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NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON CAPITAL BUDGETING AND PLANNING

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MEMBERS OF COMMISSION PRESENT:

B. Carol Molnar, Chair
Anthony Annese, Vice Chair
Senator Paul A. Sarlo
Senator Anthony F. Bucco
Assemblywoman Marcia A. Karrow
Gary Brune
Jack Donnelly
Joseph Donohue
Paul Stridick



ALSO PRESENT:

James Vari
Executive Director

Rosemary Pramuk
Senate Republican
Beth Schermerhorn
Assembly Republican

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B. CAROL MOLNAR (Chair): I'd like to call the meeting to order.

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings law, the Commission has provided adequate notice of this meeting by giving written notice of the time, date, and location. The notice of the meeting has been filed at least 48 hours in advance by mail and/or fax to the Trenton *Times* and the *Star-Ledger*, and filed with the Office of the Secretary of State.

We will now take the roll call.

MR. VARI (Executive Director): Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Here.

MR. VARI: Senator Bucco.

SENATOR BUCCO: Here.

MR. VARI: Assemblyman Cryan. (no response)

Assemblywoman Karrow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Here.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donohue.

MR. DONOHUE: Here.

MR. VARI: For Commissioner Doria, Mr. Stridick.

MR. STRIDICK: Here.

MR. VARI: Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Here.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donnelly.

MR. DONNELLY: Here.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Here.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Here.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have a quorum. Nine members are present.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

The next item is our Executive Director's Report.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, I'd just, first off, like to thank the Departments who cooperated and worked with us so much over the Fall, through this process, starting, really, in August when they start submitting their requests to Tom and I, and working straight through the follow-up questions from the meeting. The Departments were very diligent in getting back to us with responses. And of course, those responses were used in our deliberations and our recommendations. So, certainly, hats off to the Departments. I think we have a great working relationship.

Just a quick reminder on the roofing account: We're going to recommend funding within Interdepartmental of approximately \$9.1 million. But those funds are dispersed to the various Departments. In the Spring we'll make decisions on exactly which projects get funded.

Madam Chair, that concludes my report.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

The next item of business is approval of the minutes of November 7, 2008.

Any questions or comments? (no response)

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: I'll move them.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Do I have a second?

SENATOR SARLO: Second.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Take a roll.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the minutes, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Senator Bucco.

SENATOR BUCCO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblywoman Karrow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donohue.

MR. DONOHUE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Doria votes yes, by letter.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donnelly.

MR. DONNELLY: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Ms. Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have nine votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Our next item is our capital recommendations for Fiscal 2010.

Do we have any comments before we start? (no response)

Our first department is the Department of Agriculture. We are recommending one project.

Any questions or comments? (no response)

If not, do I hear a motion to approve our recommendations?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Moved.

MR. ANNESE: Second.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Department of Agriculture, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Senator Bucco.

SENATOR BUCCO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblywoman Karrow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donohue.

MR. DONOHUE: Abstain.

MR. VARI: Mr. Doria votes in the affirmative, by letter.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donnelly.

MR. DONNELLY: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Ms. Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have eight votes in the affirmative, one abstention; the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

I did want to thank our Secretary of Agriculture for all his hard work over the past few years. I believe he is leaving as of December 31. I want to thank him for all his work in Agriculture.

Our next department is the Department of Children and Families. We are recommending one project for \$240,000.

Any questions or comments? (no response)

If not, is there a motion to approve?

MR. ANNESE: So moved.

MS. MOLNAR: Second?

MR. DONOHUE: Second.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Department of Children and Families, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Senator Bucco.

SENATOR BUCCO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblywoman Karrow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donohue.

MR. DONOHUE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Doria votes in the affirmative.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donnelly.

MR. DONNELLY: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have nine votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

The next item is the Department of Corrections. We're recommending \$16.775 million for the modular unit replacement and the fire safety compliance -- two projects.

Any questions or comments? (no response)

SENATOR BUCCO: Move it.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Second.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay. Any further comments? (no response)

If not--

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Department of Corrections, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Senator Bucco.

SENATOR BUCCO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblywoman Karrow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donohue.

MR. DONOHUE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Commissioner Doria votes in the affirmative.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donnelly.

MR. DONNELLY: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Ms. Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have nine votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

The next department is the Department of Education. We are recommending one project for \$400,000, for the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf.

Any questions or comments? (no response)

If not, I'll take a motion.

MR. ANNESE: So moved.

MS. MOLNAR: Second?

MR. DONOHUE: Second.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Department of Education, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Senator Bucco.

SENATOR BUCCO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblywoman Karrow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donohue.

MR. DONOHUE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Commissioner Doria votes in the affirmative.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donnelly.

