

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF

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(OPEN SESSION)

C O M M I S S I O N E R S P R E S E N T :

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1 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: We have our quorum.

2 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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4 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
5 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
6 Bazian and Cleaves are absent. Commissioner
7 Sanchez is not present yet)

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9 MR. AMODIO: Commissioners Bazian and
10 Cleaves are absent and Commissioner Sanchez is not
11 here yet.

12 The time is 9:43.

13 You have quorum.

14 All of the requirements of the Open Public
15 Meetings Act have been met. Notices have been
16 furnished to all Commissioners; City Clerks of
17 Paterson, Passaic, and Clifton; North Jersey
18 Herald News; The Record - Passaic County edition
19 and the Commission's Executive Staff with a copy
20 posted at the main bulletin board at the Clifton
21 facility.

22 Will you please rise.

23 Commissioner Vannoy, would you please...

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: For the record,

25 Commissioner Bazian and our Comptroller are

1 observing their Passover holiday, so they will not
2 be here.

3 Commissioner Sanchez is on his way.

4 And Mr. Genitempo's sitting in for our
5 attorney today, so he will make sure that
6 everything parliamentary procedure wise is done
7 perfectly. Right?

8 MR. GENITEMPO: Yes.

9 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. We are
10 going to go right into the public portion since
11 that's what you're all here for.

12 I usually go in order of the sign-in
13 sheet. I'm going to ask Mr. Linteris, since he
14 represents a group, to be our first speaker and he
15 will identify everybody who's with him.

16 MR. LINTERIS: Okay.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. So
18 speaking is allowed for five minutes and then
19 we'll go onto the next.

20 MR. LINTERIS: Thank you very much.

21 First, I'd like to identify my group. I
22 have George Fenelli. I have Dana Williams. I
23 have Jo-Anne Mitchell. Carol VanSavage. I have
24 Michelle Perrone Epstein. I have Bruce Shapiro
25 from NJAR, and I have Mary Ann Sgobba.

1 information on their website about this issue
2 because information was really just released to
3 the public by the Commission at the end of last
4 month.

5 Passaic County Board of Realtors
6 established a Facebook page earlier this year
7 along with a petition on this issue which I will
8 be presenting to you with copies of today. To
9 date, over 650 people have signed a petition,
10 actually, 660 as of this morning, raising their
11 concerns about the draining of the reservoirs and
12 the plan to construct concrete tanks in their
13 place. And the number is still growing.

14 Passaic County Board of Realtors also
15 mailed postcards, as you know, to residents in
16 Woodland Park and Paterson as well as other
17 municipalities bordering these two towns where the
18 reservoirs are located.

19 We'd like to hand out the signed petitions
20 as I continue on here.

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22 (Whereupon, Commissioner Sanchez is
23 present at 9:49 a.m.)

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25 MR. LINTERIS: In addition, Passaic County

1 Board of Realtors' concerns that the public was
2 not informed of this project. We also had
3 concerns concerning the cost to drain these
4 reservoirs and construct the tanks, now estimated
5 to be over \$130 million.

6 As we understand it and the impact these
7 costs would have on ratepayers, concerns also
8 exist about the impact of the draining of these
9 reservoirs and the property values for the homes
10 near them.

11 Given the number of people that are here
12 this morning, given the number of people who have
13 signed our petition and joined our Facebook page,
14 now close to 700, it is clear the public has
15 concerns for this plan. And in speaking with
16 other members of the public here this morning, I
17 believe there are many questions that will be
18 posed to you this morning regarding the plan.

19 I thank you for taking the time to hear
20 these concerns on behalf of Passaic County Board
21 of Realtors as well as hundreds of residents who
22 live in this area and have expressed concerns
23 regarding the plan to drain the reservoirs and
24 construct these tanks.

25 Thank you very much for your time.

1 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: If I listened
2 carefully, the first eight people are from your
3 group?

4 MR. LINTERIS: No. I don't believe he is.

5 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. Mr.
6 Hornstra, you are next up. Okay.

7 MR. HORNSTRA: Good morning.

8 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Good morning.

9 MR. HORNSTRA: My name is Robert Hornstra.
10 I live at 6 Oak Ridge Road in Woodland Park. The
11 Hornstra family has resided at that location since
12 1952. That location is near the Great Notch
13 Reservoir. I'm here on behalf of the Hornstra
14 family to express our opposition to the plan to
15 putting tanks at the Great Notch Reservoir. It's
16 a beautiful area and we feel that those tanks
17 would essentially be a bland on the landscape and
18 could effect real estate values. So we're very
19 concerned about it.

20 We're concerned about the cost, which to a
21 reasonable person seems like an awful lot of money
22 for something we believe is not necessary.

23 Thank you.

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Which brings us to
25 Ms. Jacobos.

1 MS. JACOBOS: I live in Clifton. I walk
2 around the mountain. I enjoy the water. I think
3 it's psychologically not very sound and even if
4 you paint a lovely blue colic water scene on the
5 side of the concrete tanks, perhaps with fish
6 swimming, it's not going to be quite the same.

7 And I'm also opposed to the cost. But
8 even if it were free, I would be opposed to it.

9 That's it.

10 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Thank you so much.

11 All right. Mary Ann Sgobba.

12 MS. SGOBBA: Yes, here.

13 My question is --

14 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Just tell us your
15 name. I'm sorry.

16 MS. SGOBBA: Oh, I'm sorry. Mary Ann
17 Sgobba. I'm also with the Passaic County Board of
18 Realtors.

19 Have there been any reported illnesses
20 related to the Cryptosporidium or any other items
21 related to the EPA LT2 from water coming from
22 either the Great Notch, New Street, or Levine
23 Reservoirs?

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: We're not going to
25 answer the questions now. We're going to wait

1 until we close the public portion and we'll
2 address your question and answer it.

3 Okay?

4 MS. SGOBBA: Well, I have three other
5 questions.

6 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Go right ahead. Go
7 right ahead. Get them on the record, please.

8 MS. SGOBBA: Beyond the estimated \$135
9 million cost to drain the reservoirs and construct
10 the tanks, what are the estimated costs to
11 maintain them and what effect will this have on
12 the PVWC taxpayers?

13 Then I have: What are the environmental
14 impacts and ramifications of the draining of these
15 three reservoirs and construction of concrete
16 tanks in their place? Especially, given that many
17 people enjoy the recreational opportunities around
18 both these and Paterson and Woodland Park.

19 That's it.

20 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. Please
21 forgive if I mispronounce these names.

22 Anac, A-n-a-c.

23 MR. ANAC: Good morning, everyone. My
24 question is --

25 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: What's your name?

1 MR. ANAC: Raffi Anac, 200 Rt. 46, Little
2 Falls; Exxon station. Me and my brother, we own
3 it.

4 There is a fire line, fire hydrant right
5 by the station. I mean, we've been paying for it
6 since 1995. It was like \$300 quarterly. But
7 2013, they raised it to \$445 a month, which I
8 never used it. I have a picture of it. It's
9 rusty. I never seen any service on it. And all
10 of a sudden I receive a bill, it's 449 in 2014.
11 Now we receive a bill, it's \$501 a month for the
12 fire line which I never use.

13 I mean, I was wondering if we can remove
14 it because there's another fire line right behind
15 my station. I mean, I'm paying \$45,000 real
16 estate taxes plus this \$6,000. It's like killing
17 me.

18 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Mr. Bella, is there
19 somebody we can refer him to so that you can get
20 --

21 UNIDENTIFIED MAN: I have the same
22 problem. I own the Exxon across the street. I
23 just came.

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. So why
25 don't you two go together. Mr. Bella will assign

1 you -- Mr. Gallagher is right here. If you'll go
2 with Mr. Gallagher, he'll address your concern.

3 All right. Mr. Garasci.

4 MR. GUARASCI: Good morning. My name is
5 Bob Guarasci. I'm CEO of New Jersey Community
6 Development Corporation. I'm here once again this
7 morning after the fourth meeting in a row to
8 express the deep concern that my organization has
9 representing 2,000 children and families that live
10 in the immediate vicinity of the Levine Reservoir.
11 That the plans that this Commission has put
12 forward have been done so without any form of
13 public input. And that is really contrary to the
14 way the government is supposed to operate.

15 We are pleased that there have been signs
16 that this Commission is willing to hold public
17 hearings and begin to get the information out, but
18 what we're very concerned about is the
19 Administrative Consent Order that exists with the
20 DEP that requires final design and plans be
21 submitted by July 1st, some two and a half short
22 months from now.

23 So in light of the fact that there is in a
24 very visible way considerable growing opposition
25 to at least the process, if not the plans, that my

1 specific request is that this Commission formally
2 request that the DEP further modify the
3 Administrative Consent Order to push back the
4 July 1 deadline and to allow for more time for
5 public input to be heard.

6 That is the hallmark of the democratic
7 process. That is what has been missing here. The
8 ratepayers of this Commission deserve nothing
9 less.

10 You heard some concerns just a moment ago
11 about cost. I believe the ratepayers need to
12 understand that if this project proceeds as
13 currently construed, that rates will go through
14 the roof and will affect some of the poorest
15 people in this state in ways that are going to be
16 unsustainable for them economically. These are
17 issues that cannot be taken lightly.

