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Hudson County
Administration Building,
County Commissioners Chambers
567 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey
Wednesday, November 12, 2025
4:30 p.m.

B E F O R E:

ANTHONY ROMANO, Chairman
YRAIDA APONTE-LIPSKI, Commissioner
ROBERT BASELICE, Commissioner
FANNY CEDEÑO, Commissioner
ALBERT CIFELLI, Commissioner
KENNETH KOPACZ, Commissioner
WILLIAM O'DEA, Commissioner
CARIDAD RODRIGUEZ, Commissioner

A L S O P R E S E N T:

CARMEN E. MENDIOLA, ESQ., Board Counsel
ALBERICO DEPIERRO, ESQ., Hudson County Counsel
ABRAHAM ANTUN, County Administrator
WILLIE ORTIZ, County Commissioner Clerk
Reported By: Shari Cathey, CCR, RPR

1 THE CLERK: Commissioner
2 Aponte-Lipski.

3 COMMISSIONER APONTE-LIPSKI: Here.

4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Baselice.

5 COMMISSIONER BASELICE: Here.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Cedeño.

7 COMMISSIONER CEDEÑO: Here.

8 THE CLERK: Commissioner Cifelli.

9 Commissioner Cifelli is present via Zoom.

10 Commissioner Kopacz.

11 COMMISSIONER KOPACZ: Here.

12 THE CLERK: Commissioner O'Dea.

13 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Here.

14 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rodriguez.

15 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

16 THE CLERK: Via Zoom. Commissioner
17 Walker. Chairman Romano.

18 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Here.

19 THE CLERK: I will defer to the
20 County Administrator.

21 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, if I may,
22 since we're having our meeting today, the
23 Improvement Authority has their regular meeting
24 scheduled for 5:30. So with the Board's permission,
25 I would like to address Ordinance A-1 and A-2 while

1 members of the Improvement Authority are available
2 to answer any questions. Mike O'Connor, I believe,
3 is on Zoom and perhaps Norman Guerra as well. And
4 they're both on, correct?

5 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: All right. Go
6 ahead and proceed.

7 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, as you
8 know, tomorrow we are scheduled to hold a public
9 hearing on an ordinance, a lease agreement with the
10 Improvement Authority for \$73 million for the
11 financing of the Liberty Science High School. Since
12 the introduction of the ordinance, the Improvement
13 Authority opened the cost proposals and the cost
14 proposals without including a gym, a gymnasium, were
15 \$62,600,000. And with the gym, it's \$66,600.

16 The ordinance that we presented to you
17 assumed a cost of \$50 million. So obviously the
18 funding was short. So we went to review this and we
19 followed up with the Liberty Science Foundation and
20 with New Jersey City Redevelopment Agency, and they
21 have agreed to provide the Improvement Authority
22 with an additional \$10 million. And on top of that,
23 we would like to proceed with the gymnasium, which
24 would require us to provide a lease purchase
25 agreement of \$76 million instead of the 73.

1 So what I'm asking the Board to do is to
2 withdraw this ordinance, cancel the public hearing,
3 and then at tomorrow's meeting, introduce a new
4 ordinance for \$76 million.

5 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: And schedule a
6 public hearing?

7 MR. ANTUN: And then schedule the
8 public hearing for the November 25th meeting.

9 THE CLERK: May I have a motion to
10 withdraw A-1 from the agenda?

11 COMMISSIONER BASELICE: Motion.

12 COMMISSIONER KOPACZ: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Question, Bill.

14 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Legal question.
15 Can you withdraw an ordinance that was legally
16 advertised for public hearing?

17 MR. ANTUN: Yes, I was informed that
18 we can.

19 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Well, I want as
20 a lawyer.

21 MR. ANTUN: Because I specifically
22 asked that question but I'll defer.

23 MR. DEPIERRO: Dave is a hundred
24 percent correct. And it could also be listed in the
25 advertisement for the next one.

1 THE CLERK: Okay. On the motion to
2 withdraw, Commissioner Aponte-Lipski.

3 COMMISSIONER APONTE-LIPSKI: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Baselice.

5 COMMISSIONER BASELICE: Yes.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Cedeño.

7 COMMISSIONER CEDEÑO: Yes.

8 THE CLERK: Commissioner Cifelli.

9 Commissioner, you are muted.

10 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Al, you're
11 muted.

12 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: Yes.

13 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kopacz.

14 COMMISSIONER KOPACZ: Yes.

15 THE CLERK: Commissioner O'Dea.

16 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Yes.

17 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rodriguez.

18 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

19 THE CLERK: Commissioner Walker.

20 Chairman Romano.

21 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes. Did you get
22 Commissioner Rodriguez?

23 THE CLERK: Yes, sir.

24 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Yes. Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Question.

1 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Question, Bill.

2 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: How will the \$10
3 million be provided by the Liberty State Science
4 Center and JCRC?

5 MR. ANTUN: I was informed by the
6 HCIA that the money will be provided to them.

7 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: How?

8 MR. ANTUN: Mike, did you hear the
9 question?

10 MR. O'CONNOR: Yeah. And if you can
11 hear me, I'm here with Norman Guerra. And Norman, I
12 believe, can answer that.

13 MR. GUERRA: Yes. And so the money
14 will be transferred. There's agreements that have
15 to be between all the parties that were involved.
16 And you probably remember that, Commissioner O'Dea,
17 when the deal was structured. But there is an
18 escrow account, and that escrow account, the intent
19 is for the redevelopment agency to wire the
20 Authority, the \$10 million, solely for the purpose
21 of constructing the school.

22 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: What was the
23 purpose of establishing that escrow account to begin
24 with?

