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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, March 13, 2014  
6:00 p.m.

B E F O R E:

- JOSE C. MUNOZ, 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
- 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.  
 4 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Present.  
 5 THE CLERK: Dublin.  
 6 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Here. Here.  
 7 THE CLERK: Freeholder Dublin is  
 8 present. Freeholder Liggio.  
 9 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Here.  
 10 THE CLERK: Maldonado.  
 11 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Present.  
 12 THE CLERK: O'Dea.  
 13 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Here.  
 14 THE CLERK: Rivas.  
 15 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Here.  
 16 THE CLERK: 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 8-1-2013 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 item on the agenda  
 9 is Laudatory L-1, recognizing March as American Red  
 10 Cross Month. Is there a representative of Red Cross  
 11 here?  
 12 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Sponsored by Board  
 13 as whole.  
 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 MS. GILBERT: Hello, I am Allison  
 8 Gilbert, Community Chapter of American Red Cross of  
 9 Northern New Jersey. In behalf of the American Red  
 10 Cross, I'd like to thank you for recognizing March  
 11 as Red Cross Month. It was actually proclaimed in  
 12 the late 1940s. The theme this year is Everyday  
 13 Heroes. We are actually an organization run by  
 14 volunteers, so I actually brought some of our heroes  
 15 with me today.  
 16 And our volunteers respond to disasters  
 17 that occur on a daily basis unfortunately, and as  
 18 you know very well in Hudson County, you're no  
 19 stranger to disasters, and our volunteers come out  
 20 and help those who suffer from fire and floods. It  
 21 might be a train derailment. It may be a large  
 22 disaster like Superstorm Sandy. We also donate  
 23 blood. We supply about 40 percent of the nation's  
 24 blood supply. We are out here every day to save  
 25 lives, as well as the lifesaving blood and help to

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1 the military, as well as community programs and  
 2 transportation and medical.  
 3 And so again, we are surrounded by heroes,  
 4 and without those heroes and working together in our  
 5 community, this organization would not be able to  
 6 fulfill our mission. So again, on behalf of the  
 7 American Red Cross, thank you all for recognizing  
 8 us, and more than recognizing us, working with us to  
 9 fulfill our mission.  
 10 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: I just want to  
 11 mention that I met at your meeting, Margie is one of  
 12 the volunteers, and I found that fascinating that  
 13 she's a volunteer who gives her time, but walks,  
 14 correct me if I'm wrong, five and a half miles from  
 15 your house to get to the office, and five and a half  
 16 miles back home, eleven miles every time you go to  
 17 volunteer. So thank you.  
 18 MS. GILBERT: She does that every  
 19 single day, and she's a disaster responder, and so  
 20 just an example of the amazing heroes.  
 21 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Thank you.  
 22 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, the next  
 23 item is L-2, commending and congratulating Carmen E.  
 24 Mendiola and Evelyn Padin on the grand opening of --  
 25 their grand opening of the Sugartown Bakery held on

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1 March 6, 2014. It's sponsored the Board as a whole.  
 2 We have to vote on it.  
 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 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Come on, Evelyn,  
 22 you can speak.  
 23 MS. PADIN: Distinguished Members of  
 24 the Freeholder Board, on behalf of myself and Carmen  
 25 Mendiola, we appreciate the special recognition that

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1 you've given us. It's been a long journey for us  
 2 trying to get the bakery opened. I personally have  
 3 longstanding roots dating back 60 to 65 years here  
 4 in this town of Jersey City. We're devoted to  
 5 issues regarding diversity. We are devoted  
 6 promoting people within here, the City of Jersey  
 7 City, and giving them an excellent product, and  
 8 something nutrition for their families and something  
 9 to be enjoyed by all, and we appreciate it from the  
 10 bottom of our hearts. Thank you.  
 11 MS. MENDIOLA: I never like to stand  
 12 on this side. We thank you for the bottom of our  
 13 hearts. Thank you.  
 14 THE CLERK: I was waiting. The next  
 15 order of business is additional discussion on  
 16 today's agenda. Freeholders, please note there are  
 17 replacements on Nos. 14 and 17 that are already  
 18 distributed. There is a typographical error on 17,  
 19 and 14 is a replacement of the signature for County  
 20 Counsel's office.  
 21 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman. Thank you.  
 22 Mr. Chairman, I have two items for the Board's  
 23 consideration. We have a recommendation from the  
 24 engineer and Purchasing Agent to award a contract  
 25 for Allied Environmental Signage for \$103,500 for