18 We understand that that has to be balanced
19 with your responsibilities as a public body to
20 safeguard public health, but there has to be a
21 middle ground and that middle ground must, under
22 any and all circumstances, be fashioned with the
23 active input of the people you purport to serve.

24 So we are here once again to renew our
25 call for robust public hearings and involvement

1 because the form of government that we all live
2 under demands nothing less.

3 Thank you.

4 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Mr. Gonzalez, you
5 know you're up next, right?

6 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you, everybody.

7 I want to thank the audience for showing
8 up today. This is also my fourth meeting along
9 with my colleagues from NJCDC, but it's not -- you
10 know, it hasn't been four months we've been
11 fighting this. It's been over a year we've been
12 trying to inquire about this project and get more
13 information. And, unfortunately, as of yet, we
14 have very little information, very little
15 responses from our requests via e-mail and such.

16 This project is stated at, you know, to
17 cost \$135 million. That's not including the
18 bonding. That's not including a lot of other up
19 costs, because those numbers are based on 2009.
20 So, you know, involving real estate projects we
21 know that every year there is an increase, so it
22 can go up to 200 million easy.

23 And the lack of information being put out
24 to the public is not acceptable, as you know,
25 especially, since, as well as the Director of

1 Community Outreach, we are going forward with
2 letting the community know that this is not right.
3 We need more input from this Board.

4 So I ask and charge, please, let's
5 continue with the conversation that we had. We
6 had agreed to have a meeting in Paterson, get the
7 Paterson residents involved and advocate that this
8 be done.

9 Every time you serve -- I'm sorry -- we
10 agreed to create a committee that will address
11 these needs. We met one time. We stated we
12 wanted to reconvene and also include the public.
13 As of yet, that has not happened. We put out a
14 couple of dates, we did not get any responses and
15 yet, you're moving forward with this project.

16 And, again, you're stepping on boundaries
17 that, you know, you're going to face yourself with
18 adversary individuals because, you know, we're not
19 being respected as a public.

20 I stand before you today representing a
21 lot of folks from the City of Paterson and demand
22 that we work collaboratively so we can move
23 forward, if need be, to stop this project.

24 Thank you.

25 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Mr. Weinberg.

1 MR. WEINBERG: Thank you very much. My
2 name is Alan Weinberg. Thank you for the
3 opportunity to share my opinions this morning.

4 As I mentioned at the January Board
5 meeting, the Board should seriously consider
6 holding its public meetings in the evening when
7 ratepayers and the public are more available. So
8 a special thank you to the members of the public,
9 many of whom left their jobs today, to have their
10 voices heard.

11 Speaking of the public, as many speakers
12 before me have stated, it is so important for this
13 body and this Board to get information about the
14 project and public information sessions to the
15 ratepayers. We are hopeful that the day we
16 proposed of April 28th in Paterson in our
17 community will work for you and hope to hear back
18 very shortly about that.

19 I also think it would be helpful to do
20 public meetings in Clifton, Passaic, Woodland
21 Park, and many other towns that will be paying the
22 bills for this project. We have also been told
23 that when there's information to share and design
24 is advanced, it will be shared with the public.

25 So I have to say that I was somewhat

1 Board to detail the annual cost to ratepayers for
2 this \$135 million project and always said I would
3 get a response on that and I've heard nothing on
4 this subject and look forward to your detailed
5 response, again, in terms of what it will actually
6 mean to ratepayers annually, since it's such an
7 important and significant project.

8 Finally, I want to comment on the Federal
9 Section 106 Review, which is an historic Federal
10 review required for the Levine Reservoir project
11 which as many of us in this room know, is a
12 national historic landmark and is located adjacent
13 to our nation's newest national park.

14 As I understand, the 106 effort will need
15 to begin anew and will need to include as
16 consulting parties, because of its national
17 landmark status, both the United States Secretary
18 of Interior and the President Advisory Council on
19 Historic Preservation.

20 I have personally participated in several
21 Section 106 Reviews and this is a very time
22 consuming endeavor. And so has the Board
23 considered approaching the DEP, as my colleague
24 mentioned earlier, to further amend the time
25 schedule in the Administrative Consent Order to

1 allow for the proper advancement of the 106
2 Review? And I must point out the alternative
3 analysis required for this review. Actually,
4 looking at it, since it's an adverse effect, since
5 we know these tanks are going to create an adverse
6 effect, what are the actual alternatives? Other
7 sight locations? Other possibilities? I think
8 that is important.

9 I think together, you know, when you
10 involve the public, you'll find a common solution
11 that might be acceptable to all and looking at
12 other locations may be, you know, an important
13 step in that direction.

14 Thank you very much.

15 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Mr. Papasavas.

16 MR. PAPASAVAS: Papasavas.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Papasavas, I'm
18 sorry.

19 MR. PAPASAVAS: Peter Papasavas, 34 Old
20 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park.

21 I live adjacent to the reservoir. I was
22 quite dismayed at learning about these projects as
23 a result of the reporting in the Passaic Valley
24 Today. I find it quite surprising, if not
25 shocking, that notice had not been sent to any

1 adjacent landowners to the reservoirs. And,
2 apparently, a number of decisions had been made
3 before any notice had been given to adjacent
4 landowners.

5 We, obviously, are going to be affected
6 not only by a drop in property values, but we're
7 going to be severely affected by any construction
8 that takes place. I mean, it's easy to imagine if
9 you're an adjacent landowner, the construction of
10 massive concrete tanks is going to have an effect
11 on our properties and our living standards.

12 I do have a number of questions and before
13 I get to those questions, I find this entire
14 process quite disturbing. The fact that the
15 Passaic Valley Water Commission has been
16 undertaking work, has been studying the viability
17 of putting in these tanks without consulting the
18 public is an outrage. You should be ashamed of
19 yourself. How you cannot include the public in
20 this process is beyond me.

21 Now, with respect to the environmental
22 consultants who are undertaking the plan and
23 design studies, are they looking at alternative
24 technologies and alternative ways of possibly
25 trading the water as it exits the reservoir?

1 Also, what is the anticipated timing of
2 their reports? Have they completed their reports?
3 I haven't seen any information on that. If they
4 haven't, when is that expected?

5 Is the Passaic Valley Water Commission
6 going to submit any comments to the Federal
7 Government regarding the revision or review of the
8 regulations which are apparently governing their
9 actions in undertaking this project? If not, it's
10 quite surprising that it would plow ahead with a
11 project when there might be alternative means of
12 addressing this.

13 Finally, I just would like to add that I
14 hope in the future, the Passaic Valley Water
15 Commission decides to bring in the public and let
16 the public be a part of this process and not to
17 withhold information and continue to proceed
18 without the important vital input of the public on
19 these issues.

20 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Ms. Intili.

21 MS. INTILI: I'm Celia Intili. I live at
22 572 Rifle Camp Road in Woodland Park across the
23 street from the reservoir.

24 I've been to one meeting of the Passaic
25 County Board of Freeholders where it was stated

1 that the Environmental Protection Agency was going
2 to be reviewing the efficacy of this water tank
3 solution in 2016. And at that meeting, it was
4 recommended by the public who attended that we
5 wait until 2016 to even see if these tanks are
6 effective. So I wonder what the process is as far
7 as that's concerned and why we can't wait.

8 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: That brings us to
9 Predojevic.

10 MS. PREDOJEVIC: Predojevic.

11 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I'm sorry.
12 Predojevic, got it.

13 MS. PREDOJEVIC: Kelly, and I live on 31
14 Zambrano Drive in Woodland Park, New Jersey.

15 I would like to first thank those of you
16 who connected folks on Facebook and through
17 petition and those of you who asked all kinds of
18 good questions in looking for alternatives, but
19 I'm here just as an average person to represent
20 most folks.

21 The word is getting out and I would like
22 to echo your outreach, that is, the sentiment and
23 the reasonable arguments will not be there for
24 most average folks. And I represent most who will
25 be there and are here today as merely a form of

1 protest that there will be no questions asked, we
2 don't need any questions answered. We know that
3 it's not the right thing to do and we would be in
4 protest.

5 Each of us represent, those 600 names
6 represent 600 families with 600 friends with 600
7 churches and 600 organizations who will all find
8 our way there. It's amazing how it could bring
9 diversities together, perhaps good for our
10 communities.

11 That's all.

12 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Mr. Del Russo.

13 MR. DEL RUSSO: Bob Del Russo, 38 Old
14 Rifle Camp Road.

15 This is in my backyard and I don't think I
16 can add to anything that hasn't already been
17 stated. But just know that it's wrong. I can't
18 see why you're spending money now when it's going
19 to be reevaluated in two years.

20 If you guys really want to look like the
21 bad guy, I mean, believe me, I'll blow it way out
22 of proportion.

23 MS. PREDOJEVIC: Let's go.

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Thank you.

25 I'm going to have a hard time reading the

1 next signature on Greenwood Ave. in Butler.

2 MR. FENELLE: That's me.

3 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Okay.

