

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF
DECEMBER 21, 2016
(OPEN SESSION)

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

RIGO SANCHEZ, President (Absent)

GERALD G. FRIEND, Treasurer

CHRYSTAL A. CLEAVES, Secretary

DAVID BLUMENTHAL

JEFFREY LEVINE

ROBERT L. VANNOY

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

JOSEPH A. BELLA, Executive Director

GEORGE T. HANLEY, Counsel

YAACOV BRISMAN, Assistant Counsel

JAMES G. DUPREY, Director of Engineering

YITZ WEISS, Comptroller

LOUIS AMODIO, Administrative Secretary

1 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Call the meeting for
2 December 21st, 2015, Passaic Valley Water
3 Commission.

4 MR. AMODIO: Roll call.

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6 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
7 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
8 Levine is not present yet. President Sanchez is
9 absent)

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11 MR. AMODIO: You have a quorum.

12 The time is 12:04 p.m.

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

21 Would you please rise.

22 Commissioner Cleaves.

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24 (Pledge of Allegiance)

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1 (Moment of Silence for Commissioner
2 Kolodziej)

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4 MR. AMODIO: Start with members of the
5 public.

6 Bill Linteris.

7 MR. LINTERIS: Hello. I'd like to wish
8 everybody a Happy Holidays and also express our
9 condolences from the Passaic County Board of
10 Realtors on the loss of your Commissioner
11 Kolodziej.

12 We've been here, I guess, for a few years
13 now following up on the plans for the three
14 storage tanks and the LT2 requirements you have to
15 fill. We're here again today at the end of the
16 year to see if there's any updates regarding the
17 progress, plans, or the Federal government's
18 involvement as far as building the Commission to
19 review the historic aspect of the Levine
20 Reservoir.

21 Thank you very much and, again, Happy
22 Holidays.

23 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Anyone else from the
24 public like to speak?

25 MR. WALTERS: No, sir. I'm the President

1 of the Passaic County Board of Realtors and Bill
2 is our spokesmen.

3 I also express our condolences.

4 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Anyone else from the
5 public want to be heard?

6 If not, a motion to close the public
7 session.

8 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: So move.

9 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

10 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Any objection?

11 So ordered.

12 MR. AMODIO: We're going to move to closed
13 session.

14 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: At this point we
15 have several appointments apparently with
16 attorneys and other professionals so we're going
17 to go into closed session to discuss those
18 matters.

19 Is there a motion?

20 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

21 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Second.

22 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
23 Vannoy.

24 Second by Commissioner Blumenthal.

25 Whereas, Section 8 of the Open Public

1 Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public
2 from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

3 WHEREAS, the public body is of the opinion
4 that such circumstances presently exist;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the
6 Commissioners of Passaic Valley Water Commission:

7 1. The public shall be excluded from
8 discussion of the hereinafter specified subject
9 matters; the general nature of the subject matter
10 being: Financial, Insurance, Personnel,
11 Contracts, Negotiations, Security, Law,
12 Administration.

13 Counsel?

14 MR. HANLEY: Yes, I'm sorry. Mr.
15 Chairman, I should have thought of this before you
16 started the Resolution. I'm thinking that the
17 NJEIT bond matter is not for closed session. We
18 have an attorney. You might want to take that
19 first before you go into closed because we have a
20 lot for closed.

21 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Does he charge more
22 per hour than the other attorneys that are
23 waiting?

24 MR. HANLEY: No, no, just a matter of...

25 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Okay. All right.

1 Why don't you adopt the Resolution and then before
2 we actually go into closed session we'll entertain
3 him.

4 MR. AMODIO: And other others may be
5 discussed in camera.

6 2. It is anticipated at this time that
7 the above-stated subject matters will be ratified
8 during public meeting following or as soon
9 thereafter as reason for discussion no longer
10 exists.

11 3. This Resolution shall take effect
12 immediately.

13 Second by Commissioner Blumenthal.

14 On the roll.

15 Commissioner Levine is not here.

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17 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
18 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
19 Levine is not present yet. President Sanchez is
20 absent)

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22 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: All right. Before
24 we go into closed session, however, we'll
25 entertain the gentleman.

