

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF
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1 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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3 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
4 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
5 Rodriguez, Levine, and Sanchez are not present
6 yet)

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8 MR. AMODIO: Commissioners Rodriguez,
9 Levine and Sanchez are not here at the moment.

10 Time is 9:36.

11 You have a quorum.

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

20 Will you all please rise?

21 Commissioner DeVita, would you please lead
22 us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

23 Let the record show Commissioner Rodriguez
24 is here.

25 Good morning, Commissioner.

1 If I could start with committee reports.
2 Personnel.

3 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Our Chair is not here.
4 Second command is here.

5 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Can I just ask a
6 question? Actually, I'm going to ask for an
7 indulgence. Under Personnel, I have no problem
8 with the ones that are listed. In fact, I called
9 Mr. Gallagher yesterday to ask for a breakdown of
10 the percentage of time that Mr. Kelly was going to
11 be spending in General Supervisor of Water. I
12 thought that would just be a matter of I'll have
13 it by today, instead it will take a month.

14 So if we could just table it. Nothing
15 changes. He's still got the title. He's
16 provisional. The only difference is I will have
17 the ability to judge if that's the correct title
18 for the percentage of time that he's spending.

19 So by next month I should join the rest of
20 you with a yes vote.

21 PRESIDENT VANNOY: This is just Kelly,
22 right?

23 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Your motion is to
24 table it?

25 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: My motion is to

1 table.

2 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Has that employee
3 have been Riced?

4 MR. AMODIO: Yes, all employees have been.

5 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I didn't discuss
6 it. I'm not discussing it. I'm just asking to
7 table because the information will show the job
8 title and the percentage of the time spent on each
9 of those provisions. So either it is a correct
10 title or it's not.

11 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: So the motion was
12 made.

13 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I'll second.

14 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
15 Kolodziej.

16 Second by Commissioner Bazian.

17 On the roll.

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19 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
20 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
21 Sanchez and Levine are not present)

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23 MR. AMODIO: Motion approved to table
24 Personnel item 1 B until next month.

25 Okay. Anything else for personnel?

1 Commissioner DeVita?

2 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: No. We had our
3 meeting the week before last, I guess, Bob.
4 Discussed everything. Some things didn't make the
5 agenda. We discussed everything, reviewed it, and
6 we were in agreement with everything.

7 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Commissioner.

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I'm trying to
9 hurry.

10 PRESIDENT VANNOY: That's okay.

11 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We've been
12 waiting for a legal opinion on the veteran issue.
13 It's going on two months now. I wish Commissioner
14 was here, because I really took offense with his
15 remarks that Mr. Hanley would be incapable of
16 being objective in giving an opinion on what we
17 should be doing in regard to hiring veterans. To
18 me, it's ludicrous to wait two months. I know we
19 sent it to someone for --

20 MR. HANLEY: Yes. And I have received
21 that, now I want time to review it.

22 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Okay.

23 MR. HANLEY: I will promise you that I
24 will have it or a consensus of the opinion or a
25 summary, at the very least a summary of the views,

1 at the next meeting.

2 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Could we get it
3 before the meeting?

4 MR. HANLEY: Oh, yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: That's the lawyer
6 on our Commission. He wants it before the
7 meeting. I'm joking.

8 PRESIDENT VANNOY: We want a chance to
9 review it.

10 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes.

11 MR. AMODIO: Anything further for
12 personnel?

13 Commissioner Levine is not here.

14 If someone else would like to give the
15 finance committee report? Commissioner Bazian or
16 Kolodziej?

17 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: He's going to do
18 a wonderful job. We had a really good meeting.

19 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: We had a very good
20 meeting. We were discussing budget. We went
21 through everything with an emphasis on what we
22 call outliers, things that have changed. Either
23 things that changed from last year's budget or
24 something that significantly changed from last
25 year's budget expected actual.

1 We went through it all. We had some
2 questions. Some people will be called in at the
3 next meeting.

4 It is our hope in our September meeting --
5 we may even have to go into two meetings in
6 September, we have discussed and hopefully, the
7 budget will be ready for review on time. We're
8 actually starting earlier this year than we had in
9 the past. Personally, I would have liked to have
10 started even earlier to give us a little bit more
11 time, but the budget at least is moving along on
12 schedule.

13 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: If I may simply
14 add on that.

15 I think if any one of our colleagues has
16 any direction as to what we should specifically be
17 working on, we set goals with last year's budget
18 when we adopted it. One of them was significantly
19 cutting down on overtime. We've achieved that.
20 We're just starting, right, Commissioner Bazian?

21 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Oh, yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So that continues
23 to be an objective. So if you have any other
24 suggestions as to what we should target on going
25 through these numbers, we appreciate it.

1 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Bazian, IT.

2 There was no meeting but if you'd like to give a
3 brief update.

4 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: We got an update
5 from Jim. The main thing that's going on right
6 now are the Business Process Review and the
7 telephones. I'll take it in reverse order.

8 The last report, the telephone system is
9 on schedule. I believe they're projecting end of
10 month September for completion.

11 The Business Process Review, we're
12 expecting the consultant, Westin, to begin some
13 time in the next couple of weeks and we're going
14 to be scheduling an IT committee specifically
15 around Westin's schedule. I believe we're talking
16 about October 13th or something. So we can talk
17 to Westin, get a feel for we're they're at.
18 What's going on. What do they cover. How did the
19 fieldwork go, et cetera, et cetera. So this way
20 we can keep our fingers on the pulse of the
21 project.

22 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Commissioner, are
23 they going to be giving us a progress report?

24 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: To the IT.

25 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I'm talking about

1 the IT.

2 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Yes. I can tell you
3 that the IT committee is very, very interested in
4 seeing these results. We understand that this can
5 have a very significant positive affect on the
6 Commission. That's what we're looking for. We're
7 not looking for an incremental change, we're
8 looking for significant efficiency. That's our
9 expectation.

10 I know Westin is aware of that because I
11 personally met with one of the people with Westin
12 to make sure they understood what it was we were
13 looking for. And, you know, we're putting a
14 significant investment in this project, we expect
15 to get a significant payback from the work that
16 we're doing here.

17 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Commissioner.

18 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We sit on so many
19 committees together so I'm jumping in on the piece
20 he left out.

21 I think what's been impressive to me is we
22 have a process that works here. Usually, internal
23 works on their own within an internal committee.
24 We have our committee and then we get together
25 sometimes as a body as a whole. In this case, it

1 will be separate, but what I appreciate about this
2 process is we're going to be looking at that
3 progress report, Commissioner, at the same time
4 that they are. So it's a little bit different
5 than the process we normally use.

