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BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2016
COMMENCING AT 7:34 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

- STEVEN A. TANELLI, CHAIRMAN
- TRACY S. ZUR, VICE CHAIRWOMAN
- JOHN A. FELICE, CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE
- DR. JOAN M. VOSS
- THOMAS J. SULLIVAN
- MAURA R. DeNICOLA

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

- DAVID L. GANZ

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ALSO PRESENT:

LISA SCIANCALEPORE
CLERK TO THE BOARD

JULIEN X. NEALS, ESQUIRE
ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQ.
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

JARED LUTZ
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

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1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The meeting is
2 called to order at 7:34 p.m.

3 I ask everyone to please take a moment
4 to silence their phones before the meeting starts.

5 Will the Clerk please read the
6 compliance with the Sen. Byron Baer Open Public
7 Meetings Act.

8 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: In accordance with
9 Section 5 of the Sen. Byron Baer Open Public Meetings
10 Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been
11 provided in the Annual Notice Schedule, which
12 contained the time, date, and location of this
13 meeting, copies of which Notices were forwarded to
14 the official County newspapers, to wit: The Herald
15 News; The Record; and the Star Ledger, and a copy of
16 which was posted on the bulletin board in the Bergen
17 County Justice Center and Administration Building,
18 One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, New Jersey, and
19 filed with the Office of the Bergen County Clerk.

20 ROLL CALL

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
22 roll.

23 (At this point in the proceeding roll
24 call is taken with Freeholders DeNicola, Felice,
25 Sullivan, Voss, Vice-Chairwoman Zur, and Chairman

1 Tanelli present, with Freeholder Ganz absent.)

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Evidence of a quorum
3 is present.

4 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Would everyone
6 please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

7 (At this point in the proceeding all
8 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.)

9 MINUTES

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Will the Clerk
11 please read the minutes to be accepted.

12 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: June 8, 2016 is a
13 Work Session; all present.

14 June 22, 2016 was a Work Session;
15 Freeholder Zur was absent.

16 July 6, 2016 - Work Session; all
17 present.

18 And July 13, 2016 is a Work Session;
19 Freeholder Zur absent.

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
21 to accept the minutes?

22 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Second?

24 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

1 (All present Freeholders respond in the
2 affirmative, with Vice-Chairwoman Zur abstaining on
3 the 6/22/16 and 7/13/16 Work Session minutes.)

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

5 HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
7 to open the meeting to the public?

8 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

9 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

11 (All present Freeholders respond in the
12 affirmative.)

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

16 We will now have a Hearing of the General Public,
17 with a three-minute time limit in effect, in
18 accordance with the Bergen County Freeholders Bylaws,
19 Section 1, Page 6, Item 2:1-8, adopted January 6,
20 2016.

21 The Board Attorney will keep the time.
22 When the time of the speaker expires, the timekeeper
23 will announce that the time has expired.

24 Please fill out a slip of paper with
25 your name, address, and general topic.

1 Mr. Claude Bienstock.

2 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Welcome back.

3 MR. BIENSTOCK: Thank you.

4 Good evening.

5 I have an issue that I'm really
6 concerned about, the new parking rules. It's
7 terrible. It stinks.

8 The attendant outside told me I have to
9 park for one hour free in the new garage over there,
10 and the second hour, it's \$4 an hour.

11 Well, I'm not paying that. I pay
12 enough in taxes. I'll find another parking spot
13 somewhere.

14 Meanwhile, this parking garage is
15 totally empty, almost no cars there, and the outside
16 parking is for the handicapped. That's okay with me,
17 if you want that for the handicapped, but that
18 garage, there's plenty of room there, and I parked
19 there all the time in that garage or I parked in that
20 lot outside.

21 So the next issue -- I only have three
22 minutes, and I don't want to dwell too much on the
23 parking, it's a boring topic -- is the William Carlos
24 Williams Center in Rutherford. There's been some
25 progress there, and I'm happy about that, and I'd

1 like to see the whole thing come to fruition, even if
2 it takes another 8, 10, 15, 20 years.

3 We need to support the cultural arts.
4 I mean, there's a need for theater in Rutherford, for
5 real live rock and roll shows and concerts and
6 lectures and discussions and group meetings and
7 things that support the cultural arts, because there
8 are people that are interested in the cultural arts.
9 I'm not the only one in Northern New Jersey who likes
10 the cultural arts. I mean, I have a cultural arts
11 background, a show business background, but it's not
12 just because of me, I think it's good for the public.
13 So do what you have to do.

14 And do something about the parking
15 situation, because this is terrible. I don't agree
16 with it, and I know I'm very opinionated, and, you
17 know, maybe I can't change the situation, but if I
18 don't speak up, maybe nobody else will, so I have to
19 say my piece.

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

22 MR. BIENSTOCK: Thank you very much. I
23 appreciate your giving me the opportunity to talk.

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Just so you know,
25 Mr. Bienstock, you were misinformed by that parking

1 attendant. There is no charge after-hours to park
2 here. So he must either have directed you into the
3 wrong place -- the Administrator will speak to it as
4 well -- but he must have either directed you to the
5 wrong place or did not give you the proper
6 information.

7 MR. BIENSTOCK: Well, I didn't know.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Well, you know now.

9 MR. BIENSTOCK: That's what she told
10 me. She may have had the wrong facts, I didn't know.

11 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS:

12 That's correct. And after the meeting, if you need
13 my assistance, I'll escort you down to make sure the
14 ticket gets validated so you do not pay for parking,
15 and that will go for anyone else this evening, if
16 you're actually in the pay lot to come to attend this
17 meeting.

