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BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018
COMMENCING AT 7:32 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

- THOMAS J. SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN
- GERMAINE M. ORTIZ, VICE CHAIRWOMAN
- MARY J. AMOROSO, CHAIRWOMAN PRO TEMPORE
- DAVID L. GANZ
- DR. JOAN M. VOSS
- TRACY SILNA ZUR
- STEVEN A. TANELLI

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

NONE

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ALSO PRESENT:

LARA RODRIGUEZ
CLERK TO THE BOARD

JULIEN X. NEALS, ESQUIRE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQUIRE
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

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1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The meeting is
2 called to order at 7:32.

3 Before we begin our meeting, I ask that
4 everyone please take a minute to silence their
5 cellphones.

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

9 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 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 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will the Clerk
23 please call the roll.

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

1 Tanelli, Voss, Silna Zur, Vice-Chairwoman Ortiz, and
2 Chairman Sullivan present.)

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Evidence of a
4 quorum is present.

5 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will everyone
7 please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

10 MOMENT OF SILENCE

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Would everyone
12 kindly remain standing. I would just like to ask for
13 a Moment of Silence.

14 Today is the 50th anniversary of the
15 senseless killing of Martin Luther King Jr., and I'd
16 ask that we take a moment to reflect.

17 (Whereupon a Moment of Silence is
18 observed.)

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

20 PRESENTATION TO THE 2017-2018 BERGEN COUNTY EDUCATOR
21 OF THE YEAR

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Before we begin
23 tonight's meeting, we have a special presentation to
24 make.

25 Tonight the Freeholder Board will be

1 recognizing the winner of the 2017-2018 Bergen County
2 Educator of the Year, Mr. Eddie Baldwin.

3 Mr. Baldwin is a social studies and
4 English teacher at Bergenfield High School, where he
5 is also highly involved in the Advanced Placement
6 program. He teaches multiple AP classes, as well as
7 spearheading the district's AP Capstone Program.

8 Mr. Baldwin is a shining example of the
9 dedication and hard work that educators in Bergen
10 County put forth in their schools, and we are proud
11 to recognize him tonight.

12 Mr. Baldwin, would you please come
13 forward.

14 A Bergenfield alumni will be presenting
15 the award. I don't think you were there when I was
16 there.

17 MR. BALDWIN: No, I don't think so.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The County
19 Executive also has a commendation.

20 I would ask the Freeholder Board to
21 come join me as I present this to the Teach of the
22 Year.

23 It says: "Eddie Baldwin of Bergenfield
24 High School, in recognition of being selected as the
25 2017-2018 Bergen County Teacher of the Year, and for

1 your continued commitment to your students.

2 Presented April 4, 2018, on behalf of the Bergen

3 County Board of Chosen Freeholders."

4 Congratulations.

5 (Whereupon the presentation is made.)

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. BALDWIN: Thank you very much. I
8 appreciate it.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I would just want
11 to congratulate you again. Like I said, I am an
12 alumni of Bergenfield, but, really, my wife is a
13 schoolteacher, so I know what it takes to do
14 everything you do every single day. To me, it's the
15 most noble profession in the world. To me, I can see
16 that you really enjoy what you do, and, of course,
17 that's what makes the greatest teachers. I have
18 always been a proponent of education and teachers,
19 and as well as all my colleagues here on the
20 Freeholder Board. I can actually say, without even
21 having to look, everyone is definitely pro-education,
22 definitely a proponent of education here, and we've
23 proven that in our budgets, but, personally, I'm sure
24 it's quite an honor and this is just a little token
25 of our appreciation. What a wonderful, wonderful

1 achievement, and congratulations.

2 If my colleagues want to add anything,
3 feel free.

4 Freeholder Voss.

5 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I'm very proud of
6 you. I spent 41 years doing exactly what you're
7 doing and loved every single moment of those
8 41 years. I hope that you will enjoy, as much as I
9 did, the years that you teach. There is nothing more
10 rewarding and satisfying than to make an influence on
11 young people's lives, and I wish you all the luck in
12 the world. God bless you for all you do.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Zur.

14 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: As we have seen
15 with our young people stepping up and stepping
16 forward, you can see that as they have their voices,
17 and the students from Parkland used them so
18 eloquently, it was because of amazing teachers who
19 taught them to think critically, who taught them to
20 express themselves, and the fact that you're passing
21 on these gifts to our children, we are so lucky to
22 have you and so lucky to have all of our amazing
23 teachers here in Bergen County who make a difference
24 every single day.