6 So I really appreciate Administration
7 cooperating with us and letting us in, our
8 committee in, from step one when all that
9 information comes back. So I'm anxious to see how
10 this process works.

11 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Commissioner, when are
12 we talking about having that Business Process
13 Review done?

14 MR. BELLA: October.

15 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: So we'll get a
16 report?

17 MR. BELLA: Absolutely.

18 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: You'll see the
19 same progress report that we're getting and then
20 we'll report back.

21 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Obviously, the
22 results of the report have to come back to the
23 Commission. There will be action required by us
24 in order to -- because I don't know what those are
25 because I don't know what's in the report. But

1 there will definitely be actions for us. Capital
2 outlays that we'll have to undertake,
3 specifically, and most significantly, in the
4 technology areas, but there could be other areas.

5 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Well, I always
6 said with an organization of this size, I always
7 find it amazing that we didn't have an IT
8 Department or something, an assemblance of
9 something similar to that to oversee, you know.
10 We're 70 million plus. That always bothered me.

11 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Let's see what
12 Westin comes up with.

13 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I'm not saying,
14 but that is something that I always...

15 MR. AMODIO: For the record,
16 Commissioners, they're scheduled to come in on the
17 10th and 11th on October. The 13th is actually a
18 Saturday.

19 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Westin is, yes.

20 MR. AMODIO: Yes.

21 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Who are they meeting
22 with?

23 MR. AMODIO: They'll be meeting with the
24 committee and staff.

25 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Make sure I get the

1 dates.

2 MR. AMODIO: And the regular Board meeting
3 is scheduled for the 17th.

4 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: For the record, I'm
5 not going to be here on the 17th. I have a
6 business trip. Yes, I'm sure you'll be very
7 happy.

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: When the other
9 Commissioners get here, maybe we could change the
10 date.

11 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Slow down, slow down.

12 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: They're looking
13 forward to having a meeting without me.

14 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: The last one was a
15 half hour.

16 MR. AMODIO: Moving on, legal affairs.

17 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: We did not have a
18 meeting this month. The focus of the committee is
19 we're looking at a restructuring of a Legal
20 Department. We're working with George. George
21 gave us a review of what he felt the other
22 requirements of an additional attorney might be.
23 We're now going to be looking into what the
24 duties, what the potential savings would be, what
25 could be brought inhouse, especially, now that

1 we're looking at budget. For example, I know from
2 my standpoint and George, you haven't heard this
3 yet so forgive me, I don't mean to blind side you,
4 I'm specifically looking very much to see what
5 kind of savings we can engender, what is currently
6 going out and can be coming in. I think that is
7 something that we have to take a very, very strong
8 look at.

9 MR. AMODIO: Anything further?

10 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: That's it in a
11 nutshell.

12 MR. AMODIO: Very good.

13 Hearing nothing else for committees, we'll
14 move onto the Executive Director's report.

15 MR. BELLA: As you know, we're sort of
16 right in the midst of getting very close to
17 finishing up the 36-inch -- 30-inch --

18 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Joe, could you speak up
19 a little bit, she can't hear you.

20 MR. BELLA: So we're in the process now.
21 We've got all new valves in. We're going to
22 replace all the spaghetti that was in there for
23 the last hundred years. That's all going to be
24 taken out of. We're hoping that will really
25 increase the flows in the area; help overall with

1 the operation of our distribution system when we
2 have major outages, particularly, when we start
3 phasing in the reservoir project, we're going to
4 need to be able to move the water through the
5 system much more efficiently and with a lot less
6 trouble than we had. So it's really important
7 that we do this.

8 After this, we'll work our way up to Broad
9 and Hepburn to put a new valve in there to give us
10 additional flexibility. And then from there,
11 hopefully, we'll get that done for the moratorium
12 on cutting the streets this year, if not, it will
13 be in the spring. And then from there we're going
14 to move over to Van Houten Street in Paterson and
15 do the same. We're going to be doing the same
16 kind of very large operation replacing all the
17 valves.

18 This is, again, first off, it's something
19 that needs to be done. They've been in the ground
20 for 100 years, 125 years. That's another spot
21 that is going to be very key to our operations
22 going forward, particularly, when we start to
23 distress the system, move water around different
24 ways because of, you know, construction and, you
25 know, reservoirs being outsourced.

1 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Right. When are we
2 looking to do that in Paterson?

3 MR. BELLA: It's going to be either spring
4 or fall this year.

5 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Oh, okay.

6 MR. BELLA: It's going to be a big
7 project. There's going to be some lines
8 associated with. All have better movement through
9 that part of our system.

10 The other key, there's basically, you
11 know, we have to think of our transmission lines
12 as an aorta. They're like the arteries going out
13 to the legs. So those two --

14 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Joe, I just want
15 to, earlier this month when school started I got a
16 call from a construction firm in the District of
17 Paterson said the water pressure at School Number
18 #4 was low. I called here; it was after hours. I
19 got ahold of John Kelly, who immediately went on
20 the job and a gentleman Frank Santana went also
21 and Mark Romain.

22 At the end of the day, what they found was
23 that the valves were old in the school. That it
24 was the backwash or whatever, was clogging up our
25 system because those valves, the inspections that

1 were supposed to be in the schools, weren't done.

2 And what I recommended to Kelly was that
3 if there was a way the district, whether they
4 haven't been doing this, the State will come in
5 and fine them. I just thought that this was a way
6 that we can part with the district and maybe have
7 a revenue generating system, if they were willing
8 to outsource it. If we can do the inspections.
9 Even if we made out evenly, it would -- what
10 happens is, we're doing all this work. We're
11 investing all this money. And the reason why I
12 thought about it is because School #2 is right
13 here on Van Houten Street right in that area.

14
15 (Whereupon, Commissioner Sanchez is
16 present at 9:55)

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18 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: And I don't know
19 if they have the same kind of system because I
20 don't know who's inspecting these valves. I just
21 want you to take that into consideration. Maybe
22 you could talk to Mark and Kelly to see what the
23 findings were. Because, you know, a lot of the
24 schools in our owner cities are like a hundred
25 plus years old and so, you know, we're investing

1 all this money to, you know, to do the bypasses
2 that need to be done in the system, right? That's
3 what you're saying. So we have other organs,
4 other capillaries or other veins, that are clogged
5 up, not flowing the blood the way it has to to the
6 heart, we're going to continue to have the same
7 problem.