4 MR. FENELLE: George Fenelle. I'm from
5 Greenwood Avenue in Butler. I'm also a member of
6 the Passaic County Board of Realtors. I had a
7 question, but I don't anymore. You people know a
8 lot more about this than I do. But I will make a
9 statement: I am so impressed with the public and
10 the outpour and your knowledge. You guys better
11 listen.

12 That's all. Thank you.

13 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: The next one is
14 easy. Miss Best.

15 MS. BEST: I don't need to speak.

16 Thank you.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Okay. Thank you so
18 much. We appreciate the concern.

19 Tomanek.

20 MS. TOMANEK: I'm Janice Tomanek and I
21 understand, you know, I heard that too, you
22 brought up the EPA is reviewing it now and an
23 answer won't come until 2016. So, you know, I
24 mean, why would they even begin this, you know,
25 without waiting for that? And other states are

1 waiting also. They're holding off and they're not
2 going ahead until, you know, the right, you know,
3 information, you know, gathered.

4 And I also want to mention, you know, if
5 you do that, what about the animals? This is
6 called Garret Mountain Reserve. And that's not,
7 you know, no fences. It's for the animals, you
8 know, the wild animals. And that's, you know,
9 their water sources and they need it just as much
10 as we do, you know.

11 And I wanted to present this to Joseph
12 Bella. It's a petition, you know, from various
13 people. I live up on Garret Mountain and I walk
14 around there all the time and I cannot imagine it
15 looking any different than it is now.

16 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Miss Evans.

17 MS. EVANS: Hi. My name is Erica Evans
18 and I live in Wayne, New Jersey.

19 Looking around the room, I might be one of
20 the youngest people here today.

21 MS. DEROCHE: That's because everybody
22 else is at work.

23 MS. EVANS: Luckily, I have a part-time
24 job and today is my day off.

25 But I think I can speak on behalf of a lot

1 of my friends, family, my brother, sister,
2 cousins.

3 My father and my uncle and my whole
4 extended family grew up in Clifton and still live
5 in Clifton and Paterson and Wayne. As a kid
6 growing up, I heard stories from my father about
7 Garret Mountain, the reservoir, and he took me
8 there.

9 And I think someone else spoke about
10 children in the community. It's something I feel
11 strongly about. There's a book called Last Child
12 in the Woods. And green spaces include water
13 sources, animals. That's where you learn;
14 learning begins in the home. And that's where I
15 saw my first snapping turtle. My dad talked to me
16 about the environment around me.

17 I now work at the Northeast Organic
18 Farming Association of New Jersey down in
19 Hillsborough and formed a lot of what brought me
20 here.

21 Thank you.

22 And, you know, I can't imagine that, how
23 do you explain to a child when you're at the
24 Garret Mountain Reserve what these tanks are doing
25 here? It doesn't make sense to me.

1 My father and my uncle could not be here
2 today because they're working and supporting their
3 families. So I'm here on behalf of a large family
4 who's been in North Jersey since the '20s.

5 Thank you.

6 I just think -- I don't have to echo
7 everything else everything said about costs. I'm
8 here to speak from the heart and let you know that
9 there are a lot of children who don't get that
10 green space time. And by taking away that water
11 environment, that you're depriving of an important
12 learning experience and an important learning
13 experience that could inform their whole life.

14 Thank you.

15 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Next, Gena Deroche.

16 MS. DEROCHE: Yes, thank you.

17 First, I would like to thank the
18 Commission for holding its very first public
19 meeting. Albeit, several years late. Albeit,
20 despite the fact that you chose this particular
21 time, when most people are at work so they are
22 unable to be here. And thank you, again, for your
23 consideration in holding it in a room where most
24 of us have to stand. Your welcoming is
25 unprecedented.

1 Since the Passaic Valley Water Commission
2 awarded its \$3 million contract to an out of state
3 engineering firm without submitting it through
4 competitive bid, my question is: Is it the policy
5 and/or the practice of Passaic Valley Water
6 Commission to award million dollar contracts
7 without going through competitive bid?

8 My next item is: In 2012, the Centers For
9 Disease Control updated a Cryptosporidium report.
10 Excerpts from this 24-page report which are
11 available on-line state that in New Jersey in 2009
12 there were about 50 cases of Cryptosporidium
13 reported throughout the State of New Jersey. It
14 also stated that in 2010, interestingly, there
15 were about 50 cases of Cryptosporidium reported in
16 New Jersey. It also reported that New Jersey,
17 interestingly, is one of the states with the
18 lowest reported case of Cryptosporidium. Given
19 this data from a reputable Federal agency and
20 given the fact that New York and other states have
21 already appealed to the EPA to delay any
22 implementation of LT2, why in the hell did Passaic
23 Valley Water Commission rush to move ahead with
24 this project by awarding a contract several years
25 ago?

1 I would like to point out, in the event
2 you may not be aware, the Commission may not be
3 aware, that the CDC has a recommendation on its
4 website for preventing and controlling
5 Cryptosporidium. In their 24-page report they
6 clearly state quote/unquote - "practice good
7 hygiene" and they provide two pages of suggestions
8 for practicing good hygiene.

9 Obviously, this whole EPA thing has
10 nothing whatsoever to do with Cryptosporidium.
11 It's probably a savings face gesture, because
12 everybody was critical of the EPA for its lack of
13 action after 9/11 with regard to the protection of
14 our water throughout the country.

15 In 2013, the estimated cost -- I'm not
16 even going to do that because everybody covered
17 this ridiculous cost of \$130 odd million which is
18 only going to be either doubled, tripled, or
19 quadrupled by the time this project is finished.
20 As you all know, the cost of the project at the
21 beginning of the project has absolutely nothing to
22 do with the eventual cost of the project. It's
23 multiples of that cost.

24 My next question is: How much money has
25 this Commission already spent on this project as

1 of December 31st, 2013?

2 My next question is: How much money has
3 this Commission spent between January 1 and
4 March 31st of this year?

5 My next question is: Is there a target
6 date at this Commission to reduce the lead levels
7 in your water, the water that you provide to us,
8 to be well within Federal standards on a
9 consistent and regular basis?

10 PS: The water fountains in the high
11 schools in Paterson are shutdown because of the
12 lead levels. Our kids can't even drink water
13 there in the high school.

14 My next question is: Are the plans for
15 lead reduction available to the public? If so,
16 where are they available and how can we access
17 them?

18 My next question is: What is the benefit
19 to the cities and/or the city officials who own
20 Passaic Valley Water Commission? Those cities are
21 Paterson, Clifton, and Passaic.

22 Who in those cities has an advantage,
23 financial or otherwise, invested in this project?

24 My next question is: What agencies or
25 commissions or other bodies are responsible for

1 oversight of this Commission to ensure that this
2 Commission acts in the best interests of the
3 public, if anyone?

4 My next question is: I understand there
5 are about seven Commissioners -- I'll wrap it
6 up -- there are about seven Commissioners on this
7 Commission. I don't know if that includes the
8 Executive Director. But I'd like to find out
9 where are there written job competencies for each
10 of the Water Commissioners? Are they available to
11 the public? Where can they be found?

12 To whom does the Executive Director
13 report?

14 Are there any other contracts --

15 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: You've gone beyond
16 the five minutes. Can you please --

17 MS. DEROCHE: Are there any other
18 contracts that have been awarded on this contract
19 and if so, how much money do they cost?

20 And my last comment, thank you for your
21 graciousness, my last comment is: We are asking
22 this Commission to delay any and all
23 implementation of this LT2 project until after the
24 EPA reviews its guidelines in 2016.

25 And I thank you very much for your

1 the other public speakers. Thank you for your
2 commentary.

3 My question is: When will the Passaic
4 Valley Water Commission be holding its next public
5 meeting specific to the plans approved in 2012 to
6 drain the New Street, Great Notch, and Levine
7 Reservoirs and replace them with concrete tanks?
8 And will this meeting take place at night or on a
9 weekend so that people who work during the week
10 can attend?

11 Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Can I ask the public
13 a question?

14 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I would just like to
15 ask is anybody from the public here that hasn't
16 signed up?

17 MR. KOCH: I signed up, but you didn't
18 call my name.

19 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm
20 so sorry. Our stenographer is going to take me to
21 task later.

22 You are, sir?

23 MR. KOCH: Robert Koch.

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I put you with the
25 Board of Realtors. Sorry.

1 All right. Mr. Koch.

2 MR. KOCH: I agree with almost everything
3 everybody said here today. The project is surely
4 going to overrun. I think if the public were
5 really aware of this project and you held a
6 meeting when people could attend, you may need a
7 stateroom to house them all. It's really just
8 insane.

9 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: There's no other
10 member of the public -- sorry. I am sorry.

11 MS. MITCHELL: I'm a realtor, but I'm
12 also... My name Jo-Anne Mitchell.

13 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Okay. Jo-Anne.

14 MS. MITCHELL: I live at 159 Jackson Ave.
15 in Woodland Park. My family has resided in town
16 since 1950, back from my parents walking around
17 the reservoirs up until my three children hiking
18 around the reservoirs all the way through these
19 years.

20 I am a multiple property ratepayer.
21 Seeing as how over 20 municipalities have adopted
22 resolutions raising concerns about this project as
23 well as the Passaic County Freeholders and The
24 Record ran an editorial on this issue, don't you
25 believe that there should have been some public

1 involvement before the plan was approved in 2012
2 by this Commission?