25 MR. O'CONNOR: And this is Mike

1 O'Connor, Commissioner. The escrow account, it's an
2 escrow between the JCRA and the SciTech LLC, and
3 it's related to the entire development of that site
4 and the Edgeworks project also. But there's
5 language in that and an understanding, apparently,
6 between the City, the JCRA, and SciTech, that the
7 school has to be funded in order for the remainder
8 of that escrow to be released for its, I believe,
9 generally intended purpose, which is to facilitate
10 that Edgeworks and the rest of the development
11 there.

12 That's our understanding. It's not our
13 agreement. It's not our escrow. That's the escrow
14 that we expect and JCRA and the City has
15 represented. The funds will be available and made
16 available to the HCIA in a timely manner.

17 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Can we get a
18 copy of that agreement for them all?

19 MR. O'CONNOR: Yeah, I believe we
20 have an agreement, a copy of the escrow. I can't
21 say that I have a copy of the fully executed
22 agreement, but we definitely have a copy of the
23 agreement, and we'll send it out to you.

24 MR. GUERRA: The escrow agreement
25 you're talking about, right?

1 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Yeah.

2 MR. GUERRA: Yeah, we can send that
3 to you. We can. No problem.

4 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: My curiosity is,
5 had it not been needed for this, what would the \$10
6 million be used for?

7 MR. O'CONNOR: Yeah, it's my
8 understanding that there's -- I'm sorry, one moment.
9 I apologize. So we're preparing for our board
10 meeting. So, yeah, it's my understanding,
11 Commissioner, that there's \$19 million in escrow. I
12 can't tell you where those proceeds came from. I
13 presume some type of transactions related to the
14 development down there.

15 However, as I said, it's \$19 million. It
16 is being held in escrow with the JCRA. The JCRA and
17 SciTech LLC are parties to that. There's language
18 in that escrow agreement that essentially require, I
19 believe, that the school be funded, or words to that
20 effect, in order for anything to be released from
21 that escrow for another purpose. I'm paraphrasing
22 because I don't have it in front of me, but we'll
23 send it to you. That's our understanding. Again,
24 we don't know the details of how that money got
25 there, the \$19 million, or what the proceeds are

1 because we weren't involved in any of that.

2 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Okay. If you
3 just get me that before the meeting?

4 MR. O'CONNOR: Yeah, and if I get it
5 to you, I might be able to get you the executed
6 copy, but the copy that we have, I'm confident, is
7 the one that's in force and in effect.

8 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Michael, send it to
9 all the Commissioners. Sure. Thank you. Mr. Clerk,
10 before we --

11 MR. ANTUN: No, Mr. Chairman. If I
12 may, if I can request that the Board place on the
13 agenda, which would be the new I-3, which would be
14 the new ordinance for \$76 million.

15 COMMISSIONER KOPACZ: Motion.

16 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Second. I'm glad
17 you included a gym. Building a school without a gym
18 is --

19 MR. ANTUN: And it specifically says
20 it in the ordinance.

21 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Call for the roll.

22
23 THE CLERK: It's not necessary. It's
24 a sponsor.

25 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Just put it on.

1 THE CLERK: I guess that would be
2 I-3, the replacement for A-1.

3 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: And then Abe, I
4 guess my last question is that the proposals
5 submitted were not bids in the traditional sense of
6 a public bid for construction, but similar to the
7 way the courthouse was done, correct?

8 MR. ANTUN: Similar to it, but
9 pursuant to what the current procurement is for
10 design-build, as you know, with the courthouse, it
11 was done a little differently, but in that spirit,
12 yes.

13 MR. O'CONNOR: So, Commissioner, in
14 fact, the authority, and we sent David a memo, which
15 I'm sure he can share with you if you want.

16 MR. ANTUN: I believe, Commissioner,
17 is part of your backup.

18 MR. O'CONNOR: Yeah. Yeah. In fact,
19 Commissioner, we went through that process, which
20 you're familiar with from your previous involvement
21 in similar process. So the TRC committee did its
22 work, you know, reviewed the technical, technical
23 elements of the proposals from Epic, Terminal, and
24 then another builder, Swinerton. The technical
25 proposals were scored at Terminal was the highest

1 score of technical on the technical part. And then
2 also the -- then the prices were, were released.
3 And in fact, Terminal was lowest price among the
4 three.

5 So there is a TRC report, which is on our
6 website. It's available to everybody. I think I
7 circulated it to Abe that details that, and there is
8 a standing recommendation to the Improvement
9 Authority from our technical review committee that
10 an award, you know, if there's an award to be made,
11 that award would be to Terminal Construction.

12 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Thank you, Michael.

13 MR. O'CONNOR: You're welcome.

14 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, the only
15 other item, and this is just in case there were any
16 questions is the next item, which is A-2, which is
17 the solid waste management plan, I don't know if
18 there were any questions from the Commissioners, the
19 Board --

20 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Any questions,
21 any --

22 MR. ANTUN: No, no, no, no, no, no.
23 It's already on. It's just that they have to leave
24 for a meeting. So if this way you can ask a
25 question.

1 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Okay. Okay.

2 MR. ANTUN: Then we can go to the
3 regular.

4 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Before we continue,
5 on behalf of the Board, we want to wish our Clerk
6 congratulations being elected to the mayorship of
7 Kearny. Autographs, ladies.

8 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 1, which
9 is a replacement, which is on the dais,
10 Commissioners. 2025 budget transfers of
11 appropriations.

12 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Second Lipski.
13 Kopacz-Lipski.

14 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 2
15 resolution to change the title or text of an
16 appropriation.

17 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Kopacz-Lipski.

18 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 3. 2025
19 Budget Amendment, New Jersey Division of Highway
20 Traffic Safety, DRE, Readiness and Reimbursement
21 Program, \$27,800.