8 I want to bring that to your attention
9 here so you can talk to Kelly and talk to Mark.
10 They were out there for two days and they realize
11 that the water pressure wasn't, it was the
12 backwash on their end and their valves, they need
13 to be repaired or replaced.

14 MR. BELLA: Okay.

15 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Joe, something will
16 come to us when they're going to start, at least
17 in Paterson or any of the other towns, right? So
18 we can be aware of it.

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20 (Whereupon, Commissiner Levine is present
21 at 9:56)

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23 MR. BELLA: This is big with the
24 Engineering Department and Streets Department.

25 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Okay. Okay. Good

1 enough.

2 Question.

3 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Yes, sir.

4 Joe, just a couple of quick questions.

5 Again, I'm looking at the delinquency
6 list, I still don't see days outstanding on that.

7 Month number four, I've asked for that. Okay.

8 Unless I'm missing it, I don't see it here.

9 Next question is, please don't make me say
10 the same thing in month number five. At some
11 point it gets to be a little repetitive.

12 Next question, you provide some excellent
13 graphical information in your report. I was going
14 ask two things; one, given that the tables, the
15 graphs are to some degree color related and I'm
16 colorblind, can I please request that you provide
17 the data tables that went into that as well? In
18 other words, there's like a spreadsheet of numbers
19 that backs up the graphs, if you can add that to
20 your report, I would appreciate that.

21 MR. BELLA: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Also, you mention
23 the average-available manpower per day was 32
24 workers out of 36 due to vacation and sick time;
25 71 percent staffing. I don't remember the figures

1 from prior months.

2 MR. BELLA: That's in there.

3 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: It is. I didn't see
4 that.

5 MR. BELLA: It's in the back.

6 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: In the back of your
7 report.

8 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Right. I understand
9 that. I was just curious as to whether or not, is
10 that normal? Is that low? Is that high?

11 MR. BELLA: Just started to track.

12 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: You're just starting
13 to track. Would you also provide a data table and
14 graph on that so we can keep an eye on it?

15 MR. BELLA: Yes, sir.

16 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I noted that we're
17 doing some work at Great Notch, New Street, and
18 Levine. And specifically, talks about "assess the
19 level of disinfection provided between the
20 Reservoir outlet and the first customer." You
21 have that note, I believe, on both New Street and
22 Levine. I was just a little curious about what
23 that was.

24 And also the chlorination station to Great
25 Notch and New Street Bleeder. I was just a little

1 curious about that, as well. If you can give me a
2 quick understanding as to what that's all about.

3 MR. BELLA: The Notch and New Street
4 Bleeder is an interconnection between Notch and
5 New Street.

6 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I'm sorry, a what
7 connection?

8 MR. BELLA: An interconnection.

9 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: An interconnection.

10 MR. BELLA: A pipe that runs down between
11 that water. We bleed a certain amount of water
12 from the Great Notch into what we used to put into
13 New Street. But we don't do that anymore. We
14 bypass New Street because of the higher bacteria
15 counts in the back of the Notch, we don't want to
16 put that into New Street.

17 So we have a problem. And it's between a
18 million and two million gallons of water a day,
19 otherwise, the Notch will be very stagnant, more
20 stagnant.

21 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: How stagnant does it
22 get?

23 MR. BELLA: If you recall, I showed you
24 graphs of bacteria levels and it goes back to one
25 being wild, because so little water -- see, this

1 is another thing most people don't understand
2 about the reservoirs.

3 Our reservoirs are not through reservoirs.
4 It's a big difference between our reservoir and
5 New York City's reservoir where the water's coming
6 in and going out, all the water. Our reservoir is
7 off line. So to pump to them and when there's an
8 emergency we bring the water out. So that's
9 really a key difference in all of these things.

10 New Street Reservoir in particular, not in
11 particular, Notch in particular, is like that.
12 There's just a small amount of water that actually
13 comes out of there on a daily basis. New Street,
14 water's coming in and out depending on the system,
15 demand, and the pressures in the system. So
16 they're going up and down. But, again, it's one
17 pipe in and the same pipe is coming out. The
18 water is going in and out, but not changing over
19 constantly or not constant and that's a bonus.
20 That's one of the big issues here and what we're
21 trying to do is come up with ways to, you know,
22 save that water and keep the problems down.
23 That's basically...

24 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I have a question.
25 It may be more Customer Service. With our

1 delinquent accounts in going through we talk about
2 shutting Passaic properties.

3 MR. BELLA: I hope it's not true. We just
4 don't -- that particular circumstance is -- I
5 don't, I don't --

6 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I'm looking at four
7 accounts. Because we had the same thing last
8 month.

9 MR. BELLA: We may have had somebody say
10 don't turn that off.

11 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: It's not like a
12 hospital.

13 MR. BELLA: Usually, what we'll do is
14 we'll go in and turn them off and get the
15 attention of the owners and turn them back on. We
16 don't want to leave people in multi-family homes
17 without water for a long period of time.

18 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Can you just
19 shoot out an e-mail since this is the second one?
20 We all understand extenuating circumstances, but
21 short of the hospitals, we have a policy.

22 MR. BELLA: Absolutely.

23 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: And we shouldn't
24 deviate from that policy unless it's the health or
25 safety of the people.

1 MR. BELLA: Absolutely.

2 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Thank you.

3 MR. BELLA: I'll talk to Mr. Gallagher
4 about that.

5 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Also, out of
6 curiosity, I'm curious as to what we are going to
7 be doing with the National Business Emergency
8 Operation Center. Are we going to join in that?
9 What's our role going to be? What does that do
10 for us?

11 MR. BELLA: That's like, it's sort of like
12 a mutual aid in security. We can keep track of --
13 they will work with us. We work with them on, you
14 know, software security, that kind of thing.

15 MR. AMODIO: Any further questions?

16 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I have a question.

17 I just want to -- I know we did the
18 reports. We wanted just some, I guess, direction
19 and guidance on the matching up the block and
20 lots; how we're going to proceed with this. We
21 talked about it. I want to get this done. I know
22 Commissioner Sanchez mentioned it to me; he wants
23 to get it done. He said we're going to bring it
24 up at the meeting.

25 We went to our finance and Joe gave us a

1 report. It wasn't really a report. He wants to
2 know what we want to do on this. If we want to,
3 you know, put an employee on. If we want to go
4 outside bidding. He doesn't have anything
5 written. He said it's going to be very expensive.