25 So, thank you for doing what you're

1 doing. Thank you for planting the seeds of curiosity
2 and engendering in the next generation that desire to
3 go forward and learn from our history and express
4 themselves with our English language. Thank you for
5 what you're doing.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Anyone else?

7 I did have a little faux pas. We
8 didn't invite your wife up for photos. We really
9 want one with you in there too, so if the Freeholders
10 don't mind, we'd like to get another photo with you
11 in there, because we all know and I will say it on
12 the record, the wives really keep us going.

13 Okay. Thank you.

14 HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
16 to open the meeting to the public?

17 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

18 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Unanimously
25 approved.

1 We will now have the Hearing of the
2 General Public, with a three-minute time limit in
3 effect, in accordance with the Bergen County
4 Freeholder bylaws.

5 The Board Attorney will keep the time.
6 When the time of the speaker expires, the Board
7 Attorney will announce that the time has expired.

8 Please fill out a slip of paper with
9 your name, address, and general topic you wish to
10 speak on.

11 Mr. Dunsay, Joseph Dunsay.

12 MR. DUNSAY: Good evening.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: How are you?

14 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Good evening.

15 MR. DUNSAY: Today I'd like to talk
16 about how the psych system sometimes silences mad
17 people. I have a story about one mad activist I know
18 today. Next time I talk, I'll talk about another
19 activist.

20 This gentleman was an elderly man in
21 Teaneck who was a candidate on the Libertarian ticket
22 a couple of years ago. Way back in the Civil Rights
23 era, he helped racially integrate Los Angeles. Then
24 he became a professor in Pennsylvania, where he
25 fought the war on drugs. And he was very good at

1 knowing the law. He had a knack for challenging
2 local ordinances that were unconstitutional and then
3 getting the judge to strike down the ordinances,
4 after a civil disobedience.

5 This happened so many times that the
6 local county judge told the police to stop arresting
7 him, because he felt that every time they arrested
8 him, they were wasting the judge's time.

9 Now, when he moved to Bergen County, he
10 also became active in the political process, and, you
11 know, he was rather bold in his activism, and some
12 people found this disturbing. And there's a saying
13 in the mad movement that people don't get
14 hospitalized for being disturbed, they get
15 hospitalized for being disturbing. When the
16 neighbors don't like what someone is doing, but it's
17 not technically against the law, they often rely on
18 cops to bring them to a hospital like Bergen Regional
19 where he can get locked up without any charges being
20 pressed.

21 Every time he came out of the hospital,
22 he would say in his own words to me that they
23 "tortured" him there. Eventually, they basically
24 silenced him. He's not an activist anymore. And I
25 think you should know how the system treats an old

1 man who had a long history of fighting the good cause
2 but got silenced by the medical community.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

5 Kleidon Ndreu.

6 MR. NDREU: I apologize. It's my first
7 Freeholders meeting that I've attended. I'm a senior
8 in high school. I am the president of my student
9 council.

10 On behalf of the law club in my school,
11 I would like to extend an open invitation to you all
12 to attend our mock trial, our first ever, on
13 April 18th at 3:30 p.m. at Cliffside Park High
14 School.

15 The case is Elyse Roberts v. The
16 District of Columbia. It's a sexual harassment case
17 to raise awareness.

18 And, on that note, since I'm sure at
19 least some of my students are going to ask, do you
20 guys have any advice for them that I could bring
21 back?

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Advice for what?

23 In terms of what?

24 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: The mock trial.

25 MR. NDREU: Or life.

1 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Oh, life? That's
2 a big one.

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Life in simple,
4 never forget where you come from and always do the
5 right thing.

6 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: For the mock
7 trial, if I may, Chairman?

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Yes, you may.

9 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Prepare,
10 prepare, prepare.

11 MR. NDREU: Can I just have two
12 prepares, so it's less stress?

13 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: You can.

14 FREEHOLDER VOSS: What time is it
15 again?

16 MR. NDREU: At 3:30 p.m.

17 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Sounds like it's
18 going to be very interesting.

19 MR. NDREU: It sounds like I couldn't
20 have chosen a better day, Teacher of the Year.

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I will be in
23 Washington on business, so I won't be able to make
24 it, but good luck.

25 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I'll be there.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Is there anyone
2 else wishing to speak who has not filled out a card?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: If not, may I have
5 a motion to close the meeting to the public?