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1 the cricket scoreboard at Lincoln Park.  
 2 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Sponsored by  
 3 Freeholder O'Dea. Second by Freeholder Cifelli.  
 4 THE CLERK: That would be O'Dea and  
 5 Cifelli, No. 22.  
 6 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, the next  
 7 item that I have is authorizing the use of  
 8 competitive contracting for the Hudson County  
 9 Department of Family Service for the WorkFirst New  
 10 Jersey. These are the funds that the County  
 11 receives for the benefit of the TANF, Temporary  
 12 Assistance for Needy Families, and General  
 13 Assistance program.  
 14 THE CLERK: This will be No. 23 on  
 15 the consent agenda if there is a sponsor.  
 16 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Sponsored by  
 17 Freeholder Maldonado. Second by Freeholder Liggio.  
 18 THE CLERK: Seconded by Freeholder  
 19 Liggio?  
 20 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.  
 21 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, that's all  
 22 the items I have.  
 23 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, there are  
 24 three items from the -- two new items from the Board  
 25 and one replacement item from the Board. The first

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1 is a resolution directing our Board's general  
 2 counsel in cooperation with County Counsel to file  
 3 an action to compel the State of New Jersey to  
 4 comply with the Affordable Care Act as it relates to  
 5 providing medical coverage through the Health  
 6 Insurance Exchange for pre-adjudicated inmates in  
 7 the County's correctional facility.  
 8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'll sponsor  
 9 unless the Board as a whole wants to do that.  
 10 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Board as a whole.  
 11 THE CLERK: That's 24. Next item is  
 12 a resolution supporting the application of the Port  
 13 Authority of New York and New Jersey to reorganize  
 14 Foreign Trade Zone No. 49, in order to enable quick  
 15 FTZ designation to any company within its proposed  
 16 service area.  
 17 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Sponsored by  
 18 Freeholder O'Dea. Second by Freeholder Dublin.  
 19 THE CLERK: That's No. 25.  
 20 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Who's here from  
 21 the Department of Corrections? You need to have  
 22 somebody reach out to Director Aviles. I have a  
 23 couple of questions on 24.  
 24 THE CLERK: Mr. Chair, the final item  
 25 I have is a proposed replacement for No. 21,

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1 resolution requiring ethics training, which was  
 2 based on a discussion held at the caucus meeting for  
 3 your consideration. This will be a replacement of  
 4 21, if there is a sponsor.  
 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I defer to the  
 6 Chairman.  
 7 THE CLERK: Mr. Chair, the changes  
 8 include the inclusion of the new third Whereas  
 9 clause, saying that the County Executive, Thomas A.  
 10 DeGise agrees that ethics training classes are  
 11 beneficial to the County Government. In Paragraph  
 12 1, it now states the Board of Chosen Freeholders  
 13 strongly encourages all County officials, and the  
 14 Paragraph 2, refers to the County Executive urging  
 15 the County department directors and other employees  
 16 and management, supervisors' positions, to complete  
 17 ethics classes before the end of 2014.  
 18 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Sponsor.  
 19 THE CLERK: Sponsored by Chairman  
 20 Munoz, and the second is Freeholder Cifelli. That  
 21 replaces No. 21. Those are all the items that I  
 22 have.  
 23 According to the policy set by the Board  
 24 of Freeholders, members of the public are asked to  
 25 limit their comments to 15 minutes when discussing

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1 agenda items and five minutes at the conclusion of  
 2 the meeting when discussing matters of public  
 3 interest.  
 4 At this time the public may address the  
 5 Board on any item on the agenda only. Please keep  
 6 your comments limited to 15 minutes. Are there any  
 7 speakers on agenda items only?  
 8 MS. WAITERS: Patricia Waiters, 1233  
 9 Park Avenue, Hoboken, and I'm here to speak on  
 10 Resolution No. 21, the resolution on ethics  
 11 training. Please tell me this is every County  
 12 employee and every government official. Who does  
 13 this apply?  
 14 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: We had a discussion,  
 15 that we as a Board cannot mandate government  
 16 officials to take ethics training. That is done by  
 17 the State Legislature. This is for all directors  
 18 and appointees to boards and employees who have to  
 19 take ethics training within a year.  
 20 MS. WAITERS: That's elected  
 21 officials too?  
 22 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: As a Board we cannot  
 23 mandate on the resolution. We are strongly asking  
 24 them to do this.  
 25 MS. WAITERS: Yes, well, I mean just

