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BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016
COMMENCING AT 7:34 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

- TRACY S. ZUR, ACTING CHAIRWOMAN
- JOHN A. FELICE, CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE
- DAVID L. GANZ
- DR. JOAN M. VOSS
- THOMAS J. SULLIVAN
- MAURA R. DeNICOLA

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

- STEVEN A. TANELLI, CHAIRMAN

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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

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1 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: The meeting is
2 call to order at 7:34 p.m.

3 Before we begin our meeting, I would
4 just ask that everyone please take a moment to
5 silence your cellphones.

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

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

21 ROLL CALL

22 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Will the Clerk
23 please call the roll.

24 (At this point in the proceeding roll
25 call is taken with Freeholders DeNicola, Felice,

1 Ganz, Sullivan, Voss, and Acting Chairwoman Zur
2 present, with Chairman Tanelli absent.)

3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Will you all
5 please rise and join us for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

8 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Evidence of a
9 quorum is present.

10 MINUTES

11 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Will the Clerk
12 please read the minutes to be accepted.

13 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: September 21st,
14 2016 - Work Session; Freeholders DeNicola and
15 Sullivan were absent.

16 September 21st, 2016 - Public Session;
17 Freeholders DeNicola and Sullivan were absent.

18 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Can I please
19 have a motion to accept the minutes?

20 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Move the minutes.

21 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Second.

22 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: All in favor?

23 (All present Freeholders respond in the
24 affirmative with noted abstentions, and Chairman
25 Tanelli absent.)

1 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Any opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: The minutes
4 pass. Thank you very much.

5 HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

6 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: May I have a
7 motion to open the meeting to the public?

8 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: So moved.

9 FREEHOLDER FELICE: So moved.

10 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

11 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: All in favor?

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

14 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Any opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Unanimously
17 approved.

18 We will now have a hearing of the
19 general public, with a three-minute time limit in
20 effect, in accordance with the Bergen County
21 Freeholders bylaws.

22 The Board Attorney will keep the time.

23 When the time of the speaker has expired, the
24 timekeeper will announce the time has expired.

25 Please fill out one of these slips with

1 your name on it, your address, and the general topic
2 you will be speaking on.

3 Let's begin with Ray Aspinwall.

4 MR. ASPINWALL: I'm a retired county
5 employee, and I work part-time for the county right
6 now.

7 I was working various hours at the
8 Board of Elections, but on the 1st of January of
9 2015, there's new policy, you only can work three
10 days a week. So I asked Mr. Kornfeld, why is that?
11 Is that about the Affordable Care Act?

12 He never answered my question. It took
13 me, I think, 3 or 4 letters to finally get it out of
14 him that it is about the Affordable Care Act.

15 Well, the Affordable Health Care Act
16 doesn't apply to anybody on Medicare or seasonal
17 employees, but what the county did -- I shouldn't say
18 "county," I should say the "Personnel Department" --
19 is they limited people's employment, including the
20 Sheriff's secretary, myself, somebody in the
21 Superintendent of Elections, and something happened
22 in the Parks Department too, those seasonal employees
23 got cut.

24 So anything can be done about this?

25 I spoke to Congressman Pascrell about

1 this also. His staff called down to the county to
2 ask about this issue and informed them about the law,
3 and only I can see is that there's nothing in the
4 federal law to prevent the county from allowing
5 people to work as many hours as needed, if they've on
6 Medicare or if they are seasonal.

7 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS:

8 That's actually currently under review now, because
9 that issue has been brought up.

10 The county has traditionally had this
11 policy of not exceeding 19 hours per week before you
12 have to provide the health benefits. There are some
13 of the contracts still have that legacy in it, but
14 the Affordable Care Act for those people it does
15 apply to, I think it's now 29 hours.

16 MR. ASPINWALL: Yes, but I don't think
17 anybody was in that position in the county. It could
18 possibly be.

19 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS:

20 Right, but, to your point, considering that
21 circumstance where people are either otherwise
22 covered and willing to waive the benefit in terms of
23 being able to increase the hours that they work,
24 we're actually looking at that policy now. We're
25 looking to revise not just that one but some other

1 old policies that still are currently in the policy
2 label.

3 MR. ASPINWALL: This is the first time
4 I've heard this. I kept on asking Mr. Kornfeld, I
5 might as well talk to the wall with that guy, but I'm
6 glad I heard this. But I'm only working ten weeks a
7 year. Right now I'm working, I only work three days.
8 This is nuts.

9 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: And
10 how many hours per day are you working?

11 MR. ASPINWALL: Six and a half, but I
12 only work three days.

13 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: And
14 who did you say you work for?

15 MR. ASPINWALL: Board of Elections.
16 And the elections occur all day long, seven days a
17 week. There are some weeks, I work seven days, five,
18 six, but only for a short period of time, then I'm
19 out for the next election.

20 So could we get some kind of
21 resolution?

22 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: And
23 we've actually been talking to Elections, coming up
24 on the presidential election that's coming up, and I
25 know Elections has been really looking for support.

1 I had some conversations with them today, so you will
2 be seeing some policy changes soon.

3 MR. FLORIO: That's three minutes,
4 Mr. Aspinwall.

5 MR. ASPINWALL: That's enough.

6 Thank you.

7 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you.

8 Paul Nickels.

9 MR. NICKELS: Good evening.

10 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Good evening.

11 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Good evening.

12 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Good evening.

13 MR. NICKELS: Good to see you all. I
14 promised that I would bring this.

15 If you remember last year, Wallington,
16 the Jasontown II Apartments, I promised them that I
17 would bring this to your attention again.

18 You were the Chairwoman at the time,
19 Ms. Voss.

20 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I remember.