6 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

7 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The meeting is
14 closed to the public.

15 RESOLUTIONS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will the Clerk
17 please read the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

18 MS. RODRIGUEZ: The Resolutions on the
19 Consent Agenda are:

20 Resolutions #252-18 through #292-18.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

22 May I have a motion to accept the
23 Resolutions on the Consent Agenda as read by the
24 Clerk?

25 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Move the Consent

1 Agenda.

2 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.

9 (At this point in the proceeding roll
10 call is taken and the Resolutions of Unanimous
11 Consent are passed by a unanimous vote.)

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: 7/0, correct?

13 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Are there any
15 Resolutions of Nonconsent, pulled, postponed or
16 tabbed?

17 If so, will the Clerk please read them.

18 MS. RODRIGUEZ: There are none.

19 ORDINANCES

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now go on
21 to our Ordinance for First Reading and Introduction,
22 Ordinance 18-04.

23 Will the Clerk read Ordinance 18-04 by
24 title only.

25 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Ordinance 18-04 is a:

1 "GUARANTY ORDINANCE SECURING THE BERGEN
2 COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY'S COUNTY GUARANTEED
3 REVENUE BONDS (NORTHERN VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
4 SCHOOL DISTRICT - VALLEY PROGRAM SCHOOL ACQUISITION
5 PROJECT), IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO
6 EXCEED \$5,000,000 MILLION."

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
8 to introduce Ordinance 18-04 as read by the Clerk?

9 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

10 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.

17 (At this point in the proceeding roll
18 call is taken and the First Reading and Introduction
19 of Ordinance 18-04 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

20 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-04
21 passes First Reading.

22 COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM FREEHOLDERS

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now have
24 Freeholder Committee Reports. I ask that the reports
25 be brief and responsive.

1 We'll start with Freeholder Tanelli.

2 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Thank you,
3 Chairman.

4 Last Wednesday, I attended the BCIA
5 breakfast that was held at Two Bergen Plaza where all
6 the Board of Education administrators as well as the
7 BAs and mayors from the municipalities throughout
8 Bergen County had an opportunity to meet with the
9 Bergen County Improvement Authority. The event was
10 held to educate municipalities and Boards of Ed on
11 how to best take advantage of the county's AAA bond
12 rating. This is really a great opportunity for both
13 the Board of Education and municipalities to really
14 pass along tax savings to their communities, whether
15 it be refinancing old debt or if they have projects
16 that they need to go out and bond, it's a great
17 opportunity for them to come in and use our rating
18 and get much better interest rates.

19 And then I'm sure my colleagues will
20 also be discussing, today we had a presentation in
21 the Work Session for BergenforBusiness.com. I won't
22 talk a lot about it, I am sure everybody is going to
23 have a little piece. I want to congratulate them on
24 the outstanding job in redoing the website. It's
25 much more useful now and really gives a lot of

1 opportunities for businesses that are in the county
2 as well as businesses that are looking to start up or
3 move to the county to find very important information
4 and do their homework before they even come to the
5 table. So I just want to congratulate them on a job
6 well done.

7 That concludes my report. Thank you,
8 Chairman.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
10 Freeholder.

11 Freeholder Zur.

12 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Thank you,
13 Chairman.

14 Before I give my committee report, I
15 just want to, first of all, congratulate Jared Lautz.
16 I'm so choked up about his departure. Jared is going
17 to be moving onto the County Executive side of the
18 floor and is going to be working in an important role
19 as a senior advisor over there. But I just want to
20 thank him for his years of dedicated service to all
21 of us on this Board as head of Policy and
22 Communications. He did an admirable job guiding us,
23 not only in the budget processes, but through all our
24 communication needs. We are going to really miss
25 him, not just his sense of humor, but his amazing

1 support and guidance.

2 I also want to congratulate Michael
3 Sheinfield for his promotion, and Storm Wyche, my
4 former Freeholder aide, for her moving into the
5 Deputy role, and welcome Tara Chatterjee as my new
6 Freeholder aide. So if anyone needs to get ahold of
7 me, Tara is going to be my gatekeeper and keeping me
8 on the right path now going forward. Good luck on
9 that one.

10 (Applause.)