18 MR. BIENSTOCK: Okay. Thank you.

19 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS:

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

22 Paul Nickels.

23 MR. NICKELS: Good evening.

24 Paul Nickels, N-I-C-K-E-L-S.

25 Good evening. It's nice to be back.

1 There's been a lot of stuff in the news
2 lately, you know, with the mental health and the
3 health care system. And I don't know if you guys
4 advocate for us to like the Department of Human
5 Services and the state and stuff like that, I don't
6 know how it works, but there's just been so many,
7 everything from the woman on Route 46 that got
8 struck, to another person, you know, the Carlstadt
9 incident, and just so many stuck with hospitals
10 discharging people that are not stabilized or they
11 say they're stabilized and then they're not. There's
12 just been really way too many problems.

13 I don't know, I was on the phone with
14 Michele the other day, and I said, "Michele, am I
15 just noticing more of this or has this been this bad
16 all along?"

17 I just think it's getting a lot worse.

18 And the big thing that came in the news
19 recently was the Diaz thing. You know, everybody
20 lost, nobody wins. The probation officers, I know
21 them personally. The police. The family. I mean,
22 how many people have to die?

23 In Carlstadt, they said the person was
24 in the hospital twice. There's so many other
25 incidents going on, I couldn't even go through. I'm

1 still going through more. And the Department of
2 Human Services wants to put funding towards something
3 new, of getting people out of psychiatric hospitals?
4 I believe that's wrong. We have a problem that's not
5 being corrected now, why are we dealing with
6 something that's already done? We need more money
7 for people that are not getting help now.

8 That's all I really wanted to say.

9 Thank you.

10 It's really good to see you all again,
11 it seems like forever, actually. But good news, the
12 new resource guide is out, so I think you'll all get
13 a copy of that soon.

14 Thank you very much.

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Mr. Nickels, I don't
16 want to take any of your time, but you are aware that
17 this board collectively over the last two years has
18 increased funding to mental health?

19 MR. NICKELS: Oh, I know the county
20 does.

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: We do whatever we
22 can.

23 MR. NICKELS: Yes, sir. I know guys
24 have. It's the state and the federal government
25 that's the problem. Absolutely.

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Okay.

3 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Happy birthday,
4 Paul.

5 MR. NICKELS: Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Kathleen
7 Mazzouccolo.

8 MS. MAZZOUCCOLO: Hello.

9 M-A-Z-Z-O-U-C-C-O-L-O.

10 MR. FLORIO: Your three minutes are up.
11 (Laughter.)

12 MS. MAZZOUCCOLO: At least I didn't
13 have to learn to spell it when I was five.

14 I'm the staff attorney for AFSCME
15 Council 52. We represent several bargaining units at
16 Bergen Regional Medical Center, and I'm here because
17 of the transition that will take place at some point
18 with Bergen Regional.

19 I have petitions for you, which I'll
20 leave. They explain our ten principles that we're
21 looking for.

22 I grew up in Bergen County. My family
23 has very long roots in Bergen County. And we have
24 also had many instances where family members of mine
25 have been serviced at Bergen Regional, formerly

1 Bergen Pines.

2 My grandfather was a World War I vet.
3 During World War I, he contracted tuberculosis.
4 Bergen Pines, at the time, was the only hospital in
5 the area that had facilities to take care of someone
6 like my grandfather. He was cured. He survived.
7 They did a great job.

8 My cousin, during the polio epidemic in
9 the early '50s, contracted polio. At that time,
10 Bergen Pines was the only facility in the area that
11 had iron lungs. My cousin spent a year in one of the
12 iron lungs at Bergen Regional. He survived. He's
13 still alive.

14 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Wow!

15 MS. MAZZOUCCOLO: Basically, what I
16 want to emphasize is how important that facility is
17 and how unique that facility is to meet the needs of
18 Bergen County and people from other counties as well.
19 And how important it is that you have a facility that
20 really cares about the residents and the patients.
21 And I can tell you, because I know many, many of our
22 members, that they do. They're dedicated, and as are
23 the other employees in the hospital.

24 When you consider the transition, what
25 we hope that you will do is take into account how

1 important that facility is to meet the needs of the
2 people here, and how important it is to have
3 professional employees, employees who really care
4 about the patients, employees who know them and can
5 be proud that they work at that facility.

6 I thank you for the time, and I have
7 petitions here.

8 Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

10 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Lou Vellucci.

12 MR. VELLUCCI: It's great to be here
13 again.

14 I was just thinking about something.
15 In terms of the two issues I want to talk to you
16 about today, one of them is wildlife again, the other
17 is education.

18 Ironically, Bergen County, I would
19 argue, is probably the largest stakeholder in
20 wildlife in the state. You may not happen to live
21 near it, but I would think we have the greatest
22 population. And what I'm asking you to do today is
23 consider two things. I want to share some good
24 information with you, because I know you all are very
25 busy. It's going to do a much better job than me.

1 There's a video that was downloaded today on YouTube.
2 You can find it on Facebook or in the tweet BEAR
3 GROUP, there's a video, I want you to look at. If
4 you want, it's on my Facebook page too. You can see
5 all the nutty stuff on there as well. But the two
6 things I want to ask you, if you could go ahead and
7 make a resolution to have no bear hunting in Bergen
8 County No. 1.

9 And No. 2, to use your influence to
10 pressure the state to have no hunt in October.

11 We have a very short timeline here,
12 but, guess what, Florida did it. Florida canceled
13 their bear hunt, they did the right thing. It was
14 right after that tragedy with the shooting, they gave
15 into political pressure, so it can be done.

16 By the way, the mayor of Baltimore
17 today just had a fantastic quote, I saw it on CNN.
18 "Transparency is the only foundation for trust."

19 What does that have to do with bears?

20 Your New Jersey Department of Fish and
21 Wildlife is not transparent with you all, that's the
22 problem. You know, less than 1/10 of one percent of
23 the population participates in this. We need to be
24 humane, we need to be good people, so I'm asking for
25 your help.

