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MS. SUAREZ: We are going to just 1 2 finish out a few administerial things. The first item, we have the minutes from the November 9th 3 4 meeting. Are there any questions on those 5 minutes? Hearing none, do we have a motion to approve them? 6 7 MR. MAPP: Motion. 8 MR. CLOSE: Second. 9 MR. BENNETT: Miss Suarez? MS. SUAREZ: Yes. 10 11 Mr. Mapp? MR. BENNETT: 12 MR. MAPP: Yes. MR. BENNETT: Mr. DiRocco? 13 14 MR. DIROCCO: Yes. 15 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Close? 16 MR. CLOSE: Yes. 17 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Avery? 18 MR. AVERY: Yes. 19 MR. BENNETT: And Miss Rodriguez? 20 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 21 MS. SUAREZ: Miss Jones, if you 22 could walk us through the items we have on the 23 ethics agenda. 24 MS. JONES: Sure. First off is 25 1831. It's a notice of investigation for

potential violations of D of the Local Government 1 2 Ethics Law and 9-22.6A. 3 MS. SUAREZ: Any questions on that? 4 Hearing none, do we have a motion? 5 MR. CLOSE: So moved. 6 MR. AVERY: Second? 7 MR. BENNETT: Miss Suarez? 8 MS. SUAREZ: Yes. 9 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Mapp? MR. MAPP: Yes. 10 MR. BENNETT: Mr. DiRocco? 11 12 MR. DIROCCO: Yes. 13 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Close? 14 MR. CLOSE: Yes. 15 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Avery? MR. AVERY: 16 Yes. 17 MR. BENNETT: And Miss Rodriguez? 18 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 19 MR. BENNETT: Motion approved. 20 MS. JONES: Next up is 1832. It's a 21 notice of investigation for potential violation 22 of Subsection C, the Local Government Ethics Law. 23 MS. SUAREZ: Any questions on that 24 one? Hearing none, do we have a motion? 25 MR. MAPP: So moved.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: Second. 1 2 MR. BENNETT: Miss Suarez? 3 MS. SUAREZ: Yes. 4 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Mapp? 5 MR. MAPP: Yes. MR. BENNETT: Mr. DiRocco? 6 7 MR. DIROCCO: Yes. MR. BENNETT: Mr. Close? 8 9 MR. CLOSE: Yes. 10 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Avery? 11 MR. AVERY: Yes. 12 MR. BENNETT: Miss Rodriguez? 13 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 14 MR. BENNETT: Motion approved. 15 MS. JONES: Next up is a notice of 16 investigation out of 20-22 for potential 17 violations of Subsection C. 18 MS. SUAREZ: Any questions on that 19 Hearing none, do we have a motion? one? 20 MR. AVERY: So moved. 21 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Second. 22 MR. BENNETT: Miss Suarez? 23 MS. SUAREZ: Yes. 24 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Mapp? 25 MR. MAPP: Yes.

MR. BENNETT: Mr. DiRocco? 1 2 MR. DIROCCO: Yes. 3 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Close? 4 MR. CLOSE: Yes. 5 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Avery? 6 MR. AVERY: Yes. 7 MR. BENNETT: And Miss Rodriguez? 8 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 9 MR. BENNETT: Motion approved. 10 MS. JONES: Next up is a notice of investigation from 21009 for potential violations 11 12 of Subsection C and D of the Local Government 13 Ethics Law. 14 MS. SUAREZ: Any questions on this 15 one? Hearing none, do we have a motion? 16 MR. MAPP: Motion. 17 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Second. 18 MR. BENNETT: Miss Suarez? 19 MS. SUAREZ: Yes. 20 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Mapp? 21 MR. MAPP: Yes. 22 MR. BENNETT: Mr. DiRocco? 23 MR. DIROCCO: Yes. 24 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Close? 25 MR. CLOSE: Yes.

MR. BENNETT: Mr. Avery? 1 2 MR. AVERY: Yes. 3 MR. BENNETT: Miss Rodriguez? 4 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 5 MR. BENNETT: Motion approved. 6 MS. JONES: Next up is two matters 7 from 21016. One is a notice of determination 8 that the board is being asked to vote on. The 9 section is a notice for violations of Subsection 10 C and D. 11 MR. BENNETT: And an assessment total fine of \$1400. 12 13 MS. JONES: \$1400. Thank you. 14 MS. SUAREZ: Do those need to be 15 moved separately, or can they be moved together? 16 MR. BENNETT: They can be moved 17 together. 18 MS. SUAREZ: Any questions on that 19 Hearing none, do we have a motion? one? 20 MR. CLOSE: So moved. 21 MR. AVERY: Second. 22 MR. BENNETT: Miss Suarez? 23 MS. SUAREZ: Yes. 24 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Mapp? 25 MR. MAPP: Yes.

Mr. DiRocco? 1 MR. BENNETT: 2 MR. DIROCCO: Yes. 3 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Close? 4 MR. CLOSE: Yes. 5 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Avery? MR. AVERY: Yes. 6 7 MR. BENNETT: And Miss Rodriguez? MS. RODRIGUEZ: 8 Yes. 9 MR. BENNETT: Motion approved. 10 MS. SUAREZ: Thank you, Miss Jones. 11 I believe that concludes the ethics portion of 12 the board's agenda. As we move on to 13 applications, I'm going to remind all of the 14 board members, applicants and members of the 15 public that have joined to just please remain 16 muted to eliminate unnecessary background noise. 17 If you've joined us by audio, option 18 star six will mute and unmute the call. As each 19 applicant appears to testify, please make sure 20 your camera is turned on and that you speak up 21 when your application is called so that your 22 image appears on the screen and that will allow 23 us to swear you in so we can move right into it. 24 The first applicant appearing before us today is 25 Newark. I see Mr. Mayer.

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1	MR. MAYER: Good morning, Director.
2	MS. SUAREZ: Good morning.
3	MR. MAYER: Mr. Guzman and Mr.
4	Eismeier, please.
5	(At which time those wishing to
6	testify were sworn in.)
7	MR. MAYER: Thank you. Thank you,
8	Director. This is an application under the
9	Municipal Qualified Bond Act to approve
10	\$35,598,000 worth of bonds. These bonds, the
11	ordinance were previously the subject of
12	applications back in 2017 and 2020. The
13	schedules have shifted a little bit.
14	There's been paydowns and we would
15	like to have these approved. The notes that
16	we're refunding mature on February 17, 2023, so
17	your action would be appreciated.
18	MS. SUAREZ: Thank you very much.
19	So just a few quick questions unless there is
20	anything else that the city would like to add, I
21	will ask my questions. Just one quick thing. I
22	think I saw it in the application, but I want to
23	make sure it's clear for the record.
24	What percentage of the city's debt
25	is currently out in notes does this permanent

financing actually represent? 1 2 MR. EISMEIER: If I understand the 3 question correctly, what percentage of the city's 4 current notes would this permanently finance? 5 It's roughly 50 percent. The city has another notice that comes due next October. 6 7 I believe the first issuance was in 8 2021, so the initial take out roughly slightly 9 more than 50 percent of the city's Bond 10 Anticipation Notes. 11 MS. SUAREZ: As you referenced, the 12 plan for the remaining outstanding notes is that 13 they're going to be financed at a later date as 14 well? 15 MR. EISMEIER: Yeah, I would guess. 16 This is a relatively significant permanent 17 financing of notes. The city doesn't really have 18 a drop off in debt service for a number of years. 19 The current expectation is that the notes that 20 come due in October will likely be rolled for one 21 additional year as there will not be a required 22 paydowns, I believe, in 2023 on those notes. 23 And, you know, we would look at potentially a 24 permanent financing of 2024 of the remaining Bond 25 Anticipation Notes.