1 MR. EICHENBAUM: Good afternoon,
2 everybody. I'm Howard Eichenbaum from Gluck
3 Walrath.

4 The reason I'm here today is to present an
5 amending Resolution to your bond Resolution.

6 Late 2014 the Commission found a bond
7 Resolution for a generator project that was to be
8 funded through the NJEIT. For a variety of
9 reasons relating to the NJEIT, that has been
10 delayed for awhile. It's finally coming close to
11 happening. The Commission did finally get bids
12 several months ago. My understanding is they're
13 going to award a contract based upon those bids
14 and the bids came in in an amount larger than
15 originally expected.

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17 (Whereupon, Commissioner Levine is present
18 at 12:10)

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20 MR. EICHENBAUM: As a result, it's
21 necessary to increase the authorization of the
22 bonds based upon those bids. And that's basically
23 what this bond Resolution does. It increases the
24 bond amount from 23 million to a maximum of 32
25 million, at this point, contemplation that the

1 Commission issue just under \$32 million.

2 We're hoping the bond issue can close by
3 February. Two things we're waiting for are that
4 the bonds have to be approved by an appropriation
5 by the State Assembly. I'm hoping that to occur
6 if not this month, next month. And then there are
7 certain loan forms that have to be approved by the
8 Commission. Regrettably, we don't have them yet
9 from the NJEIT. So it's likely I will be back
10 here again possibly next month with those loan
11 forms since they're revised from the ones that
12 were approved two years ago.

13 Any questions?

14 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Anybody have any
15 questions?

16 MR. AMODIO: Motion.

17 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Do you have a
18 Resolution?

19 MR. AMODIO: Yes, I have a Resolution.

20 Do I have a motion?

21 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Motion on the
22 Resolution?

23 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Motion.

24 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Second.

25 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner

1 Blumenthal.

2 Second by Commissioner Cleaves.

3 Commissioner Levine is present.

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5 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners

6 present respond in the affirmative. President

7 Sanchez is absent)

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9 MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

10 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Thank you.

11 MR. AMODIO: Now, if you will...

12 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Now we'll go into

13 closed session.

14 MR. AMODIO: Now we'll go into closed
15 session. Commissioner Levine is here. Gentlemen,
16 please close the doors.

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20 MR. AMODIO: You have a quorum.

21 The time is 1:00 p.m.

22 We can go back to the Executive Director's
23 report, if you'd like.

24 MR. BELLA: I just want to give you a
25 quick update. People have been asking about the

1 drought. I want to get you up to speed where
2 we're at.

3 You see the first graph here that's the
4 combined northeast storage. This gives you an
5 indication of where we are in terms of the whole
6 northeast system. So as you can see, the red line
7 here is where we're at. The blue line was last
8 year, which is kind of an odd graph there. And
9 you can see we're below the long-term average.
10 Still not in tremendously bad shape, but normally
11 by this time of the year you're starting to get
12 above the long-term average. You can see that
13 from some of the other graphs.

14 And then you see here there's the Suez
15 Reservoir. They kind of jumped up. They're small
16 reservoirs with a very large watershed. So you
17 get a little bit of rain, they get a lot of
18 affect. Plus, they can take water out of the
19 Wanaque Reservoir.

20 Newark's reservoirs are a little low, but
21 normally they recover fairly quickly.

22 Then this is North Jersey's reservoir
23 here, which is below. It's starting to turn up.
24 But things are starting to tail off because it's
25 been dry. We're about two inches short so far

1 this month. I think last month we just about hit
2 our average. So that's where we're at.

3 Jersey City, you can see that's still
4 substantially below. But, again, that's also a
5 reservoir. It's a small reservoir compared to its
6 watershed. So if it does rain, it usually
7 recovers very quickly.

8 The other thing that happened during this
9 time was leading into all this we had the rain
10 last month. It was so dry that much of the rain
11 that did come down didn't run off. Much of it
12 went into the ground.

13 So I just wanted to get you guys up to
14 speed on that.

15 Next month we'll be talking to you about
16 lead and copper issues in more detail as the
17 information comes in from our sampling program.
18 So that we'll actually get some interesting
19 results on that.