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1 as a resident, and I think that elected official  
 2 should be mandated.  
 3 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: We don't have  
 4 jurisdiction. That's the issue.  
 5 MS. WAITERS: Mr. John Jay Wind at  
 6 the Hudson County Ethics Board, we don't want him.  
 7 I don't want there to be no conflict of the  
 8 interest. This is not the ethics committee here in  
 9 Hudson County, this is going to be an outside?  
 10 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: The class, the  
 11 Administration has to now choose how the ethics  
 12 class is going to be.  
 13 MS. WAITERS: I hope it's not the  
 14 Hudson County Ethics Committee.  
 15 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yeah, it will be  
 16 outside. Our discussion was to have an internet,  
 17 done electronically, or have them come in to give  
 18 the ethics training to the employees. That's the  
 19 reason that we put in within a year, so we have  
 20 enough time to plan this.  
 21 MS. WAITERS: Please continue to look  
 22 into this. I think this is a wonderful idea. Maybe  
 23 it will help our County's reputation.  
 24 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Thank you.  
 25 THE CLERK: Additional speakers on

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1 agenda items only.  
 2 MR. McCORMACK: Richard McCormack,  
 3 just a question I have on No. 17. Resolution  
 4 permitting entrance to Lincoln Park and West Side  
 5 Avenue and use of the Duncan Avenue parking lot.  
 6 Set me straight on this. They're going to go from  
 7 the Boulevard and down into the park and enter into  
 8 the West Side Avenue at St. Al's.  
 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: It's by the  
 10 fountain.  
 11 MR. McCORMACK: And they park all the  
 12 way over by the Casino in the Park. They were  
 13 parking down by the basketball courts in that area,  
 14 and just like walking up the hill for the festival  
 15 there.  
 16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DeLEO: Tom DeLeo,  
 17 Deputy Director of Parks and Community Affairs.  
 18 We're attempting to relocate the festival and the  
 19 ceremony that usually occurs around Lincoln Park  
 20 down to the County Avenue parking lot.  
 21 MR. McCORMACK: They're coming down  
 22 the Boulevard, circle around the Fountain?  
 23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DeLEO: Yes.  
 24 MR. McCORMACK: Thank you very much.  
 25 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Rich, that's

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1 because we get complaints.  
 2 MR. McCORMACK: No, I understand.  
 3 The area of the church the next day, it's a mess.  
 4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Administrator,  
 5 based on the location, I'm less concerned about the  
 6 issue I raised the other day, because the location  
 7 addresses that issue. It still needs to be clean.  
 8 THE CLERK: Additional speakers on  
 9 agenda items only.  
 10 MR. SHAW: Herb Shaw, North Bergen,  
 11 New Jersey. Item 21, the resolution that requires  
 12 ethics training. What standards do you have now?  
 13 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Mr. Administrator.  
 14 MR. SHAW: That people have to be  
 15 train in.  
 16 MR. BATTISTA: There is a State  
 17 Ethics Code applying to all County employees. This  
 18 articulates what you're supposed to do as a  
 19 government official.  
 20 MR. SHAW: A large amount of County  
 21 employees have always been politically active,  
 22 active in the Democratic party because that's the  
 23 predominant party. How is that going to affect what  
 24 they can do and when they could do it when you're  
 25 working and so forth?

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1 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: I think that the  
 2 reason for the ethic trainings was to go and analyze  
 3 all of those issues, and give the training to the  
 4 employees and members of the boards, et cetera, so  
 5 they are aware of what's ethical and what is not  
 6 ethical. As elected officials, we may not do  
 7 something that is illegal, but we may be crossing a  
 8 line that is unethical, and it's not illegal, it's  
 9 unethical. We think the training will be designed  
 10 with that purpose, to the affirm to them the line  
 11 you cannot cross.  
 12 MR. SHAW: Because the North Bergen  
 13 Township employees run the political machine.  
 14 They're indicted for doing political work while  
 15 being paid by the taxpayer. Now, how are you going  
 16 to check how is it going to be enforced? I mean,  
 17 we're going to be training these people what they  
 18 can do or not do, and in America you can do what you  
 19 want. How is this going to be enforced?  
 20 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: I think that's  
 21 something that we are going to sit and discuss. The  
 22 Administration is going to find out how we're going  
 23 to give these ethic trainings. The issue that  
 24 should come up, whether we should have this ethics  
 25 training as a regular curriculum for the County.