3 Has the Commission considered the impact
4 this will have on the property values of homes
5 near the three reservoirs in Woodland Park and
6 Paterson?

7 And the nearly 700 people who signed our
8 petition expressing their concerns about this plan
9 are asking that the Commission hold off until the
10 EPA determines whether the rule that triggered it
11 will change or stay in effect after 2016. Just as
12 entities in Oregon and New York have delayed it,
13 we would ask that the Commission also delay the
14 project.

15 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Do you wish to
16 speak? Just for the record, I need your name.

17 MS. VANSAVAGE: My name is Carol
18 VanSavage. I reside in Clifton and have for the
19 last 32 years. I am a realtor. I sell many
20 properties. I've always been able to tell buyers
21 that our water charges are not a significant cost
22 to them. I could no longer, having seen the
23 figures which I also would figure would come in
24 well over 200 million. I could not in good
25 conscience say that to them. The environmental

1 effect that this will have is horrible.

2 And I also would question whether there
3 have been public meetings actively advertised to
4 the public, not in the little notice section which
5 no one reads in the newspaper.

6 I have many friends in other towns that
7 I've shown our postcard to. They are absolutely
8 flabbergasted that they reside in a town, 25 towns
9 that the Water Commission sells to and I really
10 think that we need to delay the implementation of
11 this. Other locations in the United States have
12 done so.

13 And I am absolutely thrilled to see the
14 public come out and support us and we will support
15 you.

16 Thank you.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Anyone else?

18 MR. PAPASAVAS: I would like to --

19 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: You already had your
20 time.

21 MR. PAPASAVAS: It was less than five
22 minutes. Just a couple points: One is, when do
23 you anticipate the answers to all these questions?

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: That's my point. If
25 you'll give me a chance to answer, I will be glad

1 to do that.

2 MR. PAPASAVAS: I would make the request,
3 at least for myself, that I'd like to get answers
4 to all questions, not just my own.

5 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. Right
6 now, I need a motion to close the public hearing
7 from somebody.

8 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: My question is: Has
9 anybody here, I mean, I know we're a part of this,
10 actually reached out to the EPA or wrote a letter
11 themselves, like they're talking, about this
12 project? Because it's mandated from them to us
13 and we're just doing their orders. In essence,
14 they're our mandated --

15 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: We're going to have
16 chaos here. One speaker at a time. One speaker
17 at a time.

18 MR. GUARASCI: I will answer the
19 Commissioner's question.

20 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: The Commissioner is
21 on. He's addressing this gentleman.

22 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I'm talking about
23 anybody.

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Can you please help
25 the Chair to keep order.

1 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Let me address this
2 to Mr. Guarasci.

3 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. There
4 you go. There you go.

5 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I think he's the
6 most knowledgeable. He's been here the most time
7 on it. How's that?

8 MR. GUARASCI: Okay. Yes, I have written
9 to former administrator, Lisa Jackson, to ask
10 about wether or not this could be delayed. The
11 response was that this is a local matter and that
12 this local body should work with the local
13 authorities, which I take to mean the DEP, to
14 ensure that the schedule is appropriate for the
15 local community.

16 So there wasn't any firm answer.

17 Now, with respect to EPA, we do know that
18 in response to requests from other jurisdictions,
19 that they have said you can work in a different
20 timetable.

21 Now, that doesn't stop the fact that this
22 Commission is working under Administrative Consent
23 Order from the DEP, but --

24 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I'm sorry. That's
25 what I meant originally; the DEP or both of them.

1 MR. GUARASCI: Yes. We have recently
2 written. We've asked for a meeting with the
3 Commissioner which is to be set up some time in
4 the next month, to which we would invite any and
5 all interested parties. Because I think, and
6 maybe this is your point, Commissioner, and I say
7 this with respect to this body, you are working
8 under a medium issued by the State DEP. So while
9 many of the issues, I think, quite frankly,
10 originated here without public consultation from
11 the very start, it's only exacerbated by the fact
12 that the DEP has this sort of hammer over your
13 head. And so I think that many of the fix its
14 moving forward lie in convincing the DEP that the
15 people here today have made, I think, a strong
16 argument as to why there should be a delay to
17 allow for the type of input that should have
18 occurred from the outset.

19 And the other thing that we learned just
20 from the EPA last week is that the EPA has decided
21 that a full Federal Section 106 Review of the
22 Levine Reservoir must take place. Now, this would
23 be completely separate from the presumed 106
24 Review that took place through the Commission's
25 consultant, but an entirely new 106 Review must

1 take place and I have in writing from the State
2 Historic Preservation office that that will
3 require this Commission to conduct an entirely new
4 alternative analysis that looks at the historic
5 aspect of this.

6 So this will, by virtue from the Federal
7 EPA, there's no way that this project can proceed
8 without that Federal 106 Review.

9 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Let me ask you a
10 little bit further.

11 Are you working with the DEP so they can
12 take that hammer off our heads? If they actually
13 came and we got a letter and said it's up to our
14 option. You know, they didn't give it to us.
15 They said we're mandated. So if they took the
16 hammer off our heads, no one would be standing
17 here. If you were that adamant as you are here
18 every meeting, and you follow up with the DEP,
19 maybe you'd get somewhere. You know, because
20 we're under mandate.

21 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: People, people,
22 people, one speaker at a time, please.

23 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: This is addressed to
24 Mr. Guarasci.

25 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Thank you.

1 MR. GUARASCI: Commissioner, yes. I have
2 written to Governor Christie and in turn to
3 Commissioner Martin of the DEP and explained to
4 him that we believe that this process has moved
5 forward in a way that is completely against
6 principals of good government because --

7 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: You have to have all
8 meetings with Governor Christie, you can go --
9 like, you can actually -- it's held over our head.
10 Everybody works here. And you understand that.

11 MR. GUARASCI: I do understand that. And
12 that's why what I'm saying is while this
13 Commission must be held accountable, ultimately,
14 for the decisions that you make, we do understand
15 that there are other government agencies involved
16 here and that our ire ought to be directed to them
17 as well to the extent they are telling you to do
18 things that we believe against public interest.

19 But that in no way absolves this
20 Commission from the need for robust public
21 hearings and input from now until the final
22 decision is made.

23 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I don't disagree
24 with anything you're saying. You're asking us to
25 go, you know, you guys got to, on the other end,

1 with the DEP --

2 MR. GUARASCI: The essential question is
3 this: Will you as a Commission listen to the
4 public and ask yourselves for the type of delay
5 that we are saying must occur so that additional
6 public input can happen? That's the real question
7 that I have to throw back to you.

8 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I'm going to speak
9 to you, Mr. Guarasci.

10 I think the Commissioners are free
11 components of public information. We serve to the
12 public. From day one, I have said that we should
13 be as open as possible and we have directed our
14 Executive Director to do that. So if you look at
15 the minutes going back, this is everybody's
16 problem spending people's money. And when you
17 spend other people's money, you should be open
18 about it.

19 So any information that you might have,
20 any meeting that you might request, we are going
21 to have that meeting. So just say when and where
22 and we're going to be there, because I think any
23 question that you guys might have, you have the
24 right to every answer we can give you. And that's
25 the feeling of this Commission.

1 MR. GONZALEZ: We asked for that, we
2 haven't got it.

3 MR. BELLA: That's not true.

4 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Mr. Bella, one at a
5 time. Please. One at a time.

6 MR. GUARASCI: I'll respond since the
7 Commissioner directed his question to me.

8 We have asked. It is true that I did hear
9 by telephone from Mr. Bella the other day
10 indicating that April 24th would not be good for
11 him for the hearing that we suggested to take
12 place in Paterson. We're hoping that that can be
13 rearranged for April 28th. So we're going to
14 reschedule.

15 But I must say this: It's not the
16 responsibility of the people to go to the public
17 Commission to say we want public hearings. It is
18 the absolute responsibility of the public body to
19 go to the people and say: We want your input.

20 So while we're happy to make a suggestion,
21 this Commission owes the public nothing less than
22 to initiate on its own a series of public hearings
23 that will provide the opportunity that the people
24 are screaming for to be heard.

25 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: How are those

1 meetings set up? Through Joe directly or through
2 our secretary, Louis Amodio?

3 MR. GUARASCI: Well, the one that we are
4 initiating on our own as a community based
5 organization is being set up by us. But we will,
6 of course, set up with you to assure that the
7 setup and protocol is one that works for you,
8 because I will say that even though I and my
9 colleagues are clearly opposed to the process
10 employed here, any hearing, I believe, has to
11 start out in a neutral fashion with you presenting
12 your case. And there may be members of the public
13 who support this and so I wouldn't want to presume
14 to set up the hearing that from the get-go puts
15 the Commission at a disadvantage. I would want it
16 to start out as neutral and then people would come
17 out and provide their opinions.

18 But, again, what we are pleading with you
19 for, is don't wait for us as citizens to set up
20 our own hearings. Do what a public body ought to
21 do and initiate them on your own. That's the real
22 request to you.