20 So far operations are running pretty
21 smoothly. Next month we'll start to go out to bid
22 on some of these big piping projects. Start to
23 see those come in. A lot of that is paygo capital
24 investments. In fact, we'll probably be doing our
25 largest pipe replacement program in our history.

1 That will be coming out in the next couple of
2 months out to bid.

3 That's it.

4 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: The only thing,
5 George or Yaacov, I just wanted to say that I had
6 spoken to Mr. Bella yesterday with reference to
7 the fact that I keep reading in the newspaper
8 about issues with Suez where they're selling
9 property up in one of the towns here probably for
10 residential development and then there was an
11 article where they were going to be selling or
12 wanted to sell five million gallons of water a day
13 to New York State and I thought if we're permitted
14 to, that it would be appropriate for us perhaps to
15 go on record opposing the sale of New Jersey water
16 to New York State, you know, because when there's
17 a drought, we give them our water without charging
18 them for it, I understand. Okay. Then we have to
19 hope the water -- I'm just talking about what I
20 mentioned to you yesterday, Suez selling water to
21 New York State, whether or not it wouldn't be
22 appropriate to go on official record as the
23 Passaic Valley Water Commission that we're against
24 the sale of water to New York State by Suez.

25 MR. BELLA: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Inasmuch as it could
2 create an issue where we have to give them water.

3 MR. BELLA: Right. Currently we are,
4 we've given them about 600 million gallons of
5 water. And, you know, to move that water out of
6 state, a lot of people within the industry are
7 really against that, to take it out of the
8 reservoir here and move it up there. It gets very
9 complicated.

10 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Now, who would the
11 Resolution go to? In other words, who has the
12 authority to give that permission.

13 MR. BELLA: It's the DEP. That would be
14 the DEP.

15 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: So is it something
16 that the Law Department feels that we can prepare
17 a Resolution in opposition to their proposal?

18 MR. BELLA: We'll work on it.

19 MR. HANLEY: You give me the facts.

20 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Any Commissioners
21 have an objection to our doing that?

22 Okay. What's next?

23 MR. AMODIO: Okay. If you'd like to go
24 back up to committee reports.

25 Commissioner Levine, report from

1 personnel?

2 Finance?

3 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Well, finance, we
4 had a meeting yesterday and we reviewed the budget
5 as well as some other matters and the budget is on
6 for approval today?

7 MR. WEISS: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Right. And that's
9 basically it, I think.

10 Dave, anything you have to say?

11 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: No. We
12 discussed the --

13 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: We discussed the
14 bond.

15 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: The length of
16 the bond. Did we want to discuss that here? How
17 long are we waiting for numbers?

18 MR. BELLA: I was talking to our financial
19 advisors and he's going to prepare something for
20 us.

21 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: So we can handle
22 that in the future.

23 MR. BELLA: He seems to agree that we
24 should go with the 30s.

25 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Right. Okay. So

1 then the only other issue that we discussed
2 yesterday that needs any action at this point
3 would be the adoption of the budget. Correct?

4 MR. WEISS: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: And the hiring
6 of the auditors.

7 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: That's on for
8 Resolution.

9 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Yes.

10 MR. AMODIO: So the Board's recommendation
11 is?

12 MR. WEISS: I could go through the
13 specifics of the budget. Do you want me to go
14 through that now?

15 We previously adopted a rate increase
16 which affected this year. Five percent rate
17 increase for retail and for wholesale. We
18 budgeted and incorporated that increase into those
19 numbers. You got in front of you a budget expense
20 narrative which gives some of the highlights. You
21 got the specifics there as well. One of the
22 things that we're doing is we're ramping up our
23 operating reserve. This was after a lot of high
24 level discussions with some of the rating
25 agencies. That puts in a much better position in

1 terms of being able to borrow in the future. So
2 we're currently at 45 days of operating reserve.
3 We're going to be going up to 50 days. In
4 addition, our debt service reserves are going to
5 be increased by about 1.2 million based on the new
6 bond issue which is going to happen through the
7 EIT in 2017.

