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O P E N S E S S I O N

Hudson County  
Administration Building,  
Commissioners Chambers  
567 Pavonia Avenue  
Jersey City, New Jersey  
Tuesday, November 25, 2025  
1:00 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  
JERRY WALKER, Commissioner

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

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQ., Board Counsel  
ALBERICO DE PIERRO, Hudson County Counsel  
ABRAHAM ANTUN, County Administrator  
CAROL JEAN DOYLE, County Commissioner Clerk  
Reported by: Shari Cathey, CCR, RPR

1                   CHAIRMAN ROMANO: So I'll put you on  
2 first when we start, Craig? Craig, you're on mute,  
3 Craig.

4                   COUNTY EXECUTIVE GUY: Chairman,  
5 thank you, and thank you, Commissioners. I just  
6 wanted to -- hey, and Commissioner O'Dea's in  
7 transit?

8                   CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.

9                   COMMISSIONER O'DEA: I'm almost  
10 there. I'm almost there. I'm on Summit Avenue.  
11 Just about to phone you.

12                   COUNTY EXECUTIVE GUY: Bill, you  
13 should be taking a -- you should be riding a bike  
14 or.

15                   COMMISSIONER O'DEA: A little bit  
16 hard.

17                   COUNTY EXECUTIVE GUY: So I just want  
18 to wish everybody, have a great, healthy, happy  
19 Thanksgiving. We've got some work on our table for  
20 the end of '25, and I know we got some good things  
21 coming our way. Well, let me just rephrase that.  
22 We have some good intentions coming our way in '26.  
23 We're going to face some financial woes, as  
24 everybody knows here. You know, we have an  
25 uncooperative federal government, you know, at this

1 point, and we have some challenges that we're going  
2 to face.

3 But, you know, with the group that's here,  
4 with the group that's here, I know we can kind of,  
5 you know, do the best we can. And thank you,  
6 Commissioner Cifelli, and Commissioner, you could  
7 fill in your colleagues at the appropriate time  
8 about some courthouse machinations. So I'd like,  
9 you know, again, a big thank you to you folks for a  
10 big, healthy, happy Thanksgiving.

11 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Thank you, Craig.

12 COMMISSIONER KOPACZ: Thank you,  
13 Craig.

14 COMMISSIONER APONTE-LIPSKI: Thank  
15 you, you too.

16 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Also, we want to  
18 wish Bobby Knapp, he's celebrating his 57th year  
19 with the County of Hudson. Denise is going to break  
20 that record. Craig, did you hear that?

21 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Pulled under the  
22 building, I'm on my way. Someone's parked in my  
23 spot, I'm going to block them in, whoever that may  
24 be.

25 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes, is there any

1 truth to the fact that Bobby Knapp has 3,600 sick  
2 days accumulated?

3 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Yeah. I  
4 wouldn't be surprised. I wouldn't be surprised.

5 THE CLERK: Commissioner  
6 Aponte-Lipski.

7 COMMISSIONER APONTE-LIPSKI: Here.

8 THE CLERK: Commissioner Baselice.

9 COMMISSIONER BASELICE: Here.

10 THE CLERK: Commissioner Cedeño.

11 COMMISSIONER CEDEÑO: Here.

12 THE CLERK: Commissioner Cifelli.

13 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: Here.

14 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kopacz.

15 COMMISSIONER KOPACZ: Here.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner O'Dea, he's  
17 on his way.

18 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Via Zoom, but  
19 walking upstairs now.

20 THE CLERK: Thank you. Commissioner  
21 Rodriguez.

22 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

23 THE CLERK: Commissioner Walker.

24 Chairman Romano.

25 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.

1 THE CLERK: Please stand for the  
2 Pledge of Allegiance.

3 (Flag Salute.)

4 THE CLERK: Adequate notice of this  
5 meeting has been provided as follows: Posting  
6 notice of Resolution 8-01-2025 on County  
7 Commissioner's Bulletin Board, First Floor,  
8 Administration Building Annex, Jersey City, New  
9 Jersey.

