1	CHAIRMAN DORAN: Let's open the
2	meeting of the Harrison Housing Authority. Pursuant
3	to Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, adequate posting and
4	advance notice of date, time, location, purpose and
5	agenda of this meeting has been recorded.
6	I ask the Clerk to call the roll.
7	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Almeida.
8	COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Here.
9	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.
10	COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Present.
11	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner
12	Confessore, absent. Commissioner Kinsella.
13	COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Here.
14	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.
15	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Here.
16	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.
17	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Here.
18	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Doran.
19	CHAIRMAN DORAN: Here. Please stand
20	for the Pledge of Allegiance.
21	(Flag Salute.)
22	CHAIRMAN DORAN: I call for a motion
23	to approve the minutes of the January 4th, 2017
24	meeting.
25	COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Motion.

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1	COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.	X.
2	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.	8.
3	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.	
4	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.	
5	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.	é
6	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Doran.	3
7	CHAIRMAN DORAN: Aye. A motion to	0
8	approve all other bills. Anybody have any	18
9	questions?	
10	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Motion to	0.1
11	approve.	
12	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Seconded.	9.1
13	CHAIRMAN DORAN: Motion made and	7
14	seconded. Clerk, call the roll.	-local
15	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Almeida.	3-1
16	COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Abstain.	dr
17	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.	5.5
18	COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.	a.r
19	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.	er.
20	COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Abstain.	UE
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22	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.	8.4
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24	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.	+3
25	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Doran.	9.8

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1	CHAIRMAN DORAN: Aye. That's enough
2	to carry?
3	MR. MANFREDI: Four, yes.
4	CHAIRMAN DORAN: Communications.
5	MS. GILMORE: Okay. We have the Town
6	of Harrison, and it's with the County, doing
7	Alzheimer's Awareness, and they want to use our
8	basement, Building 3, on Thursday, February 23rd,
9	from ten a.m. to two p.m. They're going to have
10	people from the Department of Health and Human
11	Services.
12	CHAIRMAN DORAN: Do we put that in
13	for a motion?
14	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Try not to
15	forget about those folks.
16	CHAIRMAN DORAN: Obviously, we just
17	received that. We don't need a motion?
18	MS. GILMORE: We'll do that after we
19	do new business.
20	MR. ROGERS: Are they going to serve
21	refreshments?
22	MS. GILMORE: Yes. They said they
23	will have light refreshments, but they didn't want
24	to put it on the flyer because then people will come
25	and sign up. You have to sign up to do that. They

will come for the food and not sign up so they don't put it.

CHAIRMAN DORAN: Food is a way to get more people there.

MS. GILMORE: With seniors, it's a way to get way too many. That's what I was told.

CHAIRMAN DORAN: Executive Director's

report. While the work of the state of the s

MR. ROGERS: We received this report last week. I want to raise a couple of points so the Board know what's important. For the boiler outage, the contractor worked all day Friday, and all day Saturday on maintenance to provide the work and got the boiler operating on Saturday night around six o'clock.

We're going to have a resolution on the John Deere tractor. We consider this of course an emergency because of the weather, and also we're buying a John Deere because the parts are interchangeable with the existing John Deere, and the John Deere we're replacing is 23 years old. It gets a long life, and we got two quotes, and we're going with the lowest quote. If you have any questions, ask me.

The other thing I wanted to discuss was

we've been working with PSE&G just about close to a 1 2 year, and one of the reasons that I mentioned this 3 at the Board meeting earlier, one of the reasons why 4 the budget was in such a positive, we had a lot 5 extra dollars over expenses because we were not 6 getting the correct PSE&G bills, and we finally got 7 that straightened out. It does not have a negative 8 impact or our operations. We budgeted for it. I don't want anybody to be alarmed because we have a \$70,000 bill, and that's all I have, sir. 10 CHAIRMAN DORAN: Good. 11 When you 12 order the John Deere tractor, how long does that take to get it? 13

MR. ROGERS: It takes one to two weeks, and quite frankly, it also lasted 22 years. It's going to be approximately \$20 a month over time. We use the tractor not only for snow removal, bucket loader, sissy tractor.

CHAIRMAN DORAN: Is that a plow tractor or just a brush?

MR. GILMORE: It has a brush on it.

MR. ROGERS: The plow is

interchangeable.

MR. GILMORE: You call switch all the equipment from one unit to another.