22 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Kopacz-Lipski.

23 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 4. 2025
24 Budget Amendment, New Jersey Division of Highway
25 Traffic Safety FY26 Hudson County Safe Communities,

1 \$81,040.

2 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Kopacz-Lipski.

3 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 5.

4 Resolution approving an annual application for and
5 acceptance grant of grant funds, if awarded, through
6 the Victims of Crime Act Grant Program for Sexual
7 Assault Response Team and Forensic Nurse Examiners
8 Program No. VS-9-24, October 1st, 2025 to September
9 30th, 2026, \$240,269.

10 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Cedeño and
11 Rodriguez.

12 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 6.

13 Resolution authorizing the application of and
14 acceptance of grant funds, if awarded, from the FY25
15 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction
16 Formula Grants Program administered by the United
17 States Department of Justice Bureau of Justice
18 Assistance, October 1st, 2025 to September 30th,
19 2027, \$348,495. Sponsor, Rodriguez. Second?

20 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Rodriguez-Baselice.

21 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 7.

22 Resolution authorizing the application of and the
23 acceptance of funds if awarded, for the 2026 Local
24 Efficiency Achievement Program County Coordinator
25 Fellowship Grant FY2026, July 1st, 2025 to June

1 30th, 2026, \$75,000.

2 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Baselice-Lipski.

3 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 8.

4 Resolution authorizing application of and acceptance
5 of funds, if awarded from the United States
6 Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance
7 FY25 Stop School Violence Program, October 1st, 2025
8 through September 30th, 2028.

9 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Board as a whole.

10 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 9.

11 Resolution authorizing the acceptance of FY2026
12 Social Service for the Homeless Program and Code
13 Blue Funding, January 1st, 2026 through June 30th,
14 2026, \$1,496,300.

15 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Board as a whole.

16 THE CLERK: Resolution authorizing
17 the acceptance of PY2025 HOME Investment
18 Partnerships Program Funding from the United States
19 Department of Housing and Urban Development, July
20 1st, 2025 through September 30th, 2034,
21 \$2,448,593.76.

22 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Board as a whole.

23 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 11.

24 Resolution authorizing the acceptance of PY2025
25 Emergency Solutions Grant Funding from the United

1 States Department of Housing and Urban Development,
2 July 1st, 2025 through June 30th, 2027, \$183,803.

3 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Lipski-Rodriguez.

4 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 12.

5 Resolution authorizing FY2026 Subregional
6 Transportation Planning Program application with the
7 North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc.
8 (NJTPA), and accepting United States Department of
9 Transportation Grant Funds, July 1st, 2025 to June
10 30th, 2026, \$156,620.

11 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Baselice-Kopacz.

12 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 13. 2025
13 Budget Amendment, New Jersey Transportation Planning
14 Authority FY2026 Unified Planning Work Program,
15 Subregional Studies Program Project, \$156,620.

16 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Lipski-Romano.

17 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 14.

18 Resolution accepting the award of funding and
19 contract from the Hudson County Workforce
20 Development Board to the County Department of Family
21 Services and Reintegration for the Workfirst New
22 Jersey/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
23 Employment and Training and General Assistance
24 Program for FY2026, October 1st, 2025 to September
25 30th, 2026, \$3,567,780.

1 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Board as a whole.

2 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 15.

3 Resolution amending No. 380-7-2025 to authorize the
4 acceptance and award of additional Social Services
5 for the Homeless (SSH) Code Blue Funds from the New
6 Jersey Department of Human Services for Hotel/Motel
7 Placement and the operation of the Warming Center
8 and to Reallocate FY2025 SSH Funding for the
9 provision of Rental Assistance, July 1st, 2025
10 through December 31st, 2025, \$179,780.

11 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Rodriguez and
12 Lipski. And also correct on that, it's not July
13 1st. It's January 1st.

14 THE CLERK: January. I apologize.
15 Resolution No. 6. 2025 Budget Amendment State of
16 New Jersey Department of Human Services Social
17 Services for the Homeless, \$179,780.

18 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Romano-Lipski.

19 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 17.
20 Resolution amending Nos. 699-11-2024, 716-11-2024
21 and 717-11-2024 to reallocate CY2025 Peer Grouping
22 Funds, January 1st, 2025 through 731st, 2025,
23 \$45,000.

24 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Kopacz and Lipski.

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1 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 18.
2 Resolution authorizing to enter into a contract with
3 the New Jersey Department of Health Division of HIV,
4 STD, and TB Services for Data Sharing and the
5 Development of Client Lists under the ending the HIV
6 Epidemic: A plan for America Ryan White HIV/AIDS
7 Program Parts "A" and "B" Grant, November 15th, 2025
8 to February 28th, 2026, \$100,000.

9 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Lipski and
10 Rodriguez.

11 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 19.
12 Approve Purchasing Agent's Awards, purchases made
13 under State contracts.

14 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Rodriguez-Cedeño.

15 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 20.
16 Purchases made under the Educational Services
17 Commission of New Jersey Pricing System, formerly
18 known as the Middlesex Regional Education Service
19 Commission.

20 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Rodriguez-Cedeño.

21 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 21.
22 Purchases made under the Bergen County Cooperative
23 Pricing System.

24 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Rodriguez-Cedeño.

25 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: I have a

1 question. Go back to 20. So Abe, as you know, we
2 have a -- we have a threshold of projects that are
3 more than 2 1/2 million sort of requirement as it
4 relates to union. What happens under a -- under a
5 co-op if it exceeds that amount?

6 MR. ANTUN: We would have to
7 determine, you know, if that -- if that contractor
8 is prepared to follow those requirements.

9 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Does the co-op
10 understand that or no?