10 Copies of the above-mentioned resolutions  
11 have been sent to the County Clerk and the editors  
12 of the Kearny Observer and the Star Ledger.

13 We have no minutes to approve. We have no  
14 laudatories. The next order of business is to turn  
15 it over to the Administration.

16 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: One second, please.  
17 We usually do this at the end of the meeting, but we  
18 know as soon as the last item is voted on, Kenny  
19 Kopacz will jump up and say "meeting adjourned." So  
20 let's do it now. On behalf of all the  
21 Commissioners, and I think I speak for all of them,  
22 we wanna wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving to all  
23 the clerks in our office, all the staff, all the  
24 Directors and Commissioners.

25 It's a team effort to serve our

1 constituents. We know that you do a great job day  
2 in and day out. We're not the easiest to please,  
3 but we appreciate all the hard work that you all do.  
4 I know, Fannie, you want to start off and say  
5 something? Go ahead.

6 COMMISSIONER CEDEÑO: Sure, I just  
7 want to wish everybody here in this office and your  
8 families a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. I hope  
9 you take the time to reflect on everything that  
10 we're thankful for, and yeah, just enjoy, and thank  
11 you for all your hard work. Thank you for  
12 everything that you do for the County.

13 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Al?

14 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: Yes, just to  
15 echo Commissioner Cedeño's comments, and one good  
16 thing about this Thanksgiving is turkeys are  
17 American grown, so we don't have to worry about it,  
18 especially the tariffs. Happy Thanksgiving,  
19 everybody.

20 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Carrie, you told me  
21 the turkeys are from Cuba. Go ahead, Carrie.

22 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. Cuban  
23 grown. I want to wish everybody a happy  
24 Thanksgiving. To me and my family, this is the best  
25 holiday of the year. We have so much to thank for,

1 and we truly take the time to do so. So much is  
2 happening around the world, and we're safe and  
3 secure here. God bless this Administration and this  
4 police department and all our friends that keep us  
5 safe. So we are thankful for everything that  
6 everybody here does for the other people, all right?  
7 For the community. Thank you so much. God bless.

8 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yraida.

9 COMMISSIONER APONTE-LIPSKI: Yes. I  
10 just really want to echo my colleagues to say a  
11 little talk that we really appreciate you guys, that  
12 maybe we don't say it every day, but whatever you  
13 do, everybody, any office, any director, any  
14 position that you have, it doesn't matter what kind  
15 of position you have in here in the County, we  
16 really appreciate you, and we really wish you the  
17 best ever year with your families and friends, with  
18 your loved one, and health, and we'll see you  
19 hopefully next year. Happy Thanksgiving to  
20 everybody.

21 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Hey, Bobby B.

22 COMMISSIONER BASELICE: I just want  
23 to wish everybody a happy Thanksgiving. From my  
24 family to yours, we wouldn't be here if it wasn't  
25 for what you guys do for us. You make us look good.

1 At the end of the day, I am so pleased that we have  
2 such a great group of Directors, Administrators,  
3 clerical, everyone in the County. You really, truly  
4 go above and beyond. We have a World Cup team here,  
5 that's all I want to say. Have a great  
6 Thanksgiving.

7 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Kenny.

8 COMMISSIONER KOPACZ: Happy  
9 Thanksgiving, everyone.

10 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Billy.

11 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Happy  
12 Thanksgiving, everyone, and a special shout out to  
13 Parks, Roads, and folks from the HCIA who helped us,  
14 I guess, distribute 5,500 turkeys over the weekend.  
15 So we appreciate the effort you guys do above and  
16 beyond the call of duty.

17 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Okay. Again, from  
18 me, thank you all again so much. You just do so  
19 much, and it's appreciated when you answer the phone  
20 and help us out, and to the law enforcement  
21 officers, a lot of people forget that it's not a  
22 holiday for law enforcement. They'll be working.  
23 So for those that are working, be safe, and enjoy,  
24 then, the next day with your families, hopefully.  
25 Thank you.