21 MR. NICKELS: Good evening, Ms. Zur.

22 Yeah, they want to raise it 158 percent
23 this year. That's their new tactic. So I'm going to
24 give this to Jared, if I could.

25 It's a lousy copy, I'm sorry, so I

1 emailed a copy to Lisa. So maybe she can just
2 forward the emails and everything.

3 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Okay.

4 MR. NICKELS: I want to -- oh, boy -- I
5 saw your thing on the domestic violence awareness. I
6 also emailed her a copy of the new resource guide,
7 which has a friend of mine has, "Never Alone Again,"
8 it's called, domestic violence. She does really good
9 work, and she's certified and that kind of stuff.
10 You know Bonnie from Transitional Professionals, the
11 one who does the reentry program, she's in her
12 building over there on Passaic Street.

13 Now, I've talked to you guys about the
14 eviction thing, this thing that I want to get going,
15 because I get throughout the year people saying, "I'm
16 getting evicted tomorrow, what can we do?"

17 I looked at the Housing Authority's
18 website and they have some resource links for people.
19 I did a little research, and I want to get with the
20 Sheriff, because I spoke to his civil division. And
21 their format, when the person comes up and hands out
22 to the landlord that's wanting a late payment, fills
23 out that form, it's -- I don't know the name of the
24 form -- but that form he fills out is the one that
25 actually gets mailed out. And I asked them, I said,

1 "Do you have resources that you give so people don't
2 become homeless and they know?"

3 And the woman said, "Yes, we do," but
4 they don't mail it out with that thing, and I think
5 they should, that would be great. Because I'm sure
6 you've all gotten people, especially for housing,
7 Health and Human Services, which has great, enormous
8 resources for homeless prevention. Like there are
9 legitimate people with legitimate problems where they
10 just lost a job and they can't afford their rent, and
11 they can go over there, right, Mrs. Zur, to the
12 Housing, Health and Human Services and maybe apply
13 for ESP or some sort of homeless prevention thing.

14 The thing is, a lot of people really
15 don't know about the resources that are out there.
16 I'm working with a town right now that's at least
17 going to put it on their town's Housing Authority
18 website. So we'll see how that goes, but I really
19 would like to -- I'm going to see Mr. Saudino's
20 office and hope we can get something going.

21 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Mr.

22 Nickels.

23 MR. NICKELS: And I hope you would too.

24 Thank you.

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you, Mr.

1 Nickels.

2 Joe Gautier.

3 MR. GAUTIER: Hello, everyone. How are
4 you?

5 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Good evening.

6 MR. GAUTIER: Nice to see all of you.

7 I know most of you know me as union
8 president. However, my first job, as you probably
9 know, is as a Senior Registered Environmental Health
10 Specialist for Bergen County, and a lot has been
11 going on since I've been here last. We have a new
12 Health Officer and Director, Hansel Asmar, which I
13 believe he's a very good choice, because he brings
14 with him the knowledge and experience necessary to
15 get the job done.

16 You know, the Health Officer in Bergen
17 County wears a lot of hats, and he does have a lot of
18 experience, so I think that was a good choice. And I
19 believe that the county is moving in a positive
20 direction overall. We're pleased with the way things
21 are going, so I just wanted to let you know.

22 I believe Freeholder Sullivan and
23 Freeholder DeNicola will be coming to our general
24 membership meeting on the 19th to speak, so I'll see
25 you guys then.

1 Thank you, everyone. Have a good
2 night.

3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you very
4 much.

5 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Thank you. You
6 too.

7 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Martha Amarante
8 Pleasant.

9 MS. AMARANTE PLEASANT: Good evening to
10 all of you.

11 I did leave some blue folders to share
12 some information in regards to the agency that I work
13 with, which is the Partnership for Maternal and Child
14 Health of Northern New Jersey. I specifically work
15 with the Central Intake Program, which is new to
16 Bergen County as of July of last year.

17 The New Jersey Department of Health has
18 an "Improving Pregnancy Outcomes Initiative," which
19 consists of central intake as well as a community
20 health workers program. Unfortunately, Bergen County
21 only has one of those pieces, and I am the community
22 liaison for the Central Intake Program here.

23 What I want to do is just let you know
24 of the program that we have. The Central Intake
25 Program connects individuals to resources that they

1 need in the community. We are primarily focused on
2 pregnant women and new mothers to make sure that they
3 are connected to the free home visiting programs that
4 are here serving all of Bergen County.

5 On the right-hand side of your folders,
6 you'll see our basic flyer regarding central intake,
7 and on the left-hand side, you'll see a flyer that
8 talks about the benefits of home visitation.

9 Now, people are just not aware of these
10 free services that are here in Bergen County. We are
11 collaborating with many different agencies like
12 Bergen's Promise, which has this new
13 BergenResourcenet.org website, which has a lot of the
14 different programs that are helping families. So we
15 are trying to continue to collaborate with different
16 agencies, as well as promote these free home visiting
17 programs.

18 We have three programs, which consist
19 of Healthy Families Program, which is out of Care
20 Plus. We have the Nurse/Family Partnership Program
21 and Parents as Teachers Program, which is also under
22 the partnership umbrella.

23 With all three programs, they provide
24 support and education to pregnant women and new
25 mother's prenatally, up to the child's third

1 birthday.

2 These are totally free services. They
3 are totally voluntary. And within all programs, they
4 have bilingual staff, English and Spanish, to provide
5 the support to new mothers and their families.

6 Yes, we are primarily focusing on
7 connecting the women to the services, but we can also
8 connect other family members to other services that
9 they need.

10 So I just am here to introduce myself,
11 as well as ask for your help. We don't have the
12 budget and monies to promote, have billboards and so
13 on. It is a team of two individuals going out and
14 sharing this information. So I encourage you to
15 share this information with families that you know,
16 with other businesses that you know, so they can
17 connect these families to the resources available.