11 MR. ANTUN: The co-op, I don't
12 believe would be involved in that because when they
13 do that they don't include that. So we would -- we
14 would have to have a discussion with, with the
15 contractor to see if he's willing to comply with
16 those requirements.

17 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: And if he's not,
18 what happens then?

19 MR. ANTUN: Then we have to, we can't
20 use that contract.

21 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: So when you go
22 back to the co-op?

23 MR. ANTUN: No, we don't go back to
24 the co-op because the co-op -- the co-op can't --
25 did it in that fashion.

1 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: So then you
2 would have to publicly bid that.

3 MR. ANTUN: That's correct.

4 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Okay.

5 MR. ANTUN: Yeah.

6 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 22.
7 Purchases made under the Union County Cooperative
8 pricing system.

9 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Rodriguez-Cedeño.

10 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 23.
11 Approve Purchasing Agent's Awards.

12 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Rodriguez-Cedeño.

13 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 24.
14 Resolution approving amendments to Resolution No.
15 509-92025 purchasing Agent's Awards to purchase
16 Personal Care Supplies, Reduction, \$72,000.

17 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Rodriguez-Cedeño.

18 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 25, which
19 is a replacement Commissioners. Resolution awarding
20 Year One of a fair and open competitive contract to
21 various vendors for the Employment and Training
22 Program under the Workfirst, New Jersey and
23 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance/General Assistance
24 Program FY2026 and authorizing administration of
25 funds for case management and other related costs of

1 the program, \$3,567,782.

2 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Board as a whole.

3 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Question.

4 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Go, Bill.

5 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Frank, does this
6 address all these vendors that have been
7 complaining?

8 DIRECTOR MAZZA: Yeah, Commissioner.
9 It gives them the ability to draw down these funds.

10 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: And this, this
11 goes from, from October 1?

12 DIRECTOR MAZZA: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: So any clients
14 that they took in after that date, or could it
15 doesn't include clients that were in their school at
16 that date?

17 DIRECTOR MAZZA: It would include any
18 clients that were in the school referred from the
19 date of the start of this contract.

20 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: So we have to be
21 in the school, but we've heard after October 1. So
22 if they're in the school September 15th, then they
23 would not be.

24 DIRECTOR MAZZA: You know what? I
25 would have to sit down with the financial office to

1 talk about that because of the way our benchmark
2 system works and sort of at a minimum, it takes 90
3 days for a client to be able to draw -- the vendor,
4 to draw down all the funds on the clients' referral.

5 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: To look into it,
6 could -- based on my limited interaction with them,
7 it would appear that there would definitely be
8 individuals that started in their school before
9 October 1st.

10 DIRECTOR MAZZA: Yeah. Oh, I'm sure.

11 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: That's going to
12 be an issue for them cause otherwise they would have
13 to have been paid under the last contract, right?

14 DIRECTOR MAZZA: Correct.

15 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Yeah. If we can
16 figure that out, that would be good.

17 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 26.
18 Resolution approving the Resolution of the Hudson
19 County Workforce Development Board to award funds
20 from the New Jersey Department of Labor and
21 Workforce Development for the Workforce Innovation
22 and Opportunity Act Program Year 2025, One Stop
23 Operator to Arbor E&T, LLC d/b/a Equus Workforce
24 Solutions, through a Fair and Open Competitive
25 Process, July 1st, 2025 through June 30th, 2027,

1 \$150,000.

2 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Rodriguez and
3 Kopacz.

4 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 27.
5 Resolution approving the Resolution of the Hudson
6 County Workforce Development Board to award funds
7 from the New Jersey Department of Labor and
8 Workforce Development for the PY25/Fiscal Year 26
9 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title I
10 Adult and Dislocated Workers Programs to Arbor E&T,
11 LLC d/b/a Equus Workforce Solutions through a Fair
12 and Open Competitive Process, July 1st, 2025 through
13 June 30th, 2027, \$3,683,529.

14 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Board as a whole.

15 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 28.
16 Resolution approving the Resolution of the Hudson
17 County Workforce Development Board to award funds
18 from the New Jersey Department of Labor and
19 Workforce Development for Program Year 2025
20 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth
21 Program to the Hudson County Schools of Technology
22 through a Fair and Open Competitive Process, July
23 1st, 2025 to June 30th, 2027, \$1,545,239.

24 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Board as w whole.

25 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 29.

1 Resolution approving the award of a Fair and Open
2 Competitive Contract with Credible Messengers
3 Mentoring Movement to implement the Hudson County
4 Credible Messengers Program, November 17th, 2025
5 through November 16th, 2026, \$400,000.

6 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Lipski-Rodriguez.
7 And that's a mentoring program.

8 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Question. How
9 have we addressed the issues and concerns that were
10 raised in the committee meeting?

11 DIRECTOR TOON: Darice Toon, Health
12 and Human Services. Commissioner, I know the issue
13 as it pertains to the organization working with
14 local nonprofit agencies in terms of making sure
15 that the appropriate referrals are being made or
16 what have you.

17 Please know that Health and Human
18 Services, we have a staff person who's designated
19 who will be working very closely with the
20 organization as it relates to those referrals and to
21 make sure that clients are being referred to
22 appropriate agencies.

23 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: I guess in my
24 comments in that committee, it was more than that.
25 It was the issue of individuals that were directly

1 under or subcontracted directly under the prior
2 Incredible Messenger program, what role they would
3 play, right? There are two individuals who in total
4 candor continue to perform many of the functions
5 that will be performed under this contract, I
6 believe for no compensation during a period of time
7 that we didn't have a contract.

8 DIRECTOR TOON: I understand that.

9 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: There is the
10 concern as it related to those individuals. One of
11 them who quite frankly was a whistleblower, which is
12 why the other contractor isn't here anymore.