11 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So this week was
12 one of my favorite events, and it's an education
13 based event at the Bergen Academies. We had our
14 chocolate cake competition. This is an opportunity
15 where our students really get to shine and not only
16 create delicious creations but really showcase their
17 creativity and their talent. This year the cake that
18 won was called "The Bath House," and it was made by
19 Alex Khanlian from Franklin Lakes and Sabrina Sam
20 from Ridgefield Park, but every single one of those
21 kids did an amazing job, and I just want to thank the
22 chefs who really nurture their talents in such
23 incredible ways.

24 This week Bergen County had its Women's
25 History Month event showcasing the women who are

1 really persisting in making sure that we are having
2 our voices heard throughout our communities and
3 throughout our business communities as well.

4 We all just came from the Martin Luther
5 King vigil. As Chairman Sullivan so eloquently took
6 the moment to recognize that tonight is the 50th
7 anniversary of his assassination. And while he was
8 murdered, his voice certainly has not been silenced,
9 and, as we saw, whether it was in the march on the
10 24th where we saw our young people stepping forward
11 and leading the way in having their voices heard or
12 in the Women's March or in so many of the different
13 opportunities where we had to vocalize our sentiments
14 regarding the way our government should be working
15 his legacy is certainly a powerful one and it
16 underscores tonight how much work there is still to
17 be done.

18 One other thing I want to mention.
19 Tonight we voted on a resolution recognizing that it
20 is get yourself tested month. Just to underscore, as
21 the Chairwoman of the Health Committee, that we have
22 seen a surge in sexually transmitted diseases since
23 2009, and it is important for us to make sure that we
24 take charge of our health and to erase the stigma
25 associated with testing. We want to make sure that

1 everyone knows that there are services available,
2 whether it's through Planned Parenthood or through
3 the County of Bergen Health Department or through New
4 Jersey Buddies, we will have the opportunity to get
5 yourself tested, know your status, and make sure that
6 you're being pro-active in that regard.

7 Thank you very much, Chairman.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
9 Freeholder.

10 Freeholder Ortiz.

11 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Thank you.

12 I first would like to also wish Jared
13 and Storm and Michael and Tara the best of luck in
14 your new positions. Good luck. I look forward to
15 working with all of you.

16 I also would like to congratulate
17 12-year-old Tai Nakamura, a six grader from Patrick
18 M. Villano Emerson Elementary School, my town, I'm
19 very proud of him. He won the North Jersey 81st
20 Spelling Bee Competition at Bergen Community College.
21 He will now head to Washington to compete in the
22 Scripps National Spelling Bee, and I'm wishing him
23 all the luck.

24 We also attended, my colleagues, we
25 attended March for our Lives. And as Tracy spoke

1 earlier, I'm just so proud of how engaged these kids
2 are. We had over 15 speakers from various high
3 schools throughout the county, and they just want
4 their voices heard. They actually got the "Get out
5 the vote," and really their best weapon right now is
6 their voices and their vote. So I look forward to
7 seeing what's going to come from all this, because I
8 know, like they said, this is a movement, and I'm
9 very proud of them.

10 We also attended the Human Services
11 Committee this past week. And although Hurricane
12 Maria was already over six months ago, Puerto Rico is
13 still going through a lot now. A lot of homes have
14 not been repaired, a lot of them are still in
15 disarray, and I know New Jersey has been really,
16 especially with the help of the Governor, helping a
17 lot of Puerto Rico families move to New Jersey and be
18 able to relocate them here. So I'm very proud of
19 their work.

20 They also discussed about the federal
21 budget, of which 80 percent of universal pre-K is
22 coming from the federal budget, which is probably the
23 one and only thing positive coming from the federal
24 budget. So I'm glad, at least it's helping our
25 children.

1 And that concludes my report. Thank
2 you.

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
4 Chairwoman.

5 Freeholder Voss.

6 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you, Chairman.

7 Again, I want to congratulate our
8 Teacher of the Year. Teaching is the most rewarding
9 and wonderful profession. And, as I said, I wish you
10 many, many years and not only in the classroom but
11 perhaps in administration. I am very happy for you.

12 These past two weeks, we were
13 celebrating Passover and Holy Week and Easter, and so
14 everybody was quite busy with the holidays. But one
15 of the things, as a history teacher, I was most
16 impressed with was Greek Independence Day.

17 197 years ago, the Greeks got their
18 independence after 400 years of literal slavery under
19 the Ottoman Empire. And I think people should know
20 you have to study history if you're going to find the
21 answers to the problems of the present. And,
22 certainly, the Greeks laid the foundation for Western
23 culture, and we owe them a great deal of gratitude.
24 So I was very happy to attend many of the
25 celebrations for Greek Independence Day and making

1 people aware of all of the things that they have
2 given to us.