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1 That is something that is going to go into  
 2 discussions, that we're going to put into place in  
 3 the County. It's something that is going to go into  
 4 discussions. I don't have the right answer for you  
 5 right now, what type of ethics training we are going  
 6 to be given. There's going to be different issues.  
 7 We have to sit down with the Administration and come  
 8 up with a curriculum on that part.  
 9 MR. SHAW: That's a good answer. I  
 10 only brought it up so you can do something like you  
 11 suggested now.  
 12 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Now, I would also  
 13 like to instruct counsel for Freeholders to prepare  
 14 a resolution for the next Freeholder meeting, asking  
 15 the legislative, asking both the Legislature of New  
 16 Jersey to mandate that elected officials go to  
 17 through ethics training within a year of being  
 18 elected to the office they hold.  
 19 MR. SHAW: Amazing a lot of  
 20 government employees they are also committee people,  
 21 and it's hard to say what they can do and cannot do  
 22 because the committee people have several people as  
 23 well as the political party.  
 24 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: I don't think that  
 25 we can prohibit employees to be committee people.

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1 That's a constitutional right that they have. I  
 2 don't know what the Freeholders can do. We cannot  
 3 do it at this level. But I think with the ethics  
 4 training, you can be committee people without  
 5 crossing the line of ethics and without doing  
 6 anything unethical. I don't think that's the issue.  
 7 MR. SHAW: That is a big problem. I  
 8 think it is an issue on the federal level, but the  
 9 you can't do that on local level. Nothing would get  
 10 done.  
 11 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: I have an issue with  
 12 that won the Board of Education. I don't think that  
 13 members or employees of the Board of Education  
 14 should be involved in politics too much. I have an  
 15 issue with West New York that I have been defending.  
 16 So I understand your point, but it's something we  
 17 don't have the jurisdiction to do anyway. I don't  
 18 think that we do.  
 19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I agree. I think  
 20 the purpose of the ethics training is to advise the  
 21 directors, County employees and elected officials,  
 22 board members, what is right and wrong to do, and  
 23 you said it, Mr. Shaw, conducting political business  
 24 in a public building and/or on public time, it's one  
 25 of those issues that needs to be addressed as part

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1 of the curriculum.

2 MR. SHAW: Well, it's not stated, but

3 a lot what I term "influence" going on in. It's a

4 democracy. It has to be like that. The

5 representatives of a democracy and committee people

6 perform a very important service, then I'm okay with

7 that.

8 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Ethic training is

9 not going to fix all of the problems. At least it's

10 a beginning to go in the right direction.

11 MR. SHAW: I agree with you. You're

12 doing good. I bring this up because that's the way

13 it is.

14 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: I understand and I

15 agree.

16 THE CLERK: Additional speakers on

17 agenda items? Are there any additional speakers on

18 agenda items?

19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Director Aviles,

20 Item No. 24, the resolution that we're going to vote

21 on directing our attorney in cooperation with the

22 County Counsel to file legal action to compel the

23 state to comply with the Affordable Care Act as it

24 relates to pre-adjudicated inmates?

25 DIRECTOR AVILES: Yes, Freeholder.

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1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Do you have an

2 estimated amount what that costs us a year?

3 DIRECTOR AVILES: Yes, Freeholder.

4 Oscar Aviles, Department of Corrections.

5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You have to go to

6 the other mic.

7 DIRECTOR AVILES: Okay. Oscar

8 Aviles, Department of Correction. I have sent you

9 an e-mail. I believe it's in the 300,000 ball park

10 from January 1st as of last week.

11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: What is it on a

12 annual basis?

13 DIRECTOR AVILES: I think it was

14 1.2 million on an annual.

15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So what I would

16 like to do is amend the resolution and put an

17 additional Whereas as it relates to the County of

18 Hudson, this cost to the County taxpayers is

19 currently estimated in of \$1 million per year; is

20 that fair?

21 DIRECTOR AVILES: That's fair to say.

22 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Then I'm going to

23 make a motion that we amend to add that additional

24 whereas clause.

25 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Second.

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1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: The resolution

2 doesn't have how much we spend a year on inmates.

3 Based on federal law, we're not supposed to pay.

4 They're supposed to be covered. I want that in this

5 resolution. I think that's an important item. I

6 would also think if Mr. Florio is paying attention

7 and not playing with his phone --

8 MR. FLORIO: I'm not playing with the

9 phone, Freeholder. I'm actually dictating on this

10 subject.

11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: That should be a

12 critical item in the briefs that you file relative

13 to that matter. We found that we have been putting

14 in excess of a million dollars into the resolution.

15 I would hope that, Director Aviles, you could

16 provide a more detailed backup as part of this file.

17 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: There is motion.

18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: For the record,

19 Whereas, it relates to the failure of the State of

20 New Jersey to comply with this provision of the

21 Affordable Care Act, will result in an estimated

22 additional cost to the County taxpayer in excess of

23 \$1 million.

24 MR. SHAW: Mr. Chairman --

25 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Hold on a second,

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1 you're out of order.

2 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: You have a chance to

3 talk at the end of the meeting.