6 I mean, we got to get this done. It's
7 going on, in my opinion, a year and a half.

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: That is the point
9 at our meeting just to say it's very expensive,
10 show me. You need to show me the numbers at what
11 it would cost and that's the direction we gave.
12 Let's see what it would cost to put on a part-time
13 employee. When the job is finished that employee
14 is gone. Or if we outsource it, what would it be?
15 The employee would strictly be part time per hour
16 with no benefits and the timeline would be
17 defined. He's supposed to be getting us the
18 numbers.

19 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Let Joe speak if an
20 employee can do it. I believe Joe said an
21 employee can't do it part time.

22 MR. BELLA: On the other side, the numbers
23 for the cost of doing it on the outside, so Jim is
24 working on RFPs. He's getting some hard numbers.
25 We've heard all kinds of things.

1 The problem is if you get an employee, if
2 you've got a person that has a strong, you know,
3 engineering or mapping or surveying, then it would
4 be worthwhile. It's very difficult to train
5 people to do that who has no basis and background.

6 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: To do what, the
7 lot and block match?

8 MR. BELLA: Yeah. It's really a GIS
9 function. It's a function of the software,
10 getting the GIS to --

11 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Didn't we have
12 somebody do that?

13 MR. BELLA: Our senior engineer, our
14 principal engineer.

15 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I thought
16 somebody did it. Maybe I'm -- I thought somebody
17 did it through Customer Service. I'm not sure.
18 Maybe I'm missing something.

19 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: It's Engineering.

20 MR. BELLA: They started it. It's really
21 match it up to the tax maps.

22 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Oh, I see. It's
23 comprehensive.

24 MR. BELLA: It's a comprehensive match.
25 We've tried to get some help, they don't fully

1 understand what they're doing.

2 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Joe, how long would it
3 really take for Jim to send out an RFP or to do
4 whatever? How long? We've been going through
5 this for a long time now, you know. This is
6 something that needs to get done.

7 MR. DUPREY: Commissioner, we'll have an
8 RFP. What we'll do is at the next meeting we'll
9 have a memo to ask permission, unless you want to
10 give it now.

11 PRESIDENT VANNOY: I think we want to give
12 permission already.

13 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Give permission
14 for?

15 PRESIDENT VANNOY: To have an RFP.

16 MR. DUPREY: So we'll issue the RFP by the
17 next meeting.

18 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I think we could
19 also look, I mean, we have several years. I was
20 thinking maybe an intern that is doing civil
21 engineering. We know someone inhouse who has
22 someone at NJEIT who can put a job posting at a
23 student service, maybe somebody doing civil
24 engineering, second or third year student, that's
25 doing civil engineering, just have an intern, have

1 an idea, do six months at a time and do a flex
2 hours schedule according to the, you know. I'm
3 just...

4 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: How about we do
5 both? If we get the RFP --

6 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Oh, yeah.

7 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I like the engineer.
8 I mean, I like to do both.

9 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I was going to say
10 we need both to compare numbers.

11 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Exactly.

12 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: If an engineer, we
13 wouldn't have to pay benefits or anything, right?
14 If you got a kid on the outside, no benefits, no
15 nothing?

16 Where's Jim Gallagher?

17 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Either one we don't
18 have to pay benefits.

19 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: An RFP is different.
20 If we take a kid out of the engineering program
21 for something, how long can we keep him for?

22 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Until the job is
23 complete.

24 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: We're allowed to
25 keep him for that long?

1 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I don't think
2 it's going to take that long. We had one of our
3 employees going after work doing that and they
4 completed quite a stretch of where we were to
5 where we document. So somebody working on that
6 only --

7 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: It's a special
8 project. You don't have to set a date.

9 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Get both proposals
10 and bring it to special committee and we'll review
11 it from there. All right.

12 PRESIDENT VANNOY: You'll have that next
13 month?

14 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: The RFP won't be
16 done.

17 MR. DUPREY: The RFP will be --

18 PRESIDENT VANNOY: One at a time. One at
19 a time.

20 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I want both
21 numbers, the RFP and everything and bring it to a
22 special committee.

23 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Okay, Jim?

24 MR. DUPREY: Yes.

25 Just to clarify that, we'll have it for

1 advertisement on or around the next meeting.

2 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Not responses?

3 MR. DUPREY: Then there's time for the
4 consultants to prepare the proposals and then, you
5 know, we'll give them a three-week period or so to
6 turn that around. And then when we get those in,
7 we'll take a look at them and we'll, you know.

8 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: By next meeting, we
9 won't have the responses, right?

10 MR. DUPREY: That's correct. But we'll
11 have them out, we'll already have solicited at
12 that point.

13 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Who would be in charge
14 of finding the students or contacting the
15 engineering school?

16 MR. BELLA: That would come from the
17 Personnel Department. That will be straightened
18 out.

19 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Jim, I don't know if
20 you chimed in.

21 MR. BELLA: I'll give it to him.

22 PRESIDENT VANNOY: At least we can have
23 something going.

24 Any other questions?

25 MR. AMODIO: Hearing no other questions,

1 we'll move on.

2 We have request permission to advertise
3 Contract #12-B-38 "Analytical Laboratory Services
4 for UCMR-3 Compliance."

5 Any questions?

6 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Can you run a quick
7 explanation what this is for?

8 MR. BELLA: That's a rule that we have to
9 go out and every so often, the Federal government
10 makes us go out and do comprehensive studies of
11 the system and our water quality so they can use
12 that, not just us, throughout the country, they
13 can use that data to do future regulations, to use
14 them as a regulation. That's what this is. It's
15 a requirement. Rather than staff up to this,
16 we'll do some of it outside so we don't have to
17 staff for this and after a year and a half have
18 people that we don't, you know.

19 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Aren't we constantly
20 monitoring the water quality?

21 MR. BELLA: Yeah. There's a whole other
22 set of, and much more frequent.

23 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, there's
24 certain chemicals and things when they assign you
25 that they're looking for, not necessarily what you

1 monitor. Their specs are different.

2 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

3 MR. AMODIO: Move by Commissioner Bazian.

4 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

5 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner

6 Kolodziej.

7

8 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners

9 respond in the affirmative)

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11 MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

12 If you'd like to move the next two

13 together.

14 The first one is Passaic County Elks
15 Cerebral Palsy - Request use of the PVWC's garage
16 at the Clifton depot on September 27th from
17 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., to conduct their Annual
18 Emergency Drill. We have a Resolution, hold
19 harmless in place.