18 Thank you very much.

19 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: May I ask one
20 question?

21 Have you reached out to our Health
22 Department and utilized their resources as well?

23 MS. AMARANTE PLEASANT: Most
24 definitely. I am definitely blasting to every Health
25 Department, including the county, to make sure they

1 have our flyers hanging up and flyers to distribute.

2 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Wonderful.

3 Thank you so much.

4 MS. AMARANTE PLEASANT: Thank you.

5 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Sal Moretti.

6 MR. MORETTI: 197 Alpine Drive,

7 Salvatore Moretti.

8 I have two letters I am going to
9 address to the Board, which relate to the prior
10 appearance that I made. They are in regard to
11 various legal matters which the County Counsel has
12 provided their input on, dated September 29th, which
13 is included.

14 In my reply thereto, I have set forth
15 some graphics, which should be fairly clear. They
16 relate to matters of Michael Mordaga, Robert Hollis,
17 Edward Evans, his former office at S 10 Route 17,
18 Paramus, and the robbery at Citibank on August 8th of
19 1994 in re my attempt to secure loans for the
20 operation of Park Court Apartments at 391 Park
21 Street, Hackensack.

22 I will present them to you and hope
23 that you will peruse them.

24 Thank you.

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you very

1 much, Mr. Moretti.

2 Claude Bienstock.

3 MR. BIENSTOCK: Good evening.

4 I'm Claude Bienstock, Fair Lawn.

5 I want to say something about positive
6 train control. I'm not an engineer. I know you
7 don't supervise the trains, but I make a suggestion,
8 we need positive train control, because thousands
9 could die in future accidents. Maybe you could let
10 people in the county know and the assemblymen, state
11 senators and the congressional representatives and
12 the governor's office that something should be done
13 immediately to resolve this situation, because more
14 people will die.

15 I realize you cannot prevent all
16 accidents. Even with positive train control, things
17 could go wrong, it could be a breakdown, the machine
18 could breakdown. Nothing is guaranteed, just like
19 airplanes, taxis or buses, cars. You can't prevent
20 all bus accidents.

21 They're talking nationwide about having
22 seat belts in school buses, because there have been a
23 number of crashes. That's a good suggestion.

24 There also was two buses crashed in the
25 Lincoln Tunnel, and the repercussions, even though

1 nobody was killed, the traffic nightmare. I mean, I
2 don't commute to New York, but perhaps you can make
3 suggestions to the public and let the people know
4 that read the newspapers and log onto the Internet,
5 that you want to see this problem solved. I don't
6 think there should be any delay on it.

7 Now, I don't know who does the
8 installation. Maybe New Jersey Transit doesn't want
9 to hear this, that somebody comes up and talks about
10 something like this, but I'd rather see lives saved.
11 You know, this is a situation that no matter a
12 person's party, Democrat or Republican, it's for
13 public safety. I have a very strong concern about
14 this. I know most trains are safe, but you got to
15 get the mechanisms in place to resolve this, so do
16 whatever you can.

17 Thank you for allowing me to speak. I
18 hope I was able to be of some positive value.

19 Thank you.

20 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you very
21 much, Mr. Bienstock.

22 MR. BIENSTOCK: Thank you very much.

23 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Colleen
24 Dellaquila.

25 I've never been to one of these before.

1 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Welcome.

2 MS. DELLAQUILA: I'm currently a guest
3 at the Bergen County shelter, 120 S. River Street.

4 I have been sexually abused there. I
5 have been fondled in an elevator. And now I have to
6 go, because they don't want me there. I have to
7 leave on the 31st. I need help, and I need a lawyer.

8 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: So, first of
9 all, if you could just wait for me after the meeting
10 and I'll take your contact information and we'll
11 follow-up as far as that's concerned.

12 MS. DELLAQUILA: Okay.

13 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: To delve a
14 little further and into the what's next. And we'll
15 have a conversation offline.

16 MS. DELLAQUILA: They want me to leave
17 like on the 31st.

18 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Let's touch
19 base offline, so that we can have a conversation.

20 MS. DELLAQUILA: Okay. Thank you,
21 Tracy.

22 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: You're welcome.
23 Jeff Grossman.

24 MR. GROSSMAN: Yeah, I stay at the
25 shelter too.

1 I about want to bring up the living
2 conditions at the shelter.

3 I'm a combat-wounded veteran, and these
4 people, you know, they treat you like little
5 children. They talk to you any way they want to.
6 And if you make any kind of stand, you know, being a
7 man or an American, whatever it is, they admonish you
8 like a child. You know, I've been thrown out,
9 because I will not bow down and kiss up to them. You
10 know, they have all these rules and regs and policies
11 and procedure, and, me, being a military vet, I
12 understand that better than most, but, you know,
13 being mentally berated, it's a joke.

14 I fell in the shower, that's why my
15 hand is in a cast, and they told me to get out. I
16 told them I was going to put a lawsuit against them,
17 because they have no nonslip flooring, and it's a
18 huge list of things.

19 I've been in contact with Don Shelly
20 (phonetic) in Washington about this treatment of
21 veterans, and they told me, everything I asked them,
22 deny, deny, deny. Nothing. They've done absolutely
23 nothing for me.

24 Everything they offer as services, I've
25 been waiting six weeks, I've had absolutely zero done

1 for me. And they wonder why your attitude goes in --
2 you know, it's ridiculous. They say all these
3 things, but they do nothing.

4 You know, we went to the POW
5 remembrance thing in the back of this building.
6 Julia Orlando, the woman who runs this place, she was
7 in front of me on line. She looked back and saw us
8 and she looked at her little friends, she said, "Oh,
9 look, people from the shelter."