MR. DONNELLY: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have nine votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

The next department is the Department of Environmental Protection. We are recommending \$88.622 million for five projects.

I had one question. It says on the project engineering and construction for shore protection-- I believe we have to dedicate the \$25 million. The number is the same every year, correct?

MR. VARI: Yes, that's dedicated funding.

MS. MOLNAR: The only question I have is, with real estate down as it is -- it's coming from the Realty Transfer Tax. I'm assuming that we'll still take in enough.

MR. VARI: That is our latest estimate from the Department, yes.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay.

Any questions or comments?

Senator.

SENATOR BUCCO: Yes, thank you, Madam Chair.

On the Bayshore Floodgate Facility, it shows that DEP has agreed to fund this project. Where is that money coming from?

MR. VARI: I believe that is coming from some of their accounts.

MR. BRUNE: The Shore Protection Fund.

SENATOR BUCCO: The Shore Protection Fund?

MR. BRUNE: Yes, because it is along the shore.

SENATOR BUCCO: How much is in there?

MR. BRUNE: Pardon me? It would be from the balance of the fund, which I believe is on the order of maybe \$28 million.

SENATOR BUCCO: Okay. Also, at the last meeting, I had asked DEP to give us a breakdown on the CBT tax and the projects that were scheduled to be funded. They sent that to us, and they also showed that they have approximately \$1.3 million in contingency. What are contingency funds for? Is there anyone to answer? Is there someone from DEP that can answer that?

MR. VARI: I believe Mr. Barth is here.

Did you hear the question?

E. DAVID BARTH: Yes, I did.

MS. MOLNAR: Could you give your name for the reporter?

MR. BARTH: Good morning.

My name is David Barth. I'm the Director of Budget and Finance for the Department.

The contingency number that we had identified there is a round number that we utilize, depending on what the bids will actually

come in on for those construction projects through DPMC. We just set aside roughly 10 percent of the construction projects that haven't been awarded yet.

SENATOR BUCCO: Okay. Out of the list that--

MR. BARTH: Yes.

SENATOR BUCCO: --you are expecting to do.

MR. BARTH: Yes, that's correct.

SENATOR BUCCO: Is there usually any money left in that contingency fund?

MR. BARTH: At the end of the year, if all the projects are awarded, there may be. It's just an allocation within the entire account.

SENATOR BUCCO: Good. Because I have a contingency. And I'm sure you know what it is -- Lake Hopatcong. Everybody in the State of New Jersey seems to know my desire to keep that Commission open. I would like to have the DEP consider some -- consider that out of the contingency fund or some fund.

I also have legislation in -- several pieces of legislation in trying to get that money. So I would appreciate the cooperation of the DEP. And I would like to sit with the Commissioner some time, or with yourself, to see where we can come up with the money.

MR. BARTH: Senator, through the Chair, I will advise the Commissioner, and we can set something up.

SENATOR BUCCO: Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

Thank you.

MS. MOLNAR: Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Madam Chair, if I may just ask one question of the Department, since they're before us.

MS. MOLNAR: Sure.

SENATOR SARLO: With regard to the shore protection -- the \$25 million that we're putting toward that -- is that matched by the Federal -- the Army Corps of Engineers? Is that a matching -- our matching portion, I'm assuming?

MR. BARTH: We use that to match the Federal moneys that Congress would appropriate in any one given year.

SENATOR SARLO: So it's roughly -- we'll get \$25 million from the Feds for that?

MR. BARTH: It's actually-- On a Federal project, it's 66 percent Federal and 34 percent State.

SENATOR SARLO: So it's less than-- It's more than-- They're providing more than the \$25 million.

MR. BARTH: That's correct.

SENATOR SARLO: Okay. Thank you.

MS. MOLNAR: Any other questions or comments? (no response)

SENATOR SARLO: Move it.

SENATOR BUCCO: Second.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay. We'll take a vote on DEP.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Department of Environmental Protection, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Senator Bucco.

SENATOR BUCCO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblywoman Karrow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donohue.

MR. DONOHUE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Commissioner Doria is a yes.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donnelly.

MR. DONNELLY: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Our next department is Health and Senior Services. We are recommending \$7.3 million for one project: fitting the new laboratory with scientific equipment.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: I have a question, Chair.

MS. MOLNAR: Sure, Assemblywoman.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Regarding the statement on this account, that the fixtures -- furnishing and equipment, nonscientific -- are still under study. When will that decision be made, and how is that made? Do we come back, or is that done through the regular budget?

MR. VARI: I believe that's going to be done through the normal budget process.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Through the normal budget process under Health and Senior Services' budget?