MS. SUAREZ: Okay. I believe also 1 2 referenced in there was how much the city has the 3 ability to pledge against its MQBA debt service 4 in the application and the city is still well 5 below 50 percent of that and this would only increase it about 3.9 million a year? 6 7 MR. EISMEIER: Yes, that's correct. 8 The city has significant capacity within its 9 qualified bond revenues versus qualified debt service. 10 11 MS. SUAREZ: Those are all the 12 questions that I had. I will open it up for the 13 board members as well as the public to see if 14 there are any additional questions. Hearing 15 none, do we have a motion? 16 MR. DIROCCO: So moved. 17 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Second. 18 MR. BENNETT: Miss Suarez? 19 MS. SUAREZ: Yes. 20 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Mapp? 21 MR. MAPP: Yes. 22 MR. BENNETT: Mr. DiRocco? 23 MR. DIROCCO: Yes. 24 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Close? 25 MR. CLOSE: Yes.

1 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Avery? 2 MR. AVERY: Yes. 3 MR. BENNETT: And Miss Rodriguez? 4 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 5 MR. BENNETT: Motion approved. 6 MR. MAYER: Thank you very much. 7 MS. SUAREZ: Thank you all. The 8 second applicant we have appearing before the board today is Howell Township Fire Districts 9 number 1, 3, 4 and 5. 10 11 MR. FEARON: Yes, that is correct. 12 Good morning. I'm Jim Fearon from Gluck Walrath, 13 bond counsel to the Township of Howell in 14 connection with this joint application of the 15 township and the four fire districts you mentioned. 16 17 I'll introduce all of the other 18 participants in this meeting so they can be sworn 19 It will be Louis Palazzo, Howell chief in. 20 financial officer; Heather Litzebauer of NW 21 Financial, the Howell municipal advisor; Caitlin 22 Harney, the Howell Township attorney; Richard 23 Braslow representing fire districts 1 and 5; Kate 24 Sendzik-Haines representing fire districts three 25 and 4.

And the following representatives in 1 2 the four applicant fire districts. Tom Matthews 3 from fire district number 1, Lewis Memmolo and 4 Carl Johnson from fire district 3; Michael 5 Acampora from fire district number 4 and Robert Donahue from fire district 5. 6 7 Also present are Robert Tice from 8 fire district 2 and Rich Touroonjian from 9 Allegiant Wireless, the communications consultant 10 for the township and the fire districts. 11 (At which time those wishing to 12 testify were sworn in.) 13 MR. FEARON: Thank you. So we are 14 seeking approval of a waiver of a down payment 15 for the township's proposed 4,160,000 dollar bond 16 ordinance and findings in connection with the 17 proposed project finances represented by the 18 maximum one million dollars, or in the case of 19 fire district 3, \$1,200,000 of fire district 20 bonds proposed to be issued by fire districts 1, 21 3, 4 and 5. 22 The proposed bonds will finance a 23 portion of the cost of various improvements to 24 the township's communications infrastructure 25 including construction of a new 150 foot tower,

1 construction of shelters at various locations and 2 acquisition of various items communications 3 equipment consisting principally of a new radio 4 paging and subscriber system and a new computer 5 assisted dispatch system.

6 These systems will serve the 7 emergency services of Howell, the Borough of 8 Farmingdale, which is surrounded by Howell and 9 all five of Howell's fire districts uniting all 10 first responders, police, fire and EMS under a 11 single network using the state's communication 12 system technology.

13 Much of the seven public entities 14 will enter into a shared services agreement 15 allocating financial responsibility for both 16 capital and operating costs of the new system. 17 The estimated capital cost of the new system is, 18 approximately, 5.8 million dollars excluding 19 issuance costs, which, approximately, 31.5 20 percent will be borne by the municipalities, 21 Farmingdale, and approximately 68.5 percent will 22 be borne by the five fire districts. 23 This joint application covers only 24 the portion of the capital cost currently

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estimated at, approximately, \$3,330,000 that will

be ultimately be borne by Howell fire districts 1 2 1, 3, 4 and 5. Howell Township will provide its 3 share of the funding, approximately, \$1,830,000 4 for unspent proceeds of the 2021 Monmouth County 5 Improvement bond issue and some proceeds of the separate 340,000 dollar bond ordinance which the 6 7 township has provided the required down payment. 8 Farmingdale will provide its share 9 of, approximately, \$100,000 to budgeted annual 10 payments to the township under the shared 11 services agreement. And Howell fire district 2 12 will provide its share of, approximately, \$720,000 for a one time upfront capital 13 14 expenditure that was approved by district voters 15 at a special meeting that was held on November 16 22nd at which 98 percent of the 37 votes were 17 passed in favor of the expenditure. 18 To finance a portion of the capital 19 costs allocated allocated to Howell fire 20 districts 1, 3, 4 and 5, the township proposes to 21 issue its general obligation of bonds to the 22 public secured only by Howell's (inaudible.) 23 Each of these four fire districts 24 will be required, in the shared services 25 agreement, to pay its share of the township's

debt service in the township at the same time and 1 2 in the same amounts as the township's debt 3 To secure such payments, each of the service. 4 four fire districts will simultaneously issue its 5 own series of fire district bonds to the township and the combined debt service payments under the 6 7 fire district bonds will be equal in both time and amount in the township's debt service. 8 9 Accordingly, the issuance of the 10 township bonds will be budgeted to the township. 11 The issuance of the fire district bonds was 12 approved by the respected district voters at 13 separate special elections that were held on 14 October 29th. 15 In fire district 1, 73 percent of 16 the 34 votes were passed in favor of the bond 17 issuance. In fire district 3, 70 percent of the 18 306 votes were passed in favor of the bond 19 In the fire district 4, 68 percent of issuance. 20 the 172 votes were passed in favor of the bond 21 issuance. And in fire district 5, 72 percent of 22 the 171 votes were passed in favor of the bond issuance. 23 24 The estimated annual tax impact of 25 the fire district bonds and the property taxes,

1	for an average single family home, is \$105 in		
2	fire district 1. Approximately, \$22 in fire		
3	district 3. Approximately, \$40 in fire district		
4	4. And approximately, \$30 in fire district 5.		
5	In addition, findings relating to		
6	the project finances of the four fire districts,		
7	this joint application seeks approval of a waiver		
8	of down payment for the Howell bond ordinance.		
9	The township believes such a waiver is warranted		
10	because these bonds provide finance fire		
11	districts as well as township costs for which 100		
12	percent of the township's debt service expense		
13	could be reimbursed by the four fire districts.		
14	As such, the township down payment		
15	will essentially subsidize costs that have		
16	already been allocated to and will be paid by		
17	these fire districts. We'll be pleased to answer		
18	any questions you may have and thank you.		
19	MS. SUAREZ: Thank you very much,		
20	Mr. Fearon, and I appreciate the premeeting just		
21	to kind of go over all the moving parts that make		
22	up this application. One question that I do have		
23	is would you please highlight for the group, how		
24	the cost of the projects were allocated to each		
25	of the participating members?		

