can’t. You can’t do it.

FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: So they have to?

FREEHOLDER O’DEA: It’s up to them to decide whether it’s worth the same amount for both years, and that’s why they have to go calculate it based on the matrix that they created themselves. They create the matrix, not us, and not the bidder.

THE CLERK: On the consent agenda as amended, Freeholder DiDomenico.

FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Dublin.

FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.

THE CLERK: Liggio.

FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Munoz.

FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: Abstain on 36. Yes on the rest.

THE CLERK: O’Dea.

FREEHOLDER O’DEA: No on 36. Aye on 32.
THE CLERK:  Rivas.
FREEHOLDER RIVAS:  Yes.
THE CLERK:  Chairman Romano.
CHAIRMAN ROMANO:  Yes.
THE CLERK:  All items are approved.
FREEHOLDER DUBLIN:  Mr. Chairman, may I be excused?
FREEHOLDER O'DEA:  We have one more ordinance.
THE CLERK:  We have no ordinances for introduction.  We have one ordinance for second reading.  The ordinance is entitled Bond ordinance providing for the undertaking of capital projects for Fiscal Year 2014, by and for the Hudson County Community College, located within the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, appropriating $4,250,000 therefor, and authorizing the issuance of $4,250,000 bonds or notes of the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, for financing such appropriation, the principal of and interest on the aggregate principal amount of which will be entitled to State aid pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1971. This is the time fixed for public hearing on this Ordinance, which was introduced at the meeting of June 13th, 2013, advertised as required by law together with the notice of Hearing for this time.  It has been posted on the Freeholder's Bulletin Board and made available to the general public. Are there any speakers on this ordinance? There appears to be none.  Is there a motion to close the hearing?
CHAIRMAN ROMANO:  Motion by Dublin.
Second by Liggio.
THE CLERK:  All in favor?
(The Board votes unanimously to close the Hearing.)
The Hearing is closed.  On final adoption, Freeholder DiDomenico.
FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO:  Yes.
THE CLERK:  Dublin.
FREEHOLDER DUBLIN:  Yes.
THE CLERK:  Liggio.
FREEHOLDER LIGGIO:  Yes.
THE CLERK:  Munoz.
FREEHOLDER MUNOZ:  Yes.
THE CLERK:  O'Dea.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA:  Yes.
FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO:  Mr. Chair, I have a quick committee report.  As you know the Department of Health and Human Services, at our last meeting, Director Wilson said that they were awaiting to hear about Ryan White funding, and we had proposed possibly putting a resolution on tonight to urge them to expedite that process, but we did get it.  The awards were given.  There were some cuts, not as drastic as we had anticipated, but cuts nonetheless, and the Department of Human Services has been working hard to figure out how to continue the best possible services for our AIDS community with the priority on primary health care, and a priority identifying and reaching out to unidentified Hudson County residents who may be HIV infected.  I want to thank them for that.

Also, on Tuesday, the committee met with the Office of Minority Women's Business Affairs, and I would just like to bring your attention to the summary that the office prepared for us that were left the dais.  On Tuesday, certainly you can review it yourselves, but the main thrust the office has been working on for the past year has been partnerships.  They partnered with the New Jersey City University Women's Development Center, and that has resulted in increased participation in their seminars, and they partnered with Corporate Concepts and Solutions to do funding for small non-profit businesses.  They sponsored a seminar with Port Authority to help businesses get certified for work on the Bayonne Bridge project.  They're looking into future partnership with Hudson County Community College Center for Business and Industry, with a specific focus on scaling up the workers, and they're also looking to begin more partnerships with the banking community.  There's a roundtable coming up in July matching up the banking community with small businesses.  Certainly, if you have any questions after you review this, you can direct them to Director...
Richardson. Thank you.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chair, just for Director Lopez's edification, I know that we have an SAT prep program in the summer. I know it's probably too late to do anything this summer, but I've been able to get some -- these are books for individuals that would be interested in going into a trade as opposed to college. It is a prep program to prep them for the apprenticeship test they may have to take as an electrician and plumber. As we know, not everyone is looking to go to college, especially, since we have a lot of TANF youth who may want to go into a trade as opposed to college, I would recommend that we -- I'll get you copies so that we can look to do this for next summer. It creates opportunities, other opportunities for other people.

THE CLERK: Are there any comments from the Chief of Staff of the County Executive?

MR. GAUGHAN: No, thank you.

THE CLERK: This is the time for anyone present to address the Board on any matter of public interest. Please remember to limits your comments to five minutes. Are there any speakers?

Please state your name.