8 I'm just summarizing some of the high
9 level stuff. For 2016, the 2016 budget we had to
10 cut back drastically on our paygo capital. That's
11 the capital we invested in out of cash because we
12 were required to use that cash to bolster our
13 operating reserves, again, based on discussions
14 with our financial advisors, bond counsel, and
15 corporate trust.

16 For 2017, we ramped up the paygo capital.
17 So we have a \$35 million capital budget. We're
18 expecting to allocate \$15 million from cash to
19 current year revenue and 7.2 million from fund
20 balance and that will cover our capital budget in
21 addition to the money that's coming from the EIT.

22 I can highlight just a couple of other
23 things.

24 The health insurance, the switch from our
25 current health insurance to the State health

1 benefits we anticipate is going to save us over
2 the course of a year \$1.5 million. That's not
3 saving us of what we spent last year, but what it
4 would cost us for 2017, it would be about \$1.5
5 million less than it would have been otherwise.

6 Chemicals and electricity have been
7 budgeted much more tightly than they were in the
8 past because we have a better --

9 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Handle.

10 MR. WEISS: Better handle on it. Thank
11 you. Better handle on what those numbers were.
12 There was a lot of flux previously. So those both
13 combined the reduction is a little over \$2
14 million, \$2.3 million.

15 That's pretty much all I have. You have
16 in front of you two Resolutions related to the
17 budget. There's a budget approval Resolution and
18 you got the submission, the Resolution to submit
19 the budget. The adoption will not be coming back
20 to you until February because there's less than 30
21 days between today and the meeting that's
22 happening in January and we have to have at least
23 30 days after approving the budget before it can
24 be adopted. So you'll have the adoption back for
25 the February date.

1 That's all I have on the budget.

2 You want to give me the rest?

3 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: The recommendation
4 on the auditor.

5 MR. WEISS: We got two proposals for the
6 auditors. One from Samuel Klein, who is a former
7 auditor. They were our auditor for about 18
8 years. And we got the incumbent auditor, which
9 was our auditor for about eight years. There's
10 been a lot of discussion over the last several
11 years in terms of the need to kind of switch
12 things up a little bit so that we have new eyes
13 looking at things and getting a better
14 understanding of how our finances are working. A
15 lot of large corporations look to switch auditors.
16 They are actually required to switch auditors
17 every five years. So the recommendation from the
18 finance committee is that we grant the audit this
19 year to our former auditors, to Samuel Klein &
20 Company and bring them back.

21 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Any discussion?

22 MR. AMODIO: We have to adopt these
23 Resolutions.

24 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Do we vote on this
25 or no?

1 MR. AMODIO: On the Resolutions, yes.

2 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: We have to vote on
3 them, including the auditor.

4 MR. AMODIO: Not right now. That's down
5 on the list. We're dealing with the budgets right
6 now.

7 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Motion to adopt the
8 budget?

9 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

10 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Second.

11 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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13 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
14 present respond in the affirmative. President
15 Commissioner Sanchez is absent)

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17 MR. AMODIO: And then for the submission.
18 Motion.

19 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

20 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Second.

21 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.
22 Second by Commissioner Blumenthal.

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

1 Sanchez is absent)

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3 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Which one was this?

4 MR. AMODIO: The budget.

5 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Just for the budget

6 for Yitz. Right?

7 MR. AMODIO: Yes. Approval and

8 submission.

9 Anything else?

10 MR. WEISS: You want me to give the

11 Comptroller's report?

12 Cash on hand is 18.6 million.

13 Our accounts receivable is 15.9 million.

14 Our 30 days or less accounts receivable is

15 14.9 million. That's 94 percent compared to

16 93 percent last year which is very good.

17 Our accounts payable as \$4 million.

18 That's as far as the financing. I

19 apologize.

20 You have also in front of you, you got a

21 copy of the Corrective Action Plan. We're

22 required to submit within 60 days one of the

23 auditor's received a response to the management --

24 from the management comments rather, from our

25 auditors. You have that in front of you. That

1 would be sent down to the Division of Local
2 Government Services and we discussed the budget
3 and we discussed the auditor's report.