3 Women's History Month. I'm quite an
4 old lady, and I have lived through times when women
5 were not given very much credibility or status. I
6 remember my first attempt to get a scholarship was to
7 go to Europe to study, and the committee told me,
8 "Sweetheart, we don't give these to women. You're
9 just going to get married and have children and never
10 use it."

11 Well, you can tell that I'm not a shy
12 person, and I got the scholarship. But things have
13 certainly changed at this point in time, and now more
14 women from college graduate more doctors, more
15 lawyers, and, as you can see, up here we have the
16 majority on the Freeholder Board. Unfortunately this
17 is not the situation on the federal government or
18 even on our state government, but we're making
19 progress. And it's only been since 1988 that we have
20 been given national acknowledgment of the
21 contributions that women have made.

22 My favorite quote concerning women is
23 from Eleanor Roosevelt, and I use this all the time.
24 Eleanor Roosevelt said, "A woman is like a tea bag,
25 only when she is in hot water do you realize how

1 strong she is."

2 And on that note I will end it, except
3 this is a very important Martin Luther King Day, the
4 50th anniversary. He was only 39-years-old when he
5 was assassinated, and the contributions that he made
6 will be forever remembered and hopefully many people
7 will carry on his work in the future.

8 So thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
10 Freeholder.

11 Freeholder Ganz.

12 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you, Chairman.

13 During the past couple of weeks, I've
14 had the opportunity to celebrate Greek Independence,
15 celebrate the American Muslim Union Annual
16 Conference, and undertake about half of the budget
17 hearings that will be going on for the next couple of
18 weeks.

19 The budget hearings are intense
20 examinations of the way that we spend our money. We
21 look at the way that money is spent as if it's our
22 own money, because some portion of it is.

23 All of us who are on the Budget
24 Committee, and that's every Freeholder, has the
25 opportunity to go through the budget, make

1 suggestions, additions, and subtractions, and, in my
2 opinion, in the 16 years that I've been doing this
3 work of the people, it is the most noble and the most
4 difficult of tasks, because we're asked to decide who
5 should have a portion of their budget cut, who should
6 have a portion of their budget increased. It's all
7 necessary and it's the hardest part of this job,
8 coming in at, most of us were here for the 8:00 a.m.
9 meeting, and we had one in the evening as well and we
10 had many during regular hours. Altogether there are
11 approximately 20 hearings that are scheduled, and we
12 expect that we'll have this wrapped up in the next
13 couple of weeks.

14 That concludes my report, Chairman.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
16 Freeholder.

17 Freeholder Amoroso.

18 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Many of us
19 Freeholders attended the March for our Lives protest
20 right here outside the county courthouse in
21 Hackensack on March 24th. A number of high school
22 students spoke out in favor of tougher gun laws and
23 against the NRA's obstinacy of restrictions that
24 would make it tougher for shooters to murder students
25 and others in group settings. The protesting

1 students said very nicely, "If adults are acting like
2 children in caving to the NRA, then children will
3 have to take the lead and shame the adults," and
4 they're doing that.

5 Sen. Loretta Weinberg spoke for many of
6 us when she said these protests by young people give
7 her hope for the first time in a long time that we
8 can end or reduce mass shootings of innocence.

9 Good news from Washington about federal
10 Community Development and HUD grants that help pay
11 for everything from renovations for nonprofits to
12 road repaving in low income neighborhoods. These
13 Community Development funds were on the chopping
14 block, but are now slated to receive increases under
15 the new federal budget. Included in the increases
16 nationally are Community Development Block Grants,
17 the Home Program, homeless assistance grants and
18 public housing capital funds. Bergen County's
19 Community Development Director said Bergen County
20 should receive notice about the monies it can expect
21 for the upcoming year sometime in May.

22 And, finally, a reminder that the
23 Bergen County Care Fair is only about 30 days away.
24 We expect to have about 225 exhibitors talking about
25 care services for the young, the old, the differently

1 abled, and those in need of medical services. The
2 date is Sunday, May 6th, the place is the Rothman
3 Center at FDU.

4 That's my report.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
6 Freeholder.

7 I will start my committee report by
8 reporting on shared services.

9 Tonight we passed Resolution #252-18.
10 Our county entered into an agreement with the Board
11 of Social Services, which will bring the county
12 \$25,000 in revenue.