Sure. And I will defer 1 MR. FEARON: 2 to others that have been sworn in for more 3 detail, but I will say that for each of the two 4 major components, the computer assisted dispatch 5 portion and the radio and the paging subscribers 6 unit was allocated on a separate basis. 7 I believe that for the computer 8 assisted dispatch, there was a fixed amount that 9 was assigned to each fire district with the 10 balance going to the township. And I believe for 11 the subscribers and the radio and paging system, 12 there was an analysis of the number of users, the 13 subscribers that would be financed for each of 14 the districts. 15 I believe, there may be somebody on 16 the line who has a better detail about the 17 methodology that was used in those allocations, 18 but that was the fundamental concept. 19 MR. BRASLOW: If I could, if I could 20 ask Commissioner Tice, perhaps who I think would 21 be the appropriate party to explain the 22 methodology. Commissioner, if you could. 23 MR. TICE: Yeah. So the way it was 24 broken down, after the study was done, as far as 25 the finances go, it really comes down to

subscribers like you just said. 1 Each district 2 has radios they have, meaning mobiles and 3 portables. They would be charged according. 4 That's where the fees come in as far as the 5 licensing, I guess it would be. Mr. Touroonjian, who is also on the 6 7 call, can fill in that part of it. But it was 8 broken down, some entities, some districts needed 9 radios, some already had radios. That's why the numbers are different from district to district. 10 11 That's probably the easiest way to put it. 12 District 2, my district, already 13 owns all the equipment, so we don't really have 14 to go out and buy radios. We're more into the 15 infrastructure portion of the tower and the 16 components that will be in the dispatch center. 17 Hope that answers your question. Rich, you want 18 to add anything to that? 19 I think that is a MR. BRASLOW: No. 20 good explanation, unless, Director, if you have 21 any further clarification, if you'd like, we'll 22 be happy to answer. MS. SUAREZ: 23 No. I think that 24 explains the methodology. I do appreciate that. 25 One other question I have, and I'm not sure we

did discuss this at all in previous 1 2 conversations. But did any of the participants 3 here seek potential grant funding for this 4 project? 5 I would defer to MR. BRASLOW: Commissioner Tice again because he kind of 6 7 spearheaded, so Bob if you could address that. No, we did not. 8 MR. TICE: Our 9 process that we went through was to go to the 10 town to try to unify it through that way. We 11 never went through a grant process. 12 MS. SUAREZ: So as far as the 13 anticipated tax impact, what is that looking like 14 for each of the fire districts to be financed 15 over the 10 year period? I believe I addressed 16 MR. FEARON: 17 that in my comments. I believe we indicated that 18 the per single family home impact was, approximately, \$105 in fire district 1. 19 20 Approximately, \$22 dollars in fire district 3. 21 Approximately, \$40 in fire district 4, and 22 approximately, \$30 in fire district 5. 23 MS. SUAREZ: Thank you for that. 24 And I'm sure you did address it in there, but 25 there are always a few things that I want to hone

in on that are typical import for this board. 1 And then the last item that I wanted to touch 2 3 upon because I know this application seeks a 4 waiver of down payment from the township. 5 If that didn't happen, right, I always go down the parade of horribles. If we 6 7 did not do the waiver of down payment, how much of an impact would it have on the total budget 8 9 here? 10 So financially, we're MR. FEARON: 11 talking \$208,000. This is key to the size of the 12 town's bond ordinance, so that would be the 13 amount that would have to be set aside by the 14 township. 15 I presume if that was the case, the 16 township would then request that fire districts 17 reimburse that amount in the first year in order 18 to bring the township level, so there would be a 19 dislocation that would be ultimately be passed 20 along to the fire districts budgets. 21 The other practical impact is the 22 demand and we have an introduced bond ordinance 23 and to the down payment, we would (inaudible) in 24 January. And the only, apart from the political 25 impact we had, the only real downside to that is

that we have contracts that have been sent with 1 2 Motorola that we are trying to close on before 3 which would raise the prices and that would lead 4 us into February and we'd start the process 5 again, so those are the practical. MR. PALAZZO: Director, I would add 6 7 that the township does have sufficient capital 8 approvement funds on hand if the township were to 9 need to put the down payment on this bond 10 issuance. 11 MS. SUAREZ: Thank you, Mr. Palazzo. 12 So if the total, right, was a little over 13 \$200,000. Is that what I hear, Mr. Fearon? 14 MR. FEARON: Yes. Under the 15 existing introduced ordinance of \$4,160,000, that 16 would be 208,000. I think it we were to 17 reintroduce it, we would probably down size it 18 because fire district 2 is no longer part of the 19 mix, so maybe the impact would be 180,000, 20 something like that. 21 MS. SUAREZ: So a little less? 22 MR. FEARON: Yeah. 23 MS. SUAREZ: Do any board members or 24 anyone from the public have questions? Hearing 25 no additional questions, do I have a motion to

issue positive findings on the condition --1 2 actually, no conditions on this one. Do we have 3 a motion to approve this one? 4 MR. DIROCCO: I'll make the motion. 5 MR. MAPP: I'll second that. 6 MR. BENNETT: Was the motion to 7 approve the waiver of down payment and to render 8 positive findings? 9 MS. SUAREZ: Correct. 10 MR. BENNETT: Miss Suarez? MS. SUAREZ: 11 Yes. 12 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Mapp? 13 MR. MAPP: Yes. 14 MR. BENNETT: Mr. DiRocco? 15 MR. DIROCCO: Yes. 16 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Close? 17 MR. CLOSE: Yes. 18 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Avery? 19 MR. AVERY: Yes. 20 MR. BENNETT: Miss Rodriguez? 21 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 22 MR. BENNETT: Motion approved. 23 MR. BRASLOW: Thank you very much. 24 MR. FEARON: Thank you very much. 25 MS. SUAREZ: You're welcome. Good

luck with the project. The next applicant 1 2 appearing before the board today is the Salem 3 County Improvement Authority. 4 MR. CANTALUPO: Hi, Director. 5 MS. SUAREZ: Hi, Mr. Cantalupo. 6 MR. CANTALUPO: How are you? 7 MS. SUAREZ: I'm living the dream. 8 MR. CANTALUPO: Happy holidays to 9 everybody. 10 MS. SUAREZ: Thank you. 11 MR. CANTALUPO: Do you want me to 12 kick things off and introduce everybody? 13 MS. SUAREZ: Yes, please. And then 14 we'll get them sworn in. 15 MR. CANTALUPO: So today we're here 16 for the Salem County Improvement Authority. From 17 Salem County Improvement Authority, we have the 18 chairperson, Cordy Taylor; vice chairwoman, Susan 19 Bestwick; executive director, Julie Acton. 20 From the county, we have Salem 21 County Commissioner Director Ben Laury; Salem 22 County Deputy Director Mickey Ostrum; county 23 administrator Jeff Ridgeway; county OEM director 24 Scott Hanes; financial advisor, Anthony Inverso; 25 auditor, Evan Palmer and additional bond counsel,