23 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Question: It would
25 appear to me that not only is the public meeting

1 very important, but also request to delay the
2 project since we've got some real serious
3 headlines. Could we get copies of the
4 correspondence?

5 MR. GUARASCI: I believe we copied you on
6 them.

7 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: You have contacted
8 the EPA who said it was a local issue?

9 MR. GUARASCI: Yes. That was going back
10 some time. So what I'll do is send you a copy of
11 that letter because my recollection may be or is a
12 little fuzzy on that.

13 What I am clear about, though, is within
14 the last month I wrote to both Governor Christie
15 as well as Commissioner Bob Martin of the DEP
16 saying to the DEP: Hey, look, you got these guys
17 under the gun with the July 1 deadline for us.
18 You have to understand that there has been little
19 to no public input. You have to understand that
20 this is a natural historic resource that we're
21 talking about and it's likely that a Federal 106
22 Review is going to be mandated. In light of that,
23 please work with the PVWC to modify the amended
24 ACO to push that July 1st date back further.

25 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Did you get a

1 response?

2 MR. GUARASCI: I haven't got a response
3 yet. But I have to say this: I do believe that
4 the public will be largely satisfied if this
5 Commission went on record and through your good
6 offices made a formal request to the Commissioner
7 to in fact modify the July 1st date for the
8 purposes I represented.

9 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Can we get copies of
10 the letter you sent to them?

11 MR. GUARASCI: Yes, we'll send it to you
12 this afternoon.

13 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. Now, can
14 I have a motion to close the public hearing?

15 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

16 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Second.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right.

18 I want to thank all the speakers for
19 taking time from your busy day to be here to share
20 your views with us.

21 I will try to find some sort of system.
22 I'll talk to Mr. Amodio, our secretary, since you
23 requested that every question that's going to be
24 answered by a writing should be given to all of
25 you. We do have your addresses.

1 To the one speaker who addressed the
2 process for the bids, we have a wonderful section,
3 because we covered that last meeting with the bid
4 process. So, Louis, I'm going to ask that that
5 whole segment from Mr. Hanley be included with the
6 responses so that the public knows we have
7 followed the letter of the law to the fullest.
8 But you'll have it in writing; you'll have it for
9 your record.

10 Going back here, I guess the important
11 thing is, we've already been before the Paterson
12 Historical Preservation Committee and, I believe,
13 Mr. Bella you said we are in the process of
14 setting up a meeting to meet with the State
15 historical people, which should probably be
16 scheduled for either June or July. We're just
17 waiting. It might even be sooner. So that's our
18 next step in this process.

19 Public portion is closed.

20 The presentation that you did with the
21 water association, is that similar to the
22 presentation that's on our website?

23 MR. BELLA: Yes.

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. So you
25 did nothing different with the water --

1 MR. BELLA: No. It wasn't me that did it.

2 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. And the
3 slide about the costs and how this is going to be
4 spread out over the period that we're going to
5 bond for, is that also available on the web site?

6 MR. BELLA: I believe it is -- maybe not.
7 I think we're doing our financial.

8 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. Could
9 you include that information in the information
10 that's going to be sent to the public that's here
11 today? So they'll have their own sheet
12 immediately. That will show how we intend to do
13 that.

14 MR. GUARASCI: Can the public have copies
15 of today's sign-in sheet?

16 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes.

17 Can you get copies of today's sign-in
18 sheet?

19 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Nobody from the
20 public has a problem with that?

21 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Oh, I never thought
22 of that. See, it pays to have an attorney on the
23 Board.

24 All right.

25 And the environmental piece, we have a

1 contractor who's doing the environmental piece.
2 They've already given us their report which has
3 lead to some of the decisions that we have made as
4 a Commission, but we also have another contractor
5 that's dealing with the preservation issue, so
6 they're going to give us a timeline as to when the
7 State and anything that's been alluded to with the
8 Federal Government so that we can make sure that
9 our consultant is doing their job. That's my
10 concern right now.

11 The issue of lead reduction, Joe, is there
12 a web site for this lead issue? It keeps coming
13 up. We keep addressing it. The public keeps
14 bringing it up. How do we make the public aware
15 that we are meeting the standards, that we are
16 doing everything that we should here, and that
17 those local issues can be dealt with by contacting
18 the Commission?

19 And this happened in the City of Clifton,
20 by the way. We sent our people out to the
21 schools. They found out exactly what the problem
22 was, which was basically the H-Pipes within the
23 school district. So once Clifton replaced that,
24 then everything was done.

25 So I mean, if any of these local

1 schools --

2 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: That would be the
3 same thing in Paterson too. I've contacted the
4 school board. They need to replace whatever is in
5 their water fountain. We're doing what we're
6 supposed to do.

7 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: That's my concern.
8 So we don't want anybody leaving here today to
9 think that -- we are under a very strict mandate
10 with lead levels and we just got our last report
11 here about going through with flying colors. So
12 we will be very happy to deal with any local
13 school district if they contact us. And short of,
14 you know, we can't replace their pipes, they have
15 to put the money out do that.

16 And this is not scheduled for a public
17 meeting. So I really appreciate your taking the
18 time to be here. We are mandated to hold public
19 hearings. Obviously, this is not the place to do
20 it. In the future, I would recommend that we hold
21 this at Little Falls because we have that
22 wonderful room over there which would also give us
23 the opportunity to offer public tours of what we
24 do and how we do it.

25 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: Hopefully, in the

1 evening.

2 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Definitely, in the
3 evening.

4 So I guess that covers everything that I
5 took from my notes. I think we're all in
6 agreement that -- Mr. Kelly has the sign-in sheets
7 available for everybody as you leave. And can you
8 make sure that our original gets to Lyn.

9 Thank you all for coming. Safe drive home
10 and Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

11 Guys, we're already running behind, so
12 let's keep it moving.

13 Just one more suggestion from one of the
14 participants. They suggested that when we answer
15 the questions that we post the question and the
16 answer on our website. Start that rolling, you
17 know, like a Face page.

18 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Facebook.

19 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Louis is not going
20 to be here next week. So it's going to take us
21 awhile to do this and I think people will have to
22 be understanding.

23 So let's just move right into committee
24 reports.

25 Personnel.

1 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Personnel, we have
2 the electrician, which is a replacement -- not a
3 replacement. It's off the Civil Service list.
4 The one guy we hired last month did not accept the
5 job. The same thing with the water sampler, we
6 hired the young lady, she did not take the job.
7 These are the next people off the Civil Service
8 list. The new hire, Franklin Bautista, is a
9 replacement for Larry Alan.

10 Done.

11 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Okay. Done.

12 And you have a set schedule so
13 Commissioner Sanchez is going to be very happy
14 that he knows when the next meeting is.

15 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Madam President,
16 can I ask you? Maybe this meeting could be moved
17 on Thursday instead of Wednesday. I'm having a
18 tough time --

19 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Our meetings?

20 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yes, I mean, if we
21 can.

22 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: These?

23 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I'm having a
24 conflict.

25 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Just one month?

1 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: No, I have --

2 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: So it's a choice:
3 Do we take care of you or do we take care of the
4 Chairperson, because Thursday is not a good day
5 for me. If you could wait eight more months then
6 you can change the meeting and it won't matter.

7 Can we change the time? Would that help?

8 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: If we could do it
9 at 12:00.

10 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. So let's
11 consider changing the time to accommodate
12 Commissioner Sanchez.

13 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I have to go to my
14 therapy -- no, I'm only kidding. I just have a
15 tough time on Wednesday.

16 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Can I have Louis
17 poll us to see if changing the time from 9:30 to
18 12:00 will help? That's the best I can do.

19 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: That'll help.

20 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. So we'll
21 have our secretary poll us and we can all come at
22 12:00 or most of us come at 12:00. I can come at
23 12:00.

24 MR. AMODIO: So I guess Commissioner
25 Sanchez and Kolodziej are yes.

1 DeVita?

2 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: No problem.

3 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Levine?

4 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Yes.

5 MR. AMODIO: And Commissioner Vannoy?

6 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Yes.

7 MR. AMODIO: Okay. We'll change the
8 meeting.

9 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: We're going to move
10 the meeting.

11 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I have a question:
12 There was a lot of discussion about having a
13 meeting at night.

14 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Right.

15 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: If the public wants
16 to come. Do we want to consider doing that?

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: We are going to do
18 that. That's part of our public hearing.

19 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: It's not a regular
20 meeting, just a meeting.

21 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: First of all, you
22 see what happens, you see what happens, so I
23 prefer a public hearing at night.

24 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Specifically for
25 that.

1 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Exactly. And
2 certainly at Little Falls where we have that great
3 big facility.

4 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: So people don't have
5 to take off work.

6 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Exactly. And we are
7 mandated to hold those.

8 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Some of us actually
9 have a real job.

10 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: And you didn't
11 attend the one in Paterson when we went at night
12 during the --

13 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I wasn't invited. I
14 went to Clifton.

15 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: We have had that.
16 When we had the hearing in Clifton, Commissioner,
17 that was at night.

18 When they had it in Passaic, that was at
19 night.

20 So, you know, our problem is we don't
21 communicate well. So people don't know what we've
22 done. They've been more critical of what we
23 haven't done and that's their prerogative.