1 The second issue I want to tell you, I
2 was reading the paper the other day. I read The
3 Record almost daily. I'm an educator. And you have
4 the Partnership for the Assessment and Readiness of
5 Careers in College.

6 I said, "Well, that's kind of
7 interesting. What do we mean, that all students have
8 to go to college or have a career? What happened to
9 the homemaker?"

10 Ironically, the homemaker makes great
11 students, which then in turn get great scores. And
12 if you want, refer back to George Gilder. He's an
13 economist. He counseled President Reagan. You know,
14 he brought up the point, he said, homemakers, they're
15 not in the GDP, but look at the valuable service they
16 provide. So therein also just a local and state
17 issue.

18 I don't want you to think that I'm
19 like, "Anything the state does is bad." I actually
20 think that Gov. Christie is on the right track with
21 saying we need to change the formula for the schools.
22 Not necessarily because of the money issue, because
23 we are focusing on the wrong thing. It's not just
24 money that's going to get you higher test scores,
25 it's values. So I'm recommending it become the

1 Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness in
2 Careers, College, and Citizenship. Add another "C"
3 to that one.

4 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes,
5 Mr. Vellucci.

6 MR. VELLUCCI: I'm done. I did good.
7 I made it.

8 Bye.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

10 Jeffrey Peck.

11 MR. PECK: Hi.

12 My name is Jeff Peck. I represent the
13 Healthcare Professionals & Allied Employees of Bergen
14 Regional Medical Center.

15 I'm here tonight side-by-side with my
16 AFSCME brothers and sisters, Kathy Mazzouccolo, and
17 we have a small sampling from my local. We have
18 social workers, certified alcohol drug counselors,
19 RNs.

20 All the unions across-the-board at the
21 hospital are encouraging you to do the right thing.
22 I have some more of the petitions given out. Right
23 on the top it says, "Your support is needed to
24 correct the mistakes of privatization of Bergen
25 Regional Medical Center."

1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: That goes to John.

2 MR. PECK: For many residents of Bergen
3 and the nearby communities, and, in fact, nowadays
4 all the residents in the state, they use Bergen
5 Regional, because it's the only place that they can
6 go to receive care in treating substance abuse and
7 mental health conditions. Our hospital also was the
8 hospital of last resort for primarily Medicaid and
9 uninsured patients.

10 We're here tonight, because you have
11 the authority to monitor the management of Bergen
12 Regional to make sure that they maintain a safe and
13 healthy facility for our patients and our employees.

14 As reported in the news, the current
15 operator has neglected to address many of the
16 concerns raised by the Bergen Regional Medical Center
17 employees and patients of unsafe conditions,
18 including violence, with no real solutions offered by
19 management.

20 HPAE and other union collection
21 partners have reported frequent incidents of
22 short-staffing, which is a contributor to the
23 workplace violence and can lead to medical errors.

24 As the management is transitioning out,
25 the staffing is getting worse. Managers are fleeing.

1 Some good ones are getting other jobs. They've
2 padded their resumes. They don't know what's going
3 to be happening. The upper management does not seek
4 to replace either the managers or the frontline staff
5 that leaves.

6 I, myself, have been mandated, in
7 violation of the state law, to stay until my next
8 shift, the last time being last Tuesday, August 2nd,
9 because there's nobody to come in on a Tuesday
10 morning, and they blame workers who call out sick who
11 are themselves stressed out, and it's getting worse.
12 They have no desire to hire people, that they are not
13 going to work for them.

14 In addition to the safety concerns,
15 there's also been limited oversight of the finances
16 or of the physical condition of the hospital. You
17 guys are aware of all this.

18 Without proper oversight, the current
19 operators have not shared with the public information
20 of self-dealing and conflicts of interest or if
21 they've invested in improvements that will provide
22 greater security for the patients and workers,
23 because they haven't provided any improvement.

24 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Mr. Peck.

25 MR. PECK: You guys are all aware of

1 the stuff that they do, how they let little problems
2 become big problems.

3 I just want to thank you and support
4 you. We only brought a small sampling. We think
5 that you're doing the right thing, and that if you
6 need any help, please give us a call and we'll be
7 with you.

8 Godspeed for you.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: There being no other
11 slips, can I have a motion to close?

12 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

13 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

15 (All present Freeholders respond in the
16 affirmative.)

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it,
20 the public meeting is now closed.

21 RESOLUTIONS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Will the Clerk
23 please read the resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

24 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Resolutions on
25 Consent tonight are:

1 837-16 through 861-16, 865-16 through
2 870-16, 872-16 through 880-16, and 882-16 through
3 895-16.

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a motion
5 to accept the Resolutions on Consent?

6 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: So moved.

7 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

8 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

9 Mr. Chairman, if I might, as a point of
10 order.

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Freeholder.

12 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: I know we spoke
13 of this earlier, I asked that resolution #890 be
14 placed on Nonconsent.

15 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: #890?

16 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Please.

17 MR. FLORIO: All the other
18 aforementioned resolutions remain on the Consent
19 Agenda.

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
21 roll.

22 (AT this point in the proceeding roll
23 call is taken and the Resolutions of Unanimous
24 Consent are passed by a vote of six in favor, with
25 Freeholder Ganz absent.)

1 RESOLUTIONS OF NONCONSENT

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Are there any
3 Resolutions of Nonconsent, pulled or tabled?

4 If so, will the Clerk please read them.

5 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: There are.

6 #862-16 is a Resolution authorizing to
7 approve the repurposing of 2000 Trust Fund Park
8 Improvement Project Contract to fund Parks and
9 Recreation Master Plan Study and Habitat Restoration
10 at Teaneck Creek Park, Teaneck.

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
12 to introduce?

13 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

14 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Call the roll.

16 (At this point in the proceeding roll
17 call is taken and Resolution #862-16 is passed by a
18 vote of five in favor, with Freeholder DeNicola
19 abstaining and Freeholder Ganz absent.)