20 Next will be Township of Wayne Police
21 Department use of emergency services, request the
22 use of Point View Reservoir training drills on
23 September 18th, 20th, October 2nd and 4th from
24 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

25 Any questions?

1 Motion?

2 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

3 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

4 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner

5 Bazian.

6 Second by Commissioner Kolodziej.

7 On the roll.

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9 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
10 respond in the affirmative)

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12 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I have one more
13 question for Joe, if I may?

14

15 With this thing with the League of
16 Municipalities, the information about it and we
17 had a schedule, it just seems to me that a lot of
18 our employees get to look at with audits and
19 ethics, all kinds of stuff. And I would encourage
20 our employees to attend whatever they can.
21 Obviously, they can get something out of it. It's
22 not supposed to be a vacation. I would
23 encourage --

23

24 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: The thing is who
25 comes up with the list of people that needs to go?
Anybody raise their hand, they can go?

1 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: No, Rigo, if you
2 look at what it's for. Like, this audit thing, I
3 would assume --

4 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: That's what I'm
5 saying.

6 PRESIDENT VANNOY: He's saying who comes
7 up with who goes? It should be Joe.

8 MR. BELLA: Like finance, usually we send
9 out people like, you know.

10 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Like Yitz.

11 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: There's all kinds of
12 stuff.

13 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Can you give us a
14 list of --

15 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: You got it. Of
16 what's there?

17 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: No, no, the list of
18 people that Joe is interested in sending. That's
19 it. The issues, that's what I'm trying to say.
20 There's tons of issues, Tom.

21 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: The list is ten
22 different things.

23 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I'm laughing
24 because last year I asked this Commission to set a
25 policy and you're absolutely right, we should have

1 reports on who he chooses. But we, in my opinion,
2 should not be involved in that. We should just be
3 overlooking to make sure that he's not sending the
4 wrong person to a purchasing. So I really,
5 seriously, think we should and I also asked for a
6 policy in regard to the Commissioners. I mean, if
7 we're trying to save money and all seven of us
8 decided to go down, to me that's not fair to our
9 rate payers. I'd like to choose people to
10 represent us. But, you know, I don't know what
11 people we would choose. But that's a policy we
12 should decide on how many we're going to send and
13 who we're going to send and let him report back to
14 us as you suggest.

15 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: But as far as
16 Commissioners are concerned, all we have to do is
17 this body take a vote and ask who, you know,
18 whether we want Commissioners to go or not.

19 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: If you set a
20 policy, Ididia, it's just done. Obviously, the
21 President should be given first choice, but if he
22 can't go and our policy says we're going to send
23 two or three, then we can decide who would replace
24 him.

25 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: The President

1 cannot go without me.

2 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: You are VP, so if
3 it's President and VP, fine. It's a costly thing
4 and last year we went over some of those bills. I
5 mean, when you see people taking cabs and what
6 restaurants they're going to, I mean, that's not
7 what most of us would go there for. Not today,
8 not this year, but, hopefully, before I leave this
9 Commission, we'll have a policy.

10 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Let me concur with
11 you. In this day and age, we have to be like
12 perfectly clear what we want to accomplish and
13 who's going to accomplish that for us. I believe
14 Joe should come up with the things we want to
15 cover and the people.

16 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Let me -- Jim, go
17 ahead, Jim.

18 MR. GALLAGHER: Commissioners, there is a
19 policy in place for employees.

20 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Okay.

21 MR. GALLAGHER: I can't talk about the
22 Commissioners.

23 For any employee who wants to go, they
24 have to submit a form. It has to be approved by
25 the department head, it has to go to my office, it

1 has to go to the Executive Director. All three of
2 those signatures has to be on. Then it goes to
3 Finance for approval. If those things are not in
4 place, there is no payment made. And we have
5 actually turned employees down for payments
6 because they did not get the prior approvals. So
7 there is a policy in place for the employees, for
8 every employee. The only exception in that is the
9 Executive Director.

10 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Right, okay.

11 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: That's great, too.
12 What I'm saying is let's say Joe wants to find out
13 about lab. So he needs to send someone from the
14 Lab Department. He wants to find out about
15 meters. I want to make sure the right people go.
16 I want to make sure that not all the people --

17 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I think what you're
18 saying is maybe it should not necessarily be up to
19 the employee, it should be up to Joe. He should
20 review --

21 PRESIDENT VANNOY: It should be up to Joe.

22 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: He should review
23 what's there from that list and decide who would
24 fit in.

25 MR. BELLA: That's right, I do.

1 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: And let them submit.

2 MR. GALLAGHER: In most cases, the
3 department heads review it and the employees can
4 tend to know, particularly, when it encompasses,
5 like, Linda Beckering and Greg Lucianin all came
6 to me already and said they can get continuing
7 education credits for their credentials which
8 helps the Commission, so it's beneficial.

9 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Can we have a
11 copy of that for my file? I keep a copy of
12 policy. That employee policy, I just want to keep
13 it in my file.

14 MR. GALLAGHER: Okay. Yeah. It's part of
15 the employee handbook. The only thing you won't
16 have is the form itself. I'll give you a copy of
17 that.

18 PRESIDENT VANNOY: And you'll make sure
19 that we'll get a list of who's going, who's
20 approved to go. Once it's all said and done,
21 obviously, if there's a process, that doesn't
22 happen in two days.

23 MR. GALLAGHER: No problem.

24 MR. BELLA: It's not going to be a lot.

25 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Once they're approved

1 to go through Finance and all that stuff.

2 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: In terms of
3 Commissioners going, is that something that should
4 be brought to the Commission? How does that work
5 or how should it work?

6 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We have no
7 policy. So anybody that wants to go, can go.

8 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: In the past we had
9 four or five.

10 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I have to be honest,
11 I looked at some of these sessions. They looked
12 interesting to me. I had decided that if I'm
13 going, I was going to pay my own way.

14 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: And you don't
15 have to and we appreciate it. But if you want to
16 get reimbursed...

17 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Or Menachem, maybe you
18 should pay for all the Commissioners.

19 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: A lot of
20 municipalities pay for the registration.

21 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: That I wouldn't have
22 a problem with. I wouldn't have a problem asking
23 the Commission.

24 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: But then everything
25 else is on you.

1 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Or at worst, there
2 should be some policy with regards to -- when I
3 was working for a CPA firm and I had to travel,
4 there was a per diem you were allowed a certain
5 amount of money that you were allowed to cover
6 expenses, not a matter of I'm going to take the
7 presidential suite.