13 DIRECTOR TOON: I do understand that
14 those that a couple of the agents -- I'm sorry, I
15 shouldn't say "agents," but messengers who worked
16 with the previous vendor are continuing to do -- to
17 do the work, and certainly we acknowledge that.
18 Those individuals are certainly qualified to go
19 through the vetting process for this particular
20 grant as well, too.

21 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: I just have to
22 put on the record, like my concern is the success of
23 that program was very much in my opinion, tied into
24 the work performed by those two individuals. Now,
25 if under a new contract with a new group, those

1 individuals are not going to be involved and what,
2 whoever, whatever process they follow through, as
3 you know, I raised questions as to whether the
4 amount of dollars that they had allocated for that
5 would -- would let them hire somebody in the
6 normal -- in the normal world of how much people get
7 paid for work in today's day and age.

8 I would seriously have concerns over how
9 successful I think this program would be. So I
10 don't know how you address that. And I know Jerry's
11 not on right now, but I may -- I may not be able to
12 support this just because not knowing, right? And
13 in my way of thinking, I would have wanted to
14 include in the submittal, the names of and resumes
15 of the individuals that will go into being -- doing
16 that work. And we discussed that.

17 We discussed that in the session at the
18 end of the day, it turns out there's two people that
19 come from HoHoKus, New Jersey, that have zero
20 connection to the -- to the streets and
21 neighborhoods of our City and County. When all hell
22 breaks loose, I'm going to be the first one to, you
23 know, to ring the bell.

24 DIRECTOR TOON: Commissioner, if I
25 may, we do not identify -- we do not identify any of

1 the messengers who are going to be vetted and hired
2 for this particular program.

3 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: You chose not to
4 do that in the RFP.

5 DIRECTOR TOON: No, no, no.
6 Commissioner, it's because this is -- it's like any
7 of our other RFPs when we contract with a private
8 entity, that entity goes through the hiring process.
9 They're not County employees. So we can't hire
10 those individuals, but I will say this, they will
11 certainly be individuals who have roots in Hudson
12 County. They will not be individuals who are not
13 from Hudson County and who are not individuals who
14 do have that lived experience that we looked for
15 previously. We will continue to do that. It will
16 not be people outside of Hudson County.

17 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: But you're not
18 hiring them. This -- this group is going to hire
19 them?

20 DIRECTOR TOON: That's correct. We
21 don't hire them, but I can tell you that we have to
22 go through a vetting process. And when I say "we,"
23 we, there's a team of people, I mean, including the
24 Prosecutor's Office, check in to make sure that the
25 individuals are truly credible, could serve as

1 Credible Messengers, and they don't have recent, you
2 know, blemishes on their records or what have you.

3 But no, we don't hire them, but we
4 certainly have the ability to have some, you know,
5 some say as part of that team, they will not be from
6 outside.

7 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Are you saying
8 that you have the ability to veto their -- their
9 capacity to hire a certain individual?

10 DIRECTOR TOON: I'm saying that
11 there's a team of people who are going to be looking
12 at a committee of individuals who are going to go
13 through this vetting process, and those individuals
14 are certainly going to make sure that we have
15 Credible Messengers who are going to be on the
16 streets in Hudson County, who have roots in Hudson
17 County. They will not be people from outside of
18 Hudson County.

19 In fact, no one, no kids would be served
20 if the judge does not get the approval or do
21 referrals for young people who are going to go, who
22 are going to participate -- participate in this
23 program.

24 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: That wasn't a
25 yes-or-no answer. Do they -- do they have -- does

1 that committee have to sign off on the individuals
2 hired under this contract?

3 DIRECTOR TOON: I believe they do.
4 They're going to be vetting. They're going to be
5 going through the process, right. There's not one
6 individual who's saying yes. It will be a committee
7 of individuals who are saying yes.

8 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: So the committee
9 will have to say yes before the Credible Messenger
10 group can actually hire those people?

11 DIRECTOR TOON: Correct.

12 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: And what if --
13 what if the best people for that job prefer to be
14 hired as a 1099, as opposed to a full-time employee?

15 DIRECTOR TOON: We don't have any say
16 in that, Commissioner.

17 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Well, based on
18 the proposal, the proposal laid out a salary with an
19 amount of dollars for benefits. So if instead,
20 obviously as a 1099, there are no benefits, right?
21 You agree, right?

22 DIRECTOR TOON: Right. If there's a
23 1099, there are no benefits.

24 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: So would they
25 have to change, come get a change? If that's the --

1 the option that it's determined that should be
2 followed?

3 DIRECTOR TOON: I -- the vendor, I
4 don't remember if we, if the vendor proposes to hire
5 them as salary employees, I think the vendor did.

6 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: That's what it
7 said.

8 DIRECTOR TOON: Right. Instead of
9 1099s, but yeah, we don't determine whether or not
10 they're going to be hired as independent consultants
11 versus salaried or paid employees.

12 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: Can I ask a
13 question? I mean, Bill is -- this is like an onion
14 and the layers keep going deeper and deeper. The
15 idea of Bill just raised the idea about the
16 employment for the messengers and whether or not
17 they're going to be W2 employees or are going to be
18 independent contractors, 1099 employees. How does
19 the salary, how does that mesh with our -- our
20 requirements for people who work for the -- work for
21 entities that work for the County paying their
22 employees? Don't we have guidelines for that?
23 Don't we have minimum things that they have to have
24 insurance or don't we have that?

25 MR. ANTUN: Yes, Commissioner. For

1 you to be a 1099 employee, you have to follow
2 certain IRS regulations.