1 THE CLERK: I turn this over to the  
2 Administration. Do you have anything?

3 MR. ANTUN: Thank you, Madam Clerk.  
4 I don't have -- excuse me. I don't have any  
5 additional items for the agenda, but I did provide  
6 from Darice Toon information that the Board  
7 requested from yesterday's meeting.

8 First memo is for Resolution No. 5, that  
9 dealt with the student-adult financial assistance.  
10 The Director explains a little bit more about the  
11 program and job placements and the tuition that gets  
12 reimbursed.

13 The second memo was regarding Resolution  
14 No. 12. What was requested was how much were the --  
15 how much did these organizations receive last year?  
16 And as you can see, they're flat-funded. Whatever  
17 they received last year, they're getting this year.

18 And then regarding Resolution No. 23,  
19 which is the Tetra Tech, the amount of money that  
20 was expended from the CDBG for program years '21,  
21 '22, '24 was \$41,276.

22 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Any questions by  
23 any Commissioners? Go ahead, Billy.

24 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: How much money  
25 are we allocating for that same group for this year?

1 MR. ANTUN: 121,000, Commissioner.

2 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: So in the course  
3 of three years, they spent \$14,000 a year. Yeah,  
4 we're looking to allocate ten times that. I don't  
5 get it.

6 MR. ANTUN: Commissioner, if the  
7 Board wants to make a motion to make a reduction --

8 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: I mean, my  
9 thought is I know that we have, like, I mean, if I'm  
10 wrong, let me know. I mean, we're looking at all  
11 the projects that we have here, right? How many of  
12 those projects could use money for the actual  
13 project as opposed to reserving it for the people  
14 that help prepare it?

15 MR. ANTUN: I can't take issue with  
16 that, Commissioner.

17 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: So I'm going to  
18 make a motion that we --

19 MR. ANTUN: Just so that you know, to  
20 at least explain how the department came up with  
21 this.

22 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Right.

23 MR. ANTUN: I'm not taking issue with  
24 the motion. What the department did was, when they  
25 put together the RFP, they assumed a certain number

1 of reviews. So based upon that certain number of  
2 reviews, that's how they arrived at the number that  
3 was recommended to you. But obviously, the number  
4 of reviews has been much less over the last couple  
5 of years.

6 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Yeah, I mean,  
7 I'm going to make a motion that we reduce it to  
8 40,000, and I'm going to look at 2024, where there  
9 was a total of \$20,000. I guess it was 20,600  
10 spent; 40,000 is basically double that amount. I  
11 think that's a reasonable amount. And then I would  
12 ask that the Director look at what other projects  
13 could use 100,000 or 50,000 that we would be able to  
14 allocate.

15 We know there's a lot of programs that we  
16 have or projects that we have that are short of  
17 dollars. And I think that there's always an ability  
18 to change the number if there's something unforeseen  
19 with review, based on the historical information and  
20 based on the fact that I'm sure, and I'm not going  
21 to look to do a deep dive right now, of people that  
22 got funding that got the amount they requested less  
23 than they asked, that I think that would be a pretty  
24 easy exercise to be able to do that.

25 So I'm going to make a motion that we

1 reduce -- what number is that item?

2 MR. ANTUN: 23.

3 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: That we reduce  
4 the amount in Item No. 23 to an amount equal to  
5 \$40,000; from 121,450 to 40,000, I'll make it easy,  
6 to 41,450. And that we then ask Darice to go back  
7 and look what other projects that are currently  
8 funded that would be able to use an additional or a  
9 portion of an additional \$80,000.

10 MR. FLORIO: Chairman, there's a  
11 motion which requires a second and a roll call.

12 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Can you explain  
13 that a little better for some of us?

14 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: So they did an  
15 analysis in an RFP, assuming that they would need  
16 enough review to want to spend 121,000. These are  
17 reviews, just so you understand, this doesn't fix a  
18 building, this doesn't feed a family, this is just  
19 an outside entity reviewing monies that are  
20 allocated.

21 In looking at this document, which is  
22 three years of what that group has done, in one year  
23 they spent 13,000, in the second year they spent  
24 7,000, in the third year they spent 21,000. I'm  
25 just rounding numbers. So we're allocating \$121,450

1 to an agency that over three years, we only spent  
2 \$41,000 on. Where's the rest of the money going?

