
Commission Meeting

of

NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON CAPITAL BUDGETING AND PLANNING

LOCATION: Meeting via Conference Call

DATE: February 25, 2022
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS OF COMMISSION PRESENT:

James M. Rutala, Chair
Luke E. Wolff, Vice Chair
Senator Paul A. Sarlo
Senator Samuel D. Thompson
Assemblyman Harold 'Hal' J. Wirths
Jo-Ann Povia
Dennis Zeveloff

ALSO PRESENT:

James Langsdorf
Executive Director

David F. Patella
Assistant Executive Director

Brian Onda
Stacy Pingitor
Budget Specialists



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JAMES M. RUTALA (Chair): Good afternoon, this is Jim Rutala, the Chair of the Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning.

I will call the meeting of February 25, 2022, to order. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, 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 or by fax to the *Trenton Times* and the *Newark Star-Ledger*, and filed with the Secretary of State.

Please call the roll.

MR. LANGSDORF: Thank you.

Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Present.

MR. LANGSDORF: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Assemblywoman Sumter. (no response)
Assemblyman Wirths.

ASSEMBLYMAN WIRTHS: Here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Ms. Jo-Ann Povia.

MS. POVIA: Here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Mr. Dennis Zeveloff.

MR. ZEVELOFF: Here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Ms. Paulina Banasiak. (no response)

Mr. Anthony Cimino. (no response)

Mr. Luke Wolff.

LUKE E. WOLFF (Vice Chair): Here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Mr. James Rutala.

MR. RUTALA: Here.

MR. LANGSDORF: Chairman, we have a quorum.

MR. RUTALA: Okay, we will take a motion to approve the minutes of December 10, 2021.

SENATOR THOMPSON: So moved.

MR. RUTALA: Thank you, Senator.

Second?

ASSEMBLYMAN WIRTHS: I'll second.

MS. POVIA: Second-- Sorry.

MR. RUTALA: Thank you, Mr. Wirths.

MR. LANGSDORF: Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Assemblywoman Sumter. (no response)
Assemblyman Wirths.

ASSEMBLYMAN WIRTHS: YES.

MR. LANGSDORF: Ms. Jo-Ann Povia.

MS. POVIA: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Mr. Dennis Zeveloff.

MR. ZEVELOFF: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Ms. Paulina Banasiak. (no response)

Mr. Anthony Cimino. (no response)

Mr. Luke Wolff.

MR. WOLFF: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Mr. James Rutala.

MR. RUTALA: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Chairman, the motion moves.

I would just like to add, as we do with the remote situation, for those of you who are representing your agencies or others, please state your name before making your comments. This meeting is being recorded and will be transcribed, and we would like your name to accompany any of your statements or questions.

Thank you.

Chairman, you may begin.

MR. RUTALA: Next on the agenda is the fiscal 2023 Capital recommendations.

I will read all of the titles for each department, and if there are any questions as we go along, please state them and we will ask for answers.

First is the Department of Agriculture. No recommendations.

Department of Children and Family Services: \$1,135,000.

Department of Corrections: \$16,142,000.

ASSEMBLYMAN WIRTHS: Chairman, this is Hal Wirths.

Are we getting the questions as we go, on each one; on Corrections?

MR. RUTALA: Yes, go ahead.

ASSEMBLYMAN WIRTHS: I just had -- maybe someone can answer -- on the Edna Mahan Prison. My understanding, the Governor announced it is closing, and I was just curious on the request for the funding. There are two requests in the Corrections.

If somebody could let me know on that, it's something that-- They're closing, why would we be putting in additional money?

MR. LANGSDORF: Chairman, I might be able to answer that.

There are several projects that Corrections has requested funding for, at least one of which is at Edna Mahan, and it relates to the electrical service within the facility, which is currently shared with the Hunterdon Developmental Center. The project is required due to some significant feeder issues and main distribution equipment issues that have been going on for quite some time.

The goal is to address those issues and concurrently look into the potential to separate the two facilities, in the event that Edna Mahan is closed and not repurposed by DOC.

ASSEMBLYMAN WIRTHS: Okay, then with the second request, the Capital funding to relocate the population.

MR. RUTALA: That's not being funded.

ASSEMBLYMAN WIRTHS: Oh, sorry about that; I see it there, correct.