10 I'm still an American, I still fought
11 for this country, now all of a sudden I'm nothing
12 because I live in the shelter. The living
13 conditions, all they do -- it's something, I don't
14 know who to bring this to. Like I said, I fought and
15 bled for this country, two Purple Hearts, Silver
16 Star, and this is how I get treat treated, and their
17 answer is "Get out."

18 Really?

19 I'm done with this.

20 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Mr. Grossman,
21 if you'll make sure you give me your contact
22 information, we'll follow-up to continue this
23 conversation.

24 MR. GROSSMAN: Yeah, I'll do that.

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you.

1 Are there any other slips from the
2 general public?

3 (No response.)

4 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Seeing none, do
5 I have a motion to close the public session?

6 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

7 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Second.

8 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: All in favor?

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

11 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Any opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 RESOLUTIONS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT

14 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Seeing none,
15 will the Clerk read the resolutions on the Consent
16 Agenda.

17 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Resolutions on
18 Consent tonight are: #1094-16 through #1143-16.

19 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: May I have a
20 motion to accept the Resolutions of the Consent
21 Agenda as read by the Clerk?

22 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: So moved.

23 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

24 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Roll call,
25 please.

1 (At this point in the proceeding roll
2 call is taken and the Resolutions of Unanimous
3 Consent are passed by a vote of five in favor, with
4 Freeholder Ganz abstaining, and Chairman Tanelli
5 absent.)

6 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Are there any
7 Resolutions of Nonconsent, pulled or tabled?

8 If so, will the Clerk please read them.

9 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: There are none.

10 ORDINANCES

11 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: All right.
12 We'll now go to our three ordinances for the First
13 Reading and Introduction, Ordinances 16-23, 16-24,
14 and 16-25.

15 Will the Clerk read Ordinance 16-23 by
16 title only.

17 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: The title is read
18 as follows:

19 "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
20 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN,
21 APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$2,485,000
22 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,485,000
23 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE
24 COST THEREOF."

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: May I have a

1 motion to introduce Ordinance 16-23 as read by the
2 Clerk?

3 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

4 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

5 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Will the Clerk
6 please call the roll.

7 (At this point in the proceeding roll
8 call taken and the Introduction and First Reading of
9 Ordinance 16-23 is passed by a vote of six in favor,
10 with Chairman Tanelli absent.)

11 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-23
12 passes First Reading.

13 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Will the Clerk
14 read Ordinance 16-24 by title only.

15 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: The title is read
16 as follows:

17 "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
18 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN,
19 APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,715,000
20 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,632,500
21 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE
22 COST THEREOF."

23 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: May I have a
24 motion to introduce Ordinance 16-24 as read by the
25 Clerk?

1 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

2 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Will the Clerk
4 please call the roll.

5 (At this point in the proceeding roll
6 call taken and the Introduction and First Reading of
7 Ordinance 16-24 is passed by a vote of six in favor,
8 with Chairman Tanelli absent.)

9 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-24
10 passes First Reading.

11 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you.

12 Will the Clerk read Ordinance 16-25 by
13 title only.

14 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Title is read as
15 follows:

16 "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
17 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN,
18 APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000
19 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$952,000
20 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE
21 COST THEREOF."

22 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: May I have a
23 motion to introduce Ordinance 16-25 as read by the
24 Clerk?

25 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

1 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

2 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Will the Clerk
4 please call the roll.

5 (At this point in the proceeding roll
6 call taken and the Introduction and First Reading of
7 Ordinance 16-25 is passed by a vote of six in favor,
8 with Chairman Tanelli absent.)

9 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-25
10 passes First Reading.

11 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: This is Second
12 Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 16-20.

13 Will the Clerk please read the
14 ordinance by title only.

15 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: The Proof of
16 Publication of Ordinance, Notice of Public Hearing
17 was published in The Record and the Herald News on
18 Sunday, September 25, 2016, and is on file in my
19 office.

20 A copy of the Notice of Hearing and
21 Ordinance No. 16-20 was duly posted, pursuant to
22 N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17, on Friday, September 23rd, 2016.

23 The title is read as follows:

24 "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
25 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN,

1 APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$13,461,000
2 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$11,867,000
3 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE
4 COST THEREOF."

5 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: May I have a
6 motion to open the hearing on Ordinance 16-20 to the
7 public?

8 FREEHOLDER FELICE: So moved.

9 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

10 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: The public
11 hearing is now open, with a five-minute time limit,
12 to speak about Ordinance 16-20 only at this time.

13 The Board Attorney will keep time.
14 When the time of the speaker has expired, the
15 timekeeper will announce the time has expired.

16 Does anyone from the public wish to
17 speak on Ordinance 16-20?

18 (No response.)

19 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Seeing none,
20 may I have a motion to close to the public?

21 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

22 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

23 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: All in favor?

24 (All present Freeholders respond in the
25 affirmative.)

1 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Any opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Seeing none,
4 such discussion is closed.

5 Is there any board discussion or
6 comment on Ordinance 16-20?

7 May I have a motion to adopt the
8 ordinance?

9 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Move the ordinance.

10 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Second.

11 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Roll call,
12 please.

13 (At this point in the proceeding roll
14 call taken and the Second Reading and Adoption of
15 Ordinance 16-20 is passed by a vote of six in favor,
16 with Chairman Tanelli absent.)

17 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-20 is
18 adopted on Second Reading.

19 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you.

20 Now Second Reading and Adoption of
21 Ordinance 16-21.

22 Will the Clerk read the ordinance by
23 title only.

24 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: The Proof of
25 Publication of Ordinance, Notice of Public Hearing

1 was published in The Record and the Herald News on
2 Sunday, September 25, 2016, and is on file in my
3 office.