Craig Gargano is on the phone, and John Cantalupo 1 2 from Archer and Greiner. 3 (At which time those wishing to 4 testify were sworn in.) 5 MS. SUAREZ: Mr. Cantalupo, the floor is yours. 6 7 MR. CANTALUPO: Thank you so much, 8 Director. So we're here today for the Salem 9 County Improvement Authority to obtain positive 10 findings pursuant N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-6 and 40:37A-80 11 with respect to the county guaranty. They're 12 seeking positive findings on 17 million not to 13 exceed 17 million in county guaranty lease 14 revenue bonds, county radio system upgrade 15 project and project notes associated with that. 16 The project entails the upgrading 17 and improvement of a countywide radio and 911 18 emergency response system that was installed in 19 1993. The system is essentially obsolete and 20 They're having difficulty finding outdated. 21 parts for this system at this point and there's 22 obviously potential dangers, from a public safety 23 perspective because the system is old and 24 outdated and the county and the OEM, as well as 25 the first responders in the area, want to make

sure that there's no failure with this system to 1 2 get this thing approved as guickly as possible 3 given that it goes back to 1993. 4 So the countywide radio system and 5 911 system includes radio equipment, hardware, software and technology. The county diligently 6 7 explored many options for this project and 8 finally narrowed it down to a state contractor. 9 Originally, the county was going to enter into a 10 lease directly with the state contractor. That 11 lease would have been for five years. 12 After looking into that, there was a 13 fairly larger tax impact associated with that 14 lease, which I'll go into a little later. The 15 county started to look at additional options for 16 this where they could spread the cost of this 17 system over the 10 years of the useful life of 18 the project as a brand new communication system. 19 So in other words, the taxpayers 20 that are in the county that would enjoy the 21 system for the 10 years of its useful life, would 22 be paying for it as opposed to the county 23 taxpayer paying for it. So they looked into this 24 financing model, and what it turned out was that 25 it would be more beneficial to the county because

they would save approximately \$800,000 a year by 1 2 spreading the debt out over 10 years, and over 3 the life of the issuance would save \$50,000. 4 Even though we were financing it for 5 10 (inaudible) for the county. They would be able to have a savings of \$50,000. However, once 6 7 they decided to go down this road and they had 8 talks with the state contractor, because we had 9 to go through the going to the Local Finance 10 Board and introducing county guarantees and adopt 11 bond resolutions and hopefully receiving positive 12 findings from yourself and the board today, that 13 financing would not go through until 2023, 14 roughly around February or March. 15 The state contract vendor came back 16 and said, well, listen, we have pricing in place 17 through 2022. If we don't lock this in now for 18 2022, we understand there's going to be a fairly 19 significant price increase in 2023 and we'd 20 rather get things locked in. 21 So the county had a decision to 22 make, as far as purchase the equipment at a lower 23 rate and financed at a higher rate with the 24 vendor or maybe try to come up with a hybrid 25 model.

So what we're here before you today 1 2 is this hybrid modal which allows the county 3 financing through the Improvement Authority that 4 allows them to do the lease with the state 5 contract vendor for five years and that would close by year end and they'd lock in all of their 6 7 pricing. 8 And then once we get all the 9 financing documents and approvals in place and 10 sell the bonds, we would prepay that lease at no 11 penalty to the state contract vendor. So it 12 basically gives us the best of both worlds, lower 13 prices and lower rates that are spread over a 14 longer period of time which allows all the taxpayers to pay for it with an \$800,000 savings 15 16 annually. 17 When I say savings, it reduces debt 18 service each year of roughly \$800,000. 19 Additionally, the reason why the county, the 20 Improvement Authority, is seeking project notes 21 is that they're likely to receive between five 22 and 10 million dollars in federal and state 23 grants that are yet to be determined. 24 They've been working with their 25 congressman as well as the Governor's office on

obtaining some of those grants and I'll have
 Commissioner Director Laury and Commissioner
 Director Ostrum, they can speak to that in a few
 moments.

5 Once we determine what the grant 6 amounts are, hopefully those grant monies come in 7 and we're able to pay off the notes. If we do 8 not get any grant monies, then obviously we would 9 permanently finance that second portion in bonds, 10 if the grant money does not come in.

11 So from a tax impact perspective, 12 the proposed financing, it was roughly three 13 cents on the county's debt tax rate or \$48 on an 14 average assessed home of \$162,000. And taking 15 the lead from the director, I'll go down the 16 parade of horribles for you.

If we were going to just stay in the lease program and this was not approved, the lease program required us to have a 4.5 million dollar down payment, okay, which is roughly nine cents on the, what's it called, on the tax rate and the five year lease that we would incur would be \$91 over each year.

24 So obviously, it's a more expensive 25 route to take if we just stayed within the lease

with the state contract vendor. At this time, 1 2 what I'd like to do is turn this over to 3 Commissioner Director Ben Laury so he can speak 4 about the public safety urgency of this project 5 of overhauling a system from 1993. Ben, are you there? 6 7 MR. LAURY: Yes. Hello, Director 8 Suarez. Good morning. 9 MS. SUAREZ: Good morning 10 MR. LAURY: This system was 11 installed in 1993. It was a 500 megahertz 12 system. In 2013, we spent about 1 to 2 million 13 dollars upgrading it or band-aiding it or 14 patching it. It was supposed to last two years 15 until we could do this project. If you see the numbers, it's lasted 16 17 over nine years so far and we hope to get it 18 through until we get the new system installed. 19 Currently, because it's a 500 megahertz system, 20 that bandwidth is shared with a local TV 21 stations, one in particular is in Salisbury, 22 Maryland. 23 They keep jumping on the calls when 24 the firefighters or the police or the EMS are out 25 on the road, which is unacceptable. That is the

least of the problems. We have dropped calls 1 2 where they don't work at all. That's 3 unacceptable. 4 In a state, in a county that has the 5 second largest nuclear power plant in the nation, it's critical that we have this communication. 6 7 It's a regional safety issue, not just a county 8 We have, in Salem County where the issue. 9 Delaware Memorial Bridge is, the kind of traffic 10 we have, that determines for the New Jersey 11 Turnpike, Route 95, Interstate 295. 12 As you can see, this is an important 13 project for us. We need to move forward. We are 14 anticipating help from the Governor's office, 15 Governor Murphy, from anywhere from 5 to 10 million dollars over the course of the next 16 17 couple years. 18 We're also working with Congressman 19 Van Drew who is, we anticipate a grant of about 20 3.75 million to be available some time next year. 21 Director Suarez, if there is any other questions 22 for me. 23 MS. SUAREZ: No, no. I appreciate 24 the thoroughness of both you and Mr. Cantalupo. 25 The questions that I did have, have already been

Mr. Cantalupo knows me well enough 1 answered. 2 that I love to go down the parade of horribles, 3 so I appreciate his preemptive strike there. 4 At this time, I do not have any 5 other questions. If there's anything else that the group would like to highlight, otherwise, I 6 7 would ask if the board members or public have any 8 questions at this time. 9 MR. INVERSO: I want to add real 10 quick, the numbers that John was quoting 11 regarding the tax impact are assuming that the 12 entire project was financed with bonds, no grant 13 money, so essentially 16 and-a-half million 14 dollars financed. Those were the tax impacts. 15 Obviously, if we do get grant money, those 16 numbers would come down quite a bit. 17 MS. SUAREZ: Thank you for 18 highlighting that. 19 MR. OSTRUM: If I might add, we have 20 been very dill gent in pursuing all option. 21 We're a little bit under the gun as has been 22 noted. Basically, we're not sure that our 23 existing system is going to be here tomorrow. 24 It really is a critical situation. 25 We've been successful in reducing the price. We

were initially looking around 25 million dollars 1 2 and everybody has been very active. Our first 3 responders are clamoring for these radios. I've 4 actually been in the position in the situation 5 where a first responder was unable to get through on the radio in an emergency situation and had to 6 7 pick up a cell phone. 8 I don't want to belabor the point, 9 other than besides we've looked at all options 10 and we really need to go forward with this. 11 MS. SUAREZ: Thank you for that. Ι 12 appreciate that. 13 MR. CANTALUPO: That concludes our 14 presentation, Director. Happy to answer any 15 questions. 16 MS. SUAREZ: Do any board members or 17 the public have any questions they'd like to 18 raise? Hearing none, do we have a motion? 19 MR. DIROCCO: I'll make the motion 20 to approve. 21 MR. CLOSE: Second. 22 MR. DIROCCO: Miss Suarez? 23 MS. SUAREZ: Yes. 24 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Mapp? 25 MR. MAPP: Yes.