4 MR. SHAW: I just want to --

5 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: In excess of one

6 million dollars per year.

7 THE CLERK: The motion being made by

8 Freeholder O'Dea. Second by Freeholder Maldonado.

9 On the amendment, Freeholder Cifelli.

10 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.

11 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.

12 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.

13 THE CLERK: Dublin.

14 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.

15 THE CLERK: Liggio.

16 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.

17 THE CLERK: Maldonado.

18 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.

19 THE CLERK: O'Dea.

20 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.

21 THE CLERK: Rivas.

22 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.

23 THE CLERK: Romano.

24 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.

25 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.

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1 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.  
2 THE CLERK: Mr. Chair, the consent  
3 agenda now includes new Items 22, 23, 24, as just  
4 amended, and 25, and No. 21 was replaced. May I  
5 have a motion to approve all items listed on the  
6 consent agenda?  
7 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Motion by Freeholder  
8 Dublin. Second by Freeholder Romano.  
9 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.  
10 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.  
11 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.  
12 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.  
13 THE CLERK: Dublin.  
14 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: No on 16 and 17.  
15 Aye on the rest.  
16 THE CLERK: Liggio.  
17 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.  
18 THE CLERK: Maldonado.  
19 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.  
20 THE CLERK: O'Dea.  
21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Abstain on 7 and  
22 14, and aye on the rest.  
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 THE CLERK: All items are approved.  
5 We have one ordinance for introduction. The  
6 ordinance is entitled An ordinance amending Chapter  
7 200, Article 18, of the Administrative Code to  
8 regulate bus stops on Willow Avenue in the City of  
9 Hoboken.  
10 Freeholder Cifelli.  
11 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.  
12 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.  
13 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.  
14 THE CLERK: Dublin.  
15 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.  
16 THE CLERK: Liggio.  
17 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.  
18 THE CLERK: Maldonado.  
19 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.  
20 THE CLERK: O'Dea.  
21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.  
22 THE CLERK: Rivas.  
23 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.  
24 THE CLERK: Romano.  
25 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.

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1 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.  
2 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes. I wanted to  
3 congratulate the new director before she leaves.  
4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Director, come  
5 back.  
6 THE CLERK: That concludes the items  
7 of business on today's agenda.  
8 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Before you leave I  
9 just wanted to say congratulations on your new  
10 position. I wish you the best of success.  
11 DIRECTOR TOON: Thank you very much.  
12 Thank you for your comments.  
13 THE CLERK: Are there any comments  
14 from the Freeholders on the business of the Board?  
15 MR. SHAW: What did you say?  
16 THE CLERK: Are there any comments  
17 from the Freeholders, any comments?  
18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Just briefly, I  
19 think that Item 24 is critical for us to take action  
20 to compel the State to comply with what is the law,  
21 and it's unfair for the taxpayer of this County to  
22 pay that cost, and I think that, Mr. Florio, we want  
23 to work in collaboration with County Counsel as  
24 expeditious and -- in a very expeditious manner.  
25 On Item No. 25, I would like to say that

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1 this resolution will hopefully support approval of  
2 the FTZ, Foreign Trade Zone. Hudson County would  
3 bolster the value of sites like Koppers Coke,  
4 another reason why we need to be very strong making  
5 sure New Jersey Transit doesn't take any of that  
6 property and lose revenue and jobs. Thank you very  
7 much.  
8 THE CLERK: Are there any comments  
9 from the Chief of Staff for County Executive?  
10 MR. GAUGHAN: No, thank you.  
11 THE CLERK: This is the time for  
12 anyone present to address the Board on any matter of  
13 public interest. Please remember to limit your  
14 comments to five minutes.  
15 The first card I have is Ms. Patricia  
16 Waiters.  
17 MS. WAITERS: Patricia Waiters, 1233  
18 Park Avenue. I just want to let you know I have a  
19 recording device. I'm recording what I'm saying.  
20 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: All you have to do  
21 is get a copy of the record.  
22 MS. WAITERS: I can't afford that.  
23 Anyway, with that being said, I have a package here.  
24 I'm begging this Board, I'm not asking, I'm begging  
25 you, Mr. Chair, to take me very serious. I stood

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1 microphone and asked questions of the fact of an  
 2 incident with the Deputy Director of the Hudson  
 3 County Correctional facility, which also impacted my  
 4 case, and I also stood at this microphone May 12th,  
 5 and gave you all of copies of that FBI investigation  
 6 before them coming out here in the middle of the  
 7 night.