4 A copy of the Notice of Hearing and
5 Ordinance 16-21 was duly posted, pursuant to N.J.S.A.
6 40A:2-17, on Friday, September 23rd, 2016.

7 The title is read as follows:

8 "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
9 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN,
10 APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000
11 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,857,000
12 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE
13 COST THEREOF."

14 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: May I have a
15 motion to open the hearing on Ordinance 16-21 to the
16 public?

17 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

18 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

19 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Second.

20 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: All in favor?

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

23 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Any opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Okay. The

1 public hearing is now open, with a five-minute time
2 limit, to speak about Ordinance 16-21 only.

3 The Board Attorney will keep the time.
4 When the time of the speaker expires, the timekeeper
5 will announce that the time has expired.

6 Is there any comment from the public on
7 Ordinance 16-21?

8 (No response.)

9 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Seeing none,
10 may I have a motion to close the hearing on Ordinance
11 16-21 to the public?

12 FREEHOLDER FELICE: So moved.

13 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

14 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: All in favor?

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

17 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Any opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: The public
20 hearing on Ordinance 16-21 is now closed.

21 Is there any board discussion or
22 comment on Ordinance 16-21?

23 (No response.)

24 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Seeing none,
25 may I have a motion to adopt Ordinance 16-21?

1 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Move the ordinance.

2 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Roll call,
4 please.

5 (At this point in the proceeding roll
6 call taken and the Second Reading and Adoption of
7 Ordinance 16-21 is passed by a vote of six in favor,
8 with Chairman Tanelli absent.)

9 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-21 is
10 adopted at Second Reading.

11 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you.

12 Second Reading now and Adoption of
13 Ordinance 16-22.

14 Will the Clerk please read Ordinance
15 16-22 by title.

16 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: The Proof of
17 Publication of Ordinance, Notice of Public Hearing
18 was published in The Record and the Herald News on
19 Sunday, September 25, 2016, and is on file in my
20 office.

21 A copy of the Notice of Hearing and
22 Ordinance 16-22 was duly posted, pursuant to N.J.S.A.
23 40A:2-17, on Friday, September 23, 2016.

24 The title is read as follows:

25 "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS

1 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN,
2 APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$145,000
3 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$138,000
4 BONDS AND NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE
5 COST THEREOF."

6 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: May I have a
7 motion to open the hearing on Ordinance 16-22 to the
8 public?

9 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

10 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Second.

11 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: All in favor?

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

14 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Any opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: The public
17 hearing is now open, with a five-minute time limit,
18 to speak about Ordinance 16-22 only at this time.

19 The Board Attorney will keep the time.

20 When the time of the speaker has expired, the
21 timekeeper will announce the time has expired.

22 Is there anyone from the public who
23 wishes to comment on Ordinance 16-22?

24 (No response.)

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Seeing none,

1 may have a motion to close the hearing on Ordinance
2 16-22?

3 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

4 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Second.

5 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: All in favor?

6 (All present Freeholders respond in the
7 affirmative.)

8 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Any opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: The public
11 hearing on Ordinance 16-22 is closed.

12 Is there any board discussion or
13 comment on Ordinance 16-22?

14 (No response.)

15 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: May I have a
16 motion to adopt that ordinance as read by the Clerk?

17 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

18 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

19 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Roll call,
20 please.

21 (At this point in the proceeding roll
22 call taken and the Second Reading and Adoption of
23 Ordinance 16-22 is passed by a vote of six in favor,
24 with Chairman Tanelli absent.)

25 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-22 is

1 adopted at Second Reading.

2 COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM FREEHOLDERS

3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: We will now
4 have Freeholder Committee Reports.

5 I ask that we keep them brief and on
6 point.

7 Freeholder Sullivan, why don't you
8 begin.

9 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Thank you,
10 Chairwoman Zur.

11 First, I do want to speak about the
12 individual who just spoke tonight, a veteran in our
13 audience. As you know, Bergen County is continuing
14 to work as diligently as possible to help all the
15 veterans, and if there's anything I can do to help
16 that individual, along with Freeholder Zur, this
17 county is committed and I am committed as well to
18 doing that. So hopefully we'll have some brighter
19 things for that young gentleman.

20 Also Ordinance 16-20, I didn't mention
21 this during comments, I should have, just so people
22 know, in that body of the ordinance, the ordinance
23 includes a million dollar grant from the DOT. I
24 think that should be pointed out to the public.

25 Some of the things we did in the last

1 couple of weeks, bocce ball tournament. I saw
2 Freeholder DeNicola and Freeholder Tanelli on the
3 same team, and, boy, they stunk, I'll tell you.

4 (Laughter.)

5 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: But they had a
6 lot of fun. They did a great job. They represented
7 the county very well. Thank you, Freeholder. And
8 that was the county's bocce ball tournament, and it
9 was a good time. It was a good to see Maura and
10 Steve out there participating, better than I can do,
11 Freeholder, let's get that right. I never played
12 bocce in my life, so you're obviously better than I.

13 The county also celebrated Disability
14 Awareness Day at the zoo. I want to thank the nearly
15 100 students who volunteered to help make this day
16 possible and special. It's important that we treat
17 all our residents equally and make the parks as
18 accessible as possible to all and especially our
19 disabled. Freeholder Voss joined me, as well as
20 Freeholder DeNicola and the County Executive. And I
21 know it's something we all, as you could tell, with
22 our mental health budget and things that we're doing,
23 are committed to helping individuals and we're going
24 to continue to do that. So I was proud to be there
25 that day.