20 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: The next one is
21 #863-16, which is a Resolution authorizing an
22 agreement with Rutgers University Center for Urban
23 Environmental Sustainability, to provide Park Master
24 Planning Services.

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion?

1 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

2 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
4 roll.

5 (At this point in the proceeding roll
6 call is taken and Resolution #863-16 is passed by a
7 vote of five in favor, with Freeholder DeNicola
8 voting nay and Freeholder Ganz absent.)

9 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: The next one is
10 #864-16, which is a Resolution authorizing contract
11 award to Eventage - Provision of Event Consultant and
12 Production Company Services - RFP #16-010.

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion?

14 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

15 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Call the roll,
17 please.

18 (At this point in the proceeding roll
19 call is taken and Resolution #864-16 is passed by a
20 vote of five in favor, with Freeholder DeNicola
21 voting nay and Freeholder Ganz absent.)

22 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: The next one is
23 #871-16, which is a Resolution authorizing the
24 purchase order to Winner Ford to provide and deliver
25 three (3) 2017 Ford Utility Explorers - All Wheel

1 Drive.

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion?

3 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: So moved.

4 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

5 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Call the roll,
7 please.

8 (At this point in the proceeding roll
9 call is taken and Resolution #871-16 is passed by a
10 vote of five in favor, with Freeholder DeNicola
11 voting nay and Freeholder Ganz absent.)

12 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: The next one on
13 Nonconsent is #881-16, which is a Resolution
14 authorizing the purchase order to Winner Ford to
15 provide and deliver three (3) 2017 Ford Utility
16 Explorers - All Wheel Drive.

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
18 to introduce?

19 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

20 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
22 roll.

23 (At this point in the proceeding roll
24 call is taken and Resolution #881-16 is passed by a
25 vote of five in favor, with Freeholder DeNicola

1 voting nay and Freeholder Ganz absent.)

2 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: There is one more,
3 #890-16, on Nonconsent.

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
5 to introduce?

6 FREEHOLDER FELICE: So moved.

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Second?

8 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
10 roll.

11 (At this point in the proceeding roll
12 call is taken and Resolution #890-16 is passed by a
13 vote of five in favor, with Freeholder DeNicola
14 voting nay and Freeholder Ganz absent.)

15 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: And that is it.

16 ORDINANCES

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Now we will go on to
18 Ordinances for First Reading and Introduction,
19 Ordinances 16-15, 16-16 and 16-17.

20 Will the Clerk please read Ordinance
21 16-15 by title only.

22 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-15 is:

23 "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
24 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN,
25 APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,942,500

1 to introduce Ordinance 16-16 as read by the Clerk?

2 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: So moved.

3 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
5 roll.

6 (At this point in the proceeding roll
7 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading
8 of Ordinance 16-16 is passed by a vote of six in
9 favor, with Freeholder Ganz absent.)

10 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-16
11 passes First Reading.

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Will the Clerk
13 please read Ordinance 16-17 by title only.

14 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-17 is:

15 "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
16 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN,
17 APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$777,500
18 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$739,500
19 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE
20 COST THEREOF."

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
22 to introduce Ordinance 16-17 as read by the Clerk?

23 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: So moved.

24 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the

1 roll.

2 (At this point in the proceeding roll
3 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading
4 of Ordinance 16-17 is passed by a vote of six in
5 favor, with Freeholder Ganz absent.)

6 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-17
7 passes First Reading.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Also I have Second
9 Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 16-14.

10 Will the Clerk please read Ordinance
11 16-14 by title only.

12 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: The Proof of
13 Publication of Ordinance, Notice of Public Hearing
14 was published in The Record and the Herald News on
15 Sunday, July 31, 2016, and is on file in my office.

16 A copy of the Notice of Hearing and
17 Ordinance No. 16-14 was duly posted, pursuant to
18 N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17, on Friday, July 29, 2016.

19 The title is read as follows:

20 "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE
21 REPLACEMENT OF THE MIDTOWN BRIDGE SPANNING THE
22 HACKENSACK RIVER BETWEEN THE CITY OF HACKENSACK AND
23 THE BOROUGH OF BOGOTA BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN,
24 APPROPRIATING \$750,000 THEREFOR, INCLUDING A GRANT IN
25 THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM

1 THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
2 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$750,000 IN BONDS OR
3 NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF."

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
5 to open the hearing on Ordinance 16-14 to the public?

6 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

7 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

9 (All present Freeholders respond in the
10 affirmative.)

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

14 The public hearing is now open, with a
15 five-minute time limit, to speak about Ordinance
16 16-14 only at this time.

17 The Board Attorney will keep the time.
18 When the time of the speaker expires, the timekeeper
19 will announce that the time has expired.

20 Anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance
21 16-14?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. FLORIO: No one present, Chairman.

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Not seeing anyone,
25 may I have a motion to close the public comment?

1 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

2 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

4 (All present Freeholders respond in the
5 affirmative.)

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

7 Public hearing on Ordinance 16-14 is closed.

8 Is there any board discussion or
9 comment on Ordinance 16-14?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Seeing none, may I
12 have a motion to adopt Ordinance 16-14?

13 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: So moved.

14 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
16 roll.

17 (At this point in the proceeding roll
18 call is taken and the Second Reading and Adoption of
19 Ordinance 16-14 is passed by a vote of six in favor,
20 with Freeholder Ganz absent.)

21 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-14 is
22 adopted on Second Reading.

23 COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM FREEHOLDERS

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: We'll now have
25 Freeholder reports. As I mentioned earlier, if we

1 can keep them down to around five minutes, it would
2 be appreciated.

3 Freeholder Sullivan.

4 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Good evening,
5 everyone.

6 I'd first like to congratulate Bergen
7 County, I'm sure everyone saw it in the paper, for
8 being recognized by the federal government for
9 eliminating homelessness amongst our veterans. What
10 a fantastic achievement! Obviously the other
11 counties can learn from the way we do things here.