4 That's all I have.

5 MR. AMODIO: Okay. No further discussion,
6 we'll move on.

7 Minutes of Passaic Valley Water in camera
8 session and Regular Public Meetings held on
9 November 9th, 2016.

10 Do I have a motion?

11 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Motion.

12 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Blumenthal.

13 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

14 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.

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

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20 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

21 Next, does the Chair accept, receive, and
22 file miscellaneous purchase orders placed by Linda
23 Beckering for the period of November 2nd, 2016, to
24 December 11, 2016.

25 Commissioner Friend, you approve?

1 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Yes.

2 MR. AMODIO: We'll move onto Resolutions.

3 How would you like to handle them? Would
4 you like to do them individually?

5 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Do them as a group.

6 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Bear with me here.

7 Before we go any further, there are two
8 Resolutions in front of you. One is for Project
9 11, which is the Risk Manager Services and the
10 other one is Project 12, which is the Insurance
11 Agent Services.

12 There is no recommendation but you do have
13 in front of you the tab sheets, what we call the
14 tab sheets on who did put the bids in. So if
15 you'd like to take a minute and come up with a
16 consensus.

17 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Do Resolutions (d),
18 (e), and (f) separate, those three. Not together.

19 MR. AMODIO: All right. First Resolution
20 is:

21 Contract No. 16-B-10 "Maintenance of HVAC
22 Equipment and Systems" Recommendation to award a
23 two-year contract to Powers Service Company,
24 Incorporated of Cedar Grove, New Jersey in the
25 amount of \$209,000.

1 (b) Contract No. 16-B-27 "Harrison Avenue
2 Tank" Recommendation to award a one-year contract
3 to Allied Construction Group of Parlin, New Jersey
4 in the amount of \$1,877,500.

5 (c) Resolution authorizing a Contract
6 Amendment with Superior Services, Incorporated of
7 West Caldwell, New Jersey for additional
8 professional services for Project 16-P-48
9 "Professional Services for W-4 Licensed Operator"
10 in the amount of \$15,000, therefore increasing the
11 not-to-exceed amount from \$78,000 to \$93,000.

12 (g) Resolution awarding Project 16-P-62
13 "Professional Architectural Services for
14 Rehabilitation of two PVWC Buildings in the Great
15 Falls National Park" Recommendation to award to
16 Bilow Garrett, Architects and Planners, PC of
17 Ridgefield Park, New Jersey in the amount
18 not-to-exceed amount of \$209,880.

19 (h) Resolution awarding Project 16-P-21
20 "Professional Engineering Services for
21 Rehabilitation of Two PVWC Water Main River
22 Crossings" Recommendation is to award to Johnson,
23 Mirmiran & Thompson, Incorporated of Trenton, New
24 Jersey in the amount not-to-exceed amount of
25 \$323,900.

1 (i) Contract No. 15-B-25 "Water Storage
2 Improvements Phase 1 Standby Emergency Generators"
3 Recommendation to award a two-year contract to
4 Stone Hill Contracting Company, Incorporated in
5 the amount of \$28,500,000.

6 (j) State Contract Purchase, which is
7 replacement, for four vehicles for PVWC's
8 Distribution Department: Four year 2017 Ford
9 Transit 350 Wagon XL High Roof Vans, from Beyer
10 Ford of Morristown, New Jersey in the amount of
11 \$125,768. (\$31,442 each).

12 (k) State Contract Purchase for various
13 instruments for PVWC's Laboratory on Hatch Company
14 of Loveland, Colorado in the amount of \$119,722.

15 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Motion on the group.

16 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Motion.

17 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Second.

18 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Roll call.

19 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
20 Blumenthal.

21 Second by Commissioner Cleaves.

22 On the roll.

23 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: This is all the
24 Resolutions except for (d), (e), and (f)?

25 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Yes.

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(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners present respond in the affirmative. President Sanchez absent)

MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

If you'd like to take a moment to look at the other ones and make a recommendation for Project 17-P-11 Risk Manager and 17-P-12.

COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Who has it currently?

MR. AMODIO: 17-11 is Brown & Brown and 17-12 is Alamo.

COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Brown & Brown there's a fee and Alamo there's no fee.

MR. AMODIO: There is.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: What's the assessment, Lou?

MR. AMODIO: George, do you know what the total assessment is offhand? George?

MR. HANLEY: Pardon me?

MR. AMODIO: The total insurance assessment from the JIF, do you know what that is offhand?

MR. HANLEY: No. I forwarded it to

1 everybody previously.

2 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Is there --

3 MR. AMODIO: Well, it's probably, I don't
4 know, 12,000, something like that.

5 MR. HANLEY: I don't know. I did forward
6 it.

7 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Is there a problem
8 holding off until we get that number?

9 MR. HANLEY: I think, Yitz, we did get a
10 significant refund from them.

11 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: From which one?

12 MR. AMODIO: From the JIF.

13 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I'm talking about
14 what the number is. They came in at four percent
15 of what, so we have an evaluation.

16 MR. AMODIO: Well, as far as the insurance
17 goes, you have to have something in place by
18 January 1.

19 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Insurance? You have
20 to have a risk manager in place?

21 MR. AMODIO: They have to go hand in hand.

22 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: You can leave the
23 risk manager.

24 MR. HANLEY: We renewed with the MEL/JIF,
25 did we not?

1 MR. AMODIO: We did.

2 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Can we leave the
3 risk manager for one more month in place and see
4 what the numbers are, what four percent is?

5 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: We're in a bind
6 without knowing the numbers.

7 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I'd rather wait one
8 month. Can we leave it status quo?

9 MR. HANLEY: I was not involved.

10 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: No, I'm asking,
11 George, the risk manager right now is Brown &
12 Brown. Right? Can we vote on it next month and
13 just let him keep it one more month until next
14 month?

15 MR. HANLEY: I don't know any reason why
16 not.

17 MR. AMODIO: What about the insurance
18 agent services?

19 MR. HANLEY: I think the insurance
20 agent --

21 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: We can vote on the
22 insurance agent. I'm talking about the risk
23 manager. Risk manager is open ended. I don't
24 know what the four percent is. The other ones
25 were pretty outspoken.

1 MR. HANLEY: The risk manager I see no
2 reason why you can't. I see no risk to extending
3 it.

4 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Everybody gets a
5 percentage of the JIF, the refund, three percent.
6 I think JIF gets back six percent of it, when they
7 say three percent, they give three percent back to
8 the Commission. The only one that's up in the air
9 is Alamo. It says whatever we decide, they'll
10 take, without a number, so I don't know.

11 MR. AMODIO: Okay. So you don't want to
12 do the risk manager, you want to do the insurance
13 agent?

14 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Whatever everybody
15 else wants. I'm just making a recommendation. I
16 want to know what the four percent is.

17 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Well, except that
18 the insurance agent services Brown's contract says
19 that he'll drop the in service fee if he gets both
20 that and the --

21 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: He wants the
22 full six percent.

23 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: You got to know what
24 the whole JIF is is what you're saying to see if
25 it's a savings.

1 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Can you award this
2 one and not --

3 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: You can award.

4 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: You're putting
5 yourself in a box as far as that one.

6 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Unless you know
7 that's not a savings, if you know what the total
8 JIF is. What's the total JIF?

9 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Well, he says six
10 percent. But we don't know what --

11 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: JIF's different than
12 the assessment. Do you know what the JIF is?

13 MR. WEISS: Off the top of my head, I
14 don't know.

15 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: What Jerry's saying
16 is some of them are three percent, they're giving
17 three percent back to the company. Is that better
18 than the 15,000 or is that not? So which is
19 cheaper is what he's trying -- right, Jerry?

20 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Right.

21 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: We can't do this
22 arithmetic without all the numbers.

23 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: They seem to be
24 making one depends upon the other.

25 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: It really looks like

1 we can't even make this decision until we get the
2 numbers.

3 MR. WEISS: The number that sticks in my
4 head is about 550,000 from last year's number.
5 That was last year's number. I have to check.