1 I also attended the Hackensack Chamber
2 of Commerce dinner, where there's many, many small
3 businesses in Hackensack. We got to interact with
4 them, see how they're working, see what we can do
5 better to make their small businesses click. It was
6 a nice evening, so I want to say thank you to the
7 Hackensack Chamber.

8 Then I want to announce that the
9 county's Division of Addiction Services is having a
10 "Light the Night" vigil on Tuesday, November 1st, at
11 6:30, here in the piazza.

12 It's a special night where we come
13 together to raise awareness about the heroin epidemic
14 in the county. The Board has made combating this
15 epidemic a priority. I continue to make it a
16 priority and all our Freeholders as well make it a
17 priority. It's not going away, it's something we
18 need to face head-on and continue to serve the
19 residents of the county, because that's what they
20 deserve. And I'm a firm believer in everyone
21 deserves a second chance, and sometimes walk a mile
22 in my shoes, and, you know, you won't like the
23 results. So we understand where you're coming from.
24 We're there to help. We did this last year as well,
25 and this is a wonderful night to raise awareness, and

1 we all need to raise awareness.

2 And that concludes my report,
3 Chairwoman. Thank you.

4 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you very
5 much.

6 Freeholder Voss.

7 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you, Madam
8 Chairwoman.

9 This was a very busy week. October and
10 the end of September are very, very busy.

11 First of all, I want to wish everybody
12 a Happy New Year, Rosh Hashanah, 5777, and, so,
13 leshono toyvo tiko-seyvu.

14 The Korean community celebrated their
15 Thanksgiving with a wonderful event at Overpeck Park,
16 and this is Chuseok. I think we all have to give
17 thanks for the many blessings that we have, and we
18 have many Thanksgiving ceremonies coming up during
19 the month of October and November.

20 The Disability Awareness Day at the zoo
21 was great. I have to thank Jim Thebery, who does an
22 outstanding job organizing these events and bringing
23 attention to the services that we have for people
24 with disabilities. It's one of, I believe, all of
25 our missions in life is to go around, when we speak

1 to different groups, to tell them about the different
2 services, but it's one thing to tell them and it's
3 another thing to give them the literature. Many
4 people are compute illiterate, so we have to find
5 different ways of conveying information to them. I
6 commend you for the things that you're doing in terms
7 of child care and helping mothers.

8 We had a big senior picnic here in the
9 county, but, in my town, we have a big senior picnic.
10 I think it's important once again to tell the seniors
11 about all the services that we have available. It's
12 not just giving them picnics, it's giving them care
13 services and transportation services and so many
14 things in the county that we need to inform of the
15 citizenry that they are there and they are free.

16 I'm a liaison to Human Services, where
17 we have a variety of departments, and I went to the
18 Christian Health Center up in Wyckoff. We have the
19 most unbelievable facilities and health care in this
20 county. And, again, we have to make people aware of
21 it.

22 One of the things that I was a little
23 taken aback, because I belong to Rotary, and one of
24 our many services is periodically we go to feed the
25 homeless over at the homeless shelter. We are amazed

1 at the quality of the facility, and, as I said, I was
2 a little taken aback, and I just want you to know
3 that there are so many organizations, like the
4 Rotary, that volunteer to feed the homeless, and they
5 have a waiting list, that's how many organizations
6 want to help out. People in Bergen County are
7 givers.

8 The Board of Social Services, again,
9 here's the thing -- and I'm taking a little bit
10 longer because we need to inform people of the
11 services -- we are in the process of making a
12 brochure, which isn't ready yet but we're working on
13 it, to show people how do you apply for Food Stamps,
14 how do you apply for Medicaid, how do you apply for
15 the various services that we have, because speaking
16 word of mouth is not as good as having something in
17 your hand that you can really see.

18 And, of course, this morning was the
19 domestic violence, which is one of the reasons most
20 of us are wearing purple today. This is an epidemic.
21 Just as drug addiction is an epidemic, domestic
22 violence is an epidemic, and it's not only in the
23 home, but the thing I'm very concerned about at this
24 point is domestic violence against the elderly. This
25 is a major, major problem that we have to make people

1 aware of.

2 Just two more things.

3 This is not only Domestic Violence
4 Awareness Month, but it's also Breast Cancer
5 Awareness Month, and so please give and give
6 generously to breast cancer.

7 Thank you, lady Chairwoman.

8 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you.

9 Freeholder Felice.

10 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Madam Chairwoman, I
11 have no committee report this evening.

12 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you very
13 much.

14 Freeholder DeNicola.

15 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Thank you, Madam
16 Chair.

17 You've heard a lot of the different
18 events that we all have gone to over the last couple
19 of weeks, I have to say, truly covered the county,
20 from river to river, from the Federal Express
21 groundbreaking in North Arlington, all the way up to
22 Mahwah Day.

23 As Freeholder Voss had mentioned, it's
24 so important, all of these events, because it's about
25 connecting. There are so many services out there,

1 either at the municipal level, the county level, even
2 the state level, and these days, these fairs, these
3 festivals are opportunities to share that information
4 and to connect people to what does exist, and also
5 gives them the opportunity to talk about what they
6 may need that we still have to work on.

7 I also want to mention that I went to
8 Firefighter I graduation, another 123 young men and
9 women who are now volunteering across Bergen County
10 as firefighters. There were two young men who
11 actually were fifth generation firefighters, which is
12 wonderful to see. So our current firefighters not
13 only give, they also serve as mentors for the future,
14 which is exactly what we need.

15 I went to the OEM conference, which was
16 held last Thursday and Friday at Bergen Community
17 College. The title was "Impact of Emergency
18 Management in Suburbia." It was packed. It was in
19 the Ciccone Theatre. Speakers came in from all over
20 the country. The program opened with the fertilizer
21 explosion in Waco, Texas, and how that completely
22 changed the town and stressed the emergency services
23 that are available and were available. And the OEM
24 coordinator walked us through that incident, and at
25 every decision he discussed whether it was good or

1 whether it didn't work, and the discussion that
2 ensued was about learning for the future.