12 Our veterans have made the ultimate
13 sacrifice, there's no doubt about that. So, in my
14 opinion, this is the least we can do for our veterans
15 when they come home and they fall into a bad way. I
16 think some people don't believe in government taking
17 care of people, but when it comes to our veterans, I
18 certainly believe that we need to be there for them,
19 and I think that's the role of government, whether
20 people like to hear it or not.

21 I don't want to get too
22 confrontational. That's it.

23 This evening, the Freeholder Board
24 passed Resolution #860-16, which provides a \$214,000
25 grant to Alfred J. Thomas Home for Veterans for the

1 Homeless Management Information System.

2 This is another step that we can take
3 to improve the lives of the veterans of Bergen
4 County. And, as you could tell, we are very
5 passionate, our County Executive has made it one of
6 his main things, along with this Freeholder Board,
7 about how passionate we are about taking care of our
8 veterans, and, like our Chairman mentioned earlier,
9 our commitment to mental health. These are the
10 things that, unfortunately, people, do cost money,
11 but we are going to continue to do, because this is
12 money, in my opinion, that's well spent.

13 I'm also pleased that the Open Space
14 Trust Fund is moving forward with the acquisition of
15 the Galaxy Garden property in Woodcliff Lake. This
16 is one of the reasons why Bergen County is such a
17 special place to live, we need to maintain as much
18 open space as we can. And, being from the Pascack
19 Valley, I'm glad to see that we're doing it all over,
20 not just in certain areas. This property happens to
21 sit in Woodcliff Lake, across the street from a
22 municipal historic park, so what a great place to
23 have open space.

24 People have touched before on Bergen
25 Regional, and I'm sure Freeholder Zur will be much

1 more eloquent than I when it comes to explaining
2 this, but through her efforts, we have, along with
3 Joan Voss last year -- Freeholder Voss, excuse me.

4 FREEHOLDER VOSS: That's fine.

5 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: We led the charge
6 for Bergen Regional to provide more detox beds. I am
7 glad to say that last year they added some, and they
8 just added what, ten more, Tracy?

9 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Ten more.

10 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Freeholder Zur
11 and I went to Bergen Regional and saw the ten new
12 beds. It's an area where, as everybody knows, it
13 used to be Bergen Pines, it used to be a jail area,
14 we transformed that, did some construction, made it
15 look really nice, and we have more beds and there's
16 more beds coming. And I can honestly say that
17 Freeholder Zur is out in front of this, and I really
18 appreciate her efforts, and I'm glad to be along for
19 the ride. Anything I can do, I'm going to continue
20 to help.

21 We were talking about Bergen Regional,
22 some people spoke about it earlier, believe me, I am
23 a big fan of Bergen Regional. It is a place that,
24 I've said last year when I ran, that to me it's a
25 safety net for the county, it's a well needed place,

1 and I think we need to continue to service there and
2 enhance them. And I'm sure that with the new
3 contract coming up, that is what's going to take
4 place.

5 I know people want to sell it. In my
6 opinion, that would be doing a disservice to the
7 entire county. It's a very important place. It's a
8 very intricate place. People don't understand really
9 what they do. They do a lot, and it's something we
10 need here in Bergen County, and we will continue it.

11 Thank you, Chairman. That is my
12 report. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
14 Freeholder.

15 Freeholder Voss.

16 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you, Chairman.
17 Just a few things.

18 We passed an ordinance recently
19 concerning not allowing carnivals with wild animal
20 attractions to perform in county parks. A wonderful
21 organization called the League of Humane Voters of
22 New Jersey was responsible for this. Last Sunday,
23 they were very appreciative. And I have to say, I
24 have never worked with a nicer group of people, who
25 did things absolutely according to all the rules and

1 regulations. They were wonderful, and they
2 accomplished their goal. And I know they gave us
3 certificates, Freeholder DeNicola and I were out
4 there.

5 Just as a point, one of the ladies in
6 this organization wrote a book about the bears.

7 Now, when I was in the Legislature, I
8 introduced a lot of legislation concerning not
9 hunting the bears. It's cruel and inhuman. And
10 every time I introduced it with other people, of
11 course, it was never voted. Apparently there are
12 some very important hunting groups. And, as I said,
13 I think it's cruel and inhuman, and I think there are
14 much better ways of handling our bear population,
15 which have wonderful family units, and we're
16 encroaching on their territory, which is what is
17 causing some of the problems.

18 We celebrated Women's History Month in
19 March. And on Memorial Day, we celebrated Rosie the
20 Riveter.

21 I mention a couple of things, because I
22 always have to give a little history lesson, because
23 I think some things are really important.

24 In World War II, 350,000 women served
25 in the military, and they did all of the jobs and

1 everything that had been men's jobs prior to them
2 having to go into the military service.

3 But after the war was over, the women
4 were sent back to the kitchens, and none of them were
5 allowed, the 350,000 women who served, were entitled
6 to the GI Bill of Rights.

7 That to me was unconscionable.

8 Because I am one of the 53 percent of
9 Americans who happens to be a woman, I wanted to
10 speak out a little bit on Women's Equality Day.

11 Women's Equality Day is actually
12 August 26th, and what that is is it's the 96th
13 anniversary of the passage of the nineteenth
14 amendment.

15 Women in the United States had to fight
16 very, very hard to get the right to vote. And if
17 anybody ever tells you that one vote doesn't make a
18 difference, please, please, please, never give up
19 your right to cast your ballot, regardless of what
20 the issue is.