8 PRESIDENT VANNOY: We don't take
9 presidential suites.

10 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I've never done this
11 before.

12 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Let's start with the
13 city that starts with the letter P.

14 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Is anybody going?

15 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Yes, I intend to go.

16 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: The seminars are
17 excellent.

18 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Is anybody else
19 intending to go?

20 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I haven't decided
21 yet.

22 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I went last year.
23 Remember, I gave my report?

24 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes, I remember.

25 MR. AMODIO: Mr. Weiss, continuing with

1 your report, please.

2 MR. WEISS: Cash on hand is 11.5 million.

3 Our accounts receivable are at
4 13.2 million. Our 30 days or less accounts
5 receivable are 12.8 million which is little bit
6 over 96 percent.

7 Accounts payable is at 4.8 million.

8 You heard the report from the finance
9 committee in terms of the progress in the budget.
10 That's moving along nicely and we hope to have
11 some finalized numbers for you in the next month.

12 MR. AMODIO: Any questions for the
13 Controller?

14 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I have one.

15 Yitz, looking at the number compared to
16 last year, how we doing compared to this? Same?
17 You know, summer's over.

18 MR. WEISS: Correct.

19 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: That's the high
20 season. How are we doing?

21 MR. WEISS: I think we'll have a better
22 idea once we got the financials finished for
23 August. That will take us through the summer.
24 But so far it seems like we're coming in under
25 budget as far as expenses, but we're also coming

1 in under budget as far as our revenues. We have
2 to see how the two of those compare.

3 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Sounds like the
4 State. That's happening all over. The Parking
5 Authority, so that's across the Board.

6 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Finance
7 committee, Mr. Chairman, make sure we stay on top
8 of those kind of things over and under budget.

9 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Are you paying
10 attention, Mr. Chairman?

11 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I always am.

12 PRESIDENT VANNOY: All right.

13 MR. AMODIO: Any further questions for the
14 Controller?

15 Hearing none, motion for closed session?

16 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

17 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.

18 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
19 Kolodziej.

20 Commissioner Kolodziej offers the
21 following Resolution for adoption:

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

25 WHEREAS, the public body is of the opinion

1 immediately.

2 Second by Commissioner Bazian.

3 On the roll.

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5 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners

6 respond in the affirmative)

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10 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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12 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners

13 present respond in the affirmative. President

14 Vannoy is absent)

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16 MR. AMODIO: The time is 11:11 a.m.

17 You have a quorum.

18 Go onto Consent Agenda. We have the

19 minutes of Passaic Valley Water Commission's in

20 camera and Regular Public Meetings held

21 August 15th, 2012. Do I have a motion?

22 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

23 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

24 Do I have a second?

25 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.

1 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Bazian.

2 On the roll.

3

4 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
5 present respond in the affirmative. President
6 Vannoy is absent)

7 MR. AMODIO: Does the Chair accept,
8 receive and file miscellaneous purchases orders
9 placed from the period August 6, 2012 to September
10 9, 2012 from Purchasing Agent, Linda Beckering?

11 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yes.

12 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

13 We'll move onto Requests For Action.

14 If you'd like to move under one roll call,
15 there is item 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, 11, 12 and 13.

16 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Can we separate out
17 9 and computers? Which one is the computers?
18 Nine and 13, please?

19 MR. AMODIO: Sure. That was for the
20 computers, right?

21 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: He's requesting
22 two separate on 9 and 13.

23 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Six through 13.

24 MR. AMODIO: Nine and 13 will be a
25 separate roll call.

1 Laboratory from O I Analytical, College Station,
2 Texas in the amount of \$35,748.50.

3 Twelve is Procurement, again, State
4 contract, for Gas Chromatograph-Mass Spectrometer
5 from Agilent Technologies of Wilmington, Delaware
6 in the amount of \$65,136.33.

7 Fourteen --

8 MR. AMODIO: No, no, no.

9 MR. HANLEY: That's it. That's the vote.

10 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Don't give up your
11 day job.

12 MR. AMODIO: Thank you, counsel.

13 Do I have a motion?

14 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

15 MR. AMODIO: Thank you, Commissioner
16 Kolodziej.

17 Do I have a second?

18 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.

19 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Bazian.

20 Everybody understands?

21 Moving on.

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23 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
24 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
25 Rodriguez is out of the room and President Vannoy

1 is absent)

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3 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

4 Fourteen --

5 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Number nine first
6 and 13.

7 MR. AMODIO: I'm sorry.

8 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Let's do them
9 separately.

10 MR. AMODIO: Number nine is Contract
11 #12-B-26 "Furnish and Deliver Products and
12 Appurtenances for Standard Method 9223 Testing.
13 The recommendation is to award a two-year contract
14 to IDEXX Labs, Incorporated of Westbrook, Maine in
15 the amount of \$203,994.

16 Question?

17 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Yes. We have one
18 bid on this. I was just wondering why we're just
19 moving ahead and not rejecting and rebidding.

20 MR. DUPREY: Well, the State actually
21 approves the method and these various vendors have
22 to be approved by the State in order for us to
23 utilize this more efficient process for our lab.
24 So when you go out to bid, the State tells you
25 that you can't just think that it's a proprietary

1 thing and just go get it, therefore, you have to
2 go out and bid. Seeing the results of the one
3 bid, which we expect and we've seen many, many
4 times in the past, when we went through the
5 process of the public bid, in order to get that,
6 the fact of the matter was that it's a State
7 authorized State approved vendor. It's very
8 difficult for vendors to get that. Most of them
9 don't bother. It's a more efficient process for
10 our lab, therefore, we get the same result every
11 time we bid it.

12 MR. HANLEY: So what you're saying, Jim,
13 is that in the past we bid this and also got only
14 one bid?

15 MR. DUPREY: That's correct, many times.

16 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: And the State
17 approved the contract, not the price.

18 MR. DUPREY: That's correct. Just
19 strictly the method and the method itself and they
20 supply that method.

21 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Is that something
22 you're comfortable with, Joe?

23 MR. BELLA: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: We know that's a
25 fair price.

1 MR. DUPREY: Yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: We do.

3 MR. BELLA: It saves a lot.

4 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: All right. So can
5 I get a motion?

6 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

7 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
8 Kolodziej.

9 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Second.

10 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner
11 Levine.