24 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: We are going to have
25 a meeting?

1 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: We are. And I'm
2 thinking once we meet with the State Historical
3 Preservation people, once we have the final plans
4 that we are still waiting for, which are right on
5 target. Right? We basically will have more and
6 more concrete information to give, rather than the
7 kind of speculation that continues to go around.

8 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: When you say State
9 Historical, are you talking about the 106 that we
10 met with before?

11 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: No, that's Federal.

12 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Oh, Federal.

13 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: It's interesting how
14 this works. The Federal Government pushes the
15 State of New Jersey, the DEP. The DEP pushes the
16 local entities, us being the local entity. And I
17 guess the one thing, for the record, Joe, is that
18 the State has no intentions to ease up on any of
19 these timelines. The last conversation you had
20 with them is we're still on that timeline.

21 MR. BELLA: So far as I know, I've talked
22 to them.

23 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Right. Exactly.

24 MR. BELLA: The other thing is, as you
25 know, at the meeting in Paterson, the head of the

1 Office of Drinking Water for the DEP came out and
2 said that in their conversations with the EPA,
3 there was no intentions of changing the rules.
4 They can change, we all know that, but we'll deal
5 with it as it comes.

6 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Can we get a copy of
7 Mr. Guarasci's letter?

8 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: He said he furnished
9 that to us.

10 You have it. Just make sure we all get a
11 copy. All right?

12 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Can I say one
13 thing, to all fairness --

14 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Mr. Amodio needs a
15 copy, he doesn't have one. He's our Board
16 Secretary; so...

17 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: And I know we're
18 under mandates. For Christ's sake, Joe is only a
19 chemist, you know. He's not a genius. They do
20 the best they can. But we suggested that this
21 dialogue should have taken place a long time ago.
22 And now it seems to me like everybody's jumping on
23 it. I mean, we should have had this dialogue
24 probably two years ago.

25 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I don't think

1 anybody disagrees with you.

2 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: The bottom line is,
3 we're in the process. You have heard suggestions
4 from the public. I asked you at the last meeting
5 if there's any change of heart on anything, the
6 Chair will entertain any motion whatsoever, but I
7 would certainly like to wait until the other two
8 Commissioners are here before we decide to put a
9 motion forward.

10 Let me move onto finance, please.

11 MR. GUARASCI: Commissioner, may I ask a
12 question as part of the public portion?

13 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: The public portion
14 is closed, Mr. Guarasci.

15 MR. GUARASCI: This is a public meeting.

16 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: It is, but this is
17 our meeting now, so you are out of order, sir. If
18 you want to ask a question, put it in writing,
19 give it to Mr. Bella and we'll have your question
20 answered.

21 MR. GUARASCI: I'm trying to be helpful
22 here.

23 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I know you are, but
24 I'm trying to run a meeting. You have a question,
25 put it in writing to Mr. Bella.

1 I'm waiting for finance.

2 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Levine.

3 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: We discussed, the
4 main thing was we were discussing the budget. We
5 discussed revisiting the FSA, you know, how it
6 actually got dismantled from our, you know. We're
7 waiting for the minutes that Mr. Amodio, our
8 secretary, was going to provide to me and
9 Commissioner Kolodziej.

10 We discussed opening up a meeting with the
11 departments, Joe Bella, our Executive Director,
12 meeting with the departments to actually find out
13 what they need, in essence, each department to
14 provide the best service for the Water Commission,
15 also save us money in the end. And after we get
16 that report from Joe Bella, we're going to, all of
17 us, are going to review it. We're going to meet
18 with every department and see what they need.

19 Other than that, we set some goals for the
20 following year coming up.

21 And we're working on overtime, one
22 overtime employee we're trying to work on
23 constantly getting overtime. Mr. Bella is
24 actually going to, you know, give it to us,
25 exactly, you know, and cut this overtime for this

1 regard to, you know, how we deal with old
2 computers and taking the hard drives out of them
3 and destroying them so that, you know, for
4 security reasons and then making available to any
5 of the owner cities that would want, you know, the
6 computers after that.

7 The other thing was, we talked about the
8 new website which you have a Resolution here
9 recommending awarding that. We went over that in
10 great detail. It was done under the competitive
11 contracting process, a very rigorous process. And
12 it's a self-explanatory Resolution. We're
13 requesting that it be approved so we can move
14 forward with the website.

15 I don't know if there's any other items in
16 there.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: That was sent to us
18 all under separate cover, the awarding of the
19 contract. The reason I okayed it being on this
20 agenda was the fact that they're on such a tight
21 timeline, so we can't afford to miss anything. So
22 if there's any questions in regard to that, I
23 think it was self-explanatory.

24 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: IT, I have a
25 question.

1 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Go ahead.

2 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Unless you don't
3 want to discuss it.

4 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: No, no, I want to do
5 it now. It's public, so --

6 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I think it said
7 something about the contract price was 39 --

8 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Thirty-two.

9 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: The meeting agenda
10 says 39,580. It looks to me like when they put
11 their proposal in it says 32,5.

12 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: That's what I
13 thought.

14 MR. DUPREY: Yeah, what you always do in
15 these is that when the vendors come back,
16 especially, in a competitive contracting process,
17 they'll come in and they'll say: This is our
18 price. And then they'll say: And by the way, the
19 mandatory training that you require is going to be
20 this at this price.

21 So what you do is, we call it normalizing
22 it. We make sure that the price that we're asking
23 you folks to approve is a time and materials
24 not-to-exceed price and that all of the vendors
25 were compared on a, you know, an equal footing

1 basis. And that's why you'll see some differences
2 in a proposal pricing, because we're looking for
3 those little additional caveats that they put in
4 there.

5 So what we're doing is we're comparing the
6 actual price that we expect to the Commission over
7 the two-year process and that includes everything
8 there, their maintenance, their support, you know
9 training.

10 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: But their bid
11 proposal is 32,5.

12 MR. BELLA: Didn't include that. They
13 added that in.

14 MR. DUPREY: See, that's what you do.

15 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: You add it in to
16 everybody's?

17 MR. DUPREY: Yeah, whoever didn't have it.
18 In other words, let's say --

19 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Let me just... So
20 what you did was you added a similar amount to
21 everybody's total to make them all equal.

22 MR. DUPREY: Or they were already in there
23 with their amount.

24 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Well, if somebody
25 didn't put it in their bid --

1 MR. BELLA: It wasn't required in the bid.

2 MR. DUPREY: In competitive contracting,
3 you're allowed to do that. In competitive
4 contracting, in fact, it's encouraged, and also
5 professional services, to do what they call
6 normalizing the proposals so we don't come to the
7 Board with a number that's really lower.

8 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I'm going to have
9 Mr. Genitempo address that because I think the
10 question here is, it seems to me, that it's a
11 legitimate concern. Were each of the bidders
12 treated equally? And you have to weigh that. And
13 in a competitive bid, I understand you can do
14 that.

15 But the piece that Commissioner DeVita is
16 concerned about is that all the other bids
17 included that piece and then our Administration
18 added that piece to the low bidder. Is that
19 acceptable?

20 MR. GENITEMPO: I have a question.

21 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Okay.

22 MR. GENITEMPO: Is it a professional
23 service?

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes, it is.

25 MR. GENITEMPO: It's not a low bid?

1 MR. DUPREY: No. It's a competitive
2 contract.

3 MR. GENITEMPO: But it's a professional
4 service?

5 MR. DUPREY: Correct.

6 MR. GENITEMPO: So you have more latitude
7 under that circumstance. I would say it is
8 appropriate.

9 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I think that's the
10 reassurance that you're looking for.

11 Now, I'm glad Mr. Hanley told you to come
12 because I certainly wouldn't have been able to
13 answer that.

14 Legal affairs.

15 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: We did not have a
16 meeting in April. We have one scheduled for May
17 9th. We're going to go over all the Requests For
18 Proposals and things like that. A couple of other
19 issues we raised with George. And nothing
20 happening until May 9th.

21 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. I know
22 we have an insurance committee, but I did read my
23 minutes from the last meeting and there was a
24 question raised by Commissioner Levine in regard
25 to the claims and how we process that, which is

1 either claims based or trend based and it was
2 supposed to go to personnel. So can you make sure
3 that that gets on the agenda of personnel to
4 address that?

5 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: It was discussed.
6 You want a report on that?

7 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yeah, sure.
8 You want an answer.

9 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: We were under the
10 impression, all of us, I guess, and myself
11 included, that it cost us X dollars for our
12 employees' medical. For example, 20,000, 25,000
13 per family, whatever it was, okay. That's not the
14 case. Okay. We don't have specific premiums that
15 we pay for our insurance, for our employees'
16 insurance. We do have fixed costs. Okay. And
17 remember the employees are now under I think they
18 said Chapter 78, must contribute 20 percent of
19 their health insurance. Okay. So it doesn't cost
20 \$22,000 because we're self-insured. What it does
21 is: We have fixed costs which may be, I don't
22 know, I have ranges --

23 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Administration fees.

24 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: It's fixed costs per
25 employee. I think one was 2,000; one was \$258.

1 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: What do they base
2 the 20 percent on?