MS. BALCER: Yvonne Balcer. As you're aware, a few weeks ago I came here, and I asked you for a copy of Chico Ramchal's work record on education, and I have to say that Anthony, the Business Manager, did call me two days ago, and he said you'll be getting the information shortly.

So I received an e-mail. It's not what I really expected, but in the e-mail I received a note from Mr. Neil Carroll saying what was listed on his work record. I really would have preferred like a copy. But I'm going to accept this in the way it comes on the information form, and Bayonne High School, accepting their information. So I want to say thank you for the information. I did ask for the copy of addresses for people in the 31st, 32nd, 33rd district, and I was just want to say thank you very much for responding to my request.

The other request I do have, which has nothing to do with the Board. I read recently in the paper that Fulop planned to cancel the reval, and I would like to know what does the Hudson County Board of Taxation feel about this? Will it be canceled, or do they have oversight on that? Does anyone know about this?

MR. BATTISTA: That's a matter, my office is not involved in representing the Board of Taxation.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I would ask that we have them come to the next caucus and address the speaker.

MS. BALCER: I'm curious because as you said before in the previous meeting we had, people are paying 20 percent. I can understand why it's hard. I know what I pay in taxes. I also understand places like Secaucus that pay so much money because Jersey City has, I don't know, all the abatements which really lower the city's ratable base. I'm curious what would really happen.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Could we ask that Mr. Kenny attend the next caucus meeting on July 9th, and be in a position to address, what position, if any position, the board or he would take on a request to cancel the reval in Jersey City?

MS. BALCER: The comment I do have is that it was a budget hearing we had last week, what does every town pay proportionate to the budget? I realize the budget was approximately half a million --

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: A half a billion. I would ask that Ms. Balcer.

MS. BALCER: Half a billion, and I know 395 maybe comes from local taxpayers. I would like the exact amount of how much does each town pay proportionately to its population really. I know Secaucus pays an awful lot, but I would like to hear what is be paid for the County services, and my opinion is, it should be more.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: We can get you -- I don't have it with me. I would have had it two weeks ago, but we could mail you the document that was given to us, which gives each city and the actual dollar amount they paid to the County taxes, and obviously, it doesn't break it down per population. Then you can just extrapolate the populations of the towns.

MS. BALCER: I can do that myself. I basically want to know what each --

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: If you give the Clerk a mailing address or e-mail address, we can get that to you right away.

MS. BALCER: Thank you very much.

THE CLERK: Additional speakers on any matter of public interest? Please state your name for the record.

MR. WAHID: Riaz Wahid. I want to thank the Board for the funding for beginning the

800-227-8440 973-410-4040
work in Hoboken. Thank you for this.
I also want know, I believe that 24B,
there could be a spelling error, misspelling. I
think it's Holmdel.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: What number is
that?
MR. WAHID: 24B.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Which the Holmdel,
that's it, H-o-l-m-d-e-l. What is the address?
THE CLERK: That's listed as
Englishtown. It's Englishtown on the resolution.
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR COTTER: The
address of the company?
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: It's 28 Harrison
Avenue, Englishtown, New Jersey. How is it spelled?
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR COTTER: H-o-l-d-
THE CLERK: He wants it Holmdel.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Riaz, in the
resolution, it's spelled, H-o-l-m-d-e-l. On the
document in this resolution, which was submitted by
the Administration is spelled that way. Whoever
typed this misspelled it. You're correct that the
document here was spelled wrong, but the one that we
voted on was actually spelled correctly.

MR. WAHID: On 23G, purchase of new
chair, is that one chair or more than one chair?
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR COTTER: One
chair.
MR. WAHID: One chair, $429?
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR COTTER: Yes,
correct.
MR. WAHID: I mean, I'm surprised.
One chair for $429?
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Who is that chair
for?
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR COTTER: The
Exec himself.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: If it was anybody
else, I would change my vote.
MR. WAHID: Thank you very much.
THE CLERK: Additional speakers on
any matter of public interest?
MR. HALLADAN: My name is John
Halladan. I came here for two items. One is to
give you an after-action report on the Lincoln
Highway. I was here in January. I brought this
sign. On the 22nd of June, about 80 people and 40
cars involved in a caravan that did not make one
long stream, they came in bits and pieces from