21 In order for an amendment to go into
22 effect, two-thirds of the states have to ratify it.
23 And in 1919, it was down to the Tennessee
24 Legislature, which would be -- I think it was the
25 32nd state back in those days when we didn't have 50

1 states, to ratify it, and it was 48 to 48. And a
2 young person, a 24-year-old legislator was going to
3 cast the last vote. Before he went to into that
4 Legislature, his mother had written him a note and
5 said, "Be a good boy and give the ladies the vote."
6 And by one vote, one vote, the nineteenth amendment
7 was passed.

8 Now, just as another point, when I was
9 very young, there was a proposed 27th amendment. In
10 fact, I still have a button that says "27th." It was
11 the ERA, the Equal Rights Amendment.

12 Now, I'm not a big demonstrator, but
13 certainly when it came to equal rights, I was out
14 there on the front lines. And it got down to the
15 last vote in order for it to become the 27th
16 amendment. And by one vote, it was defeated, and it
17 has never really gone into effect.

18 The states have passed equal rights
19 amendments, but the federal government has not done
20 so. There is a 27th amendment, but it gave raises to
21 Congress -- no.

22 Just as a point, we in the United
23 States always think we're in the vanguard of
24 everything, but we were one of the last of the modern
25 nations to give women the right to vote. Australia

1 was before us, Finland, Sweden, Great Britain. So we
2 still, and as I mentioned a minute ago, are
3 53 percent of the population, only six out of 50
4 governors are women, and in the state legislatures
5 and in the federal government legislature, less than
6 25 percent, in fact it's usually 20 percent of the
7 legislators are women.

8 Now, we in Bergen County are pretty
9 good, because we always have a good representation of
10 women. And I'm sure it will increase in the future,
11 but that's really an important thing.

12 The one thing, I hope everybody
13 attended the Night Out, which was August 2nd. It is
14 very important that we get to know our police and our
15 firemen and our EMT people, and have people know who
16 to call when they need assistance, and to be very
17 cognizant of the important role our police and fire
18 and EMT play.

19 I just want to again reinforce what my
20 friend, Freeholder Sullivan, said. I have fought for
21 Bergen Regional for all the years I've been in
22 government. I will continue to fight for Bergen
23 Regional. It is imperative that we keep this
24 hospital. And I bless you all for coming here and
25 making the public aware, as we have tried to make the

1 public aware, of how important that hospital is.

2 Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I
3 hope I wasn't too long.

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: No, it was good.

5 FREEHOLDER VOSS: But this is a
6 passionate thing.

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Freeholder Felice.

8 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Thank you, Mr.
9 Chairman.

10 Let me just speak briefly about, as my
11 other colleagues have spoken, Bergen Regional.

12 As a member of the Task Force, my main
13 objective was to make sure that there was going to be
14 strong oversight by the government of Bergen County.

15 It's all about patient care. It's all
16 about the safety of the employees that work there.

17 I grew up in Fair Lawn. I live in
18 River Edge. I pass Bergen Regional probably 3 or 4
19 times a week. It is one of the biggest public
20 hospitals in the country. It provides services that
21 many other institutions don't provide.

22 So how do we make this transition a
23 safe one for both patients, not just in Bergen County
24 but throughout the State of New Jersey, and for the
25 employees that serve them, the dedicated workers that

1 have committed their entire careers to caring for
2 people that really can't care for themselves in any
3 respects?

4 As we move forward with the
5 administration looking at the management partners
6 that the County of Bergen will go into with, I think
7 it's imperative that we be as vigilant by the process
8 by which Freeholder Zur and I -- I can't speak for
9 her, but as vigilant and as intense about the need to
10 make sure that the elected officials, the government
11 of Bergen County has transparency and the ability to
12 act on the policies that are implemented at Bergen
13 Regional, not necessarily day-to-day operations, but
14 a strong, I'll call it, board of directors from
15 different facets.

16 I spoke with County Executive Tedesco
17 and Freeholder Zur down in Trenton to speak on that
18 matter. This is not about Republicans or Democrats,
19 it's about people.

20 I've been in health care for close to
21 30 years, and I remember one of my colleagues
22 speaking to me about it's about the patient, it has
23 to be patient centric. We have to utilize best
24 practices. We have to look at evidence based
25 medicine that achieves the goals that are set forth.

1 And I believe that in the next few months, whether
2 I'm on the board or not, I have the greatest
3 confidence in this illustrious body and the County
4 Executive and the representatives of that committee
5 that they will do the right thing. But certainly
6 your presence here is important, because because you
7 work there doesn't mean you don't have a right to
8 speak out. You certainly do.

9 So I will continue to advocate for good
10 health care, accessible health care, safe environment
11 for the workers there, as long as I'm a Freeholder
12 and as I become a private citizen again.

13 So those are my comments, Mr. Chairman,
14 and thank you very much.

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
16 Freeholder.

17 Freeholder DeNicola.

18 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Thank you, Mr.
19 Chairman.

20 I'll talk quickly.

21 A couple of things.

22 My colleagues mentioned a lot of what
23 was going on over the last few weeks. Certainly it
24 hasn't seemed like summer to us, I'll say. Our
25 calendars have been busier than ever. But it is

1 quickly passing. Summer always seems to go faster
2 than winter.

3 Access for All.

4 Access for All is the disabilities
5 advisory committees in municipalities across Bergen
6 County, and I continue to present before governing
7 bodies. Last night, I was in Maywood. Maywood is
8 reappointing their committee, and they have a lot of
9 energetic members now, and they look forward to
10 working with other committees in their region and
11 throughout Bergen. We have three more presentations
12 coming up. We're almost halfway through. We have 70
13 municipalities in Bergen, and really are working on
14 the goal of getting a committee in each one of those
15 towns.

16 Seniors.

17 I am continuing to work with the Senior
18 Coalition of Bergen County, which is a group of
19 nonprofits and some for-profit organizations. A lot
20 of issues for our seniors continue to grow, and some
21 of those issues dovetail with our veterans too.