3 I also wanted to mention that it is
4 Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and that the
5 Prosecutor's Office is going to have a Domestic
6 Violence Symposium on October 19th at Bergen
7 Community College in the Meadowlands in Lyndhurst.
8 It's going to be from 10 to 4, and our Office of
9 Alternatives to Domestic Violence will be opening up
10 that program. I know I've spoken about them before.
11 We all sing their praises. They are an incredible
12 county service here, and we are the only county that
13 provides services not only to the victim but also to
14 the perpetrator, so we truly can work to eliminate
15 the issue.

16 We talked about disability awareness at
17 the zoo. On that day, we recognized the longtime
18 work of Rosemarie Kasper, by availing a paver that
19 was going to be installed in the front of the zoo.
20 She was an advocate, a longtime volunteer, and part
21 of our advisory counselor for Disability Services,
22 and there was a tremendous turnout for her. She
23 recently passed away.

24 I went to the Caregivers Luncheon in
25 Ridgewood, also given by our Division of Disability

1 Services, to recognize our caregivers and our
2 caregiver providers in the county.

3 This morning, with Freeholder Zur, we
4 were at the ribbon-cutting for Mahwah Commons, the
5 first special needs housing in Mahwah, which was on
6 property that was donated by a friend, actually, Judy
7 Webster, who passed away during the process, and the
8 donation continued through her daughter, Linda
9 Cennerazzo. So that was great to see. It was great
10 to see the incoming residents will be there, and
11 there also is a group home component to that. So
12 great successes. It was a partnership with Bergen
13 County United Way, the Madeline Corporation, and
14 government, and it worked. We're really perfecting
15 that whole process.

16 The last thing I wanted to mention was
17 through Veterans Services in Ridgewood on
18 September 25th, we had a Gold Star Mothers Day
19 ceremony.

20 Every year we celebrate Gold Star
21 Mothers.

22 Gold Star Mothers, of course, are
23 mothers who have lost a child in the military.

24 This is sponsored by American Legion
25 Post 53 in Ridgewood and the Blue Star Mothers

1 Chapter 3 of Northern New Jersey. So I attended both
2 as a Freeholder and as a Blue Star Mother.

3 And the last thing I'll say is, if you
4 saw an E-2, that's one of those radar planes with the
5 big dome on it, flying up the Hudson River about 4:00
6 today, that was my daughter-in-law. Don't ask me
7 what she was doing or where she was going, but I got
8 a very cryptic message that that was her, and I hope
9 she saw me wave. So please keep her, my son, and all
10 of those who are actively serving in the military in
11 your thoughts and prayers, as well as those veterans
12 and those who have served before them.

13 Thank you.

14 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you very
15 much, Freeholder.

16 Freeholder Ganz.

17 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you,
18 Chairwoman.

19 The trip up the Hudson River reminds me
20 of something that my father told me about during the
21 Second World War, when he was ferrying B-24s to
22 England. He too came up the Hudson, and they were
23 intercepted, and they went under the George
24 Washington Bridge.

25 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Oh, dear!

1 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Before sugar in the
2 gas tank forced them to land at Fort Dix for a well
3 needed respite in New York County, which is where my
4 grandparents lived.

5 I celebrate the veterans as well, and I
6 want to say that as a Gold Star father who lost his
7 son to suicide, that we continue to be concerned for
8 the 22 veterans who commit suicide each day. This is
9 22 vets each day. And we know that that number is
10 low, because the military do not count the veterans
11 from Texas, California or Illinois, because the
12 coroners in those states are not required to take a
13 separate count. So figure it's probably closer to 40
14 veterans a day.

15 In the short period of time that
16 they've been keeping track of it, more people have
17 died, veterans of suicide, than those who perished in
18 the Vietnam War.

19 None of us have real answers for this,
20 but we keep looking, we keep trying, and with God's
21 help, perhaps we can get that number lowered.

22 I did a number of different things over
23 the course of the last week, and, for a change, it's
24 different than almost all the other ones that we've
25 heard on the calendar.

1 I was at the Justice Center late last
2 week for a swearing-in ceremony that the Prosecutor's
3 Office holds, and at this ceremony assistant
4 prosecutors as well as detectives were sworn in and
5 promoted.

6 It was a lovely ceremony. It was very
7 warm, but the people, they were delighted. I didn't
8 realize, when I went there, that I was going to be
9 asked to speak, so it was fairly spontaneous, but the
10 one thing that I noted to them is, that the Oath of
11 Office that they take, they do the same thing in
12 their oath as we do when we take ours, and that is
13 they promise to do their job to the best of their
14 ability.

15 These young men and women, assistant
16 prosecutors and detectives, have great abilities that
17 hopefully they will use to the benefit of all
18 citizens of Bergen County.

19 I also went to the Federal Credit Union
20 opening just up the street, together with Freeholder
21 Zur, and I have to say that the dream for this began
22 with Vernon Walton, who was formerly a Freeholder,
23 formerly a minister in this county, and a very
24 significant and moving force advocating for the
25 credit union and for other things that will help the

1 economically disadvantaged and the working poor.

2 With this credit union, they will take
3 contributions as low as \$5 and they will make loans
4 as low as \$50.

5 It's a tremendous opportunity to do
6 that.

7 At the same time and at the same event,
8 Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Rev. Greg Jackson was sworn
9 in as the new chaplain for the Prosecutor's Office.

10 I want to wish him well and the other
11 chaplains who help the Prosecutor's Office, the
12 prosecutors themselves, and also the victims and
13 other county residents.