MR. VARI: Yes.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: And who is looking into that?

MR. VARI: That's being done with--

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Is that the DPMC who is doing it?

MR. VARI: DPMC, the Department itself, and the analyst at OMB.

MR. BRUNE: I might also add, OIT is involved as well in the telecom part.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Okay. Thank you.

MS. MOLNAR: Any other questions or comments? (no response)

SENATOR SARLO: Move it.

MS. MOLNAR: Second?

MR. ANNESE: Second.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Department of Health and Senior Services, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Senator Bucco.

SENATOR BUCCO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblywoman Karrow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donohue.

MR. DONOHUE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Commissioner Doria votes yes.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donnelly.

MR. DONNELLY: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Ms. Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, you have nine votes in the affirmative; the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Department of Human Services: We're recommending four projects totaling \$8.375 million.

Any questions or comments? (no response)

SENATOR SARLO: Move it.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay. Second?

MR. ANNESE: Second.

MS. MOLNAR: Take a vote.

MR. VARI: On the motion for the recommendations for the Department of Human Services, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Senator Bucco.

SENATOR BUCCO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblywoman Karrow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donohue.

MR. DONOHUE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Commissioner Doria is in the affirmative.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donnelly.

MR. DONNELLY: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

The Department of Law and Public Safety: We're recommending two projects totaling \$5.23 million.

Any questions? (no response)

If not, I'll take a motion.

SENATOR SARLO: Move it.

SENATOR BUCCO: Second.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Department of Law and Public Safety, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Senator Bucco.

SENATOR BUCCO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblywoman Karrow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donohue.

MR. DONOHUE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Commissioner Doria is in the affirmative.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donnelly.

MR. DONNELLY: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Juvenile Justice Commission: We are recommending three projects totaling \$5.2 million.

Do I hear a motion?

SENATOR BUCCO: Move it.

MS. MOLNAR: Second?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Second.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Juvenile Justice Commission, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Senator Bucco.

SENATOR BUCCO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblywoman Karrow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donohue.

MR. DONOHUE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Commissioner Doria is in the affirmative.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donnelly.

MR. DONNELLY: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs: We're recommending \$175,000 for one project.

SENATOR BUCCO: Move.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Second.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Senator Bucco.

SENATOR BUCCO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblywoman Karrow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donohue.

MR. DONOHUE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Commissioner Doria is in the affirmative.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donnelly.

MR. DONNELLY: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Next department is Higher Education Facilities. Due to budget constraints, the Commission does not recommend funding for the Higher Education Facilities.

Any discussion? (no response)

If not, do I hear a motion?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Move the recommendation.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay. Second?

SENATOR BUCCO: Second.

MS. MOLNAR: Take a vote.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for Higher Education Facilities, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Senator Bucco.

SENATOR BUCCO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblywoman Karrow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donohue.

MR. DONOHUE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Commissioner Doria is in the affirmative.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donnelly.

MR. DONNELLY: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Department of State: No projects were requested, so we're recommending zero dollars.

Is there a motion?

SENATOR BUCCO: Moved.

MS. MOLNAR: Second?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Second.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Department of State, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Senator Bucco.

SENATOR BUCCO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblywoman Karrow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donohue.

MR. DONOHUE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Commissioner Doria is in the affirmative.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donnelly.

MR. DONNELLY: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

The next item is the State Library. We are not recommending any funds at this time.

I did have a question. It says some of the projects will be funded with ADA moneys. The movable shelves don't fall under that, do they?

MR. VARI: No, what happened was they had requested some funds for doors at the -- I believe it was at the Commission for the Blind. And what we did was, we worked with the-- We have an ADA account,

which is a central account, and it had some balances in it this year. So we worked with the Library and DPMC, and moved that project along.

MS. MOLNAR: Is there any alternate funding to fund this movable shelves issue? Because it is problematic.

MR. VARI: I have--

MS. MOLNAR: No Interdepartmental Funds or anything like that?

MR. VARI: That one is a tough one.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Is there any way to do some fund balancing -- to set aside some money this year, next year, maybe a third year -- and put a pocket of money together in a nonlapsing fund, without legislation?

MR. VARI: I don't know. That would--

MR. BRUNE: We could look into that.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Maybe start setting aside money?

MR. VARI: For this specific project?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: For that specific project.

MR. VARI: The moveable shelves.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: You know, that is--

MS. MOLNAR: Where would you do this, in the Department?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: In a nonlapsing fund where we could set aside a fund balance.

MS. MOLNAR: Where do you do that, in OMB?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: It would (indiscernible) be done through OMB.