12

13 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
14 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
15 Rodriguez is out of the room and President Vannoy
16 is absent)

17

18 MR. AMODIO: Next will be procurement of
19 computers, monitors, and appurtenances (under New
20 Jersey State contract) from Dell Marketing, LP of
21 Round Rock, Texas in the amount of \$24,232.41.

22 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I have no questions
23 on this. I have to abstain on this.

24 MR. AMODIO: Do I have a motion?

25 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

1 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.
2 Second?

3 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Second.

4 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner DeVita.

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6 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
7 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
8 Bazian abstained. Commissioner Rodriguez is out
9 of the room and President Vannoy is absent)

10

11 MR. AMODIO: Next, we'll move onto
12 Resolutions.

13 We have Resolution for Project 12-P-49
14 "Professional Services For Background Checks."

15 We have a Resolution for Project 12-P-53
16 "Professional Services New Jersey Land Surveying
17 (Small size Projects) and Related Services."

18 On Project #49, Professional Services For
19 Background Checks, there were two bidders; Kevin
20 P. Carey Associates of Morristown and Executive
21 Protection Security Services of Newark, New
22 Jersey. No specified bid from the second.

23 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: So in effect there's
24 only one company we can vote on. So by default,
25 they get it. Am I correct?

1 MR. AMODIO: Mr. Duprey, would you answer
2 that, please?

3 MR. DUPREY: Yes.

4 MR. AMODIO: Recommendation to award to
5 Kevin P. Carey Associates at \$360 per background
6 check.

7 Do I have a motion?

8 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Question, one last
9 question. Does it make sense to reject and rebid,
10 Mr. Duprey?

11 MR. DUPREY: Well, I don't know if you get
12 a much different result but if you -- I don't know
13 if you'd get a much different result, but we could
14 do that if it's the Board's preference.

15 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: This is one-year
16 contract, right?

17 MR. AMODIO: That's correct.

18 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Can I ask a
19 question? Who is in charge now? Here's my
20 question. I was going to vote against this
21 anyway. Just seems to me that number one bid is
22 too much money. I know a lot of school districts
23 and other companies that do a lot of background
24 checks, they do criminal backgrounds. We can do
25 our own motor vehicle checks for nothing on the

1 computer.

2 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: We don't have to use
3 them, though.

4 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: If we have them
5 we're going to use them. It's going to be 360
6 bucks a pop.

7 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Can you get us
8 list of these people? I don't want to keep
9 wasting time.

10 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I want someone
11 inhouse.

12 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We are going to
13 get someone inhouse.

14 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: There's certain
15 school districts that you hire a company, it's 70
16 bucks.

17 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Those companies
18 do not bid on our bid specs so I'm willing to do
19 that but you are responsible to me, to give me a
20 list.

21 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I am to you and if I
22 don't?

23 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Then I'm going to
24 be really mad at you and talk to the Clifton
25 Council.

1 All right. All right. So the motion is
2 to go out to rebid this.

3 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Reject and rebid.

4 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: And anybody that
5 has a list of people that can do it for \$70 a
6 background check, please get that list so we can
7 send it out to those people.

8 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Let me say this to
9 you. Quite frankly, let me give my two cents into
10 this.

11 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Just two cents.

12 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I don't know if we
13 can do apple by apple, you know, with this
14 background check. When we have major incidents in
15 the plant, there was a situation. So I believe
16 that doing the proper background check is
17 priceless to me. So I don't know if we're going
18 to go out and bid and make sure that the detail or
19 the information we're going to get are going to be
20 the same. I mean, we cannot say somebody is going
21 to charge you a hundred dollars when they're only
22 going to say keep the paperwork from the same
23 place when other companies can go out and give us
24 a really background check --

25 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Rigo, nobody

1 disagrees with that. That's the specs.

2 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: The bid specs
3 will take care of your worries. The bid specs
4 have to be specific enough so everybody that bids
5 is bidding on the same thing.

6 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: You pay for what
7 you get. What I'm saying to you, we don't do that
8 many background checks. How many do we do, Joe?

9 MR. BELLA: Geez, off the top of my head,
10 I don't know.

11 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: How many do we do?

12 MR. BELLA: Maybe 20.

13 MR. HANLEY: Mr. Gallagher will be able to
14 answer.

15 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Get me Gallagher.

16 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: When you get a
17 vendor with a lot of employees.

18 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: But the vendors pay
19 for that.

20 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Listen, the bid
21 specs are going to take care of what you want. My
22 opinion is we're not going to get the people that
23 do it for \$70 because it's not the same thing.

24 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I agree.

25 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: You're right.

1 But you know what, just so Commissioner DeVita is
2 satisfied that we're being thorough, what
3 difference does it make if you wait?

4 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: That's fine.

5 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Can I just say?
6 When you do a \$70 -- I work with a district and I
7 was also in the New Jersey Real Estate license,
8 all they do is a criminal back check and all they
9 do is a fingerprint and that's what they do.
10 That's the extent of it.

11 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: In this day and
12 age --

13 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I have no problem
14 with you --

15 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: This is one of my
16 biggest concerns. You don't want the wrong truck
17 driver showing up at the gate and going into the
18 plant 9:00 at night. That's my concern.

19 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Nobody disagrees
20 with that.

21 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I want to know how
22 many background checks we do a year. That's all I
23 want to know.

24 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I'm making a
25 motion to reject and rebid and the specs can go

1 out to anybody that needs to be put on the list.

2 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: My question is
3 simple. How many do we do a year?

4 MR. GALLAGHER: Background checks?

5 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yeah.

6 MR. GALLAGHER: I'd say about a hundred.

7 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Do we check trucks?

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes, we're
9 supposed to. That's part of our security. That's
10 part of what this company would do.

11 MR. GALLAGHER: Do we check truck drivers?

12 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Truck drivers, yeah.

13 MR. GALLAGHER: Every time they come onto
14 the property, they have to credential.

15 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: But do they get a
16 background check?

17 MR. GALLAGHER: Every truck driver goes
18 through a background check.

19 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I want to make sure
20 whatever it is, Kolodziej, I want to make sure the
21 information that we have, in this time and age
22 that we live in, I want to make sure it has to be
23 done the right way, the proper way. Even it costs
24 a rate payer \$50 more. I want to make sure that
25 those people are eligible to get into the plant.

1 That's what I want.

2 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: The specs should
3 say that. They're bidding on it. It's part of
4 their responsibility.

5 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Thank you.

6 Second?

7 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Second.

8 MR. AMODIO: Okay. So I have a motion by
9 Commissioner Kolodziej.

10 Second by Commissioner DeVita.

11 Reject and rebid Project 12-P-49

12 "Professional Services For Background Check.