3 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: I would second  
4 the motion. It appears that Commissioner O'Dea has  
5 a valid point that this is being overfunded based on  
6 the experience over the last three years so. And  
7 that could be adjusted later.

8 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Oh, right. Yeah,  
9 and I would just --

10 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: I second that.

11 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Thank you. And  
12 then I would just ask that if it's approved, that  
13 then we direct Director Toon to report back to us at  
14 the next meeting as to where she would recommend  
15 that \$80,000 be reallocated to projects that  
16 probably they would have wanted more dollars if more  
17 dollars were available.

18 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Question A, in  
19 those years past when the money wasn't used, where  
20 did it go?

21 MR. ANTUN: If it's not used, then it  
22 just gets reallocated to, as Commissioner O'Dea  
23 said, to other projects.

24 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Okay. Motion on  
25 the floor, seconded by Al.

1 THE CLERK: Commissioner

2 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 CIFELLI: Yes.

10 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kopacz.

11 COMMISSIONER KOPACZ: Yes.

12 THE CLERK: Commissioner O'Dea.

13 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Yes.

14 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rodriguez.

15 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner Walker.

17 Chairman Romano.

18 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.

19 MR. ANTUN: That's all I have, Mr.

20 Chairman. Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Okay. Continue.

22 THE CLERK: I have one resolution.

23 It's changing the time of the scheduled caucus

24 meeting of Monday, December 22nd, 2025, and changing

25 the date and time of the scheduled regular meeting

1 of Tuesday, December 23rd, 2025, of the Hudson  
2 County Board of County Commissioners. The time of  
3 the scheduled Caucus Meeting of Monday, December  
4 22nd, 2025 at 4:30 is hereby changed to Monday,  
5 December 22nd, 2025 at one o'clock p.m. And the  
6 scheduled Regular Meeting of Tuesday, December 23rd,  
7 2025 at one p.m. is hereby changed to Monday,  
8 December 22nd, 2025, at two p.m. The meeting shall  
9 take place in the Commissioner's Chambers at 567  
10 Pavonia Avenue, First Floor, Jersey City, New  
11 Jersey. I need a sponsor.

12 COMMISSIONER KOPACZ: Sponsor.

13 Kopacz.

14 COMMISSIONER BASELICE: Second.

15 THE CLERK: Okay. Commissioners,  
16 this will be Resolution 32.

17 Commissioner Aponte-Lipski.

18 COMMISSIONER APONTE-LIPSKI: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Commissioner Baselice.

20 COMMISSIONER BASELICE: Yes.

21 THE CLERK: Commissioner Cedeño.

22 COMMISSIONER CEDEÑO: Yes.

23 THE CLERK: Commissioner Cifelli.

24 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: Yes.

25 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kopacz.

1 COMMISSIONER KOPACZ: Yes.

2 THE CLERK: Commissioner O'Dea.

3 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Yes.

4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rodriguez.

5 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

6 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.

7 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.

8 THE CLERK: According to the policy,  
9 the Board of County Commissioners, members of the  
10 public are asked to limit their comments to five  
11 minutes when discussing agenda items and three  
12 minutes at the conclusion of the meeting for persons  
13 who submitted a written request to discuss matters  
14 of public interest.

15 At this time, the public may address the  
16 Board on any item on the agenda, only please keep  
17 your comments limited to five minutes. Are there  
18 any speakers on the agenda item only?

19 Seeing none. Before I move on a motion to  
20 approve, Commissioner Walker approved as seconded  
21 all on 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22. Is there someone  
22 that will second that?

23 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: O'Dea will take  
24 them.

25 THE CLERK: O'Dea? May I have a

1 motion to approve all the items?

2 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: That's Kopacz and  
3 Aponte.

4 THE CLERK: Okay. Commissioner  
5 Aponte-Lipski.

6 COMMISSIONER APONTE-LIPSKI: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Commissioner Baselice.

8 COMMISSIONER BASELICE: Yes.

9 THE CLERK: Commissioner Cedeño.

10 COMMISSIONER CEDEÑO: Yes.

11 THE CLERK: Commissioner Cifelli.

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 COMMISSIONER WALKER: Yes.