22 As was mentioned earlier, Bergen County
23 reached a milestone of providing housing for every
24 homeless veteran, which is great, but our veterans
25 are an aging population, for the most part, as well.

1 We do have a lot of young veterans, but we do have
2 veterans from World War II and forward who need
3 additional services now, as they come to this point
4 in their life.

5 Today also I know there was an event
6 for the employer support of the guard and reserve.
7 This an organization that encourages support from
8 different employers of their membership who are
9 active military members in the guard and the
10 reserves.

11 I had the fortune, I'll say, of
12 traveling with them when I was the mayor of Franklin
13 Lakes in a transport plane to Tyndall Air Force Base
14 in Florida. It was a one-day trip, and the idea was
15 to bring all elected officials to Florida to meet
16 those members of our community right before they were
17 going to be deployed. And it was eye-opening. We
18 saw people from all over the country.

19 I think it is so important that, in
20 addition to having singular events, that every day we
21 remember our veterans and our active duty military.

22 I have to say I flew in the cockpit,
23 because it was an Air Force plane and the joke was
24 they wanted to show me what real pilots could do. As
25 you know, my son and my daughter-in-law are Navy

1 pilots, but everyone working together.

2 The Women's Equality Day event that we
3 had here, as was mentioned, was wonderful. And I
4 just want to thank Jamie Ziegelhofer and Donna Peszko
5 from our Department of Human Services, who worked
6 with the commission and helped guide the young women
7 and the commission itself to do the many wonderful
8 things that they do for Bergen County.

9 National Night Out was one of the dry
10 nights in Bergen County, which was important, but it
11 was great. I got to almost five towns before dark.
12 It's like a marathon, because it's essentially a
13 two-hour event for each town, where the families come
14 out to meet their emergency services. I started in
15 Teaneck, and I was there with the Prosecutor and Paul
16 Fishman, who is our U.S. Attorney for the District of
17 New Jersey. He happens to be a Bergen County boy.
18 He was raised in River Edge, Freeholder Felice.

19 FREEHOLDER FELICE: There you go. I
20 heard that.

21 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: So he came to
22 check out what we're doing, and he was duly
23 impressed, as he should be.

24 I do want to thank the League of Humane
25 Voters. They did give us beautiful awards with a

1 tiger on it, not a bear, but a tiger, but we do love
2 our bear, even when we have very personal encounters
3 with them in our backyard, which I did this Monday.
4 Certainly majestic animals, that's what I'll say.
5 Not their fault that we're sharing the same woods.

6 And the last thing is summer concerts,
7 which have also taken us throughout Bergen County. A
8 lot of towns have free, open air, summer concerts.
9 The schedule is getting very tight with all the
10 rescheduling, because of thunderstorms, but it's been
11 a great way to meet a lot of people throughout the
12 county.

13 The last thing I'll say is, at those
14 concerts, it's a mix of citizens, but mainly young
15 families and senior citizens. And they're both
16 looking for the same thing, they are looking for a
17 way that they can continue to stay here in New
18 Jersey, where we can work to make our state an
19 affordable place to live and to die, and that's why
20 we do the work we do up here.

21 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's my
22 report.

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
24 Freeholder.

25 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: You forgot to

1 mention you saw me. You mentioned Paul Fishman.

2 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Yes, I thought
3 you were. I saw you in New Milford, that's right.

4 Freeholder Sullivan and I are very
5 often out every night, and you can imagine why.

6 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Is there an
7 election?

8 (Laughter.)

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All right.

10 Freeholder Zur.

11 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you,
12 Chairman.

13 First of all, I want to wish my
14 colleagues in thanking so many members who are
15 working at Bergen Regional Medical Center for turning
16 out. As Freeholder Felice said, we spent much of
17 this year working on this advisory panel. And we
18 knew at the outset, but it was certainly reconfirmed
19 by the very diverse, bipartisan group that was this
20 advisory panel, this hospital is vital. Its future
21 is vital to this county. And we are committed to
22 making sure that it continues to provide high
23 quality, high caliber medical treatment to those in
24 our community who are most at risk, and that we
25 continue to embrace its mission and make sure that

1 our employees there are safe. So I just thank you
2 for making sure that your voice continues to be at
3 the forefront of this issue, because you're the ones
4 who are on the scene who really can articulate so
5 eloquently the true needs of this community. So
6 thank you for your involvement and your being here
7 tonight.

8 As was also mentioned, we had a
9 tremendous achievement in Bergen County this week
10 with ending veterans homelessness. And this was not
11 something that was achieved by any one individual, it
12 was a huge team effort championed by Julia Orlando
13 and Lynn Bartlett and A.J. Luna and so many here at
14 the county building, but also our corporate partners
15 who really made sure that we continue to have
16 solutions for our veterans and make sure we have safe
17 places for them to call home. So this was an
18 enormous achievement, underscored as well by the law
19 enforcement show of support where I was this morning.
20 This was applauding businesses who employ our
21 veterans and who make sure that their employment is
22 there when they get back from their service.

23 The Sheriff received an award, he has 9
24 or 10 members of his staff who are reservists, and
25 really as far as making sure that our veterans are

1 served on the employment front as well. So in Bergen
2 County, we are really committed to that continuum of
3 care for those who sacrificed their lives to make
4 sure that ours are safe.

5 As Freeholder Sullivan stated before,
6 we toured Bergen Regional Medical Center and saw the
7 improvements that they're making as far as the detox
8 unit. When we started this, we were at 54 beds. And
9 with a lot of pushing and shoving and encouragement,
10 we are now at 74, and the next ten should be online
11 this fall. This is an important thing, as we're
12 facing this heroin epidemic in Bergen County, and we
13 are making sure that no one gets there and finds
14 there's no room at the inn. That when they're ready
15 for the services, they're ready to get treatment,
16 that we're there to provide it for them so that
17 individuals battling addiction can get the treatment
18 they need to put their lives back on track.