13 On the roll.

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15 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
16 present respond in the affirmative. President
17 Vannoy is absent)

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19 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

20 Motion rejected.

21 Next will be project 12-P-53 "Professional
22 Services For New Jersey License Land Surveying
23 (Small Size Projects) and Related Services."

24 Is there a recommendation?

25 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Everybody's the same

1 price so who do you recommend?

2 MR. DUPREY: P & M Surveyors, Lodi.

3 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: They're not P & M
4 anymore?

5 MR. AMODIO: They're Paparozzi.

6 So the recommendation to award to
7 Paparozzi & Associates of Lodi, New Jersey.

8 Do I have a motion?

9 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I'll move.

10 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

11 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
12 DeVita.

13 Second by Kolodziej.

14 On the roll.

15 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Abstain.

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17 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
18 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
19 Bazian and Sanchez abstain and President Vannoy is
20 absent)

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22 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I don't know. You
23 know what, I saw so many surveys, I'm trying to
24 understand. I don't know if they work for me. I
25 honestly don't know.

1 MR. AMODIO: So you're going to abstain?

2 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yes, I'm going to
3 abstain.

4 MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

5 Next we have a Resolution and Hold
6 Harmless Agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Falcone, 49
7 Chase Street, Nutley, New Jersey.

8 Any questions?

9 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I presume this was
10 reviewed and approved by Legal?

11 MR. AMODIO: Yes, it was.

12 MR. HANLEY: Drafted by Legal.

13 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: That doesn't mean it
14 was approved.

15 MR. AMODIO: It was drafted by me, for the
16 record, but it was opined to.

17 Motion.

18 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Move.

19 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
20 Kolodziej.

21 Second.

22 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Second.

23 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner DeVita.

24 On the roll.

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1 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
2 present respond in the affirmative. President
3 Vannoy is absent)

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5 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

6 Okay. Next we have New Business. I need
7 Commissioner Levine.

8 Summary of Disbursements and Payrolls
9 through September 19th, 2012, in the amount of
10 \$8,221,240.10.

11 Treasurer find them in order?

12 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Yes. I just have a
13 couple I want clarification from Yitz after.

14 MR. AMODIO: Make a motion.

15 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I make a motion to
16 approve.

17 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
18 Levine.

19 Do I have a second?

20 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Second.

21 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner
22 DeVita.

23 On the roll.

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25 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners

1 respond in the affirmative. President Vannoy is
2 absent)

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4 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Abstain on Dell.

5 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Yes. Abstain on
6 Rachles Michele.

7 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I abstain on
8 Montana.

9 MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

10 Next, we have recommendations from
11 Executive Session. I know you wanted to discuss
12 the letter from the DEP. Is that correct?

13 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: That has been
14 referred to the special projects committee. So we
15 can address that and bring it back.

16 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Lou, can you do me
17 a favor and do the scheduling with the members of
18 the special committee. If anybody has a question,
19 please let us know and we'll be more than happy to
20 discuss it at our meeting.

21 MR. AMODIO: Sheriff's contract.

22 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I'm ready to make
23 a motion.

24 We were under the impression that we were
25 moving forward with the contract with the Sheriff

1 for our security. Unfortunately, the Board of
2 Freeholders is debating how that should be done,
3 so I am recommending that we have a letter sent to
4 the Board of Freeholders to indicate that we are
5 drafting an RFP to go out unless the Freeholders
6 give the Sheriff permission to enter into the
7 contract that we thought we were ready to accept.

8 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I'm going to
9 second that.

10 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Within --

11 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Thirty days.

12 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: You have a second.

13 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner
14 Rodriguez.

15 On the roll.

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17 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
18 present respond in the affirmative. President
19 Vannoy is absent)

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21 MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

22 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Mr. President, two
23 things, just as a suggestion. You're still Mr.
24 President and still in the title in the meantime.

25 Two suggestions, one, as a courtesy, I'd

1 appreciate it if a copy of that letter can be
2 forwarded to all Commissioners so we can see it.

3 And number two, if in the ensuing 30 days
4 we can do whatever work we need to do internally
5 to be prepared so on day 31 we go out to bid.

6 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Can we do one
7 thing? Commissioner Kolodziej has done a great
8 job. Maybe they could have a meeting and they can
9 have plan B, C, and D in place.

10 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We know what plan
11 B is. Plan B is going out to bid. So what the
12 Commissioner is driving at is we don't lose
13 anymore time and that's why the 30 days is
14 important.

15 MR. AMODIO: For the record, that letter
16 will be drafted by Counsel Hanley.

17 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes, absolutely.

18 MR. AMODIO: We will move onto Personnel.
19 We have promotion of Mark Romain - General
20 Supervisor, Water, permanent position from the
21 Civil Service list. No change in salary.

22 We have John Cascone, Heavy Equipment
23 Operator to be promoted to
24 Mechanic-Diesel/Temporary Assignment with a
25 proposed range of \$17,465 to \$65,000.

1 discuss the October 17th meeting to discuss it to
2 move it to the 24th or --

3 MR. AMODIO: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I think we were
5 waiting for Mr. Sanchez and Levine to come to make
6 that decision to move it to the 24th.

7 MR. AMODIO: So is the consensus to move?

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Can I? It's a
9 weird motion, can I make a motion because I would
10 like our President to be here. So I think we need
11 to consult with him. So in the case that our
12 chairman is available on the 24th, I would move
13 that we move it to the 24th. If our chairman is
14 not available, then we do it on the 17th. So we
15 either have you or him.

16 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: If we do the 24th,
17 can we do it 10:00?

18 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Sure. If our
19 chairman can make it on the 24th at 10:00, we will
20 move our meeting to that date. If our chairman
21 cannot do that, then it will be the 17th.

22 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Okay. What are we
23 waiting for?

24 MR. AMODIO: So motion to reschedule the
25 October 17th meeting to October 24th, 10:00 a.m.

1 provided that the chairman can make the meeting.

2 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Right, exactly.

3 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
4 Kolodziej.

5 Second by Commissioner Bazian.

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7 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
8 present respond in the affirmative. President
9 Vannoy is absent)

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11 MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

12 I have nothing under Good and Welfare.

13 10:00 a.m. October, that's a Wednesday,
14 October 24th; 10:00 a.m.

15 Motion to adjourn.

16 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

17 MR. AMODIO: Time is 11:35.

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19 (Proceedings concluded)

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