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1 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Do you have 2 a brush? 3 MR. GILMORE: Right now, no. The tractor that died on us was a snowblower, and it 4 kind of wasn't doing the job that we needed but. 5 6 CHAIRMAN DORAN: The only thing about 7 a brush from talking to the staff just having them deal with this over the last few years was for snow 9 removal, if we're getting a really light day, 15 or 16 inches is not with a brush. 10 11 MR. GILMORE: Sixteen inches of snow, 12 our plow would have a problem. We schedule once it gets to about four inches, we will work to keep it 13 14 down until the snow stops, otherwise we do have a 15 shovel loader attachment. That's why I prefer that 16 we stay with John Deere. Whatever fits on one will 17 fit on the other, and that would bail us out if it 18 all came down at one time. We keep them because of 19 the size of our machines, we keep the snow down, the 20 levels down until the snow stops. 21 CHAIRMAN DORAN: Okay. Good. 22

Maintenance report. This is it. Any questions on it?

COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Motion.

COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Second.

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1	CHAIRMAN DORAN: Motion made and
2	seconded. Clerk, call the roll.
3	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Almeida.
4	COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Aye.
5	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.
6	COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.
7	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.
8	COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.
9	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.
10	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.
11	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.
12	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.
13	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Doran.
14	CHAIRMAN DORAN: Aye. I have a
15	question. There were ten delinquents. Is that a
16	high number?
17	MR. ROGERS: What happens because we
18	had our meeting early, the 1st of the month, the
19	people who normally pay late will pay late. By next
20	week that will be cleared up.
21	CHAIRMAN DORAN: Okay. It's not like
22	anything is delinquent. That would be January's?
23	MS. GILMORE: January, January.
24	February is not due yet.
25	CHAIRMAN DORAN: Okay. Thank you.

Any old business?

MS. GILMORE: No.

CHAIRMAN DORAN: Any new business?

We're going to call for a vote on these all at once?

MS. GILMORE: Whatever you want to

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MS. GILMORE: Whatever you want to

do.

CHAIRMAN DORAN: I will read through

them all and call for a motion on all of them. We

them all and call for a motion on all of them. We need a motion to memorialize the boiler at Kingsland Court; to write off \$722 for a tenant who was evicted; to approve the quote for a John Deere tractor; to approve the quote for the annual fire alarm inspection; to approve Resolution 1341-02-17, to approve the operating budget; and to approve 1342-02-17, resolution approving State budget; and to approve Resolution No. 1343-02-17, resolution approving a change order for the CCTV.

Just a quick discussion on that last one;
Anybody, was is that for?

MR. ROGERS: It's on the cameras. We ordered three additional cameras for Kingsland Court so we have better coverage, one in the garage and two outside of Building 1. The cameras are on Building 1?

MR. GILMORE: Yeah. We originally

had PTZ that to be installed on a pole in back of Building 1, which is a pretty non-traveled area, where it's not extremely well-lit. So we decided because the PTZ can only look in one direction at a time, we broke it down to use three fixed cameras that cover the whole area at the same time. So we got the credit on the pole and the PTZ and added the additional cameras. They're not additional. We kind of swap out.

The one additional in the garage, because we were putting one on the garage anyway, we're kind of integrating. Like when I have a guy over there, sometimes he's there by himself, so I wanted to put a camera in there just to make sure that he's okay, and we can actually see what is going on during snowstorms, and my guy that's there.

CHAIRMAN DORAN: Is there any policy on cameras in the workplace?

MS. GILMORE: It's safety. Say he's working on something and God forbid he hurts himself.

MR. GILMORE: It's for safety issues.

CHAIRMAN DORAN: I just want to ask
for some legal opinion. My understanding is cameras
in anyone's workplace regardless of that could be a

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COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: As long as it's in a common area.

MR. GILMORE: It will be a work space.

CHAIRMAN DORAN: I'm okay with it. I think the employees will know surely there is a camera there, but for the sake of --

MR. MANFREDI: It has to be in a common work area. It can't be in any way evasive, but the way you're describing, it's in a common work area.

MR. GILMORE: It's in the middle of the garage, and the garage is two-bays wide.

CHAIRMAN DORAN: Okay. All right.

MR. MANFREDI: So Gene, you're going to have one on the garage facing the back of Building 1 towards William Street?

MR. GILMORE: There is going to be one outside the garage that's looking down the side of the garage that's sort of an alleyway, and then there's two that are going to be covering opposite ends. I don't know if you've ever been back there. We had some kids back there, and the infrared one is because of lack of light. There is light back

there. It's not really bright, so the infrared makes the cameras see better at night. That's why we decided to not just use the PTZ, because you have to move it where -- you don't have to move it, you can set it to pan, but three particular cameras will constantly not have to be moved, but will cover the area back there so.

CHAIRMAN DORAN: So it's commonplace.

Once you put the cameras in, you'll need to find a

place where it was going to be dark and additional

places where you need them.

MR. MANFREDI: Mr. Chairman, my firm was provided with information. We looked at it under the Local Public Contracts Law, so the price is \$463,000. The amount of change is ultimately 3,700. It's below what's called the 20-percent requirement. If it were above 20 percent of the contract amount, we have to secure quotes and bids. We don't since it's under that threshold. So the Board is aware.