8 I have here again six packets. They all  
 9 have 19 page or more. I didn't have enough to keep  
 10 giving all of you. I entrusted you, Mr. Chair,  
 11 County Counsel, Corporation Counsel, and  
 12 Administrator, please, okay? Just briefly with that  
 13 being said, it is very important stay loyal.  
 14 Loyalty is more important than the truth. Greed and  
 15 dishonesty gets you nowhere, the importance of the  
 16 truth.

17 It's disturbing to see with open eyes that  
 18 the Deputy Director Kirk Eady has wiretapping  
 19 charges, action, contract negotiations and every  
 20 procedure, and correct me if I'm wrong, from at  
 21 least 2010 to January 2014, to the present when he  
 22 was arrested. That's one booklet. Deputy Director  
 23 Kirk Eady was suspended without pay, and no one had  
 24 answers for me like the answers that was discovered  
 25 off of the computer, not less than an hour ago,

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1 that's number two. Hudson County is still working  
 2 with Director Aviles on a coverup, number three.  
 3 Deputy Director Kirk Eady was suspended again  
 4 without pay. The Law Department appointed a  
 5 temporary Assistant Director, number four.

6 Eady's investigation threatened to take  
 7 down Counsel Don, Donato, Battista. With that being  
 8 said, with this being said, it's good to see No. 21  
 9 on the agenda, this ethical item. And it's funny  
 10 where I stood at this same microphone, and I asked  
 11 you government officials, please address some of it.  
 12 So you don't even have to do me a favor, just  
 13 address it.

14 I want thank you again tonight, also  
 15 Mr. Chair, what you printed out, it took guts for  
 16 you to go, and believe me, people will have your  
 17 back. What you printed out is absolutely what I was  
 18 saying before. It's about the people, regular  
 19 taxpayers and hard-working County employees that  
 20 were dedicated and loyal before I was wrongly  
 21 terminated. When you get to the facts and see on  
 22 Patricia Waiters on page 22, that saying Patricia  
 23 Waiters stood before the Freeholders, and you told  
 24 her to go to the Prosecutor's office, which I did,  
 25 and on the computer, I've got everybody's name.

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1 What my thing is tonight, I have a feeling  
 2 victory is about to happen, because all nine chairs  
 3 are up. Every chair is with the exception, you  
 4 Mr. O'Dea. You don't need to be a Freeholder. You  
 5 need to be County Exec. I'm going to work hard, I'm  
 6 going to work hard to prove to the people, it's not  
 7 about the political machine, it's not about who has  
 8 the most power. The lies have to stop. This hurts  
 9 so many families, families that gave up, and several  
 10 families that have been impacted by this have given  
 11 up, but I'm not giving up.

12 I'm going to campaign. When you start  
 13 your campaign, I'm starting mine. I'm going to tell  
 14 these people, do not give up. Remember, for seven  
 15 years I have stood at this microphone and was  
 16 ignored by my government officials paying no  
 17 disregard to somebody when it's not impacting you or  
 18 your family, and it bothers me, but tonight I ask  
 19 you to review those documents very carefully, and as  
 20 you know, it's not speculation, it happened.

21 The FBI review is still ongoing. All my  
 22 information is the same. I reached out to Judge  
 23 Sheridan yesterday, I told him, do you think that is  
 24 enough for you to review my case and give me the  
 25 justice that me and my family deserve. Thank you.

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1 With being said I'm going to give you a  
 2 copy of the Eastern International College. I was  
 3 there today. I was very disappointed that no  
 4 government official or leaders were there. They'll  
 5 speak to you, Mr. O'Dea. Mr. Cifelli, they spoke  
 6 about you. This is a great, great opportunity for  
 7 your constituents. If you could help this school,  
 8 it's good for your constituents. Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Thank you, Pat.  
 10 THE CLERK: Please state your name  
 11 again.

12 MR. SHAW: Herb Shaw, North Bergen.  
 13 I reviewed the maps of Hudson County, the most  
 14 recent one published shows two tunnels going from --  
 15 excuse me. The original map, which is 25 years old,  
 16 shows two tunnels going from New Jersey to Penn  
 17 Station, yet the new map doesn't show that. There  
 18 is an area of the proposed architecture that was  
 19 torn down by Governor Christie. Does anybody know  
 20 why they're not being shown? Do the Freeholders  
 21 know? Does the engineer know?

22 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Demetrio, can you  
 23 answer that question? Come to the microphone.