MR. BENNETT: Mr. DiRocco? 1 2 MR. DIROCCO: Yes. 3 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Close? 4 MR. CLOSE: Yes. 5 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Avery? MR. AVERY: Yes. 6 MR. BENNETT: And Miss Rodriguez? 7 8 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 9 MR. BENNETT: Motion approved. 10 MR. CANTALUPO: Thank you, Director. 11 MS. SUAREZ: You're very welcome. 12 We wish you luck in this endeavor, and fingers 13 crossed, the patch holds until this new system 14 can get rolled out. The next applicant appearing 15 before the board today is the Gloucester County 16 Improvement Authority. 17 MR. WINITSKY: Good morning, 18 This is Jeff Winitsky from Parker Director. 19 McCay, bond counsel. I apologize. I don't have 20 I'm having all kinds of problems video. 21 traveling. This is the best I could come up 22 with. 23 However, on the line with us today 24 is George Strachen, the executive director of the 25 Improvement Authority. I believe Tom Sullivan

from the Improvement Authority was supposed to be 1 2 on as well. Tom, let us know if you're there. 3 Behram Turan, who is the authority's engineer. 4 Tracey Giordano who is the CFO for Gloucester 5 County and Brittany Whelan who is the financial advisor for the authority. 6 7 (At which time those wishing to 8 testify were sworn in.) 9 MS. SUAREZ: Mr. Winitsky? 10 MR. WINITSKY: Thank you. The 11 Improvement Authority is seeking positive 12 findings pursuant N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-6 to issue its 13 county guaranteed solid waste revenue bonds in an 14 amount not to exceed \$13,500,000. 15 Also, here today seeking approval 16 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:37A-80 for the final 17 adoption by the county by guaranty ordinance that 18 would guaranty the payment of the principal and 19 interest of the bonds. The bonds are to be 20 issued by the authority for the purposes of 21 constructing a new landfill cell, specifically 22 Cell 16, at the authority's solid waste complex that's located in South Harrison Township. 23 24 The new cell is part of the 25 Improvement Authority's larger landfill expansion

1	plan of which this is Cell 1621. And all of that
2	expansion of plan has heretofore been approved by
3	DEP, so this is sort of the first step in a
4	larger expansion plan.
5	This cell, in particular, will
6	accept waste for a little over two years but has
7	a useful life of the larger expansion plan, that
8	of 2034. That is so as the cell, not only
9	accepts ways but acts as sort of a buffer and
10	works with various other cells within the
11	landfill and won't be capped until some time
12	around 2034.
13	The bonds will be issued pursuant to
14	a preexisting bond resolution of the authority
15	for which all of its prior solid waste revenue
16	bonds have been issued. The security under that
17	resolution is revenues generated from the
18	landfill further secured by the guaranty of
19	Gloucester County.
20	Gloucester has guaranteed all of the
21	solid waste revenue bonds issued under that
22	resolution to date. Its guaranty has not been
23	called upon. The bonds will be structured to
24	ensure or amortize, with level annual debt
25	service around 1.4 million dollars a year to

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finally mature in 2034, which is, as I mentioned, 1 2 before the expected life of the landfill, the 3 remaining life of the landfill unless of course 4 it's expanded even further. 5 However, as part of this plan, 2034 6 is its ultimate year. In addition to the 7 issuance of the bonds or as ancillary to the 8 issuance of the bonds, the authority has been 9 discussing adding its own equity contribution, 10 the amount of that equity contribution has not 11 yet been determined. 12 It's really a function of what the 13 market place looks like when we actually go do 14 and issue the bonds and what makes the most sense 15 for the authority in terms of maintaining cash reserves for operations, expenses, et cetera. 16 17 So the final number is sort of a 18 TBD, or to be determined, so to speak but there 19 is an expectation to utilize some equity for 20 purposes of the overall project cost. Ιn 21 addition to the approval today, pursuant to 22 applicable law, the authority has petitioned the 23 New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 24 to issue the bonds. 25 That petition is up with the DEP.

We have not yet received final approval. 1 We 2 expect to do so, hopefully early in first quarter 3 of 2023, the sooner the better, but that is, just 4 so the board knows, that's also a precondition of 5 us issuing the bonds, which we fully expect. The authority does not expect or 6 7 intend to have to raise rates or fees in any 8 additional capacity to amortize the debt on these 9 It's part of its larger tipping fee plan. bonds. 10 Obviously, market conditions and what might come 11 in by way of solid waste, et cetera, could change 12 that, but at present, we do not expect any 13 changes to our overall tipping fee schedule. 14 As I mentioned before, we've got 15 folks from the authority including the engineer 16 and folks from the county on the line should you 17 have any questions about the project in 18 particular or the financing. 19 MS. SUAREZ: Thank you very much. Ι 20 appreciate it. There is one thing I wanted to 21 kind of highlight that I realized during our 22 premeeting which was helpful from my vantage 23 point, so I'd like to make sure it is on the 24 record during the public session, was discussing 25 how many years you're anticipating Cell 16 being

utilized. 1 2 And then kind of piggybacking off of 3 that walking us through how that approximate time 4 period does not necessarily reflect the full 5 useful life of the cell. MR. WINITSKY: Right. Did you want 6 7 me to get back into it? Just a little bit. 8 MS. SUAREZ: Т 9 want to pull that out because a lot of times we 10 get push back on useful life versus on how can it 11 can actually be deemed even if you're using it 12 only for two years, or approximately two years, 13 that it's actually going to be utilized or useful 14 for a much longer period of time. 15 I'll say what I know. MR. WINITSKY: 16 There is more engineering here than public 17 finance lawyer might have. It's my way of 18 understanding, while it is accepting solid waste 19 for an additional two years, it actually has a 20 bigger role to play in the larger operations of 21 the landfill, in that, the engineering of it all, 22 one cell sort of relies on the cell next to it or 23 adjacent to it and it all sort of, one interacts 24 with the other and it's not ultimately capped for 25 its final purposes until somewhere around 2034.

1 And I'll let George and Behram speak 2 to sort of the engineering of it, so you can 3 understand why, despite the fact it's only 4 accepting solid waste for a couple years, it 5 really has a useful life. Meaning, a meaningful 6 period of use as part of the larger landfill. 7 So George or Behram, if you want to 8 get into the engineering a little bit, just so 9 everybody understands, that might be helpful. 10 MR. TURAN: So the approved phase on 11 extension has the full capacity of roughly 9.4 12 million cubic yards, so the plan is to install 13 cells in phases. So this is Cell 16 which would 14 provide, approximately, two years or so 15 additional capacity to allow the operations 16 continue. 17 So before Cell 16 reaches its full 18 capacity, then Cell 17 and 18 will be installed 19 in that fashion. So the overall lifetime out of 20 this phase nine will take us to 2034. 21 MS. SUAREZ: Okay. So much longer 22 than the time period you're anticipating 23 utilizing Cell 16. I wanted that to be 24 highlighted. 25 MR. TURAN: That's correct, yes.