21 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.

22 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.

23 THE CLERK: We have two ordinances  
24 for introduction. I-1, Roads and Public Property.  
25 It's an ordinance amending Chapter 200, Article 13

1 of the Administrative Code for the installation of  
2 stop signs in County-owned roadways in the city of  
3 Hoboken.

4 Commissioner Aponte-Lipski.

5 COMMISSIONER APONTE-LIPSKI: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Baselice.

7 COMMISSIONER BASELICE: Yes.

8 THE CLERK: Commissioner Cedeño.

9 COMMISSIONER CEDEÑO: Yes.

10 THE CLERK: Commissioner Cifelli.

11 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: Yes.

12 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kopacz.

13 COMMISSIONER KOPACZ: Yes.

14 THE CLERK: Commissioner O'Dea.

15 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Yes.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rodriguez.

17 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

18 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.

19 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.

20 THE CLERK: The ordinance has been  
21 introduced.

22 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: I didn't know there  
23 was any streets left without stop signs.

24 THE CLERK: Ordinance I-2. It's from  
25 Law. Resolution amending the Hudson County

1 Administrative Code pursuant to the applicable  
2 provisions of the Optional County Charter Law,  
3 N.J.S.A. 40:41-1.

4 Commissioner Aponte-Lipski.

5 COMMISSIONER APONTE-LIPSKI: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Baselice.

7 COMMISSIONER BASELICE: Yes.

8 THE CLERK: Commissioner Cedeño.

9 COMMISSIONER CEDEÑO: Yes.

10 THE CLERK: Commissioner Cifelli.

11 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: Yes.

12 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kopacz.

13 COMMISSIONER KOPACZ: Yes.

14 THE CLERK: Commissioner O'Dea.

15 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Yes.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rodriguez.

17 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

18 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.

19 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.

20 THE CLERK: The ordinance has been  
21 introduced. We have no ordinances for second  
22 reading. That concludes the items of business on  
23 today's agenda. Are there any comments from the  
24 Commissioners on the Board?

25 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: I just want to

1 thank the Director of Parks. Unfortunately, we put  
2 a beautiful tree up in Columbus Park and some damage  
3 was done. He immediately sent people down to  
4 repair. It's this time of the year. I'm sorry to  
5 say that the Sheriff's Offices are so stretched that  
6 they can't be covering all the parks, unfortunately.  
7 But I want to thank you, Jonathan, because they did  
8 a nice job putting it up. It's just aggravating.

9 Any other commissioners? Go ahead.

10 THE CLERK: Seeing none, are there  
11 any comments from the Chief of Staff to the County  
12 Executive?

13 MR. McCARTHY: On behalf of the  
14 County Executive, I'd like to wish everyone here in  
15 the County Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy. Stay safe.

16 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Thank you, Pat.  
17 Thank you for everything.

18 MR. McCARTHY: Thank you.

19 THE CLERK: This is the time for  
20 persons who submitted a timely written request to  
21 address the board on any matter of public interest.  
22 Please remember to limit your comments to three  
23 minutes. We do have two speakers. First one is  
24 Raymond Mitchell.

25 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Happy Thanksgiving,

1 Mr. Mitchell.

2 MR. MITCHELL: Thanks to all of you.  
3 Happy Thanksgiving. I wish my dad was here. I  
4 could give him a hug and stuff, but circumstances, I  
5 guess, what happened in North Bergen Harborage,  
6 nursing home in North Bergen, and the owner was  
7 Hackensack Meridian. And for some reason, the  
8 Prosecutor's Office does not want to do their job.

9 Everybody took an oath to allegiance and  
10 the constitution to follow. And for some reason,  
11 the Prosecutor's Office does not want to do their  
12 job. Ester Suarez, as we already know, with the  
13 whole coverup and everything. Saying my dad died of  
14 COVID when I've chosen everything and the fraud that  
15 went on and the death certificate and everything.