Sorry about that, Chairman. Thank you.

MR. RUTALA: Department of Education: no recommendations.

Department of Environmental Protection: \$163,246,000.

Department of Health: \$10,015,000.

Department of Human Services: \$27,865,000.

Department of Law and Public Safety: \$8,825,000.

The Juvenile Justice Commission: \$3,226,000.

Military and Veteran Affairs: \$1,115,000.

Department of Transportation: \$1,554,936,000.

ASSEMBLYMAN WIRTHS: Hi, Mr. Chairman. Just one question.

This seems awfully high. In the designs of the Newark Agency, the design cost, is that -- the soft cost in design is \$2,000,000? Can anyone add anything to that? Because in Design, it looks like it's \$2,000,000. It just seemed high to me.

MR. PATELLA: Assemblyman Wirths, this is Dave Patella.

Yes, so this is a number provided to us. This is-- Apparently the project, to actually construct the station, is a lot higher. But this is the architectural engineering cost to do the study. It is a facility that is not only for the Motor Vehicle Agency, but serves as a regional service center -- also a driver testing center and an inspection facility.

So there's a lot going on there in that area, and it is a major -- because of its proximity to a major hub. So that was the number quoted to us for the design phase.

ASSEMBLYMAN WIRTHS: All right. I knew it didn't include any construction, I knew it was just the design phase. That's what seemed a little high, but I guess that was helpful that you explained the different regions, and I guess the size of the operation. I knew that was just for the design.

Thanks.

MR. RUTALA: Okay, thank you.

Office of Information Technology: no allocation.

Interdepartmental: \$141,937,000.

MR. ZEVELOFF: Mr. Chairman, I have a quick question on this one.

On 135 West Hanover -- it looks like the Department requested \$2.5, but the discretionary recommended is \$9 million. Is that correct?

MR. LANGSDORF: I can answer on behalf of the Chairman.

Yes, the interior renovation project is underway, we're in design. Any anticipated costs are indicating that we need \$9 million for that interior renovation work.

MR. WOLFF: And I'm sorry, what's the total spend for the project?

MR. LANGSDORF: The total spend which is anticipated at this point is, I think, approximately-- If you can hold on one second, I apologize.

The total project costs are approximately \$18 million.

MR. WOLFF: Okay; thank you.

MR. LANGSDORF: Sorry for that delay.

MR. RUTALA: Thank you.

New Jersey Building Authority: \$16,733,000.

No allocation for the State Capital Joint Management Commission or the Judiciary.

Are there any additional questions? (no response)

For the Motor Vehicle Commission construction design request that we spoke about earlier -- do you know what the capital cost of that project is, or what it is projected to be?

MR. PATELLA: I'm looking into that right now; hold on one second.

I think the total project cost was \$17 million, so it would be \$2 million for the design, and \$15 million for the construction. That was the initial estimate.

MR. RUTALA: Okay; thank you.

MR. PATELLA: You're welcome.

MR. RUTALA: Do we have a motion to approve the Capital recommendations for Fiscal Year 2023?

Is there a motion?

SENATOR THOMPSON: So moved; Senator Thompson.

MR. RUTALA: Thank you, Senator.

Second?

ASSEMBLYMAN WIRTHS: I'll second it.

MR. LANGSDORF: Okay, so the vote.

Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Assemblywoman Sumter. (no response)
Assemblyman Wirths.

ASSEMBLYMAN WIRTHS: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Ms. Jo-Ann Povia.

MS. POVIA: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Mr. Dennis Zeveloff.

MR. ZEVELOFF: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Ms. Paulina Banasiak. (no response)

Mr. Anthony Cimino. (no response)

Mr. Luke Wolff.

MR. WOLFF: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Mr. James Rutala.

MR. RUTALA: Yes.

MR. LANGSDORF: Chairman, the motion moves.

MR. RUTALA: Thank you.

Mr. Langsdorf, is there any other business?

MR. LANGSDORF: I don't believe there's anything else on the agenda to discuss, unless anyone has any further questions.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Move to adjourn.

MR. RUTALA: Thank you.

Second?

(Indiscernible) second.

Okay, our next meeting will be scheduled for the presentation of the Debt Report. We will be reaching out to you.

(MEETING CONCLUDED)