1 MS. SUAREZ: And then Mr. Winitsky, 2 I know you did touch upon tipping fees. I wanted 3 to drill down on that ever so slightly and just ensuring that the tipping fees will actually be 4 5 utilized in supporting the additional debt from Is that fair and accurate? 6 this phase. 7 MR. WINITSKY: Yes. Obviously, a 8 couple of purposes. One, to pay for operational 9 cost of the landfill, sort of writ large, but 10 also fully expected to amortize this debt. And I 11 would add, because this is not our only cell to 12 be constructed as part of the larger landfill 13 expansion plan, we fully expect to issue more 14 debt for additional cells. 15 The tipping fee schedule as 16 contemplated, it will be enough, obviously based 17 on market conditions, but our expectation is it 18 will be enough, to not only amortize these bonds, 19 but amortize future debt issuances. Obviously, 20 we'll have some debt coming off the books, new 21 debt coming on, but overall, the overall revenue 22 coming in after expenses, it should be sufficient 23 to fully amortize debt service. 24 MR. STRACHAN: The other thing that 25 we touched upon in our premeeting as well is that

all our contracts have a CPI built into them, so 1 2 that's passed onto the haulers, so we're able to 3 control for the current inflation area 4 environment that way for sure. 5 MS. SUAREZ: Thank you for 6 highlighting that as well. Those are the 7 questions I had. I will open it up so the board 8 or the public has any additional questions to 9 raise. Hearing none, do we have a motion to 10 issue positive findings? 11 MR. DIROCCO: Motion. 12 MR. AVERY: Second. 13 MR. BENNETT: Director, that's 14 positive findings approval of the county 15 guaranty? 16 MS. SUAREZ: Yes, please. 17 MR. BENNETT: Miss Suarez? 18 MS. SUAREZ: Yes. 19 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Mapp? Mr. 20 DiRocco? 21 MR. DIROCCO: Yes. 22 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Close? 23 MR. CLOSE: Yes. 24 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Avery? 25 MR. AVERY: Yes.

1 MR. BENNETT: Miss Rodriguez? 2 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 3 MR. BENNETT: And Mr. Mapp? 4 MR. MAPP: Yes. 5 MR. BENNETT: Motion approved. 6 MS. SUAREZ: The next applicant is 7 the Passaic County Improvement Authority. MR. DRAIKIWICZ: 8 John Draikiwicz, 9 bond counsel to the Passaic County Improvement 10 Authority in connection with this transaction. 11 Perhaps we can all go around and make our 12 introductions for the board. Is that okay, 13 Director? 14 MS. SUAREZ: Yes, and then I'll have everybody sworn in. 15 16 MR. DRAIKIWICZ: Thank you. John 17 Draikiwicz from Gibbons, bond counsel to the 18 authority. And we can go with authority folks 19 next here. 20 MR. TUCCI: Peter Tucci, general 21 counsel to the Passaic County Improvement 22 Authority. 23 MS. LITZEBAUER: Heather Litzebauer 24 from NW Financial, municipal advisor to the 25 Improvement Authority.

MR. CLANCY: Paul Clancy with RBC 1 2 Capital Markets, the sole manager, underwriter 3 for the transaction. 4 MS. SANDBANK: Leah Sandbank with 5 McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, counsel for RBC Capital Markets. 6 MR. DRAIKIWICZ: And if the school 7 could make their introductions. 8 9 MR. COBAN: Mustafa Coban, school 10 business administrator for Paterson Arts and 11 Science Charter School. 12 MR. JOHNSTON: This is Tom Johnston, 13 Johnston Law Firm. We're outside general counsel 14 to iLearn. MS. WACHS: Karen Wachs also outside 15 general counsel to iLearn from the Johnston Law 16 Firm. 17 18 (At which time those wishing to 19 testify were sworn in.) 20 MS. SUAREZ: Mr. Draikiwicz, the 21 floor is yours. 22 MR. DRAIKIWICZ: The Passaic County 23 Improvement Authority proposed to issue its bonds 24 in an amount not to exceed 35 million dollars. 25 The proceeds of which will be loaned to a

nonprofit and 501C3 entity, which entity has 1 2 received its 501-3C status, iLearn Facility 3 Development, Inc., and the proceeds from the 4 transaction will then be utilized to acquire 5 property and the school facility building located at 183-229 Grant Street and 8-14 Monroe Street in 6 7 Paterson, New Jersey. 8 The not for profit corporation,

9 iLearn Facility Development, Inc., will then 10 lease the property and the school facilities 11 located thereon to Paterson Arts and Science 12 Charter School, which is a K through 12 school 13 located in Paterson, New Jersey.

The purpose of the transaction is such that the charter school, which is currently a tenant in the building, will then be able to have it acquired which will enable it to build up equity in the property and eliminate the risk of escalating rent, which is the benefit for the transaction economically.

I also would like to note in this transaction, it will be nonrecourse to the Passaic County Improvement Authority and there is no county guaranty for Passaic County on the transaction, just to note that for the record.

We hereby then seek your approval on 1 2 this transaction pursuant to 40:37A-54L of the 3 Improvement Authorities Law and positive findings 4 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-6. At this time, I 5 would like to turn it over to the school to give a little more background on the school and their 6 7 thoughts about the transaction, so if I may. MR. COBAN: This is Mustafa with the 8 9 Paterson Arts and Science Charter School. Our 10 school has been operation for more than eight 11 We are a K to 12 public school district years. 12 and we are serving our community in a total 13 number of 1,178 students. 14 We are currently located in two 15 different locations. Paterson City, and the 16 building that we are currently interested in 17 acquiring to lease has right now, more than 900 18 students. 19 We have received renewal from the 20 New Jersey Department of Education two times so 21 far and then we are ready for 100 students per 22 grade K through 12 across the board and we will 23 eventually receive 100 students in the next t few 24 years and then the maximum capacity afterwards. 25 Our schools are ranked as Tier 1

school in the State of New Jersey, the latest 1 2 report that we have received is a Tier 1 school 3 and then we are committed to serve our 4 communities to the best we can. Both is an 5 iLearn charter organization and also Paterson Arts and Science Charter School. 6 7 MR. DRAIKIWICZ: I would like to 8 note one item to add to what was just stated. 9 The last renewal was received this year, March 10 3rd 2022, so it's a very current renewal. 11 MR. COBAN: Correct. We renew for 12 additional five years. And as you may all know, 13 charter schools go through a review process every 14 five years and then successful renewal plus 15 expansion from the New Jersey Department of 16 Education in the year 2022. 17 MR. DRAIKIWICZ: And I quess I would 18 also like to note, and others can add, if they so 19 desire, the building that they are -- will be 20 moving into was renovated recently in 2016 and 21 2021, so the building is really, even though it 22 was constructed probably around 100 years ago, 23 the renovation has substantially made the 24 building -- so it can last for hopefully another 25 50 plus years.