16 So I just want to let everybody know, I  
17 hope everybody sees their family today, love them,  
18 hug them, and care for them. Because you never know  
19 what could happen in this kind of situation. And  
20 today in the world, the way it is, it's a disgrace  
21 that everybody has to hear. We are arguing and  
22 fighting over what? I don't know. Over what?

23 Last time I was here for Michael Harper  
24 with the election, keeps avoiding me for some  
25 reason. I have no idea what's going on with him.

1 And it's tiring and it's sickening that I've got to  
2 keep coming here and presenting myself about this  
3 and nothing gets done. I just don't understand  
4 what's happening here and who's controlling the  
5 Prosecutor's Office.

6 And I would like everybody to go to, on  
7 Garden State Accountability. The last meeting, I  
8 was at the Brian Stack meeting. Everybody could  
9 take a look at that and see what's really going on  
10 with him. He knew my father since he was a little  
11 boy. He said he was going to do something. He's  
12 going to investigate, he never did. Something's  
13 going on with him. All these attacks and everything  
14 that's happening with journalists and everything  
15 doesn't make sense.

16 You should all acknowledge that people are  
17 here to record you, and so you could show the public  
18 that you're doing great for them. That's what  
19 public servants supposed to be, I guess, or it's  
20 not, I don't know what's going on here. But it's  
21 really sad that I have to continue this and nobody  
22 wants to do. I've got to make signs up and all this  
23 nonsense to try to figure out what is happening here  
24 to our country. You go out there, people from other  
25 countries come in, you treat them better than

1 everybody else that was born.

2 And I don't have nothing against people.  
3 They want to come, I congratulate them and  
4 everything to get away from what they're going  
5 through over there. But I would like my respect to  
6 hear that I've got to continue this. And I don't  
7 know, I don't know what's going on here. We have  
8 law enforcement that don't want to do their job.  
9 They deny me a Prosecutor's Office, Internal  
10 affairs. I keep getting retaliated, me and my  
11 brother in Bergen County every time.

12 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Mr.  
13 Mitchell.

14 MR. MITCHELL: That's all I've got to  
15 say. Happy Thanksgiving and hope you all hug your  
16 family, give them love, care. Life is short,  
17 people, no matter how we go out, it's short. Take  
18 care, everybody. Thank you, and thank you for  
19 listening to me. I appreciate it.

20 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, please note  
21 that Commissioner Walker just joined us. Yes, I  
22 just wanted to ask him --

23 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Jerry, we need to  
24 have your vote on the agenda, please.

25 COMMISSIONER WALKER: Yes.

1                   CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Okay. And any  
2 comments, Jerry? All the Commissioners addressed  
3 our directors, wishing them to happy Thanksgiving.  
4 Would you like to say something?

5                   COMMISSIONER WALKER: Yeah, guys. I  
6 apologize for not being, I'm still serving turkeys,  
7 serving the community so. But I just like to thank  
8 all the Directors for all your hard work, and I want  
9 the majority of family on this holiday season be  
10 blessed, be safe, be healthy. Looking forward to  
11 continue to working with all you guys, even in my  
12 new role, especially. So, I'm going to be leaning  
13 on you all to shape some legislation. So, happy  
14 Thanksgiving, everybody.

15                   CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Thank you, Jerry.  
16 Standby, we have another speaker.

17                   THE CLERK: I have one more speaker,  
18 Eve Taylor. Ms. Eve Taylor. I don't see her here.

19                   Okay. There being no further business.

20                   CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Kenny?

21                   COMMISSIONER KOPACZ: Motion.

22                   CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Second.

23                   THE CLERK: All those in favor?

24                   Opposed?

25                   CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Happy Thanksgiving,

1 everyone, and thank you. Thank you.

2 (Whereupon the proceeding is then  
3 concluded at 1:32 p.m.)  
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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, SHARI CATHEY, CCR, RPR, License No.  
30XI00234700, and Notary Public of the State of New  
Jersey, hereby certify that the proceedings herein  
are from the notes taken by me of a Regular Meeting  
of the Hudson County Board of County Commissioners,  
held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025; and that this is  
a correct transcript of the same.



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