24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'm sorry, you  
 25 need to come to mic for the court reporter. I'll

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1 asked him to put on the record what he told you told  
 2 off the mic so it could be recorded.  
 3 MR. SHAW: Okay. Thank you.  
 4 MR. ARENCIBIA: I'm sorry. I didn't  
 5 hear. Demetrio Arencibia, County Engineer. The  
 6 Division of Planning is governed by the Department  
 7 of Community Affairs for the State of New Jersey.  
 8 I'm not aware there was a new update. I'm not aware  
 9 of it.  
 10 MR. SHAW: Well, I think there might  
 11 be something fishy about this tunnel under the river  
 12 because reviewing the study for North Bergen, the  
 13 sewerage problems they have, I see that this tunnel  
 14 can be used to store raw sewerage so it can be  
 15 processed at a later time.  
 16 The North Bergen, the plan that they had  
 17 was to buy tanks to be installed on the shore of the  
 18 river right next to the disposal plant on the west  
 19 side, disposal plants. However, the town permitted  
 20 whoever ordered, the politician, to be built upon by  
 21 Hudson County to develop over 200 units, and they  
 22 paid for this study, and they didn't do it. This  
 23 results especially when it's a storm. It doesn't  
 24 have to be another Sandy just a storm. We have raw  
 25 sewerage to be put into Hudson River.

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1 This should be looked into because it's  
 2 against the environmental laws, but there are  
 3 certain exemptions that have been put into the law.  
 4 That doesn't stop the pollution in New Jersey that  
 5 is. The State is dependent upon the Jersey Strong  
 6 to put a lot of money, and the pollution, they have  
 7 to shut down the beaches and everything like that.  
 8 It's allowed to have a certain amount of antibiotics,  
 9 but it's nothing but poop into the waters that's  
 10 used for recreational purposes.  
 11 It's very important that this be taken  
 12 care of, and I wonder about the secrecy of these two  
 13 terminals that may be used by New York unknown to  
 14 New Jersey for the storage of raw sewerage. That  
 15 would be a reason not to include it in the map.  
 16 Thank you.  
 17 THE CLERK: Additional speakers on  
 18 any matter of public interest?  
 19 MR. McCORMACK: Richard McCormack.  
 20 Just a couple of comments about the upcoming Sunday  
 21 followed by Monday's St. Patrick's Day. Jersey  
 22 City, we have a great St. Patrick's Day Parade.  
 23 There are a lot of events going on on Sunday. A  
 24 group called, a Facebook group, it's called If You  
 25 Grew Up in Jersey City, there's a get-together in

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1 the community center for anybody born in Jersey City  
 2 and local people all get together.  
 3 Looking back at the history of Jersey  
 4 City, we have a very large contingency, if you plan  
 5 on attending the event or marching in our parade at  
 6 10:30 on St. Patrick's Day on Bergen Avenue for the  
 7 Irish families and the honorees. After that, you  
 8 have a memorial for the firefighters at the  
 9 Firefighter Memorial in Lincoln park, right next to  
 10 the Irish statue that was built there. Then after  
 11 that, it's off to the great parade. Everybody is  
 12 Irish this Sunday and Monday.  
 13 I know Bayonne has a great parade. I know  
 14 Hoboken missed out on their great parades, and three  
 15 years ago was the last time they had one.  
 16 Freeholder Romano was the last Irishman of the year  
 17 I believe it was. I guess that will never be the  
 18 same. There will never be another parade. You can  
 19 march in that. You can be the grand marshal. From  
 20 one Irishman, everyone is going to be Irish that  
 21 day. Happy St. Patty's Days. Thank you.  
 22 THE CLERK: Additional speakers?  
 23 Motion to adjourn.  
 24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: One more before we  
 25 adjourn, Mr. Administrator, I asked this a while

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1 ago. I really want to push this issue in light of  
 2 the budget now, the ability to look at the  
 3 additional revenue sources. I believe Mr. LaRosa  
 4 got us the hotel sales for a given year. I provided  
 5 that to you. Can you give me an update where that  
 6 is at?  
 7 Now that we have a speaker from Hudson  
 8 County, I ask that we not only do a resolution to  
 9 meet with Speaker Prieto to allow Hudson County  
 10 within close proximity to New York or Philadelphia  
 11 to be allowed to charge a one-percent occupancy tax  
 12 on hotels for the County government. These I would  
 13 estimate and obviously because we were shown, there  
 14 are currently five more hotels being planned for  
 15 Jersey City, five more hotels.  
 16 All of those hotels estimate that eighty  
 17 percent or more of their occupancy is New  
 18 York-related, meaning New York business travelers or  
 19 tourists of New York City. The City of Newark  
 20 recently enacted a one-percent tax above and beyond  
 21 their normal tax, just for their hotels for their  
 22 tourism, for the tourism. I think that no County  
 23 has more pass-through people that stay in the  
 24 hotels.  
 25 Like I said 80 percent or more of those

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1 people, they don't live in Hudson County. They  
 2 don't live anywhere near here. They're individuals  
 3 that are flying into Newark Airport, and rather than  
 4 paying \$450 a night at a hotel in Manhattan, they're  
 5 paying \$200 a night at a hotel in Jersey City or  
 6 Hoboken or Secaucus or somewhere else, and they're  
 7 not going to not stay here because instead of paying  
 8 200, they have to pay \$202 a day.