3 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: But I mean,
4 our -- our regulations as a County. When we hire
5 people, don't their employees, when we hire them,
6 don't they have to treat their employees in a
7 certain way?

8 MR. ANTUN: Well, I can't speak for
9 this employer. I can only speak for Hudson County.
10 Hudson County follows the protocols, okay? That
11 we're required to follow for a 1099 employee or a
12 1099 individual or an employee. How that -- how
13 this company is going to determine that they have to
14 follow the same guidelines that we have to follow.

15 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: At the end
16 of -- at the end of the process, when they bring in
17 their employees that are going to handle this
18 contract. Do we as a county have a right to review
19 what they've done? As Bill said, there's people
20 that are -- that are from HoHoKus, New Jersey, which
21 is might as well be on Mars as far as Hudson County
22 is concerned.

23 So how do we, do we have a veto as Bill, I
24 think said, do we have a veto when this thing comes
25 back? Do we have a right to interject and approve?

1 This sounds like, like I said, it's an onion with
2 many, many layers. And I don't know that it should
3 be on the agenda right now. I don't know. There's
4 too many questions. Bill, what do you think?

5 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: I have real
6 concerns about what happened. I have two concerns.
7 One concern is this, there was a program. The
8 program functioned relatively well for a period of
9 time. There was an individual under that program
10 who was a whistleblower. As a result of that
11 whistleblower, this group that was doing the work
12 disappeared. They're gone. I don't know if the --
13 if the lead of that group may resurface through this
14 group. Now I have no -- I have no way of knowing.

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16 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: Bill, I agree
17 that there's too many questions for this to be on
18 the agenda. It's my opinion.

19 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: I mean, we had a
20 hearing, right? There was a committee. There was a
21 committee hearing. And during the committee
22 hearing, it was made -- I saw it clear by not only
23 myself, but also by Jerry Walker, that individuals
24 who have experience in performing these services
25 here in Hudson County, at least one of which, you

1 know was, because this person spoke to me. That's
2 why I can call them a whistleblower. That resulted
3 in what happened with the prior provider, that it's
4 essential that those be individuals be afforded an
5 opportunity to provide those services now under the
6 new venue.

7 DIRECTOR TOON: Commissioner, if I
8 may, I believe the intent is to hire individuals who
9 are local, you know, Credible Messengers, who have
10 served as local Credible Messengers. They have a
11 limited number of people that they can hire, but to
12 hire those individuals who are qualified as Credible
13 Messengers for this particular position.

14 I do know that -- I know that I had a
15 brief conversation with Commissioner Walker earlier
16 this week, and I know he did share with me that he
17 had a conversation with -- I'm sorry, Clinton Lacey,
18 who is the principal of this particular
19 organization. And so he didn't tell me there were
20 any specific concerns that he had regarding that,
21 but absolutely, this organization is absolutely not
22 going to be hiring people who are not Hudson
23 County-based individuals.

24 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Okay. Well, but
25 again, you can be in Hudson County and not meet the

1 experience requirements, right? I mean, come on.

2 DIRECTOR TOON: But Commissioner,
3 they -- they will definitely have to be individuals
4 who meet the experience requirements. That goes
5 without a doubt. I mean, we recognize that in order
6 to have that comfort level for the family court
7 judge to make those referrals, you know, they have
8 to be individuals who are experienced because we
9 can't just have any old body who doesn't have those
10 roots here to service Credible Messengers.

11 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: Who makes that
12 final determination? Is that us? Is it the judge?
13 I'm -- I'm -- I guess I'm now in the third layer of
14 the onion. Who makes that determination?

15 DIRECTOR TOON: The judge refers the
16 young people to the program, Commissioner.

17 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: But not -- not
18 until we ratify the program and put their names out
19 there?

20 DIRECTOR TOON: That's correct.

21 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: But when does
22 that happen? Does it come back to us to look at the
23 proposed Credible Messengers? I mean, Billy, Billy,
24 look, I'm not a Jersey city guy, so I apologize.

25 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Hold on. Hold on.

1 Go ahead.

2 DIRECTOR TOON: Commissioner, if I
3 may, it's no different from any other organization
4 that we provide funding to. We don't hire their
5 staff. They hire their staff, but we certainly
6 understand what's required for this particular
7 program.

8 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: So once they
9 hire their staff and we don't have any say. It's --
10 it's a done deal? Bill or Jerry, look at these --

11 MR. ANTUN: This contract is for one
12 year. So even though you don't have a say, if after
13 a few months, if you guys tell me it's not working,
14 well, guess what? It's not going to get renewed.

15 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Okay. Can you
16 provide us the job description for that title?

17 DIRECTOR TOON: Credible Messengers,
18 sure.

19 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Okay. Continue,
20 Mr. Clerk.

21 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 30.
22 Resolution authorizing award of contract with Delta
23 Dental of New Jersey, Inc. and the collection by the
24 County of Employee contribution on behalf of Delta
25 Dental and to distribute the contributions to Delta

1 Dental, January 1st, 2026 to December 31st, 2026
2 with the option for one-year renewal, \$1,966,130.

3 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Kopacz-Lipski.

4 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 31.

5 Resolution awarding Fair and Open Professional
6 Services Contract for Employee Medical Services to
7 conduct Medical Examinations of Civilian and
8 Uniformed Employees and Applications for Employment
9 Premier Care Associates of West Hudson, \$180,000;
10 and BHMG Corporate Care, RWJ Barnabas Health Systems
11 \$180,000; January 1st, 2026 to December 31st, 2026,
12 360,000.

13 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Cifelli and Kopacz.

14 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 32.