14 The last two days have been the start
15 of the Jewish New Year. It is the year 5777; a small
16 gap between that and the calendar in the Christian
17 era. Nonetheless, we wish all who celebrate a
18 leshono toyvo tiko-seyvu, and many years of health
19 and happiness to come.

20 Lastly, here we are in the new season,
21 some of us have summer colds, many of us are like
22 Freeholder Felice, wearing new glasses -- at least
23 they look new, John.

24 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Thank you. I keep
25 them clean.

1 FREEHOLDER GANZ: And that brings me to
2 one of my favorite topics, which is, the Bergen
3 Wellness.

4 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Did you use the
5 card?

6 FREEHOLDER FELICE: No comment.

7 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Did you?

8 FREEHOLDER FELICE: No.

9 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Well, you didn't use
10 the card, Freeholder McPherson did with her mom to
11 buy a new hearing aid. The quote for the hearing aid
12 was 3000 bucks. And with the Bergen Wellness card,
13 Ms. Prendergast quoted her mom was able to get her
14 hearing aid for under \$900. That's a great discount.

15 You also can use the pet discount
16 version, which is this. So if your kitty needs tuna
17 flavored amoxicillin, this card is the answer and a
18 30 percent discount. I'm going to put this out like
19 this, which is the website, Frank Fuchs is going to
20 add it in, and we all know what a great bargain this
21 is, brought to you by your Board of Chosen
22 Freeholders. The card costs nothing. When you use
23 it, it's a straight discount, straight to the bottom
24 line. Money in your pocket. Big savings. And
25 please use it in good health.

1 That concludes my report, Chairwoman.

2 Thank you.

3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you very
4 much, Freeholder.

5 As the one who gets to speak last
6 today, for a change, I've been to many of the events
7 that my colleagues have mentioned.

8 I want to draw a little bit of
9 attention to three of the resolutions that we passed
10 on the Consent Agenda. When they were discussed in
11 the Work Session, we all agreed these are worthwhile
12 projects, and this is why they were on the Consent
13 Agenda, but they really underscore the county's
14 effort to continue working on shared services. They
15 were resolutions that talked about sharing mechanical
16 services, sharing different equipment.

17 This is an initiative that we are
18 working very hard on at the county, because that is
19 truly the way that we are going to save taxpayers
20 money, by working together more efficiently to pool
21 our resources and make sure that we're working
22 everyday to make sure that we're providing the best
23 economy of scale for the residents of Bergen County.

24 Just to touch on, I was at day two of
25 the OEM event. One of the things that was discussed,

1 very timely the day after the Hoboken tragedy, was
2 the derailment in Philadelphia of a train and the
3 lessons that were learned from that, and also the
4 lessons that were learned from the Garden State Plaza
5 shooting event.

6 This kind of roundtable, this kind of
7 discussion is so critical, and it's something that we
8 are engaged in continually at the county so that we
9 can continue to learn from the lessons that all of
10 the members of our Emergency Management communities
11 gather.

12 There was over 200 different people
13 from 83 different departments who were there. It was
14 a tremendous interchange of information and a very
15 important step that we here at Bergen County take
16 very seriously.

17 I was also this week at the Fair Lawn
18 Chamber of Commerce consortium doing a presentation
19 about refocusing the conversation. In addition to it
20 being Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic
21 Violence Awareness Month, it is also Disability
22 Employment Awareness Month.

23 This population is very underemployed
24 within the State of New Jersey and within the
25 country. They have a 37 percent employment rate in

1 the State of New Jersey, and this population has
2 profound abilities. We need to change the discussion
3 from being about the disabilities to being about the
4 abilities, and get them permanent employment and work
5 towards that. And this road show that the Workforce
6 Development Board has organized is going to all the
7 different chambers and the Rotaries talking about to
8 the small business community the advantages to hiring
9 individuals with disabilities. This will be a
10 tremendously loyal population, the most enthusiastic
11 to go to work, eager everyday to do very complicated,
12 repetitive tasks, in some cases, but really the face
13 of disability is when we have one in 43, I think it
14 is, Freeholder Voss, with autism, that we have a job
15 to do as far as educating our business partners to
16 making sure they're part of the solution for
17 employing those with disabilities.

18 To that end, on October 13th, we're
19 having our press day for Project Search. This is a
20 program that we unveiled last month, which is for
21 young adults in their last year of education,
22 partnering with Hackensack Hospital and Holy Name
23 Hospital to provide young adults with portable job
24 skills. We are one of the pilots in the State of New
25 Jersey, and this program has a 73 percent employment

1 rate nationwide. We are excited for what this can do
2 for our disabled population and for the young adults
3 who are engaged in this program.

4 So for all those in the press who are
5 eager to come, it will be at Holy Name Hospital at
6 9:00 a.m. on the 13th, and we look forward to
7 continuing to grow this program going forward.

8 There being nothing further --

9 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Chairwoman, if I may?
10 Just a simple request.

11 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Yes.

12 FREEHOLDER GANZ: I mentioned at the
13 last meeting that our counsel for the county, Julien
14 Neals, remains unconfirmed, nominated by President
15 Obama to be a United States District Court Judge.
16 It's disgraceful that the United States Senate
17 refused to put it to a vote to confirm, deny, or to
18 consider this remarkably intelligent, well-spoken
19 attorney.

20 I would like to ask, Chairwoman, that
21 you direct our counsel, Mr. Florio, to prepare a
22 resolution condemning this practice and asking for a
23 vote, so that Julien can go on to the distinguished
24 career on the bench that he so sorely deserves.

25 Thank you.

1 at 8:30.

2 (Whereupon, the Public Meeting is
3 adjourned at 8:30 p.m.)

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