Secaucus, 80 people and maybe 40 course car.
I spoke to the Sheriff and the Chief of
Police in Union City and Mayor Turner's office, and
we made some arrangements with the New York
Waterways and the group from around the neighboring
Pershing Road. It went very nicely. The route went
from Pershing Road to 48th Street to Kennedy
Boulevard, and along Kennedy Boulevard to Lincoln
Park and down to 1 & 9, approximately 40 cars, I
guess. People from the Lincoln Association were at
the Lincoln monument. They flagged them down and
took some pictures. We have a copy. We sent the
pictures by e-mail to these people who are going to
Kearney, Nebraska to have a hoedown or a jamboree
for the people coming from San Francisco.
Mr. LaRosa had the sign similar to this
posted on the Boulevard at certain intersections to
mark the trail. Maybe the next thing should be to
use the Lincoln Highway link for some tourism or
travel for the County. There will be another group
leaving San Francisco coming here. I don't know
when they'll get here, but we can find out what they
need. And they were very happy to be welcome in
Hudson County. When they have their jamboree and
have they're pictures out there, I'm sure they'll
display us and have a good name for the County.
The second item was I understand the
Hudson County Open Space, do we have a date for the
application for those funds? It is not specified or
it's been postponed, or it's not there yet?
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR COTTER: That's
correct. There has been no date yet set for
submission of applications.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: John, just for the
record on that one, I asked a number of meetings ago
when they told me they were looking at like a
September date, I thought that was unsatisfactory,
and that we needed to move the date up. They claim
they're trying to do this whole new report and
awarding the monies from last year that should now
be determined on this new study. Could we have the
Planning individual in charge of that come to the
next Caucus meeting?
MR. HALLADAN: There's two copies of
the pictures that were taken. One picture is a
group picture. Thank you.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Thank you, Jack.
THE CLERK: Additional speakers on
any matter of public interest? Please state your
name.
MS. BURKE: Good evening. Charlotte Burke. Good evening, Freeholders. I'm here to talk a little bit on the traffic conditions on the Boulevard, which is our major artery going north and south in the County, and one of the things I encounter all the time particularly going through this corridor is a lot of the traffic in the intersections, specifically I have ten intersections that I've identified that I think I'm suggesting that perhaps the Freeholders might consider a Do Not Block the Box sign for these intersections.

We have very inconsiderate drivers. We have people who are in a rush. They actually block all the traffic when that light is changing for the other direction in the cross direction and adds to our traffic flow at rush hour that we already have. So if we were to just institute a Do Not Block the Box and mark out these intersections whereby no cars should be going into the intersection if there is not a place for it other side, we would actually have a much better flow along the Boulevard.

I recognize that people are just very frustrated. Then people behave even worse when they're sitting in traffic. That lends to accidents.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Can you provide the list? I'll have our committee look at it.

MS. BURKE: We'll go through them right here: Communipaw, Montgomery, Sip, Tonnelle. Newark Avenue, I give an asterisk there because that intersection is a perpetual, perpetual problem. Route 139 and Johnson Avenue and Secaucus Road, 31st. I think that's one that goes down towards Route 3.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Can you get us a list? I know you went through it.

MS. BURKE: I absolutely will. Thank you.

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FREEHOLDER O'DEA: That left is a hard one.

MS. BURKE: I also would like if the Freeholders could address the U-turn in the center of Journal Square, the one that goes northbound, and you make the U-turn southbound. In the evening time, you have the taxicabs that leave their stands and shoot right across both lanes, maybe always. They angle themselves and actually obstruct northbound traffic.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: That's an illegal U-turn. That's not a legal U-turn. Just so you know, that left turn was meant to turn into that parking deck, and those cab drivers have made that an illegal u-turn. I know exactly what you're talking about.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Edgar, Charlotte's point is this: They created a left turn for a single purpose. The single purpose is for vehicles to turn into a parking facility. There may be two percent of the vehicles do that; 98 percent of the vehicles, it's not only cabs, have made that into an illegal U-turn. We need to do something that they're never allowed to make a U-turn from a physical perspective or have enforcement there until enough people get tickets, and they get the point.

CAPTAIN MARTINEZ: I'll take care of that.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Thank you. It's just that these contribute even more to traffic, so if we could just resolve these, it would be much easier.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Can you get us a list? I know you went through it.

MS. BURKE: I absolutely will. Thank you.

THE CLERK: Additional speakers on any matter of public interest?

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I make a motion to go into closed session.

MR. BATTISTA: For the purpose of discussion potential contractual relationships.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Whatever he just said.

THE CLERK: There is a motion. All in favor?

(The Board votes unanimously to move into Closed Session.)

THE CLERK: Is there any motion to adjourn? Freeholder O'Dea.

Is there a second? Seconded by Munoz.

All in favor? The meeting is adjourned.

(Whereupon the proceeding is then concluded at 7:45 p.m.)
CERTIFICATION

I, SHARI CATHEY, CCR, RPR, License No. 30XI00234700, and Notary Public of the State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the proceedings herein are from the notes taken by me of a Regular Meeting of the Hudson County Board of Freeholders, held on Thursday, June 27, 2013; and that this is a correct transcript of the same.

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