3 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: That's the State
4 law.

5 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: What number do we
6 base that on?

7 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: On their salaries.

8 MR. GALLAGHER: It's a combination of
9 salaries -- what percentage you pay is based on
10 your salary, but the overall cost is based on the
11 overall claims experience.

12 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: And our claims
13 experience is up.

14 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: So even if a person
16 doesn't have a claim, we're still paying because
17 of everybody else.

18 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: But now if we said
19 to an employee: Listen, if you don't take our
20 insurance, we're going to give you a bonus, we
21 can't do that because it's not costing us
22 anything.

23 What will happen is, if they don't take
24 our insurance, they will save the 20 percent
25 because they won't have to contribute it because

1 they're not paying.

2 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: It's like them
3 getting the money back.

4 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: So that's the
5 advantage to the employee.

6 I agree, I was always under the impression
7 that we were paying a lot of money.

8 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: It's not fair to the
9 employee that doesn't take insurance and he's
10 getting it because someone does --

11 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: But he's saving
12 20 percent.

13 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: No, no, I'm talking
14 about if you're a guy, I'm saying, 27 years old.
15 You work here. You barely use your insurance and
16 it only cost the Commission 2,000. And you got
17 Tom DeVita who's there is going everyday and he
18 spends \$40,000. Now that single employee, 27, is
19 kicking 20 percent of the average of the 40,000,
20 doesn't...

21 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Mr. Gallagher wants
22 to add.

23 MR. GALLAGHER: I will tell you,
24 Commissioners, we have looked at that. We looked
25 at a wellness program, bringing back a wellness

1 program which, again, will help save money by
2 enticing people to do the right thing.

3 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: You're 70 years old,
4 60 years old, you do a wellness program --

5 MR. GALLAGHER: Just so you know, I would
6 advise you not in those terms because there's
7 other ramifications.

8 I will tell you that that's how CIGNA
9 looks at us. They look at the average age of the
10 employee and say the average employee in this age
11 group are going to have these type of diseases;
12 cardiac disease, diabetes.

13 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: That's what I'm
14 saying. You're 60, your disease level --

15 MR. GALLAGHER: That's why the wellness
16 program is a nice glove and hand fit where we can
17 get people to lose weight, you know, get to their
18 appropriate body mass weight, go for annual
19 physicals and catch diseases early because right
20 now a number of our claims that are driving the
21 numbers up are based on individuals that, you
22 know, have diseases that could have been managed
23 earlier.

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Who is going to
25 continue to follow-up on that trend issue? Are we

1 comfortable with keeping it in personnel, because
2 it really needs to be addressed, the trend, that
3 one that's going to be --

4 MR. GALLAGHER: And if I can just make a
5 point, Commissioners.

6 One of the things, we're still trending
7 above State benefits.

8 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: That's a good point.
9 Thank you.

10 MR. GALLAGHER: And more important, some
11 of the other things that we've done over the
12 years, we've really accomplished a significant
13 amount of savings. A good example of it is, you
14 know, we manage our own health, prescription
15 coverage for seniors, anyone retired. That brings
16 us about \$80,000 a year. We're one of the few
17 government entities that's doing it. So we've
18 done a lot of proactive things.

19 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I'm glad you said
20 that because in the back of my head I keep
21 thinking about the pressure from the State wanting
22 us to join their State plan and we keep telling
23 them: Look, we're below your average. We're
24 doing what we should do for our rate.

25 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Our plan is better.

1 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Absolutely.

2 My concern is I don't want the State
3 continuing to pressure when we're doing a darn
4 good job. So if it needs to come up, you'll bring
5 it back to personnel. Otherwise, I'm just going
6 to assume that we got it under control.

7 Mr. Bella, Director's report.

8 MR. BELLA: As you know, yesterday, we had
9 a big main break down in Clifton. We had dirty
10 water. We had no pressure. The guys did a really
11 good job of fixing that and getting it done in a
12 timely manner under pretty rough circumstances.

13 The plant is running well. We haven't had
14 any major problems.

15 We're working on right now, one of the big
16 concentrations down at the plant we're working on
17 the rehab of the old valves and some of the pumps
18 in the pump station. That will be a big effort in
19 the next four years.

20 Distribution and everything seems to be
21 working very well. And, you know, thankfully, our
22 equipment is little more modernized, so we're
23 having a lot less problems.

24 Personnel is working out very well.

25 There's a lot of new hires.

1 One of the things too we're talking about
2 about the claims, that type of thing, part of that
3 reason why is our population is getting a little
4 older, a little older than normal because the
5 Commission held the line for so long on
6 employments. Before anybody else was out there
7 cutting people out of the public sector, we had
8 done it years before that. And so now we're sort
9 of getting that, put us in a bind having an older
10 population.

11 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Joe, your report
12 mentioned an increase in reduction, large
13 wholesale customer operation.

14 MR. BELLA: One of our wholesale
15 customers, and I don't know this officially, but
16 it appears that they had a problem in the plant so
17 they were buying extra water during the wintertime
18 when they usually don't take as much.

19 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Madam President?

20 Joe, let me just say, for the record, we
21 are replacing employees, we're not doing any new
22 hires.

23 MR. BELLA: We're increasing --

24 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: We don't want to
25 increase labor. Our target is to replace only

1 people who are going to retire.

2 MR. BELLA: We're right sized. Right
3 about now, we're right sized.

4 MR. GALLAGHER: I just want to make one
5 thing. In some cases, Commissioner, we're going
6 to temporarily go over the Table of Organization
7 because we want to bring people in before they
8 retire so that transfer of knowledge happens.

9 MR. BELLA: We've been doing that now.
10 We're starting to see, we're getting to where we
11 have an equilibrium of people going and coming in
12 and we're almost to the --

13 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: You're retiring,
14 Jim?

15 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: That basically is
16 your personnel committee job to keep on top of it.
17 Because you're right, we have more electricians
18 and less mechanics because they change the
19 direction of what they wanted. So you're going to
20 have to keep a tight rein --

21 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: That's the focus of
22 the personnel committee.

23 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Exactly, exactly. I
24 really like your priority. See, we're on the same
25 page again. You better watch it.

1 I do want to make note of the fact that a
2 lot of our bonding this particular budget year is
3 going to be that shift in the goal, which is
4 basically shifting from plant operation to
5 distribution system because of these major main
6 breaks and now is the time to do it and do it
7 right.

8 So just keep that in the back of your
9 mind. When you see your budget, you're going to
10 see that switch occurring.

11 MR. BELLA: You're going to see more and
12 more work in the distribution system. We have
13 four miles of cleaning and lining that will be
14 done mostly in Paterson in the Valley Road
15 section. There's problems with that there. And
16 also main replacement in those areas,
17 particularly, Valley Road.

18 Believe it or not, the newer mains are far
19 more of a problem than the older mains because of
20 the way they built them back in the old days.

21 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: When is that
22 scheduled for?

23 MR. BELLA: Be out to bid maybe for the
24 next meeting we'll have it for you. And then
25 probably won't start work until September because

1 Valley Water Commission concerning review of the
2 Local Finance Board made at the meeting of said
3 Board on February 12th, 2014.

4 I also have a group affidavit for that.

5 Do I have a motion?

6 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So moved.

7 MR. AMODIO: Do I have a second?

8 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Second.

9 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Levine.

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11 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
12 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
13 Vannoy is out of the room. Commissioners Bazian
14 and Cleaves are absent)

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16 MR. AMODIO: Thank you. I will pass
17 around the group affidavit if everybody will
18 please sign.

19 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Is there any
20 individual filing that has to be done?

21 MR. AMODIO: No, that's it.

22 Commissioner Kolodziej, the State Ethics
23 sent an e-mail to everyone. Those have to be done
24 by the 15th.

25 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: May?

1 MR. AMODIO: May 15th.

2 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right.

3 MR. AMODIO: Joe, would you like to do the
4 Controller's Report or overview.

5 MR. BELLA: So far operations, financial
6 operations are moving along very well. We have a
7 conference call with Moody for our bond rating for
8 them. SMP, as you know, affirmed, stable outlook
9 which is very good, particularly, in revenue bond.

10 Yitz has been doing a really good job with
11 investments. Doing much better than we had been.

12 But in terms of revenue, it looks like the
13 money is in place with all our capital projects.
14 We're good.

15 MR. AMODIO: Joe, just one other thing.
16 The checks went out to Lodi, the refund?

17 MR. BELLA: Yes, that's right.

18 MR. AMODIO: Anything else?

19 Motion for closed.

20 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So moved.

21 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.

22 WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public
23 Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public
24 from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

25 WHEREAS, the public body is of the opinion

1 that such circumstances presently exist;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the
3 Commissioners of the Passaic Valley Water
4 Commission:

5 1. The public shall be excluded from the
6 discussion of the hereinafter specified subject
7 matters; the general nature of the subject matters
8 being: Financial, Insurance, Personnel,
9 Contracts, Negotiations, Security, Law: We have
10 Summary/Aging reports, employee handbook, PVWC v.
11 Diamond, Verizon v. PVWC. New hires: Thomasz
12 Nowak, Stephanie Vogel, Franklin Bautista, and any
13 on the matter as may be discussed in camera.