13 Also, Resolution #265-18 was passed in
14 which the county continues its shared service
15 agreement with the City of Hackensack on adaptive
16 intelligence traffic signaling systems. This is
17 going to be a game changer for our county seat, as
18 far as alleviating traffic congestion. We look
19 forward to the completion of this project.

20 We could sit here and just pass the
21 bills, go about our merry way and just do nothing,
22 but we continue here to move forward, to be forwardly
23 thinking and continue to enter in as many shared
24 service agreements as we can to save our taxpayers
25 money, and that's what we continue do and that's why

1 I continue to bring it up every month. I think it's
2 important for the residents to realize that here at
3 One Bergen, everybody is doing their best to
4 alleviate any tax burden, and shared services is
5 where we can get some true savings.

6 I'm also excited about the prospect of
7 more business coming into Bergen County after a
8 presentation that was made earlier tonight.
9 BergenforBusiness.com, I was very impressed by the
10 information that the website provides.

11 In addition, there is another similar
12 project the county has undertaken to assist business
13 and developers with site plan ordinances. And I'm
14 told we'll have more from Planning and Engineering in
15 the coming weeks. So basically what this is is the
16 county has decided after many, many years that it
17 hasn't been done in the past that we're going to make
18 sure that the site plans are proper, our
19 right-of-ways are proper, and everything is put into
20 a new document, so when there's an improvement in any
21 of the towns, the county has the right to make
22 whoever is coming into a new area, we can ask them to
23 make improvements, and it's a way to get other people
24 that want to make the area better, they can pay for
25 the improvements, saving the taxpayers even more

1 money.

2 So that book is going to be done. I
3 asked them to meet with every Freeholder before we
4 actually bring that forward. It's similar to a
5 codification of ordinances, but on a site plan and
6 right-of-way level.

7 Which brings me to another thing I want
8 to talk about. I talked to the County Executive and
9 the County Counsel about codifying all our
10 ordinances. This is another thing that hasn't been
11 done. It will make life easier for everybody, if all
12 these ordinances were codified, similar to the site
13 plan. It makes everything easier, makes everything
14 more explainable, and easier for everyone to follow,
15 so I'll be looking to follow through on that. That's
16 a long process, but we'll be looking to do that too.

17 So I fully support all of these
18 projects the administration has brought forth, and we
19 will work to continue to do what's best to make the
20 county an easier place to navigate.

21 I want to thank Bob Gordon, a senator
22 who left to take a position in Phil Murphy's cabinet,
23 for his time in the Senate. He was an outstanding
24 senator, he served the county well, and we certainly
25 will miss him.

1 Also, I want to thank Jared Lautz for
2 all his time working here and Storm for getting a
3 promotion. Tracy, Jared wants to know where his
4 espresso machine is before he leaves. Apparently it
5 went missing, and Tracy is the main culprit here. So
6 hopefully before you go to the next side, Jared, you
7 can take it. But Jared is an extraordinarily hard
8 worker, and that's the kind of people the county
9 likes to see advance, because they really have
10 everyone's best interest at heart.

11 Everyone has spoken about the
12 assassination of Martin Luther King. All I can say
13 is Freeholder Zur put it best, his job is not done.
14 We should all reflect and realize all the great
15 things that have come out of his loss of life.
16 Unfortunately, he was taken from us way too early,
17 but he's definitely left his mark, and, we, as
18 parents and as adults, need to spread the word to the
19 children so they realize that this is really the way
20 things should be. We thought we had turned a corner,
21 unfortunately there's a lot of hate going on in the
22 world today, and maybe if we just take a step back
23 and listen to some of the words from Dr. Martin
24 Luther King, we can get our boundaries back and
25 realize we need to get back on the right track.

1 I want to congratulate you again and
2 your wife on becoming Teacher of the Year. It speaks
3 volumes of Bergenfield. I'm just saying. That's
4 where I'm from. You did an outstanding job and
5 congratulations.

6 And, lastly, I just want to thank our
7 cameraman tonight, Ibrahim Hamza, a junior at Bergen
8 County Technical School and Applied Technology High
9 School at Bergen Community College. Thank you very
10 much.

11 And with that, I will take a motion to
12 adjourn.

13 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

14 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We are adjourned at
21 8:07 p.m.

22 (Whereupon, the Public Meeting is
23 adjourned at 8:07 p.m.)

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