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1	So it's been substantially renovated
2	in 2017 and 2021 and there's a new gymnasium
3	that's also part of the property as well that's
4	being completed over the next month or two.
5	MR. COBAN: That's correct, yes.
6	MR. DRAIKIWICZ: I'm not sure if
7	anything would like to be added by the school.
8	If not, I would turn it back over to the director
9	to follow up on any questions that she may have.
10	MS. SUAREZ: Then hearing nothing
11	from anyone else, I appreciate you addressing the
12	renovation of the building in recent history
13	because of course, one of my questions, I know we
14	discussed this too in our premeeting was the age
15	of the building, obviously 100 years old.
16	I just wanted to make sure that the
17	applicant believes that the building is actually
18	going to be utilized for another 35 years. What
19	this financing is looking to do. Wanted to
20	confirm that that is accurate and that the
21	renovation have been made to the building has
22	made it so that it is worth putting this
23	additional time and money into it and that we do
24	see it being utilized for at least 35 years,
25	right, to cover the projects that are being done

to it now. 1 2 MR. BLANCHARD: That is correct. 3 This is Richard Blanchard, director of facilities 4 representing Paterson Arts and Science Charter 5 School. Yes, the building is being structured -the building. We enrolled heavily in the 6 7 construct and the renovation of the facility, 8 been up to the court, there was no structural 9 needs or anything for this building in initial 10 phase and even afterwards. 11 So the building is solid 12 structurally and we expect this building to serve 13 for many years, for 50 years as Mr. Draikiwicz 14 has stated at least. 15 MS. SUAREZ: Thank you for that. 16 MR. DRAIKIWICZ: When we come back in renewal for 50 years, Director, we'll present 17 18 in front of you again. 19 MS. SUAREZ: Okay. Yeah. 20 MR. BLANCHARD: The building is for 21 the sprinkler, everything is built up to the code 22 and inspected by the City of Paterson. 23 MS. SUAREZ: Thank you for that. 24 And then I know I saw it in the application, I 25 know we've spoken about this a little bit in

detail as well. Just wanted to highlight what 1 2 the current annual lease payment on the building 3 is and what the annual debt service is going to 4 be once this takes effect. 5 MR. COBAN: There is a new addition being added to the building. With the additional 6 7 lease pay that we are leasing on the first floor as well, we will be paying 2.1 million dollars 8 9 for the entire building. And legally, our lease 10 payments will be similar or slightly higher than 11 2.1, maybe 2.2 million dollars plus this 12 financing. 13 MS. SUAREZ: So substantially the 14 same? 15 MR. COBAN: Pretty much, yes. 16 MS. SUAREZ: Okay. 17 MR. DRAIKIWICZ: Again, with the 18 thought that most likely over the next 30, 35 19 years, the revenue will have escalated, so over 20 the time the fixed payment of the debt will 21 probably be less than the rent at some point in 22 time. 23 MR. COBAN: That's correct, yes. 24 MS. SUAREZ: Those are the questions 25 I had. I will open it up to see if the board

members or anyone from the public have additional 1 2 questions to raise. Hearing none, do we have a 3 motion? 4 MR. MAPP: Motion to approve. 5 MR. AVERY: Second. MR. BENNETT: Miss Suarez? 6 7 MS. SUAREZ: Yes. 8 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Mapp? 9 MR. MAPP: Yes. MR. BENNETT: Mr. DiRocco? 10 11 MR. DIROCCO: Yes. 12 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Close? Mr. Avery? 13 MR. AVERY: Yes. 14 MR. BENNETT: Miss Rodriguez? 15 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 16 MR. BENNETT: Back to Mr. Close? 17 MR. CLOSE: Yes. 18 MR. BENNETT: Motion approved. 19 MS. SUAREZ: Thank you all very much 20 for your time and wish you the best of luck in 21 this new endeavor. 22 MR. DRAIKIWICZ: Thank you, 23 Director. And happy holidays to everybody. 24 Thank you all. 25 MS. SUAREZ: The next applicant

appearing before the board today is Fair Lawn. 1 2 MR. SCERBO: Good morning, director. 3 This is Ryan Scerbo from the DeCotiis firm, and I 4 believe also joining us today is James Van 5 Kruiningen, and he is the borough administrator for the borough. 6 7 MR. VAN KRUININGEN: Good morning, Director. Yes, it's me, Jim Van Kruiningen, 8 9 borough manager. Joining me is Karen Palermo, 10 chief financial officer for the Borough of Fair 11 Lawn. 12 (At which time those wishing to 13 testify were sworn in.) 14 MS. SUAREZ: Mr. Scerbo, the floor 15 is yours. 16 MR. SCERBO: Thank you, Director. 17 Today we're here to ask for the board's approval 18 of a public private contracting act water supply 19 contracting act contract between Veolia and the 20 Utilities Services Company, which is a division 21 of Veolia and the Borough of Fair Lawn. 22 Unlike other service contracts which 23 I've been before the board on, this is a limited 24 It's maintenance services related arrangement. 25 to the borough's above ground water storage

1 tanks.

2	We have four of those in the borough
3	and we have structured this based on past
4	experience the borough has done, one year
5	arrangements for maintenance services, but wanted
6	to do some more long term planning and so they
7	undertook the procurement process to obtain
8	service proposals for a 20 year duration.
9	We have structured the contract in a
10	way that will allow the borough to address some
11	large maintenance items in the first few years of
12	the contract. And that's largely because the
13	borough has access to some ARP money and wants to
14	put it to use in this regard.
15	I can tell you the Board of Public
16	Utilities also received our application. And
17	earlier this month, they did approve the contract
18	under their review, so now we are asking for the
19	board for their approval as well.
20	MS. SUAREZ: Okay. Thank you. I
21	did notice a few things in the application that I
22	just wanted to confirm and put on the record. So
23	one of the items is that the borough is going to
24	retain ownership and control of the water system?
25	MR. SCERBO: Absolutely correct.

1 MS. SUAREZ: If we could highlight 2 how much ARP funding will be utilized to cover 3 the first three years of the contract? 4 MR. SCERBO: I'll ask the folks from 5 Fair Lawn, if they wouldn't mind speaking about that. 6 7 MS. PALERMO: \$3,443,176.77. 8 MS. SUAREZ: Right down to the 9 I appreciate that. And I also wanted to penny. 10 take a moment to give some kudos to Fair Lawn for 11 utilizing the ARP funding for water projects. 12 It's certainly something that I have 13 requested as I went around the state when we were 14 talking about ways to use the ARP funding on 15 capital type projects, especially in things that 16 nobody wants to pay for in the future when we're 17 talking about raising taxes or rates, so wanted 18 to highlight that as well. 19 MR. SCERBO: Thank you, Director. 20 MS. SUAREZ: Of course. So any 21 other questions from the board or members of the 22 public? Hearing none, before we make the motion, 23 I wanted to kind of reiterate, and I don't think 24 this comes to any surprise at all. 25 Historically, the board has always

1	put some sort of condition on these types of
2	approvals. It really just requires the local
3	government entity to either contract with an
4	engineer or an administrator or to appoint an
5	individual in house who has the requisite
6	responsibility to kind of monitor the compliance
7	of the operator with these contracts.
8	So therefore, I'm going to, in
9	keeping with tradition, ask for a motion to
10	approve with the condition that the borough
11	appoint an individual to monitor performance of
12	the contract and compliance of the operator. So
13	with that, I'm going to ask for that motion.
14	MR. AVERY: I'll make that motion.
15	MR. MAPP: I'll second that.
16	MR. BENNETT: Miss Suarez?
17	MS. SUAREZ: Yes.
18	MR. BENNETT: Mr. Mapp?
19	MR. MAPP: Yes.
20	MR. BENNETT: Mr. DiRocco? Mr.
21	Close?
22	MR. CLOSE: Yes.
23	MR. BENNETT: Mr. Avery?
24	MR. AVERY: Yes.
25	MR. BENNETT: Miss Rodriguez?

MS. RODRIGUEZ: 1 Yes. 2 MR. BENNETT: And Mr. DiRocco? 3 MR. DIROCCO: Yes. 4 MR. BENNETT: Motion approved. 5 MR. SCERBO: Thank you, Director and thank you to the board. 6 Wish everyone a happy 7 And Director, as we've done in the holidays. 8 past, once Fair Lawn passes the resolution 9 identifying the individual, will monitor the 10 contract, we'll forward that on to the board to 11 complete your files as well. 12 MS. SUAREZ: Perfect. Appreciate 13 that. 14 MR. VAN KRUININGEN: Director and 15 members of the board, thank you and a very happy 16 holidays and healthy and safe new year. 17 MS. SUAREZ: Thank you. The next 18 applicant appearing before the board today is 19 Ho-Ho-Kus. 20 MR. WISS: Good afternoon, everyone. 21 Timothy Wiss. I'm the borough attorney for the 22 Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus from Wiss and Bouregy. Ι 23 believe the administrator, Mr. Jones is here and 24 he's the only one that's going to be joining us 25 and needs to be sworn in today.