14 It is anticipated at this time that the
15 above-stated subject matters will be ratified
16 during public meeting following or as soon
17 thereafter as reason for the discussion no longer
18 exists.

19 3. This Resolution shall take effect
20 immediately.

21 Second by Commissioner DeVita.

22 On the roll.

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24 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
25 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners

1 Bazian and Cleaves are absent)

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MR. AMODIO: Roll call.

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(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
8 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
9 Bazian and Cleaves are absent)

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MR. AMODIO: You have a quorum.

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The time is 11:34 a.m.

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We'll move on.

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We have the minutes of Passaic Valley
15 Water Commission in camera and regular session
16 meetings held March 19th, 2014.

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Do I have a motion?

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COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So moved.

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MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.

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Do I have a second?

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COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Yes.

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MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
25 present respond in the affirmative Commissioners

1 Bazian and Cleaves are absent)

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3 MR. AMODIO: Next: Does the Chair accept,
4 receive, and file Miscellaneous Purchase Orders
5 from Linda Beckering for the period of March 10th,
6 2014 to April 6th, 2014?

7 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes.

8 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

9 We will do a consent. Give me a minute
10 here. We're going to do one agenda here. I will
11 recite.

12 Item 6. Contract #12-B-22 which is an
13 extension of "Polyaluminum Chloride"
14 Recommendations for two-year extension with
15 Usalco, LLC of Baltimore, Maryland in the amount
16 not-to-exceed \$372,725.

17 Item 7. Renewal of a six-month contract
18 for maintenance of Passaic Valley Water
19 Commission's proprietary software system with
20 Sunguard Public Sector, not-to-exceed \$52,420.29.

21 8. Contract #14-B-1 "Pavement and
22 Sidewalk Replacement" Recommendations to award to
23 a two-year contract to Reivax Contracting Corp. of
24 Newark, New Jersey in the amount of \$1,518,953.

25 9. Contract #14-C-1 "Competitive

1 Contracting Procurement of Goods and Services to
2 Upgrade PVWC's Website" Recommendations to award
3 to APV Communications of Carlstadt, New Jersey in
4 the amount of \$39,580.

5 Next: We have item 10, Resolution
6 authorizing an indemnification and hold harmless
7 agreement with the Passaic County Police Academy
8 use for the PVWC Point View Reservoir.

9 Item 11 is hold.

10 We have from closed session
11 recommendations to hire Thomasz Nowak -
12 Electrician.

13 Proposed Salary: \$65,000.

14 Proposed Range: \$18,930 to \$70,325.

15 Next: We have Stephanie Vogel.

16 Proposed Salary: \$38,000.

17 Proposed Range: \$16,315 to \$56,293.

18 Next: We have Franklin Bautista -
19 Laborer/TA.

20 Salary: \$32,000.

21 Proposed Range: \$16,135 to \$56,285.

22 Do I have a motion?

23 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So moved.

24 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
25 Vannoy.

1 Do I have a second?

2 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

3 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

4 On the roll.

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6 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
7 present respond in the affirmative Commissioners
8 Bazian and Cleaves absent)

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10 MR. AMODIO: We have one other item here.

11 We have New Business. We have summary of
12 disbursements and payrolls through April 16th,
13 2014, in the amount of \$9,121,144.31.

14 Do I have a motion?

15 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: So moved.

16 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Levine.

17 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

18 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner

19 Vannoy.

20 On the roll.

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22 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
23 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
24 Bazian and Cleaves are absent)

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1 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Abstain on American
2 Hose.

3 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Abstain on Rachles
4 Michele.

5 MR. AMODIO: Good and Welfare.

6 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes, I have a couple
7 of things.

8 Louis and I were hoping that we could add
9 the Professional Services to our meeting because
10 the agenda looked like it was going to be light.
11 However, after today, I don't think we're going to
12 be able to do that. We're going to have to set a
13 separate date for that.

14 I've asked Administration to give us our
15 policy on summer employment. Last year, we very
16 badly over budgeted for internships and summer
17 help. That's not going to happen this year,
18 right, Mr. Chairman? We're watching that. We'll
19 send you each a copy of the policy, which means by
20 a certain date, all the summer help will be let
21 go. All the interns will be let go. And they can
22 come back and monitor that through finance.

23 The other thing was Commissioner Levine
24 asked if we can bring back a discussion on the
25 fishing program which we will put here. So you

1 can weigh in on that.

2 And we will also add to the agenda the --

3 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: For May or now?

4 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: May. We don't have
5 a full complement here, so I would prefer to wait
6 on those issues. It's a policy decision. And
7 they're not going to start in May anyway.

8 And then is there a discussion that we're
9 going to add to the next agenda about addressing
10 the issue of --

11 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Yes.

12 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: What would you like
13 to put on the record?

14 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I would like to add
15 discussion, as a courtesy so all Commissioners can
16 be present, that we discuss our passing a
17 Resolution potentially writing to the DEP and EPA
18 concerning extension of our deadline. I mean, the
19 public's very concerned about that and --

20 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: We can tell them.

21 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: We'll discuss it at
22 the next meeting.

23 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: It will be on the
24 agenda for next month's discussion.

25 That's all I have.

1 Anybody else?

2 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I just want to say,
3 Commissioner. As Commissioners, we don't have the
4 involvement or we don't have the knowledge that
5 some of our staff has. I'd like to see more
6 meetings coming from us, setting up, you know,
7 saying: Listen, we have a meeting, regardless if
8 nobody shows up. We want to show good faith in
9 terms of, we --

10 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Okay. When you hear
11 a member of the public say: No matter what you
12 tell me, I'm right. You're always going to be
13 wrong. However, one of the reasons we're
14 upgrading our website, one of the reasons we're
15 going into Twitter and Facebook and all those
16 things that we have to listen to, it will help do
17 that, because everybody in this room here today is
18 savvy, tech savvy. So like you say, the more
19 information we get out there ahead of time, the
20 better off we're going to be. That is a goal of
21 IT. We've certainly improved. We even got a
22 compliment from Mr. Guarasci.

23 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: When I was out
24 getting my bagel, I heard a number of people
25 talking about some of the Commissioners texting

1 and not paying attention. That doesn't really
2 look good.

3 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: That can't be me
4 because I got four pages of notes here.

5 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: We don't need
6 anymore negative.

7 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: But the bottom line
8 is, we're all responsible for our own image.
9 You're not going to have to pay for this. They're
10 going to complain about everybody. Mr. Bella had
11 to field a complaint about the Chairperson, if he
12 could get rid of the Chairperson, everything would
13 be smooth. No matter what we do, we're going to
14 be subject to criticism.

15 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Does finance review
16 the legal bills?

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: We review them by
18 what jumps out at us. So we're going to depend on
19 you to really look at those legal bills and call
20 one of us and let us know.

21 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I just got the
22 bills, I returned them to Louis. We got a bill
23 for an appraisal for 74 hours that we spent. And
24 granted, it was an appraisal of the reservoir,
25 that's six days work.

1 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: So what we can do is
2 give you the backup on that. But knowing the
3 property involved --

4 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I think it's the
5 reservoir. It says the property, but still, six
6 days?

7 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Can we have the
8 backup? It's already been billed so there has to
9 be a breakdown of six days worth of somebody did.
10 That's his point. It's not the little piece of
11 property next to the Exxon station over there. So
12 we'll get you a backup.

13 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Jim can give us --

14 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I would rather wait
15 until the next meeting. Let him have it in
16 writing to all of us so we can all be assured --

17 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: And let our employee
18 give an opinion if this is correct or not.

19 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: You got it. You got
20 it.

21 MR. AMODIO: Do you want to set the
22 pay-to-play meeting now?

23 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right.
24 Pay-to-play meeting, folks?

25 MR. AMODIO: Our next meeting is scheduled

1 for May 21st.

2 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: How about our
3 pay-to-play meeting, to accommodate Commissioner
4 Sanchez, will be on a Thursday. So we have enough
5 time to plan for that. This is for pay-to-play.

6 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: When is our next
7 meeting?

8 MR. AMODIO: May 21st.

9 Would you like to do it the Thursday
10 before?

11 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: The 15th, it's a
12 Thursday.

13 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I don't have a
14 problem.

15 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Pay-to-play in the
16 morning.

17 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Ten o'clock.

18 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Ten o'clock on
19 Thursday.

20 MR. AMODIO: Ten o'clock on Thursday.

21 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: When will the bids
22 be available --

23 MR. AMODIO: They are. Commissioners, we
24 opened them yesterday. They're in the process of
25 doing tab sheets. It's 40 something projects so

1 it's going to take awhile. I will send them out
2 as soon as I get them, let everyone know who
3 responded to what projects.

4 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: When can I come in
5 and look at it?

6 MR. AMODIO: Can you wait until I get the
7 proposals. They'll be down by Linda Beckering.
8 I'll be off next week.

9 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. Motion
10 to adjourn.

11 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Move.

12 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Second?

13 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

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15 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
16 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
17 Bazian and Cleaves are absent)

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19 MR. AMODIO: Meeting adjourned.

20 The time is 11:46 p.m.

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