15 Resolution approving a Fair and Open Contract
16 resulting from a negotiated Bid with JRAL, LLC d/b/a
17 Henry Industries for Restoration and Rehabilitation
18 of the North and South Summer House at the Belmont
19 Plaza in Lincoln Park, City of Jersey City, pursuant
20 to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 sub 3, \$2,647,980.

21 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: O'Dea. Second.

22 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 33.

23 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: And just for the
24 record, JRAL, LLC is a union shop contract.

25 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 33.

1 Resolution amending No. 650-10-2024 to extend
2 contract term with Hudson Community Enterprises,
3 Inc. Multi-Departmental Scanning and Indexing
4 Services, December 31st, 2025 to December 31st,
5 2026, to add funds, \$100,000.

6 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Kopacz-Lipski.

7 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 34.

8 Resolution approving addition No. 1 to a Fair and
9 Open Professional Services Contract with French and
10 Parrello Associates Professional Engineering
11 Services for the Duncan Avenue Bicycle Lanes
12 Connectivity Across New Jersey Route 1 & 9 in Jersey
13 City, \$1,200.

14 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Cifelli and Lipski.

15 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 35.

16 Resolution approving Addition No. 1 to a Fair and
17 Open Competitive Contract with HMR Architects for
18 Historic Architectural Services at the William J.
19 Brennan Courthouse, \$41,250.

20 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: You want it, Al?

21 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: That's fine.

22 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Okay. That's
23 Lipski and Cifelli. Question on No. 34, just
24 curious. A bike lane for a thousand dollars that's
25 going to cut across Duncan Avenue?

1 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: They're going to
2 do a traffic count.

3 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: It's not to --
4 it's not to come -- it's not to construct the lane.

5 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: It's just to study
6 for a place to put them.

7 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 36.
8 Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 "John O'Hara
9 Company for Masonry Improvements for the William
10 Courthouses Building Envelope Restoration, Time
11 Extension of 210 Days, \$176,096.

12 COMMISSIONER APONTE-LIPSKI: Sponsor.

13 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Second.

14 THE CLERK: Resolution authorizing
15 Addition No. 9 to extend Purchasing Agent's
16 Award-Construction Contract "On Call Contract for
17 the Traffic Signals, Foundations, Conduit and
18 Associated work in the County of Hudson" Orchard
19 Holdings, LLC, Three-Month Extension.

20 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Rodriguez and
21 Cifelli.

22 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 38.
23 Resolution authorizing the encroachment of a
24 Handicap Ramp and Fencing into the County
25 Right-of-Way at 2761 John F. Kennedy Boulevard,

1 Jersey City, Block 12005, Lot 11, \$10,700.

2 COMMISSIONER APONTE-LIPSKI: Sponsor.

3 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Second.

4 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 39.

5 Resolution amending Resolution 559-9-2025 to declare
6 two additional vehicles in the County's Motor Fleet
7 to be surplus and obsolete and auctioned for scrap
8 and eliminated from the County Fleet and Insurance
9 Roster.

10 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Romano-Cifelli.

11 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: I have a
12 question.

13 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yeah, go ahead,
14 Bill.

15 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: One of the
16 vehicles, so it only has like 38,000 miles. It's
17 not a lot of miles, and the vehicle's like that.
18 You've got 100,000, 200,000, 180, 150, you got
19 38,700, 138,000. You've got a Toyota Prius hybrid
20 with only 38,000 miles on it.

21 DIRECTOR D'ALESSANDRO: That was
22 totaled in an accident.

23 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: But then they're
24 just going to scrap it. They can't like -- Oh, but
25 you sell it for scrap as opposed to somebody --

1 okay. I don't know. You'd see like, you've got
2 two, two dump trucks. They only have 42, 43,000.
3 That's from Parks. God, it just seemed like 38,
4 40,000 in today's day and age, you know, a lot of
5 miles in the hundreds. You got one with 2,000 miles
6 from the sheriff's department. I'm curious to find
7 out. It was a Dodge Durango, 2,423 miles. Yeah.

8 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: That's the one with
9 the fence. Yeah, that's totaled. But that would be
10 a good explanation, right? You can't buy that.
11 That's a scrap title. Right.

12 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: What was the
13 vehicle totaled?

14 DIRECTOR D'ALESSANDRO: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: All right.
17 Did we -- did we get money from the insurance
18 company for it? I mean, did somebody. I'm not --
19 I'm not trying to be a wise guy. I'm just trying to
20 ask if it was total and it was only 2,000 miles,
21 then the market value of that vehicle had to be
22 rather high. Was there -- was there a defendant or
23 was there a responsible party as a result of the
24 accident? I mean, was it caused by a third party?
25 And now the -- our insurance goes after the third

1 party to get reimbursed the value of that car.

2 DIRECTOR D'ALESSANDRO: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes, Al. Yes.

4 DIRECTOR D'ALESSANDRO: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Denise, you want to
6 answer him, please? Also, Al, that's a junk title.
7 They can't resell that car.

8 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: I understand
9 how that works. But my point is if the -- if our
10 vehicle was in an accident and as a result of the
11 accident, our vehicle was totaled. Then if the --
12 if there was a fault on the accident by a third
13 party, not the County, not, not our driver, but the
14 other, then doesn't our -- the County adjustor go
15 after the party at fault and their carrier and get,
16 and get reimbursed for \$40,000. Whatever the, the
17 market value of the -- of the car was?

18 DIRECTOR D'ALESSANDRO: Hi,
19 Commissioner. It's Denise. Yes. Any incidents we
20 have, we do an incident report. It goes through
21 risk management and they go after the third. If
22 it's their fault, they go after their insurance.

23 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: But the -- but
24 that's exactly what I asked, but what's the answer?
25 Did we do that?

1 DIRECTOR D'ALESSANDRO: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: And so we're,
3 we're prosecuting a claim against the driver of the
4 other vehicle involved in the accident, which
5 resulted in the total damage loss of our vehicle; is
6 that right?