MR. GILMORE: The figures did go back to our engineer. Originally, we had made them change it because it was too high. They weren't going by the contract price of what the cameras were installed at. They have to go by those guidelines.

1	So when we sent it to LAM, they're the ones that
2	calculated the difference and sent us the change
3	order for it.
4	CHAIRMAN DORAN: Thank you. I call
5	for a motion on the above mentioned resolutions.
6	MR. ROGERS: I think that I should
7	enter what the John Deere is costing. The tractor
8	is costing a total of \$21,991.14; and the fire alarm
9	inspection, we went out for three quotes, and the
10	total cost of that, \$2,500.
11	CHAIRMAN DORAN: Any questions? I'll
12	call for a motion to approve the resolutions.
13	COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Motion.
14	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Second.
15	CHAIRMAN DORAN: Motion made and
16	seconded. Clerk, call the roll.
17	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Almeida.
18	COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Aye.
19	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.
20	COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.
21	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.
22	COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.
23	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.
24	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.
25	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.

1 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye. 2 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Doran. CHAIRMAN DORAN: Aye. Anything else? 3 MR. ROGERS: Yes. I would like to discuss, the Commissioner went to the PHADA 5 conference. It doesn't have to be in closed 6 7 session? at multiplicity and a session? 8 CHAIRMAN DORAN: It's up to you. Do you want your discussion in closed session? 10 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: No, no, it's 11 okay in open session, no big deal. You know what 12 I'm going to talk about, right, Roy? That's in an 13 open session thing? 14 MR. ROGERS: Yes. CHAIRMAN DORAN: Okay. The floor is 15 16 yours. 17 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: So I found 18 something very interesting that came up at PHADA, 19 which the big news this year. Usually there's 20 really no big news. They give you updates here and 21 there. This year, the big thing is they're trying 22 to get the government HUD actually let us have Home 23 Rule so that the control will go back to individual 24 housing authorities rather than having all of the

control through HUD.

The things they were talking about was that a lot of rules and regs don't apply to agencies such as us because we're a small size. Some things -- and also because we're in New Jersey. New Jersey laws are different from Louisiana laws, but yet, the federal government makes us all adhere to certain laws by the book, otherwise your funding is messed up or whatever.

get in there, whether it be a democrat and whether it be a republican, nothing changes, and if there is a republican or democrat, Oh my God, we're going to get money, and we never get any other money. This year, they were all because apparently some board members in PHADA, they know and are very close to the incoming administration, so they think that this is something that's going to help out all housing authorities. So they asked for each Housing Authority to lobby the new administration to try to get Home Rule back in play, so that we would be making the decisions which would cut down a lot of things that you guys would have to report in.

So I don't know how much they were working on that. I don't know how much you guys go through, but apparently everybody's been complaining about

that, and this is something that PHADA has been kind of campaigning for a while.

about Home Rule, you're talking about the smoking policy that came out. Leave it up to the local decision?

COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Exactly. You know, it's a good thing because a lot of things don't make sense. How are you going to enforce that? Are you going inside peoples' homes? They talk about that, but they think we would be able know better what is being asked for in our area.

So again, somebody that lives in Harrison is not going to be the same as somebody who in lives in Jersey City, New York City, and that differs from everybody in Louisiana, in the middle of the country. It would be, it would sort of give us the opportunity to kind of manage the percentage what we're able to manage, not totally let go of it.

They also came up with a bill of rights, which I thought was interesting, which I always thought we reported to HUD. These guys are saying you don't report to HUD, HUD works for us, we don't work for HUD. It's a whole different way of thinking. You know, they were walking around like

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this is great, and so I don't know if it is a good thing or a bad thing. You know, that's why I sent the e-mail to Roy because I don't know. This was what they were pushing.

CHAIRMAN DORAN: They're saying you should advocate, like how?

COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: We should call them up, call PHADA up, and then lobby Ben Carson.

He's the new Trump administration. They think the Trump administration is going to be more towards

Home Rule on everything.

MS. GILMORE: Because they want the federal government out?

commissioner almeida: Out of everything. Phada wants the federal government out of a lot of stuff. They're right on some things, like you know the paperwork, staff paperwork and rules. So they're there to stop the overall ruling by HUD on the federal level for everything so we would haven't to file so many papers. Apparently, we're not the same as Jersey City. We don't have the same amount of buildings so we shouldn't have to file all of the crazy things that don't apply to us.

CHAIRMAN DORAN: Funding-wise, the government agency is saying one person has to do

this and the other people doesn't?

COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: They really didn't talk about funding in a sense that it was going to be less. They didn't talk about that.

MS. GILMORE: A lot of public housing doesn't interact. They stand alone. It's a problem because sometimes you stand alone, you don't have to fill out a HUD, and they take out the money.

COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: They're not talking about the funding part of it, and because that doesn't apply to us, I never brought it up.