19 I also was at National Night Out. I
20 did South Hackensack, Edgewater, Fairview, and
21 Cliffside Park. And what was so wonderful, this year
22 especially, our National Night Out, was seeing the
23 different character each one of these celebrations
24 has, and it reflects the individual communities, but
25 also seeing how our law enforcement goes out of their

1 way every day to engage in community policing.

2 This is something that's new on the
3 national front, but it's certainly not new in Bergen
4 County, where our officers are constantly getting to
5 know our neighbors and our neighborhoods and continue
6 make those strides.

7 So I just wanted to thank all of those
8 municipalities involved and all those police
9 departments for the outreach that they're doing and
10 continuing to do.

11 One of the things that I was very lucky
12 to get to see this week was a drone demonstration.

13 We in Bergen County are one at the
14 forefront of utilizing technology to deal with
15 emergency response. And whether that emergency
16 response is to a fire or to an active shooter
17 situation, we have the tools here and have the
18 training and the ability to make sure that we're
19 using technology to save human life, and, most
20 importantly, respecting privacy at the same time.

21 So it was wonderful for Sen. Booker to
22 come to Bergen County, see our drones in action, and
23 really get a frontline view of how this new
24 technology is going to further enhance our emergency
25 response.

1 And that, Chairman, is all I have for
2 tonight.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Good.

5 Thank you, Freeholder.

6 As you could tell, there's a lot of
7 things that we all do a lot, we participate a lot
8 together, so you hear some things that are repeated.
9 So I will try not to repeat what everyone else says.

10 There are two things that I'd just like
11 to mention really quickly, and one is the Night Out
12 against Crime.

13 With what's going on in this country
14 now more than ever, Night Out is important. It
15 shouldn't just be one night. We travel with police
16 officers, we travel with our emergency services in
17 the towns that we visit, where they're out there
18 meeting neighbors that are having block parties for
19 the main reason of meeting everyone, new residents,
20 people within a 3 or 4-block radius. Some towns do
21 full town shutdowns. Cliffside Park actually closes
22 the streets off and brings in 500, 600 people, all to
23 interact with law enforcement in town.

24 It's very important that communities
25 know their police and their police know them. So now

1 more than ever, we need to do our best to support
2 National Night Out.

3 The other thing is, I'd like to also
4 thank you for coming. It's obvious, by the comments
5 from my colleagues, just how important Bergen
6 Regional is to us. We say it all the time. I think
7 we show it by our actions. I think this
8 administration and this Freeholder Board know just
9 how important the next six months are for that
10 facility, and we are keeping our eyes and ears open
11 every step of the way to make sure that with that
12 facility, we don't make the same mistake that was
13 made 19 years ago with an absolutely horrendous
14 agreement.

15 (Applause.)

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Now to nice things.

17 Thursday was our last terrific Thursday
18 free concert in the park at Overpeck County Park.
19 The band was the Beginnings, a Chicago tribute band.
20 We broke the record with well over 1,000 people that
21 attended.

22 My colleague mentioned how these free
23 concerts that each town has, they have a lot of the
24 same groups. What I begin to notice is not just
25 interaction between the youth and the seniors, just

1 the interaction of everyone. It's an opportunity for
2 people to come out and get out of their house on a
3 beautiful summer night. We had the fortune this
4 year, all four of the concerts that the county had,
5 we had absolutely beautiful weather, a nice breeze,
6 it was comfortable, it wasn't buggy because of the
7 breeze, and people came out.

8 Just like Night Out against Crime, I
9 mentioned we all need to interact, same thing, people
10 come out and talk. When you just stand and observe
11 and watch everyone interact, they know each other
12 when they're done singing 15 Chicago songs.

13 So just to let everybody know that
14 that's been so successful that the county has now
15 started the zoo flicks at Van Saun Park. So please
16 look at our website to see when those movies are. I
17 think there's two a week. The first movie is the
18 movie for children, and then the Friday movie I
19 believe is a little more for older children and
20 adults, just so that we can mix up the movies and
21 who's attending. So please come out and enjoy the
22 free movies.

23 So that's the end of my report.

24 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Mr. Chairman,
25 please.

1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Sure.

2 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: A few weeks ago
3 we had discussed having an overview of the Bergen
4 Regional legislation. Maybe that would be a good
5 thing. I know it's still pending, and our County
6 Administrator was going to present that. And I'm
7 sure that would be important for the people who are
8 here as well.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: So when do you think
10 you'd be prepared to do that?

11 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: The
12 timeframe for the Governor to act actually I think
13 expires tomorrow. So we're waiting to see if there's
14 going to be a conditional veto or what the situation
15 is going to be with the legislation. So I will
16 propose for the next meeting, perhaps for our Work
17 Session or an evening session, we be in a position to
18 summarize what the legislation is all about and what
19 its fate has been at that point.

20 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Mr. Chairman, if I
21 may?

22 If I can direct my comments to, it gets
23 back to my point is that maybe, can you give us any
24 idea, and I'll speak through the Chair, regarding the
25 Governor's intention as far as, if tomorrow is the

1 deadline, I guess it's the end of the session or the
2 legislative session for this part of the year has
3 terminated, do you think that there will be an issue
4 with the Governor signing it?

5 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: We
6 haven't gotten a clear indication. And we actually
7 sat down with the Governor's council and went through
8 the legislation and answered any questions, and we
9 don't have a clear indication as to whether it's
10 going to be signed or not.

11 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Thank you, Mr.
12 Chairman.

13 Thank you, Julien.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: You're welcome.

15 Okay. There being nothing further to
16 come before this meeting, may have a motion to
17 adjourn?

18 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

19 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

21 (All present Freeholders respond in the
22 affirmative.)

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it,

1 we're adjourned at 8:32.

2 (Whereupon, the Public Meeting is
3 adjourned at 8:32 p.m.)

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