MR. JONES: I'm here. 1 2 (At which time those wishing to 3 testify were sworn in.) 4 MR. WISS: So just to give you a 5 little background, this is again, sound like a broken record here after Fair Lawn. 6 This is 7 another water tank project, the same entities that are involved. We were here about a year ago 8 under the Public Private Contracting Act. 9 10 There was an approval at the time 11 which is granted by this board and also by 12 another board which permitted us to proceed with, basically I'll say painting and maintenance 13 14 contracts for water tank services. 15 At the time, there were two water 16 tanks that were approved via scope of works, a 250,000 gallon tank and a 500,000 gallon tank. 17 18 And the purpose of this was so Ho-Ho-Kus would 19 not have to rebuild the tanks. 20 It would be much more cost effective 21 for us to maintain those tanks, restore them to a 22 condition that will allow a lot of years to move 23 forward with the capabilities. As Ho-Ho-Kus 24 began to strategize with Veolia, it became 25 apparent that a third tank should be taken off

line to avoid duplicative work, and that's why 1 2 we're here today. 3 We didn't think it would be 4 appropriate, even though there was a Masters 5 Services Agreement that was signed at the time for tank services, without everybody vetting what 6 7 will be additional costs of that Masters Services Agreement vis-a-vis this third project. 8 9 So with that historical background, 10 the goal has always been that this is the most 11 cost effective way to proceed in restoring these 12 tanks. If there's any specific questions -actually, Director, I know you had asked before. 13 14 Likewise, we are continuing to maintain ownership control over the water system, 15 16 so that won't be change. There's going to be no 17 rate increase and there's no financing that's 18 attached to this. This is money that the borough 19 is able to pay for, so I thought I would mention 20 that for the record as well. 21 MS. SUAREZ: Thank you. Ι 22 appreciate that. A couple quick questions. So 23 one of the items I noticed on the application is 24 that there was no provisions in the contract for 25 performance bond, which by itself is not

problematic. I wanted to see what protections 1 2 the borough has in an event by a default by the 3 contractor. 4 MR. SCERBO: I think that was one of 5 the things that came up in the Masters Services Agreement last time. This is a contract we can 6 7 cancel after a certain year period. We would have to pay for the work that was done and we're 8 9 left to all of our remedies at loss. 10 So we felt comfortable that if 11 things weren't going in the right direction, this 12 wasn't in agreement that we couldn't get out of, 13 if there were issues, we would be able to utilize 14 the core process to deal with those. 15 MS. SUAREZ: Appreciate that. That 16 was the only question I had. I will open it up 17 to the public and the board members to see if 18 there are any other questions that anyone would 19 like to raise. 20 Hearing none, I'm going to ask for a 21 motion to approve leaving intact the previously 22 imposed conditions which include that the borough 23 will appoint an individual to monitor performance 24 on the contract, so do we have a motion to 25 approve?

MR. DIROCCO: I'll make the motion 1 2 to approve. 3 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Second. 4 MR. BENNETT: Miss Suarez? 5 MS. SUAREZ: Yes. 6 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Mapp? 7 MR. MAPP: Yes. 8 MR. BENNETT: Mr. DiRocco? 9 MR. DIROCCO: Yes. MR. BENNETT: Mr. Close? 10 11 MR. CLOSE: Yes. 12 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Avery? MR. AVERY: 13 Yes. 14 MR. BENNETT: Miss Rodriguez? 15 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 16 MR. BENNETT: Motion approved. 17 MS. SUAREZ: The final matter before 18 the board today is the proposed extension of the 19 budget calendar for 2023 under 40A-4-5.1. We 20 have some concerns regarding the capacity of 21 municipalities to meet existing budget deadlines 22 while simultaneously dealing with significant 23 increases to many budget line items. 24 We've historically extended these 25 budget deadlines, at least for a brief period of

time, to allow for any kind of potential issues. 1 2 For calendar year 2023, we propose the following 3 budget deadline extensions. We would like to 4 extend the Mayor Council Faulkner Act executive 5 budget transition to the governing body statutory deadline from January 17th to February 27th. 6 7 Extend the submission of the county 8 and municipal annual financial statement budgets 9 from January 26th and February 10th respectively to a combined date of March 3rd. 10 The municipal 11 introduction and approval of the budget from 12 February 10th to March 31st. 13 The county introduction and approval 14 of the budget from January 26th to March 31st and 15 the dates for municipal adoption from March 20th 16 to April 28th and then for county adoption from 17 February 28th to April 28th. 18 And each of those dates is subject 19 to the proviso that the revised dates, or date I 20 should say, is the deadline for the next 21 regularly scheduled meeting of the governing 22 body. If the regularly scheduled meeting falls 23 within the week or two following these deadlines, 24 the governing bodies do not have to call an 25 emergency meeting.

So with that said, do I have a 1 2 motion to adopt? 3 MR. CLOSE: So moved. 4 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Second. 5 MR. BENNETT: Miss Suarez? 6 MS. SUAREZ: Yes. 7 Mr. Mapp? MR. BENNETT: 8 MR. MAPP: Yes. 9 MR. BENNETT: Mr. DiRocco? 10 MR. DIROCCO: Yes. 11 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Close? 12 MR. CLOSE: Yes. 13 Mr. Avery? MR. BENNETT: 14 MR. AVERY: Yes. 15 MR. BENNETT: And Miss Rodriguez? 16 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 17 MR. BENNETT: Motion approved. 18 MS. SUAREZ: That concludes the 19 Do we have a motion to adjourn? agenda. 20 MR. MAPP: I have a question, 21 Director. 22 MS. SUAREZ: Yes. 23 MR. MAPP: I don't know if it's 24 appropriate at this time. Any progress on the fix on the issue with the increase in State 25

Health Benefit costs to municipalities? 1 2 MS. SUAREZ: So there has been some 3 progress on that, and I'm certainly to talk with 4 you off line. Nothing has been made public yet, 5 but there are some items that have been moving that should hopefully provide some relief in the 6 7 immediate future. 8 Enough said. MR. MAPP: Thank you. 9 MS. SUAREZ: Of course. 10 MR. MAPP: Motion to adjourn. 11 I'll second it. MR. DIROCCO: 12 MR. BENNETT: Miss Suarez? 13 MS. SUAREZ: Yes. 14 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Mapp? 15 MR. MAPP: Yes. MR. BENNETT: Mr. DiRocco? 16 MR. DIROCCO: Yes. Good job getting 17 18 in before noon. 19 Mr. Close? MR. BENNETT: 20 MR. CLOSE: Yes. Merry Christmas, 21 happy holidays to everybody. 22 MR. BENNETT: Mr. Avery? MR. AVERY: 23 Yes. 24 MR. BENNETT: And Miss Rodriguez? 25 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. And I do want

1	to wish everyone a wonderful holiday, Christmas
2	and a new year.
3	MS. SUAREZ: Yes. Wishing you all
4	some fun times with family and friends. It's
5	been another long year for sure and I appreciate
6	everybody's hard work on getting us across the
7	finish line. Hopefully we can get some rest
8	before January.
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