6 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I think we need
7 numbers, like Jerry is saying, to vote on both of
8 them. We really want to see that three percent is
9 cheaper than -- we're working with taxpayers'
10 dollars. We need to know which is the cheapest.
11 This is really like a handstand from the JIF.
12 What they actually do for us, if what I
13 understand, they just represent us.

14 MR. WEISS: If you can hold on, I can look
15 at last year's number.

16 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: If we have last
17 year's number...

18 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: This can't wait
19 until the January meeting so we can get the
20 comparison?

21 MR. BRISMAN: Can it wait until January,
22 the risk manager?

23 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Both of them.

24 MR. WEISS: I can get you an answer in
25 five minutes.

1 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: I mean, our
2 insurance coverage is in effect. It has no affect
3 on our coverage.

4 MR. HANLEY: I can't think of any reason.

5 MR. AMODIO: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I'd rather wait.

7 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: And then give us a
8 chart.

9 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: If someone can break
10 it down for us, the chart, it will be a little
11 easier, you know what I mean?

12 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Right.

13 MR. AMODIO: So we'll hold these two.

14 We'll move onto Resolution 6(d) Resolution
15 Awarding Project 17-P-8 "Professional Services For
16 Public Auditor" Recommendation is to award to
17 Samuel Klein & Company, CPAs.

18 Do you have a dollar amount?

19 MR. WEISS: Forty-one thousand five
20 hundred.

21 MR. AMODIO: Forty-one thousand five
22 hundred.

23 Do I have a motion?

24 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Motion.

25 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Blumenthal.

1 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Second.

2 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Cleaves.

3 On the roll.

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5 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
6 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
7 Levine and Vannoy respond in the negative)

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9 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: No, I was on finance
10 for the last five years and I know when Mr.
11 Wielkotz, he was here, he helped out dramatically
12 with the audits for me, whether he was going
13 through the numbers. He used to come into our
14 meetings and stuff. He knows the Commission for
15 the last five, six years what's going on there, so
16 I vote to keep it like it was.

17 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: What is this again?

18 MR. AMODIO: Public auditor.

19 Recommendation to award to Samuel Klein & Company,
20 41,500.

21 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Yeah, I'll stick
22 with Wielkotz as well. So, no.

23 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Cleaves.

24 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Yes.

25 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Blumenthal.

1 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Yes.

2 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Friend.

3 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Yes.

4 Motion passed.

5 MR. AMODIO: Motion passed.

6 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Don't we need four

7 votes or?

8 MR. HANLEY: Just the majority.

9 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Just the majority.

10 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Pass.

11 MR. AMODIO: We'll move onto New Business.

12 You have Summary of Disbursements and

13 Payrolls through December 21st, 2016, in the

14 amount of \$9,619,228.18.

15 Do I have a motion?

16 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

17 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner

18 Vannoy.

19 Do I have a second?

20 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Second.

21 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Cleaves.

22 On the roll.

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24 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners

25 present respond in the affirmative. President

1 Sanchez is absent)

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3 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Which one is this
4 for?

5 MR. AMODIO: Disbursements.

6 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Disbursements, for
7 the payroll. For all the checks, everything.

8 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: I abstain on
9 American Hose and Del Sardo.

10 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

11 Now we'll move to recommendations from
12 closed session which is going to be our Personnel.
13 Give me a minute with this.