But this is more of a procedure. It's not so much having to do with funding, but it has to do with changing the procedure so we're not all judged alike. That's what. Right now we all have to file same exact paperwork.

MS. MICHAELSON: It's just a health issue with the secondhand smoke.

COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: It doesn't make sense, but that's the idea. So this is like the beginning of them trying to brainstorm a different agency. So they ask that you guys again, Roy, you can do it if we want to do, but the idea is for the Housing Authority to lobby PHADA, ask them you know.

CHAIRMAN DORAN: You scan that paper and copy it and send it to all the Commissioners for the next meeting. I think that's a good idea. Any questions?

COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: I make a motion we all go to Chicago now.

CHAIRMAN DORAN: We'll take that into consideration. Any other questions, points of view?

COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: So if I can ask Roy; Roy, what do you think about that? Do you think that's the direction?

MR. ROGERS: Here's what I think
about it. Harrison Housing Authority is in very
good shape. As the manager of Harrison Housing
Authority, I want to see all of the existing
regulations remain, the paperwork and everything
because we're doing it, we're doing it correctly,
we're doing it on time, and it holds everybody
accountable.

I can see where a lot house authorities
don't want the paperwork because they're poor
performers. We have consistently been a high
performer, and I personally do not believe we would
be a high performer if it wasn't for all the
paperwork. We are a very small housing authority

because we're only 18 units, over 250, 268 units. A lot of housing authorities have thousands of units.

If I had my choice, I would stick with existing paperwork.

I personally to do not believe in the no smoking policy. I don't know how it's going to be prevented, and another thing as far as contacting PHADA, we're fortunate because Mr. Manfredi, if I may, you personally know the vice president of PHADA.

MR. MANFREDI: Yes. We've been involved with their policies, but not this one.

MR. ROGERS: But you can reach out to them, and I'll reach out to PHADA. But another point you brought up which I think is interesting is, we have an audit. The auditor is supposed to talk to all the Commissioners. That used to be true. It's not longer true. With our audits, all of the Commissioners get a copy. If there is a finding, I would make the auditor come to a Board meeting and discuss the finding because that's something that I or staff did wrong or overlooked.

But we have clean audits, and we've used the same auditor for 20 years, and he's well respected. If there was something wrong, if there

was a finding, I would insist upon talking to the Board so.

COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: So if you don't think that's a good idea, I mean.

MR. ROGERS: Well, I can see where
90 percent of the housing authorities think it's a
great idea to eliminate the paperwork, but I think
paperwork holds you accountable.

COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Then let's not lobby for it because I didn't know which way to go on that.

COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: I don't see the feds giving up any kind of funding sources.

They're going to distribute the funds the way they see it. The way it sounds, you're going run our your own, get your own money, and you can control it. I don't see to government doing that.

COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: They didn't tie into money. They just didn't tie into the money. It was just streamlining things. They didn't bring up money with this. They just thought they didn't want all of the paperwork.

COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: I would just lobby against smoking.

MR. ROGERS: There is a lot of

1 housing authorities that are going to lobby. They 2 are primarily the ones that are poor performers, and then don't even get enough funding because they're 3 mismanaged. They didn't manage their funds properly. This Housing Authority for the last 25 5 years has put money back into maintaining the 6 7 buildings. A lot of housing authorities that were built since are being torn down. We have one 8 housing authority that they refused -- was damaged 10 by Hurricane Sandy, and they refused to fund them 11 because they wanted to tear them down.

This Housing Authority is in very, very good shape, and it doesn't make my job any easier, but it's very a easy job because it's in such good shape, and we have long-term personnel, and maintenance has done well. It's just in good shape.

COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: So then don't

lobby for that.

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CHAIRMAN DORAN: Keep going to those meetings.

COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: I bring the stuff back that's good.

MR. ROGERS: I appreciate your input because it's something that should be discussed.

COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: It's a big

deal to them because it's over the top. Everybody
at the end like the last day it was, Oh, this is
great, this is what we're pushing. It seemed to be
like their big deals, and I don't know I feel about
this. Let me ask.
MR. ROGERS: What happens in
Congress, because the executive directors aren't
performing properly, they want change, and the
consultants are licking their chops for more change.
CHAIRMAN DORAN: All right. Any
other comments, points of view, observations?
Good. At this point, public comment?
Motion to adjourn.
COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Motion.
COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Motion.
CHAIRMAN DORAN: Motion made and
seconded. Clerk, call the roll.
MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Almeida.
COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Aye.
MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.
COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.
MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.
COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.
MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.
COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.

CERTIFICATION

I, SHARI CATHEY, CCR, RPR, License No. 30XI00234700, and Notary Public of the State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the proceedings herein are from the notes taken by me of a Regular Caucus Meeting of the Harrison Housing Authority, held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017; and that this is a correct transcript of the same.

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