9 I really want to get that. I think that's  
 10 something that can bring a recurring revenue of 3 or  
 11 \$4 million a year to this County. It's not going to  
 12 be a detriment to any developer looking to develop.  
 13 We've got to start thinking about how are we going  
 14 get other way to generate other revenue for the  
 15 County.

16 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Just along those  
 17 lines, we seems to making progress on the municipal  
 18 obligation to contribute tax abatements, and we're  
 19 at snail's pace making some progress over the last  
 20 five years in making regular payments on those  
 21 municipalities' obligation. So I would ask that in  
 22 preparation of the budget meetings, that the  
 23 Administrator be able provide us with more detail of  
 24 the current situations with bringing payments up to  
 25 date.

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1 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yeah, one question  
 2 that I have, I want to start having hearings on the  
 3 budget with the Freeholder Board. Can we do that on  
 4 the budget?

5 MR. ANTUN: Yes, you can.

6 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: So I would like to  
 7 ask the Clerk to start organizing some of the budget  
 8 hearings. I would like to have, I don't know  
 9 whether the Freeholders agree with it, like we did  
 10 last year when we took it to different parts of the  
 11 County, and we got a lot of feedback from the local  
 12 residents, and I believe that the town that are  
 13 going to be affected like Hoboken, we should go  
 14 there and listen to the people, what they have to  
 15 say about issues about the taxes in the County.

16 If we can schedule it to have a three  
 17 different locations, then we go to North Hudson,  
 18 Hoboken, perhaps one of the scheduled meetings could  
 19 be at the community college. We can take it to the  
 20 community college, because that's right in the  
 21 middle between West New York and Union City.

22 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: I think we should  
 23 go to Hoboken. I think we should go to cities that  
 24 we didn't hit last time. I know we went to Secaucus  
 25 last time, we had West Hudson.

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1 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: The Hudson County  
 2 Community College, we have West New York and West  
 3 New York and Hoboken probably.

4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: The thing about  
 5 Jersey City is we're here. We can have it separate  
 6 above and beyond the normal. This is a centrally  
 7 located building, and let people know they can hit  
 8 it by bus anywhere from this city.

9 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: We have a Facebook  
 10 page now operating and updated. So we can  
 11 definitely go to Hoboken and West Hudson too. I  
 12 mean Clerk, can you contact the different  
 13 municipalities to see where we can have a meetings?  
 14 We can have the meetings at the community college.

15 THE CLERK: Mr. Chair, I will ask all  
 16 of the municipal clerks, the clerks in the  
 17 municipalities around the County where meeting  
 18 chambers are available, and when I collect that  
 19 information, I will provide it to you. I presume  
 20 it's an evening meeting you want to schedule?

21 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes, and we have to  
 22 schedule with all the Freeholders.

23 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I would tell you  
 24 that in the interest of different cities, it's not  
 25 just having a general hearing. There's no reason

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1 not take some of our committee departmental meetings  
 2 and take them out so people can see that  
 3 deliberative process.

4 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: That's what we  
 5 did that last, I think, with the departments.

6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: We made it as part  
 7 of our review of three different departments.

8 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Get back to us  
 9 within this week with the different areas we can do  
 10 this.

11 THE CLERK: Motion to close by  
 12 Freeholder Romano.

13 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I reached out to  
 14 that gentleman about the phone thing that we're  
 15 saving money on, Mr. Administrator. He said he  
 16 reached out to us because he read the things last  
 17 year when we complained how high the telephone bill  
 18 was when we had the meeting in Secaucus. Then he as  
 19 a result of that, he started to reach out.

20 MR. ANTUN: I think we responded as  
 21 to what happened. It's not what you thought it was.  
 22 I'm assume you meant that as tongue in cheek.

23 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Because I thought  
 24 that was the case. He came and saved us \$100,000.  
 25 That's what I wanted to point out.

1 THE CLERK: There was motion to  
 2 adjourn.  
 3 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Freeholder Romano.  
 4 Second by Freeholder Maldonado.  
 5 THE CLERK: All in favor. The  
 6 meeting is adjourned.  
 7 (Whereupon the proceeding is then  
 8 concluded at 7:08 p.m.)

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