14 We have four new hires.

15 First one: Patrick Lorfink - Water Sample
16 Collector.

17 Proposed Salary: \$38,000.

18 Current Range: \$18,636.80 to \$66,913.60.

19 Eric Kneisler - Water Sample Collector.

20 Proposed Salary: \$38,000.

21 Range: \$18,636.89 to \$66,913.60.

22 Anderson Upia-Manzueta - Pumping Station
23 Attendant.

24 Proposed Salary: \$38,000.

25 Proposed Range: \$25,000 to \$57,428.80.

1 Last new hire is Christopher Humphrey -
2 Pumping Station Attendant.
3 Proposed Salary: \$38,000.
4 Range: \$25,000 to \$57,428.80.
5 Promotions:
6 (a) Lilia Negrete to Senior Accountant.
7 Proposed Salary: \$63,650.
8 Range: \$59,999.94 to \$94,534.
9 Samuel Rivera to Water Repairer 1.
10 Proposed Salary: \$60,229.20.
11 Range: \$18,033.60 to \$60,229.20.
12 Jose Rivera, Jr. to Water Repairer 1.
13 Proposed Salary: \$60,299.20.
14 Same range.
15 Christian Luciano to Water Repairer 1.
16 Proposed Salary: \$60,229.20.
17 Same range.
18 Emilio Cesario to Water Repairer 1.
19 Proposed Salary: \$60,229.20.
20 Same range.
21 Jose J. Diaz, III to Water Repairer 1.
22 Proposed Salary: \$53,378.87.
23 Same range.
24 Charles J. Mills to Water Repairer 1.
25 Proposed Salary: \$58,320.40.

1 Same range.

2 Freddie L. Frazier, Jr. to Water Repairer

3 1.

4 Proposed Salary: \$52,539.64.

5 Same range.

6 Juan Genao to Water Repairer 1.

7 Proposed Salary: \$52,085.48.

8 Same range.

9 Rakim Hill to Water Repairer 1.

10 Proposed Salary: \$51,915.64.

11 Same range.

12 Andrea Shearn to Water Repairer 1.

13 Proposed Salary: \$50,365.12.

14 Same range.

15 Robert Grootenboer to Water Repairer 1.

16 Proposed Salary: \$60,299.20.

17 Same range.

18 Personnel committee also asked you to
19 approve a policy allowing employees to take dental
20 and eyeglass plans even if they decline major
21 medical and prescription.

22 Any questions?

23 Motion.

24 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So moved.

25 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Second.

1 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
2 Vannoy.

3 Second by Commissioner Cleaves.

4 On the roll.

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

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10 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

11 The only thing left for us to do now is
12 pick a meeting date for January. We usually do
13 the third Wednesday.

14 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Okay. I was also
15 going to ask the Board whether or not next year
16 they would prefer a meeting later in the
17 afternoon. How does noon fit into your schedule
18 rather than like a 3:00 or 4:00 meeting? Did you
19 ever discuss that?

20 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Wait, I'm sorry.
21 Say that again, Commissioner.

22 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: The time of the
23 meeting, rather than noon, whether or not it's
24 better sometimes for those of us that do have
25 businesses that, you know, like at the end of the

1 day, 4:00 or something of that nature. If you
2 would just give it some thought. We can decide in
3 January.

4 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I have to pick my
5 kids up after school. I can probably do like 1:00
6 or I could do 10:00. Four is pretty hard.

7 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Okay. We'll leave
8 it at noon then.

9 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Whatever; 1:00,
10 11:00, my kids, you know, the school closes, my
11 wife works full time. In order to... I can't
12 guarantee that she can pick up.

13 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: It's just a thought
14 that I had.

15 MR. AMODIO: Well, for January is everyone
16 okay with the third Wednesday, January 18th?

17 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Fine by me.

18 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Yeah.

20 MR. AMODIO: Counsel, January 18th works
21 for everyone in the back there? At noon?
22 Wednesday, January 18th?

23 MR. HANLEY: Yes, that's fine.

24 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Can you make sure
25 you reach out to Tom Fletcher and Genitempo so

1 they know the 18th.

2 MR. HANLEY: Well, I mean, he's not here,
3 but I'm assuming he's going to --

4 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: You're the lawyer.
5 We didn't give him a meeting date before.

6 MR. HANLEY: Oh, yeah, definitely. I'll
7 let him know, of course.

8 MR. AMODIO: Under Good and Welfare,
9 Commissioners, this is Commissioner Cleaves' last
10 meeting. She has been replaced by former
11 Commissioner, Idida Rodriguez, who will be back in
12 January. So I just want to thank Commissioner
13 Cleaves for all she's done and the time she's put
14 in.

15 Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Anything else under
17 Good and Welfare?

18 If not, a motion to adjourn.

19 MR. AMODIO: Motion to adjourn.

20 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Motion to
21 adjourn.

22 MR. AMODIO: Hearing no objections,
23 meeting adjourned at 1:34.

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