MS. MOLNAR: Have we done this before? I don't want to set a precedent.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: That's one of the problems with the State. We never do stuff like this. We never build accounts and set aside money every year for replacements or anything like that, and we should. But we don't, because we're always fixing other holes.

MS. MOLNAR: Well, if you put aside \$150,000, in three years you'd have the \$450,000. It may be more expensive by then, but it's something. It's a start.

MR. VARI: It's certainly something we'd consider, I guess. We could look into it.

MR. BRUNE: We can certainly look into that.

MS. MOLNAR: All right. So our recommendation is zero dollars, with the possibility of looking at some set-asides in OMB for the movable shelves.

Do I hear a motion?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Moved.

MS. MOLNAR: Second?

MR. DONOHUE: Second.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay. Take a vote.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations and to also look at alternative funding for the movable shelves for the State Library, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Senator Bucco.

SENATOR BUCCO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblywoman Karrow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donohue.

MR. DONOHUE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Commissioner Doria is in the affirmative.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donnelly.

MR. DONNELLY: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Next department is the Department of Transportation. We are recommending \$895 million, which is purely debt service on their bonding.

Any comments or questions? (no response)

If not, do I hear a motion?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Moved.

MS. MOLNAR: Second?

SENATOR BUCCO: Second.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Department of Transportation, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Senator Bucco.

SENATOR BUCCO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblywoman Karrow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donohue.

MR. DONOHUE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Commissioner Doria is in the affirmative.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donnelly.

MR. DONNELLY: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Okay, Interdepartmental Accounts: We're recommending \$226.527 million; of that, \$101.322 million is moneys approved for the New Jersey Building Authority debt service. The balance is capital of \$125.205 million.

Any questions or comments? (no response)

If not, do I hear a motion to approve?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Moved.

MR. ANNESE: Second.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay. We'll take a vote.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Interdepartmental Accounts, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Senator Bucco.

SENATOR BUCCO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblywoman Karrow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donohue.

MR. DONOHUE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Commissioner Doria is in the affirmative.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donnelly.

MR. DONNELLY: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

The next department is Judiciary. They've asked for \$28.3 million for information technology equipment acquisition.

I have a question. Is this \$13 million they collect -- specifically collect \$13 million in fees to be put into the technology fund. Is that sufficient for every year to fund this technology that they need?

MR. VARI: Is there anyone from the Judiciary available?

MS. MOLNAR: Could you give your name for the reporter?

ROBERT O'NEILL: My name is Robert O'Neill. I'm the Finance Manager of the AOC.

MS. MOLNAR: This \$13 million you collect every year for the Technology Improvement Fund -- is that sufficient for your needs for your request?

MR. O'NEILL: It's sufficient for some development and base operations. But we're requesting over and above, to push specific initiatives to improve our systems.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay. So you're just postponing certain projects since we're recommending zero funding.

MR. O'NEILL: Exactly. Exactly.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay. How is the delivery of the product currently, in your opinion? Are you able to respond to the law firms with the current technology you have?

MR. O'NEILL: Yes, I would say yes. I think a lot of this is preparing for the future. We have a big e-filing initiative, as you know. The Chief Justice has a committee on e-filing convene now that -- we'll have recommendations, I think by June -- I think is the expected date. And we'd like to build some infrastructure for that.

MS. MOLNAR: So this could postpone that, perhaps.

MR. O'NEILL: Conceivably, yes, sure.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay.

Any questions or comments? (no response)

Thank you for your comments.

Okay. Do I hear a motion?

SENATOR BUCCO: Move.

MS. MOLNAR: Second?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Second.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay. We'll take a vote.

MR. VARI: On the motion to approve the recommendations for the Judiciary, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Senator Bucco.

SENATOR BUCCO: Yes.

MR. VARI: Assemblywoman Karrow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KARROW: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donohue.

MR. DONOHUE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Commissioner Doria is in the affirmative.

Mr. Brune.

MR. BRUNE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Donnelly.

MR. DONNELLY: Yes.

MR. VARI: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. VARI: Chairwoman Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. VARI: Madam Chair, the motion carries.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.

Now, under other business, I only have one item -- or two, I should say.

We are working on getting some public members appointed. We have one right now in the Governor's Office -- we're still waiting his appointment. We are trying to get a second public member so it would be easier to get quorums.

The second item: I want to wish you all a great holiday.

Any other comments from our Commission members? (no response)

We may now, with this vote that we had on the ballot-- I believe this Commission will have to review bonds that go on to the ballot. So we may be busier than usual, depending on what bonds are floated out there. So we may be meeting prior to our September meeting because of that.

All right, with no other questions or comments, meeting adjourned.

(MEETING CONCLUDED)