7 DIRECTOR D'ALESSANDRO: Correct.

8 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: All right.
9 Just want to make sure we're trying to recover that
10 money. That's all.

11 MR. DEPIERRO: And if I may.

12 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Go ahead.

13 MR. DEPIERRO: And Commissioner,
14 when, when risk management is not able to find a
15 resolution with the insurance company, then the Law
16 Department files a lawsuit.

17 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: Okay. I just,
18 for all I know, it could have been our fault. I
19 mean, our driver could have went through a red light
20 and got debunked and it's our fault. I get that,
21 but if it's not our fault and the vehicle only had,
22 less than 3,000 miles on it, there's some -- there's
23 some -- there's some value to the loss of our
24 vehicle that maybe we should be compensated for.
25 That's all I'm saying. But you're telling me that

1 there's a process with -- with regard to this
2 particular vehicle to try to investigate and recover
3 who is at fault and who's the responsible -- we're
4 self-insured, but the other driver or drivers, I
5 don't know what this circumstance, circumstances of
6 the accident were, but those other entities may be
7 responsible to us to reimburse us. Because a
8 Durango, what's it worth? \$40,000 brand new. And
9 they would be \$30,000 with 2000 miles on it or 3,000
10 miles. I mean, maybe we should get reimbursed that
11 money. I don't know.

12 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Alberico, for
13 tomorrow, see what you can give an update to
14 Commissioner.

15 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: Call me. Call
16 me tomorrow.

17 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Okay? Lawyer to
18 lawyer.

19 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: No, that's
20 great. Well, thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Continue.

22 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, I have two
23 additional items for the Board's consideration.

24 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, I have two,
25 two ordinance for adoption, and I'll turn it over

1 to.

2 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Okay. Two
3 ordinances.

4 MR. ANTUN: I'm sorry. I'm sorry.
5 Go ahead.

6 THE CLERK: I-1. Ordinance amending
7 Chapter 200, Article 8.11 of the Administrative Code
8 to establish a restricted Parking Space on Willow
9 Avenue, City of Hoboken for James B. Rooney.

10 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Sponsor, me.
11 Second it somebody?

12 COMMISSIONER APONTE-LIPSKI: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: You got an address
14 just on Willow Avenue?

15 DIRECTOR D'ALESSANDRO: 700.

16 THE CLERK: I-2.

17 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Al, this is you.
18 I-2.

19 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: I'm sorry.
20 I'm looking. I'm looking.

21 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: He didn't read it
22 yet. He's going to read it now.

23 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: I'm sorry.
24 I'm sorry.

25 THE CLERK: I-2.

1 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: I'll sponsor
2 it. Yeah, I see.

3 THE CLERK: I-2. Ordinance amending
4 Chapter 200, Article 27, of the Administrative Code
5 to establish Traffic Calming Devices, Delineators,
6 on County Avenue in the Town of Secaucus.

7 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Bobby's sponsoring
8 it. And then Al seconded. He represents -- both of
9 them represent Secaucus.

10 THE CLERK: I will now turn it over
11 to the Administration.

12 MR. ANTUN: Thank you. Mr. Chairman,
13 we have two items for the Board's consideration.

14 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: What about A-3 on
15 adoption?

16 THE CLERK: We did 1 and 2; 1 and 2.
17 Well, well, I've used the prior sponsors.

18 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes. Go ahead.

19 MR. ANTUN: First item that I have is
20 we would like to provide additional -- an additional
21 amount of \$10,000 to, to Mercy for Thy Neighbor to
22 continue servicing residents experiencing food
23 insecurity through the emergency food delivery.

24 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Board as a whole.

25 THE CLERK: That will be Resolution

1 No. 40.

2 MR. ANTUN: Chairman. The next one
3 that I have is to award to the SALT Foundation, an
4 additional \$25,000 for operating costs in the
5 food -- and the food distribution to vulnerable
6 population experiencing food insecurity.

7 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Board as a whole.

8 THE CLERK: That will be Resolution
9 No. 41.

10 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: Sponsored by
11 President Trump.

12 MR. ANTUN: I'm done.

13 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: What's this? We
14 have a Finance and Administrative Director's Office.
15 What is this?

16 MR. ANTUN: That's what we claim. I
17 agree. That's -- I agree. I agree.

18 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes. Okay.
19 Caridad, give me a call. I have a phone message for
20 you. Bobby Baselice --

21 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: I have a
22 question. Can I have one last question? Can
23 somebody in the Administration enlighten us for
24 tomorrow's meeting as to the status of the opening
25 of the courthouse?

1 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: I was on a call
2 today about this.

3 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: Well, yeah.
4 So I want to be -- I just -- I'm getting many calls.
5 What's going on with the courthouse, please.
6 Somebody tomorrow.

7 MR. ANTUN: Sure. Commissioner, that
8 would have to be a closed session discussion.

9 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: Well, can we
10 do it tomorrow after our regular meeting?

11 MR. ANTUN: That's up to the Board.

12 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: Well, all
13 right. I'll be asking the Chairman then, can we do
14 a closed session after our regular public meeting?
15 Can we sit down in a closed session for 10 or 15
16 minutes and find out what's going on with the
17 courthouse?

18 MR. ANTUN: Fifteen to twenty minutes
19 is okay. After the -- after --

20 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: We spent \$300
21 million or whatever. That's, you know, we're a bag
22 of shells.

23 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes. Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: All right.

25 THE CLERK: So there is a motion to

1 adjourn. The meeting is over. All in favor?

2 Adjourned.

3 (Whereupon the proceeding is then
4 concluded at 5:33 p.m.)

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